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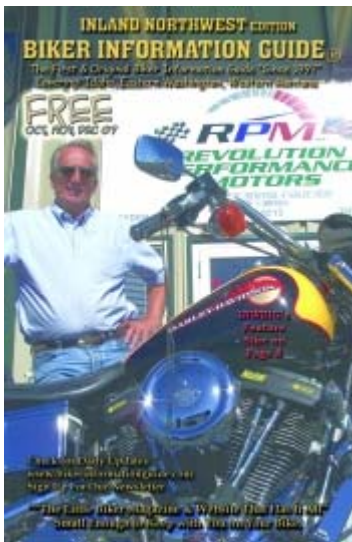
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## A Preview Of A Soon To Be Published Article Regarding *BPI* And MRO's.

### BIKEPAC OF IDAHO, INC, ...A *Statewide Motorcyclists Rights Organization*

By the time you are reading this article, Idaho's Legislative session will probably have begun. It runs January through March and occasionally extending into early April. Idaho's Capitol building is undergoing a major reconstruction project and our lawmakers will be operating out of tight quarters, at least during this session. The number of bills normally introduced and the timeframe needed for hearings in committee and discussion on the floor may be impacted somewhat by this situation so it is possible legislation will move quickly or just that many bills may never make it through the full process.

As motorcyclists, this could very critical to us, especially if a bill for an adult helmet law surfaces or other legislation that affects our rights. Idaho is a conservative state with many lawmakers in favor of less government, but letting our guard down, especially during the legislative session could spell disaster. I use Montana for an example...Last legislative session there was a big push by several lawmakers to enact an adult helmet law. *Who would think that in Big Sky Country with all that open space that a mandatory helmet law would be an issue?* They did defeat that attempt but only by mounting a monumental effort by many concerned freedom fighters.

*BikePAC of Idaho* is vigilant in monitoring legislation but your help is also needed. Stay tuned to our website, feel free to contact us and seriously consider membership, either individually or in a group. We need many more motorcyclists to join in defending the freedoms important to us. *BikePAC* is also seeking Area Representatives that are willing to further our cause in Idaho.

SMRO's and NMRO's exist to protect your freedom and right to ride and your membership in them is important to achieve that goal. A *State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization* (SMRO) is usually comprised of many diverse individuals and can be an ABATE Organization or a similar type group or in some cases even a *motorcycle club*. Most have a social atmosphere and do many planned runs and events. A *National Motorcyclist Organization* (NMRO) is usually concentrated on issues affecting motorcyclists at the federal level and their lobbying efforts are mainly in Washington D.C.

The three NMRO's that represent motorcyclists': AMA, *American Motorcyclists Association*, the oldest and largest representing rights, riding and racing interests; MRF, *Motorcyclists' Rights Foundation*, staunch freedom fighters and a major influential in Washington, D.C.; and NCOM, *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*. NCOM [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com) is no cost to join and hosts many *free to attend* regional informational seminars nationwide and next May will host

their annual National Conference in Houston, Texas in May, 2008 in which over 1000 are expected to attend.

Idaho has several SMRO's that have been around for many years; *ABATE of Idaho, Inc.* based in Southeastern Idaho, *ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.*, an offshoot with six chapters in the northern region and ICMS, *Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety, Inc.* based out of the Boise area. ICMS was directly responsible for introducing the motorcycle endorsement law in the early '90's and for being involved in instituting the Idaho Star Program. ABATE members also participated in supporting this legislation and for defeating an adult helmet law attempt in 1991. Being active social organizations, they also host many important runs and events around the state.

In November 2006, I was appointed to the *Legislative Task Force* of NCOM for my efforts in Idaho. While serving as State Legislative Chairman of ANI, S1367 *Idaho's' Red Light bill* was introduced and successfully passed with the help of many concerned motorcyclists. Soon after that *BikePAC of Idaho, Inc.* the newest player in the *motorcyclist's rights movement* was started by several of the original member's of ANI, Inc. It was formed to focus and concentrate primarily on legislative issues and motorcycle awareness campaigns and include all motorcyclists and their interests in Idaho. *BikePAC of Idaho, inc.* is operated more or less as a *political action committee* and does not have the social element that other groups maintain. We are a membership organization and a web-based informational source. Through our website [www.bikepacofidaho.org](http://www.bikepacofidaho.org) we will provide the most up to date and pertinent information relating to legislation that impacts motorcyclists in Idaho. We urge you to use the website or contact us personally...*Tim TJ Herzog*

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## ***BPI New Look Web Site Preview...***

*BPI* will soon be launching an updated web site with a fresh new look! The slightly expanded, new look web site will be published around the first of the year. Our hope is to continue to make our web site user friendly and an excellent source for motorcyclists' rights information and news for Idaho motorcyclists.

If you know of someone who would like to receive these BikePAC of Idaho updates let us know! Send their e-mail address to:

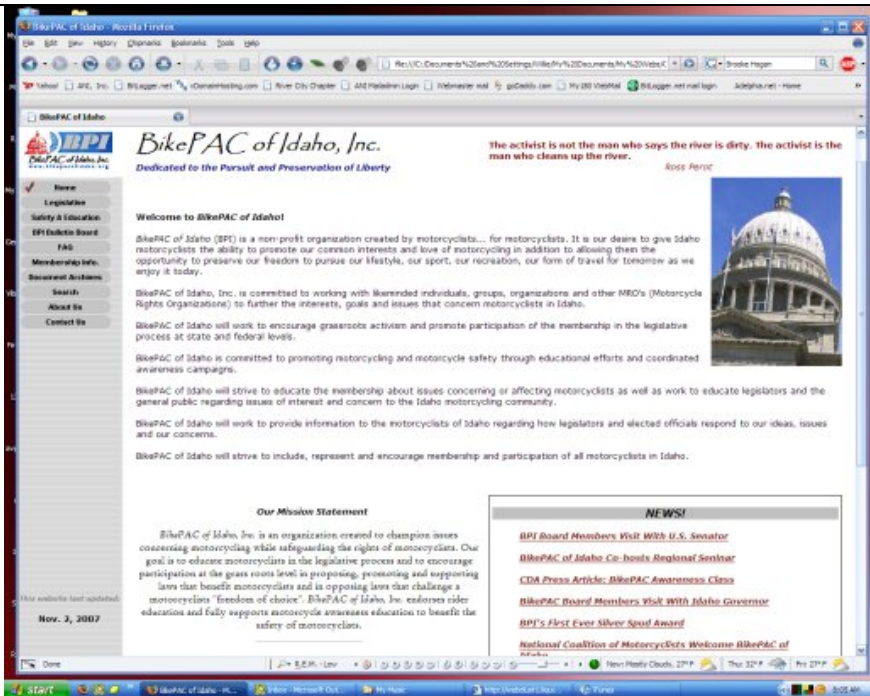
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As always ideas and suggestions are welcome. Let us know what you would like to see included on our web site and we will try to include it if possible.

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