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BPI News

BPI Participates In SE Idaho Swap Meet

Feb. 26, 2010 Pocatello, Idaho

The American Legion Riders, Pocatello Chapter, hosted a spring swap

meet for its second year, signifying that signs of spring are upon us.....

One thing about Motorcy-

clists that is for certain, "Spring" just can't come fast enough after a cold and snowy winter. The opportunity to gather with friends, dust off some of those old parts and gather in a warm place is just too much to pass up.

BPI Board Member, Butch Harbaugh and his wife Laura, recently traveled to Pocatello, Idaho to set up a BPI information booth as well as display some of those old Harley parts that have been accumulating dust in the shop for quite some time.

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(l to r) "Alias", Steve, Robert and Butch Harbaugh

Idaho Legislative 2010 Session Wrap-up

The Idaho Legislative Session of 2010 ended in March without legislation relevant to motorcyclists being enacted. The economy dominated the session with the budget being almost the entire focus.

Proposed legislation that had any significant fiscal impact either never made it out of committee or failed on the floors of the House or Senate. Last year's session was about the same and it is predicted that the

2011 session may suffer similar consequences. Unless our national and state economies make a miraculous recovery overnight, our state budget will probably be tight for another year or two.

About the only legislation introduced this session that would affect us as drivers and motorcyclists' were texting and cell phone

bills. These proposed bills failed to pass because of actual enforcement issues rather than economics.

Idaho code already addresses *inattentive driving*, which could be applied if necessary to the use of cell phones and/or texting.



Tim "TJ" Herzog

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Our Motorcycle Awareness Month Issue

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We recently had the pleasure of meeting up with Frank Smith of Idaho Falls, aka "Alias". Frank is a high spirited, dedicated Veteran who heads up the State of Idaho as well as the Pocatello Chapter of the *American Legion Riders*. This is one serious group of folks that have dedicated themselves to making sure that America's Veterans are not forgotten and provide endless services to those who have given so much to their Country. Do yourself a favor and check them out on the web....americanlegionriders.net

Our venture began early in the morning as we loaded the truck with parts, BPI brochures and lot's of enthusiasm for the day ahead. We arrived at the American Legion building at 0730, that's 7:30 AM to those of you that may not have been so fortunate to have good Ole Uncle Sam instruct you the correct way to tell time! Upon arrival we were greeted by a bunch of leather clad bikers proudly displaying their "American Legion Riders" colors and busily setting up for the event. "Alias" was there pointing all in the direction of the set up area and making sure everything was running smoothly .

Once set up we were happy to see the folks from the "STAR Program" arriving with arm loads of information about Motorcycle safety...Anyone not familiar with this outstanding program owes it to themselves to check them out....We shared BPI's commitment to supplying information to the motorcycling community, as well as the public, just how important it is to be aware of motorcycles on the road. In the enclosed pictures you can spot the dedication that both Robert and Frank, have to getting the word out. STAR is Idaho's premiere motorcycle rider education program, and much to our delight, has a lot in common with another regional leader in motorcycle safety, *Team Oregon*. Laura and I both have roots in Oregon and Laura is a graduate of Team Oregon's rider education program....

BPI, in it's commitment to motorcycle

safety and awareness, has several outstanding programs to reach out to the motorists as well as high school driver training programs to teach folks to "Share the Road" safely.

Numerous groups were in attendance , including several clubs, such as the Viet Nam Vets Motorcycle Club. These guys put on a heck of a display and made sure that all were aware of their dedication to Viet Nam Vets. There was good turn out through out the day, and Laura and I got the chance to chat with lot's of folks about BPI and look forward to other events with this great organization....

We did manage to part with a few parts, but somehow we ended up with just as much as we showed up with, just could not pass up some of those old Panhead parts, that had my name on them.....

Hats off to the "*American Legion Riders*" for a very successful event and of course the warm reception we received from all the Membership...

The kitchen staff made sure we all got fed and kept the coffee and sodas flowing...

Motorcyclists are a wonderful group to associate with and Laura and I both look forward to the next event....

Don't forget about motorcycle safety, and take the time to get involved.

May is traditionally " Motorcycle Awareness Month " to kick of the riding season. Reach out and let someone know we all must share the road.

Please take the time get involved..

Butch & Laura Harbaugh

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LOOK FOR
Motorcyclists



Attention Motorcyclists!

Carrying on the tradition Idaho motorcyclists began 20 years ago

**See You
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BikePAC of Idaho, Inc.

is proud to present a:

Motorcycle Awareness Day Event

May 16th, 2010

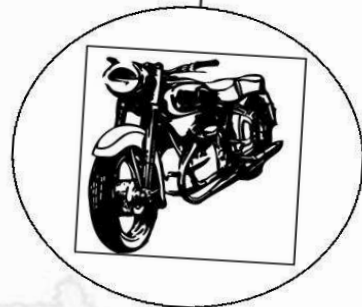
When: 7AM to 7PM

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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Idaho Motorcyclists and Crashes—By The Numbers

According to the Idaho Transportation Department Office of Highway Safety the number of motorcycle crashes increased in 2008 by 10%. Along with bicycle crashes, this is one of the few types of crashes that increased, most likely due to the increase in the price of gas. Of all motorcyclists involved in crashes in 2008, 88% received some degree of injury. Of all motorcycle crashes, 10% involved impaired motor-



cyclists, while 31% of fatal motorcycle crashes involved impaired motorcyclists. Just over half (55%) of all motorcycle crashes were single-vehicle crashes, while 48% of fatal motorcycle crashes involved only a single motorcycle. Of the motorcyclists killed in 2008, 72% were 35 years of age or older.

	2008	Change 2007-2008
Motorcycle Crashes	678	10.2%
Fatalities	29	0.0%
Serious Injuries	192	-1.0%
Visible Injuries	281	3.7%
Possible Injuries	180	46.3%
Motorcyclists In Crashes	773	7.7%
Registered Motorcycles*	62,673	37.0%
Motorcyclist Crashes By Age		
0 to 14	8	33.3%
15 to 20	77	28.3%
21 to 24	71	2.4%
25 to 34	127	-2.5%
45 to 54	167	23.7%
55 to 64	105	5.0%
65 and up	24	0.0%
Missing/Unknown	6	20.0%
* obtained from Economics and Research section Idaho Trans. Dept. – Units Registered by Registration Type		

BikePAC of Idaho wishes to note the passing recently of Harry Hurt, one of the worlds foremost authorities on motorcycle crashes and their causes. BPI wishes to sent our condolences to his family and friends.

Released in 1981 the "Hurt Report" was and may still be the most exhaustive study on motorcycle crashes and their causes ever completed in this country. Motorcyclists today owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Hurt who has likely done as much or more for their riding safety than any single individual. Sadly, many motorcyclists today are not even aware of his great work.

(BPI Motorcycle Awareness Class presenters cite information and statistics from this study each and every time our MAP class is given.)



Get This...

All 50 states require motorcycle riders to obtain a special license or endorsement to operate a motorcycle on public streets and highways, yet approximately 20% of the national motorcycle population is not properly licensed.

Source: American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, Motorcycle Safety Foundation



Motorcycle Safety Tips

The New Rider in Your Group

by Stacey "Ax" Axmaker

Riding with others is great fun. Having new or beginning riders join your group or club is also fun. Sharing the joy of the open road is one of the things that make us a community of bikers. Let's give some thought to that new rider – how can we best help them have a comfortable, fun, and safe time while they get used to riding with the group.

What does the new rider need? Well, if they managed to get to the start point, they have at least some basic skills. What they need is practice/ experience with plenty of space and without pressure. If they need more work on the basics, you can encourage them to take a Basic or Experienced STAR class.

"Ride your own ride:"

We've all heard this – most of us have said this. But what does it mean when

we are with a new rider? Never push them to "keep up" – as soon as a rider is pushing beyond their comfort level, physical skills become less smooth and mental attention is diverted away from what's going on around them. The stress of wanting to keep up with the rest of the group takes over and judgment suffers. The peer pressure can be very strong.

Consider what happens if and when they fall behind and they have been encouraged to keep up. Not only do they have to ride as fast and hard as the rest of the group, but if they are behind, they actually have to ride faster and harder than the group in order to catch up. This is a recipe for disaster.

Consider what happens if and when they fall behind and they have been encouraged to keep up.

Here is how to create a successful and fun experience for everyone. With newer riders, plan shorter rides with frequent stops. Check-in with them frequently (how are they feeling, is the bike running right, are they comfortable, do they need to clean their goggles/helmet visor, are they getting tired/hungry/thirsty, etc.) Please don't make it an endurance contest or some kind of grueling "right of passage."

They are looking to you – the experienced rider - for guidance and feedback. Help them to be successful. They are looking up to you; don't let them down.

Idaho STAR Motorcycle Safety Program

www.idahostar.org

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1-888-280-STAR (7827)

First Things First—A life DOES depend on it

By: James R. Davis

You are trained and competent at both CPR and First Aid and you come upon a scene that obviously requires you to perform one or both of these services. What is the **FIRST** thing that you should do?

At a recent monthly meeting of the Houston chapter of the Lone Star Ladies there was a discussion of this topic that left me very uncomfortable. The reason for this is that I heard suggestions that ranged from "Start CPR immediately" to "Make sure the victim can breathe." I, on the other hand, suggested that the very first thing that should be done is to arrange to have 911 called.

The members unanimously found fault with that suggestion.

While I understand their desire and goodwill in the matter, I think it is important to think this through a little more carefully than we all did at that meeting.

Recall that the premise is that it's obvious that either CPR or First Aid services are required. In other words, I'm not sug-

gesting that you have come upon a person sleeping at the side of the road who happens to look like s/he might need your help. Instead, you happen upon a scene in which there is obvious major trauma to someone.

Let's say that you discover that the person's heart is not beating. Traditional thinking has it that you must start CPR immediately! The logic is that failure to do so could very well allow the victim to die needlessly - oxygenated blood is not getting to the victim's brain!

While that is true, and even if you are fully trained and qualified to administer both CPR and First Aid, it seems to me that without trained EMS help along with transportation and other life-supporting facilities to help you, the odds are overwhelming that the victim will die anyway! Maybe five minutes later, maybe five hours later, but it will almost certainly happen. (Recall that if his heart has already stopped he is already 'dead' and all you are trying to do with CPR is keep it from being a permanent

status.)

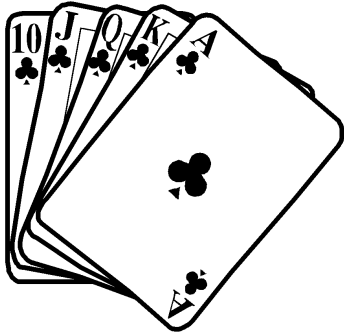
It is a fact that most trauma cases require multiple **SIMULTANEOUS** EMS efforts. While you administer CPR, for example, you cannot also be stopping the loss of blood from an amputated leg!

If you are alone and not near a telephone, you have no alternative but to try to help the victim while waiting for someone else to show up who can summon help for you (assuming you decide to provide CPR at all.) But if you are close to a telephone then it is my opinion that the very first thing you should do is call 911. This will cost a brief delay in starting the victim's aid, but it increases the odds that the victim will ultimately survive substantially!

Consider: You are riding your bike and see an accident occur in front of you. You stop your bike to see if you can help. Did you pull over to the side of the road then put the kickstand down or did you just drop the bike to save time? You pulled out of the way of traffic and probably put the kickstand



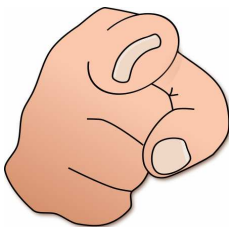
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Personally, I would like to see *specific* legislation in the future that would address these issues without restricting our individual freedoms. As motorcyclists we need to be aware of drivers always but when cell phones are added to the mix, awareness quotients need to be elevated to a higher level. Hands free cell phones and legislation is a mere band-aid to a problem that really needs a *prescription of common sense*. Conscious and considerate use of cell phones while behind the wheel would make driving safer for all of us, especially motorcyclists.

Thankfully Idaho is a conservative state and that has helped us keep our freedoms since 1991 when the last significant attempt at an adult mandatory helmet law was withdrawn by its sponsor. In 2005 a similar attempt was made but it never made it out of the House Transportation Committee.

Your *BikePAC of Idaho, Inc.* founders have been involved since 1989 and were instrumental in that 1991 defeat and will remain steadfast in the pursuit of liberty. Many challenges remain and there just might be some in the language of *Obama's Health Care Bill* that the *liberal sector* of Congress recently passed. Idaho and our Governor were among the first to say they will fight its implementation. It may be possible if we don't comply with its provisions then the IRS may try to take our motorcycles. I think they better confiscate our guns first!

Tim TJ Herzog

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down as well! That cost very little time, but helped insure that you would not become another victim of accident. That would obviously not help the first victim. So, even before a one minute phone call to 911 you need to be sure that the scene is secure! Be sure it poses no immediate danger to you or others. THEN, make your call.

A one minute 911 phone call to get a trained and equipped EMS unit out to the scene costs one minute. If you spend ten minutes doing CPR before someone calls 911, that costs the victim **TEN MINUTES** of pure oxygen, pain killers, whole blood, and transportation to a hospital!

If there are more than one of you at the scene, the **FIRST** thing you should do, in my opinion, is insure that someone places a 911 call. No ifs, ands, or buts. If it turns out that 911 is not actually needed, you can always call them back and cancel the request. But you can never recover lost time for a major trauma victim. You are, after all, trying to save his/her life - you are trying to buy time. Why give time away unnecessarily?

There is a significant exception to the above: if the victim is a child whose heart has stopped beating or who has stopped breathing, then the child's chance of survival increases if you begin immediate life support - but this is a tough call.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

NCOM 25th Annual National Convention

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* 25th annual national convention will be held May 6-9, 2009 at Orlando Airport Marriott in Orlando, FL.

For reservations call 800-380-6751. Room rates are \$89.00.

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

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 April 23, 2010.

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS WELCOME!!!