

Spring will be here soon, but not soon enough!

Thanks to everyone who was able to make to another successful Biker Day. Thanks also to our hosts and sponsors. I understand we even had 23 legislators turn out for Thursday's meet & greet. Be sure to continue tracking your volunteer hours-we really do appreciate the time you're able to give and the sacrifices we all make.

Welcome to new members, Daren and Gloria Anderson.

We did begin our February meeting by discussing AND approving the budge for our 2009 Baltic Rendevous next fall. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to Ken, Nancy and Emery for agreeing to continue as the planning committee. Please remember this event won't continue without volunteers to step up and fill the necessary slots for workers throughout the weekend. If you haven't made time to or been able to in the past, pencil us in & come on out for a great weekend. Swap Meet is fast approaching and we still have many empty spots on the volunteer sign up sheets. If for some reason you can't make it to the March meeting, be sure to contact Shanna or the office.

Heartland STEAM is also coming up April 24-26 in Bismark ND. We will need to know by the March meeting who is interested in attending.

May 9th will be a busy day. The Bike Blessing will be followed by the hot dog feed at the ABATE office and the Breast Cancer Poker Run(Save the Boobies, if you prefer).

We have a posse of 4 that stepped up to plan our May 16 Spring Poker Run. Thanks, guys.

If you get this in time to attend, there will be a benefit poker run March 7 starting @Fresh Horses in Harrisburg for Mary Bowman, a long time ABATE & WITW member who is fighting pancreatic cancer. There will also be food available and a silent auction following the poker run

submitted by Dawn Hieb

Here it is, Swap Meet time again! Hope to see you all there.

Welcome to our new members: Kim and Dale Lafano.

Thanks to Jim Higgenbotham for all the time he's put into designing our website. Daren Anderson has offered to help him put the wheels in motion to get us online. Looking forward to seeing the site.

Diane, Kim and Dawn H are looking into some ideas for our family picnic, which will be on July 25. Let them know if you have any suggestions or connections. Thanks ladies.

The Toy Run committee is off to a good start and looking for a boost from the 50/50 & raffle at the Swap Meet. Dawn Schmidt motioned and it was approved for the Elkview Campground passes to be used as a fundraiser for the Toy Run. Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

Bike Blessing, Hot Dog feed & WITW Breast Cancer Poker Run still on schedule for May 9.

Our May 16 Poker Run will begin at the Lie-brary on 57th & Marion in Sioux Falls.

Heartland STEAM is coming up & we've discussed who might be interested in attending.

Nominations for officers will begin at our next meeting.

Hooray-the River Park Rendezvous in Baltic IS a go & Nancy has a band in the works already.

Be sure go contact Ken, Nancy or Junior if you're interested in saving a little money by getting your tickets in advance. They may also have an opportunity for businesses and/or ABATE supporters interested in helping us to sponsor the event.

I'll also take this chance to say that with spring, comes new growth and membership is an area that all of our chapters could stand to see some positive growth. If you know someone who enjoys the privilege of freedom of choice or someone who just needs to renew, get a form in their hands or just plan drag them to a meeting if you have to.

It is great to see all of us who are willing to share our time AND talents year after year, event after event. If you sit home and think you don't have anything to contribute, you're wrong. Show up. We'll help you find your strongsuit! We do appreciate the new faces willing to jump in and lend a hand.

Respectfully,

Dawn Hieb

No final word on this year's Swap Meet yet. A HUGE thanks to all who turned out to help. The Appreciation/Farewell Party was a good time, too. Thanks to those of you who took the time to attend.

Welcome to our new members. Look forward to seeing some new faces at our upcoming meetings.

Thanks to Dave & Christy France, Chantz Neil and all of the CMA members who answered the call to help cook and serve at the Banquet on March 24th. This is a positive experience for both those hosting and the guests who join us.

Dee & Darlene were our 50/50 winners during the Swap Meet. Dee was kind enough to give back \$168 of her \$208 in winnings. Thanks to Tom for suggesting two drawings during the day on Saturday. That way, the ladies didn't have to wait so long to collect their winnings. The big winner will be the kids at Childrens Care Hospital, come Christmas time!

Sounds like we have Vermillion ready to play for us at Baltic. Advance tickets are ready-get in touch with Ken, Nancy or Junior. Also let them know if there's a business who might be interested in advertising during our event.

Diane has contacted Baltic about using the park for our family picnic July 25. Dave is willing to be our grillmaster. Families are welcome to come for the fun & the park is also available for overnight camping for those who so choose. Details to follow.

Our website is up. Please visit us at ABATESFSD.org. This is a work in progress and this will fall under the public relations for the vice president to assist in coordinating the website. Jim and Daren will be assisting me in keeping the site up to date.

Elections are coming up. Voting will take place at the June 5th meeting. Current nominations are: President..Duane West Vice President..Dawn Hieb Secretary..Nancy Reemts Treasurer..Dave France State Representative..Al Luze.(Either someone thinks we're doing OK or they don't want the job themselves!)

Speaking of Al..he mentioned we are on the lookout for supporting businesses in addition to bars. There is always a form in the Freedom Flyer. Toss it in you saddlebag, get the word out there. Also, MRF is seeing a decline in membership. Remember, this is our voice in Washington. We are again seeking volunteers for the SD ABATE booth and bike rodeo during the Sturgis Rally.

We had two members from the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society visit with us about the work they do here in the area and about the chapter donating to help cover the expense of their ad in the Freedom Flyer. We did pass the hat for those interested to support the cause, rather than the chapter sponsoring their ad. The funds were given to Al to pay for their ad.

***UPCOMING EVENTS: May 9th=CMA Bike Blessing @J&L 11AM, followed by the hot dog feed at the SF ABATE office and WITW Breast Cancer PR May 10=MOTHER'S DAY-

Remember your mom! May 16th=SF Chapter PR @the Liebrary on 57th & Louise 11-1 sign-in May 23 SF Area Humane Society PR @J&L 11-1 PM sign-in***

><>< Dave had a great idea for our May PR: you are welcome to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to the Food Pantry and in exchange you will be able to draw up to 3 additional cards (1 item/1 card) or additional cards can be purchased for \$1 ea, up to 3 cards. ><><

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH. It's a new riding season. Look out for yourselves, look out for others. If you're too busy/distracted to be driving, get off the road, for Heaven's sake!

-Dawn

ABATE of Sioux Fall Chapter Meeting Minutes A~29, 2009

Call to Order: 6:05 PM Guests: None

New Members:

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Read & approved with one amendment-Diana Miller is the head of the highway safety grant not the office.

Treasurer's Report: Read & approved two monthly reports. State Rep. Report:

- Poker Run books are for sale for the statewide poker run fundraiser, which will end in Jan. at Pierre during

Legislative Days.

- The state trailer raffle brought in \$875.
- Meeting of the Minds-Sept. 24-27 in Minneapolis, MN.
- Winter storage space is available for rent in Brookings.
- Sept. 12th-benefit in Luverne, MN-money will go to healing facility in the Black Hills for military veterans.

Executive Committee Report:

- As of Sept. 7th the Abate AOL email account will be converted to a free email account as the chapter will no longer subscribe to AOL internet.
- There will be a benefit for Ole Olson Sept. 26th• The chapter passed the hat for donations.

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership - 113

Public Relations - No Report.

AD HOC Committee Reports:

Toy Run- brought in \$307 (23 hands sold) totaling the toy fund to \$1412.73.

Swap Meet- Shanna presented the Income/Expense report for the swap meet. Shanna will be meeting with the fairgrounds to finalize the contract.

Baltic - Poker run stops: Baltic Corner, Silver Bullet, Steve's, Shipwreck, and Critters & Treasures. Sign up sheets are circulating for gate/security shifts. There will be no cash prizes for the bike rodeo but will give out donated t-shirts/items as prizes & for participants.

Old Business:

- Cody Friedbauer & volunteers held a ditch cleanup. The next one will be Oct. 3rd at 2 pm.

e Discussion was held regarding the phone bill for the office & the issue has been resolved by the phone company.

-New Business:

- A motion was made & seconded to allow up to \$50 for an auction item for the MOTM.

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- A motion was made & seconded to pay for an ad in the Freedom Flyer to Ole's benefit event.
- A motion was made & seconded to donate \$25 to Central Baptist church for a mission trip.
- Harry gave a report about the Run to the Son.

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the Highway clean up.***

If you would like updates and reminder of our functions please send me your email address's and I will keep you informed. Send your name and email address to sisie@sio.midco.net .

Our chapter dues will be up to \$25 in Jan.

Baltic has come and gone, but what a good time. The weather was great and fun was had by all.

Check out our website at www.abatesfsd.org if there is anything you would like see added or changed let us know.

It's that time of year again for our Children's Care Hospital fun. Dec. 6th shopping for the kids, 7 pm at Walmart on Louise Ave. Dec. 11th we will be wrapping the gifts I will have time and location next month. Dec. 12th the parade to deliver the gifts to Children's Care hospital. will be leaving the American Legion, Sioux Falls at 1 pm. Hope to see everyone there.

Keep warm and don't blow away.

“OCT. Happens”

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Dec. 12th the parade to deliver the gifts to Children's Care hospital will be leaving the American Legion, Sioux Falls at 1:45 pm. Hope to see everyone there.

Reminder to turn in your Volunteer hours to apply toward grant.

Welcome to our new member's.

We need to know who is going to go to Legislative Days: Jan 14 to 16, 2010 by the Dec. meeting. So call 605 -335-2236

We need volunteer's to help sit up Baltic for next year 2010. If you want to help call the ABATE office 335-2236. Would like to Thank Ken, JR and Nancy for all the hard work they did putting Baltic on this year; and to everyone who helped. We can't do this without all your help.

Anyone who would like to be a sponsor for the Swap Meet please contact the ABATE office 335-2236.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

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Thank you to everyone who helped with the donations of money and time. Thanks to you we raised \$2,088.43 to buy toys and supplies for the Children's Care Hospital. It will be a good year for them again. Thank You from the bottom of our hearts, it just dose not seem to be enough to say THANK YOU. We had a ball again this year shopping for the toys and items for the school. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help wrap all of the things and Thank you Jr for the use of your shop again this year you made it so easy for us to do this. Sorry for the repeats of thank you's.

We will have a table at the Big Boy Toy show this year. Jan. 15th to 17th, 2010. We need helpers to sit at the table. Times are 15th from 5 pm - 7 pm; 16th from 1 pm - 4 pm & 4 pm to 7 pm; 17th from 11 am - 2:30 pm & 2:30 pm to 5 pm. If you can help please call the ABATE office at 605-335-2236 or Diane at 605-214-2048. Thanks! Hope to see everyone there.

Hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and a great New Year.