



Bob's Two Bits

Another year almost over, at least riding season. I put on over 8,000 miles this year and had a good time, Hope you all have had the same. I have met with the Events Coordinators and finished the schedule for next year. They have some new and good ideas, switched some rides to Sunday to see if we can get more interested in the runs. Biken for tykes is off and running and a BIG thanks goes out to Joyce, Linda and Mike for the job they are doing, three people running this and doing a great job. Need more dedicated people like this. They made the Boone and Ames paper, hope some of you got to see it.

Work on the Rodeo will be starting after the first of the year. It should be another good one as we are talking with Seven Oaks about having it there again.

Enough for now, the Grand Poopah has said something.

District 25 Officers:

- Coordinator:** Bob Brim
- Ass't Coordinator:** Steve Platter
- Secretary:** Barb Crawford
- Treasurer:** Kathy Wallace
- Legislative Officer:** Teresa Boyer
- Story Co. Rep:** Jim Adams
- Membership:** Mick Hunter
- Event Coordinators:** Dennis Weber
Kirk Nelson
Tom Irvine
Dave Thomas
Jerry Dean Kammin
- Share The Road Officers:** Wayne Wierson
- Inventory Officer:** Joyce Bimbi
- Sergeant of Arms:** Laurie Platter
Steve Brooks
Margaret Liston
- Newsletter Editors:** Rita Brim
Carol Nelson

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ABATE District 25 Two

Bits/Bits

October - November-December

2006

Spotlight on Officers



Kathy Wallace, Treasurer

I'm your new treasurer and was asked to do a little write-up about myself. I can't say I really like doing this, but said I would.

I attended an ABATE meeting about six years ago and met a lot of nice people. It didn't take me long to decide to join. It also didn't take members long to vote me into office either. I have been Secretary for a few years, Secretary and Inventory and now Treasurer. I support Share the Road, Rider's Ed, Down Biker, PAC and a lot of other thing ABATE does. I took the Rider's Ed course and had my own bike for awhile. But I prefer to ride on the back so I can relax and enjoy the scenery.

I was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, but graduated at Clinton High School. I went to college and then moved to California, North Carolina and back to Iowa. I now work at Ogden Municipal Utilities and like my job, most of the time. I have two children Kristina (25) and Brian (22), two grandsons Cameron (5) and Calvin (7 months), two dogs Harley (11 months) and

Rufus (4 ½ months), and one beau Dennis (52) Oh, sorry Dennis.

The things I like to do are spend time with family and friends, work in the yard, crafts, play cards or games, and of course ride.

I want to say that I have met some very good friends through ABATE and we have a lot of fun. Love you guys!



Joyce Bimbi, Inventory

Joyce has been a widow for 12 years. Her husband, Leo, was retired from John Deere after 30 years. She has 3 children, Dave (Lana) Comstock and daughter Sarah Neely 21 and son Justin Neely, 19 of West Ames, Lori (Phil) Jensen and daughter Kelci, 12 of Polk City, and John (Melissa) Bimbi of Charleston, SC who have 2 pygmy goats, a turtle, 2 dogs, a cat, and iguana and now an albino corn snake! Joyce has 3 lots just north of Edgewood Park in Madrid, where she has an herb garden, vegetable garden, and lots of flowers and trees to care for. A collector, she is in several button organizations and "collects anything she can live with." She also loves to travel (sometimes on bus trips) and camp and socialize. (She won't explain that!)

A former member of District 25, Vicky Hood signed up Joyce. After taking a disastrous Rider's Ed course, Joyce decided not to get a bike. But she was impressed by the charity work the group does and continued her membership.

The inventory job can be frustrating at times because the membership would like to see

more new items, and they just aren't offered by the state.

Rita's Note: Joyce, I was a little disappointed that I wasn't able to make up an autobiography on you. It was going to be verrrry wicked, shocking, and outrageous. You know that song by David Allan Coe "You Never Ever Called Me by My Name" the last verse.....THE PERFECT COUNTRY & WESTERN SONG ABOUT MAMA, TRAINS, TRUCKS, PRISON, and GETTING' DRUNK. It would have been scandalous! Joyce, we love you and appreciate all that you do for our district.



Share the Road Update

By Wayne Wierson

The year is winding down and that can only mean the STEAM is on the horizon, STEAM is our yearly get-together where we do much training on a variety of topics and try to have a little fun in the process. This year as State Coordinator of ABATE of Iowa's Share The Road I've planned an extensive afternoon of presenter training. John Uchtman, who is an instructor for William Penn College in South East Iowa, teaching drivers education to prospective instructors has agreed to provide two sessions of training.

The first session will be a "Train The Trainer" class to get people that are thinking about becoming presenters adequately trained to become qualified presenters. As an instructor I think John can present the needed information in a clear and meaningful way. Next our Assistant Coordinator, Sharon Stone, will give a presentation for all to see how John's information applies to presenting Share The

Road. The third session will be John again with some "hands-on" applications to let the class practice what they have learned. Finally a wrap-up session to answer questions, get feedback and bring all of the information together so we have all consistent presentations.

If anyone wants to see what Share The Road is all about, this will be the best chance this year for training. We need many more presenters, about 3 times the number of presenters that we currently have. We also have a DVD of a presentation that will be sent out to all driving classes in the event we don't have an instructor in the area.

I see on the MRF website that it looks like Iowa is one of 44 states that will receive money for education and awareness for motorcycles. Our amount is \$100,000. At this time I don't know how the money will be distributed or even if the money will get past the DOT. I'm hoping that ABATE's efforts to bring Share The Road to all drivers would qualify us to receive some much needed funding. I would like for each district to have presenters that are well trained and have the equipment like laptops and projectors to give professional looking presentations.

One other thing, if you are going to attend our district meetings please remember the reason you are there, laughing, talking and not paying attention can be done in another setting. These meetings are to bring everyone up-to-date with what is going on in our district. You show disrespect for our officers, our district and our organization when your actions during the meeting detract from what is trying to be accomplished.



Riders Ed

By Craig Wallace

Obviously the Rider Ed season is over. My rider ed peers suggested I was crazy to have my classes the first three weekends in April, weather being what it is. Other than the usual "first time out" snags the classes went well. I got to use the new trailer. It's just like the old trailer,-- only different.

We have on-board fuel tanks for the bikes with a snappy system for refueling them. It tows better than the old one. The logo on the back is the brother-in-law gets your bike poster. A few other items. Along with the new trailer snags like breakers tripping and exhaust on generator is a little loud.

I had 34 Students, 2 failed and one was a medical drop. I know one returned for a class the next week and passed. No charge. I'm glad, the student was close but another class and I'm sure they were quite improved rather than just getting by.

We had the usual several hours of range prep at Cherokee. BooCoo sand in the parking lot. Swept for hours, spot painted to get by. Will not look forward to that any more. Been doing that for years. I am thinking about requesting help from the local district. It's tough to get up early, ride to the trailer, load my bike then ride to Cherokee, get the bikes unloaded, check in at the motel, sweep the range for what time I have, prep the class room, eat, and students start showing up around 5:15. Class till 10:00, up at 06:00 to finish prep of the range and students start showing up at 07:30.

The range at Madrid is getting rough. The asphalt is breaking up in spots and requires close inspection prior to class. Over the winter I may check on a different place.

Critters are on the move. Crops coming out of the field, coons, possum, skunks on the move. "DEER IN THE RUT" enjoy your last few warm days "CAREFULLY".
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SPOTLIGHT ON SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Harris Auto Racing

Harris Auto Racing is a proud sponsor of ABATE. The reason being is it's Co Owner, John Logue who became an ABATE member a few years ago. Harris Auto Racing builds the Modified, Sport Mod, Stockcar & Hobby Stock chassis. Harris has been in business for approximately 25 years, starting out in Estherville, IA by Bob Harris. John took over in August of 2005 making several changes and acquiring Terminator Chassis-- which is the Stock & Hobby Stock division of the company. Harris Auto Racing has always had the reputation for turning out champions in their high performance racecars. But this year w/ the help of John what happened was unprecedented. Four UMCA national champions were crowned. John Logue born August 30, 1966 has lived in Boone his entire life. John has one son, Johnathon. Racing has been a part of John's life for 20 years, which helped push Harris Auto Racing to the top of its field. John himself, has five IMCA Supnationals Championships and has qualified 17 times which is more than any other driver in history. He also holds numerous other titles throughout his 20 years.

ABATE District 25 thanks John and Harris Racing for their support!



New Members &

Supporting Businesses

From Ames – Jenna Schrick
Stacy Tesdall
From Boone – Adam Shepard

Supporting Businesses

Boone – Dutch Oven Bakery,
Denny VanHemert
Roland – American Legion

We Welcome you to District 25 and thank you for your support!



****Birthdays &***

+Anniversaries

- * Margaret Liston-Oct 6*
- *Doris Hunter-Oct 10*
- *Sheila Stout-Oct 11*
- *R C Adams-Oct 14*
- *Teresa Boyer-Oct 21*
- *Jodie Stammeyer-Oct 25*
- +Rich & Renee Archer-Nov 8*
- *Jerry Dean Kammin-Nov 14*
- *Barb Mudderman-Nov 23*
- *+Bill Talbot-Nov 27*
- *Grand Poop Bob Brim-Nov 27*
- *"Mayor" Ron George-Dec 2*
- +Gary & Steph Bridges-Dec 10*
- *Kevin Young-Dec 28*
- *Jody Dykstra-Dec 30*

Hope you have/had a great day!

(Please let us know if we missed you. Sorry)



Past Events

Sept 16th -- meeting, Mr C's-Woodward 4:00 pm
Ride to Bouton after meeting for a great steak.
October 21st--Trash pickup. Thanks to Teresa Boyer (who celebrated her birthday picking up trash!), Steve and Bob Platter, Dennis Weber, Kathy Wallace, Michelle Harris and Bob Brim.
October 21st--Meeting at Riverside Tavern in Lehigh at 4:00 pm



Biken for Tykes

9/21, the Biken for Tykes Committee, Linda Marshall, Mike Mesenbrink and Joyce Bimbi met at the Adobe to discuss this year's Biken for Tykes schedule. Grant Applications for Wal-mart in Boone and Ames were completed. The cover design for the collection cans was decided and was put together by the committee and a special helper, Joyce's granddaughter, Kelci Jensen. Thank-you Kelci! Distribution of the cans have been delivered to local and neighboring businesses. October 18th \$300.00 donations were presented to both the Boone and Ames Shop With A Cop programs. Our District 25 membership will have until 12/01 to submit names of families to receive \$50 Wal-mart gift certificates as was last year. These names will receive priority. We will be working with Child Serve again this year. In addition families in homeless shelters in Boone and Ames will receive help. We will be working with Boone and Ames ERP – Emergency Residence Project – a family homeless shelter in Ames.

Thanks to our Biken for Tykes Committee. If it wasn't for the dedication and compassion you have District 25 would not be recognized for the charity contributions.

October 28—Halloween Party, Dennis Weber's (Boy do we have a bunch of spooks in this group!) Scavenger Hunt was won by the team consisting of: Cory Kennedy, Laura Mallas, Stephanie Platter, Tom Irvine and Carol Nelson
Costume Contest Winners:
Women's-Carol Nelson
Men's- Tom Irvine
Couples-Kirk & Carol Nelson



Nov 3—Events committee met to plan events for 2007. They have a year full of fun things to come!

Upcoming Events:

Nov 11-12--Steam-Newton

Nov 11—Biken for Tykes auction at Deano's

Nov 18—Meeting, Southside Club-Boone 4:00 pm

Nov 18—Pool Tourney, Southside Club following meeting

Dec 16—Meeting, Deano's – Ames 4:00 pm

Dec 16—Biken for Tykes Fundraiser following meeting- Wilson's Tap, Boone-All funds collected that evening will be donated to our Biken for Tykes
Let's have a great turnout and thank Wilson's for all they do for us!



Randy Georges fishing on the job! Hope you caught a big one Randy!

Editors Bits:

Since the last newsletter we've had a few rides. Some went to Wisconsin/Illinois by the river while others went to a **DRY** county in Missouri while wearing their **helmets** playing **Yatzee**..... Because, they thought that's what biker's do..... The rides are getting cooler and soon we will be putting our bikes up for the winter....hoping the winter is a mild one so we can get out a few times. Either way, be careful.....with winter there is snow, ice, sand on the roads, etc.....

If you didn't make it to Dennis and Kathy's Halloween party you missed out. We started out with a scavenger hunt while wearing our crazy costumes terrorizing the neighborhoods. It was just good clean fun!

This past week-end was Platter's party and was a great success. I am sure a lot of us were plagued with a big head Sunday morning. Thank you Steve and Laurie for your hospitality, we all had a great time!

Iowa STEAM is in a couple of weeks and hoping to see our District represented with your presence. This seminar is for its officers and members educating us on their duties as officers as well the understanding what ABATE is about.

November 11 is not only Iowa Steam it is our Nation's Observance of "Veterans Day". I want to wish all men and women that have put their ASS on the line for our

freedoms we all take for granted.

Thought on Veterans Day, by General Douglas MacArthur

It is the Soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizers, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the Soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.
Who allows the protester to burn the flag? AMEN.



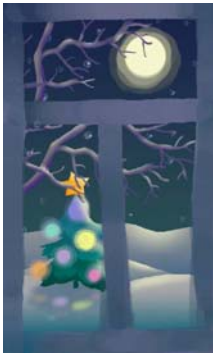
November 7th **Make the Difference.....Vote!**

By the time this newsletter is printed 11/07 will have come and gone but I feel a need to say Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities we have as U.S. citizens. It is also our best chance to say how we want to be governed. If we want to make sure our elected leaders do as we expect them to do, it's up to each of us to go to the polls November 7th. I hope all exercised their civic responsibility.

Rita



I imagine everyone is getting their bikes ready for the cold days ahead. Ours has moved into the house already! I thought he almost forgot about moving it in this year, but guess I was wrong. We have had a busy last few months. Not much room for riding in between my trip to New York City and Niagara Falls, back trouble and weddings-- and now we get the cold blast! We did have a ball at the Halloween party (even though it took a few days to get rid of the red paint!) Platter's holiday get together was a good time as always. Now that the stores are getting out their winter wares, I should get in the Christmas mode. We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays! Hope the flu bug stays away from you and your families.
Carol



Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions, articles or subjects you would like to see posted in the newsletter. We can be reached by email or phone.

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*One Day After Christmas
Author Unknown*

*It's one day after Christmas
I'm crabby and I'm broke.
I'm so full of ham and
fruitcake
I think I'm gonna croak.*

*It's nice to see the relatives
I wonder when they'll leave.
They've been camping in my
bathroom
since early Christmas Eve.*

*They're eating everything in
sight
and sleeping in my bed.
I been sacked out in the
basement
with my beagle, Fred.*

*The relatives have all gone
out
and left their screaming
brats.*

*The toilet bowl is all plugged
up
and I can't find the cat.*

*It's Christmastime at my
house,
the relatives are here.
They eat me out of house and
home.
and drink up all my beer.*

*I love the decorations,
and the sleigh bells in the
snow*

*But I wish those pesky relatives
would take their kids and go.*

*Those cookie crunchers fed the
dog
a twenty pound rib roast.
His feet are sticking in the air
like skinny old fence posts.*

*Now they're in a free-for-all,
the girls against the boys.
They're fighting over boxes
'cause they're bored with all
their toys*

*My mother-in-law is snoring
in my favorite TV chair.
Those kids are stringing lights
on her
and tinseling her hair*

*I oughta wake her up
before the fireworks begin.
But I wanna see those blue
sparks fly
when they plug her in.*

Author Unknown