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BPI News

The Struggle for Freedoms Continue... even during tuff times.

BIKE PAC of Idaho
E-News article

Hard Economic Times and the effect on Freedoms associated with Motorcycling.....

As we all adjust our lives to the trying times we are in , it can be very easy for one to ignore the " *Pursuit of Liberty*"...It is tough out there, with gas prices, grocery prices and the just plain increase in supporting our families, some times we lose focus on what is going on around us....There are some things that are certain and happen whether we pay attention or not..... A very big item

is the Legislative Sessions that are currently underway around this Great Country.....From this *Freedom Fighters* prospective, as I review activities around the Country, it is very easy to see the adversaries of ours are not taking a break from trying to control our destiny.....restrictions are being proposed throughout out the good ole USA, that will indeed attempt to make new Laws, or modify existing Laws that can effect us, as a group.... From Florida to Pennsylvania, to Texas to Oklahoma, to California to Washington.... On road , off road, the legislative

concepts from those who feel that we need to be



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controlled never stop flowing into Legislator's offices in hopes that they will become Laws.....

MRO's (Motorcycle Rights Organizations) are

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BPINews

Understanding that communication and the ability to communicate quickly and effectively is very much a part of what we must do to better preserve our rights and liberties **BPI** is launching a slightly expanded version of the

BPINews, its' electronic yet printable news and update communication tool. The new expanded versions will be published on roughly a quarterly basis with intermittent, scaled down "update" versions as needed.

Our web site is our primary communication tool and will continue to remain *the place to go* for the most current, in-depth information. We also realize, however, that other forms of communication continue to

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LOOK!

These may affect you... stay tuned for updates.



BPI 2009 Idaho Bill WatchList

Idaho Senate

- S1030: cell phone use while driving
- S1031: texting while driving
- S1038: motorcycle training
- S1053: vehicle registration

For more links and information on these Bills and other legislative issues go to the BPI web site.

BPI Awareness Day Event

Mindful of May being designated as Motorcycle Awareness Month *BikePAC of Idaho, Inc* has announced that May 17th, 2009 has been selected as the day to hold a Motorcycle Awareness Event.

This awareness event was first held by Idaho motorcyclists around twenty years ago at the eastbound Huetter Rest Area on Interstate 90 near Post Falls, ID. *BPI* is looking forward to continuing the tradition! The event goes from 7AM to around 7PM during which time motorcyclists will be meeting and greeting weekend travelers to ask them to *please watch for motorcycles as they travel*. As a token of our appreciation we will bribe... err... uhhh, thank them with coffee, cookies and donuts plus offer to wash their windshield for FREE, to boot!



Downloadable, printable flier available on the *BPI* web site

NCOM 24th Annual National Convention

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* 24th annual nation convention will be held May 7-10, 2009 in John Ascuga's *Nugget Casino & Resort* in Reno Nevada.

For reservations call 800-648-1177. Room rates are \$89.00.

For more information regarding the *NCOM* Convention call 1-800-531-2424 ext. 223.

If you wish to pre-register a downloadable, printable flier can be found at both the *BPI* web site at: www.bikepacofidaho.org or the *NCOM* web site at aimncom.com. Pre-registrations must be received before May 1, 2009.

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS WELCOME!!!

Attention Motorcyclists!

Carrying on the tradition Idaho motorcyclists began 20 years ago...

BikePAC of Idaho, Inc.

is proud to present at:

Motorcycle Awareness Day

May 17th, 2009

When: 7AM to 7PM

Where: The Eastbound Huetter, Rest Area on Interstate 90
(just east of Post Falls, ID)

Why: Because riding season is upon us and May is:

Motorcycle Awareness Month!

What is Happening: We will be providing coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to weekend travelers as well as providing a FREE windshield wash while asking motorists to be aware of and watch for motorcycles this summer. Stop by for a few minutes and say hello or hang out and help for a few hours if you wish. Brochures and other information will be made available to interested travelers. For more information please call the numbers below.



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PRE-REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE IN BIKER HISTORY!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ city _____ State _____ zip _____

Organization _____

_____ \$75.00 Convention Registration (includes Silver Spoke Awards Banquet)
Please circle main course preference: Chicken Beef Vegetarian
if you do not choose a beef course will be provided for you

_____ \$40.00 Registration ONLY (Banquet not included)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
RICHARD M. LESTER

MAIL TO: NCOM- 21054 SHERMAN WAY, 3RD FLOOR, CANOGA PARK, CA 91304
Pre-registrations must be received before May 1, 2009

Note: Your convention packet will not be mailed to you. Upon arrival at the NCOM Convention, check in at the Pre-Registration booth in the hotel lobby to pick up your windshield and other convention information. Your ticket, hand made by hand, are welcome into all welcome centers and banquets. To one will be admitted without it. You will also receive your largest ticket: if your Pre-Registration includes the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday Evening. You will need your largest ticket to be admitted into the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet.

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struggling to survive because a new generation of riders has come along that seem to not appreciate Freedom as some of us older riders do.....I think the reason is that the "Old school Riders" have experienced the loss of some of those Freedoms that we had in the past....

All is not lost !!!! Fortunately for us there are organizations such as BIKE Pac of Idaho, BIKE PAC of Oregon and numerous other vigilant groups that continually monitor the Legislators in our States and communicate with elected officials to make sure our voices are heard.....

Now is the time to ask the question, "What can I do to help ??? " It would be easy to just say, give me some money and we will do it for you !!! That is not the answer, what has made Motorcyclists so successful in the past is the Grass Root's efforts of the People who " Ride Motorcycles", take the time to get involved by donating some time with the local groups

that are active in promoting Motorcycling and educating others about the joy of Motorcycling....There is story at every stop ! Some of my best memories are running into someone on the road and sharing the good times....

Promote Motorcycle safety !!!! talk to car drivers, senior citizens, and young people, let them know that they share the roads with us !!!! The benefits will be rewarding.....

Visit the WEB !! type in Motorcycle Rights ! and you will uncover a new wealth of information....

Ride Safe, Educate others and help make a change.

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More On The Web...



- [Governors Transportation Plan Beginning 2009 as Reported by the IACI](#)
- [AMA News & Notes February 2009](#)
- [ITD's Office of Highway Safety 2007 Data.pdf](#)

... learn more about these issues and much more. Go to:

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have their place and can remain a valuable communication asset.

Those who have visited the *BPI* web site will notice a few similarities. Indeed, this publication is intended to be small and printable, including just some of the important information, highlights, if you will, on our web site. *BPINews* will be kept a relatively small compact publication often including links to more details and information on our web site as well as other sites on the web.

A link to the latest issue of the *BPINews* is located on the [Home page](#) of our web site. If you are busy like most of us are and can't check the web site regularly for the latest issue you may be interested in receiving a PDF version of each issue via e-mail. Just send your e-mail address to the address below requesting to be added to our *BPINews eMailing* list.

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"A government big enough to give you everything you want , is big enough to take away everything you have."

~ Thomas Jefferson

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fighter... a *real*
Freedom Fighter?



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