

Congratulations to Rusty Mattson on his win of the pencil drawing in our Jackson Baldwin “Pay it Forward” Raffle! \$885.00 was raised and will be donated to this great foundation on Labor Day Weekend during the Friendship Run in Orofino.

Clearwater Chapter ABATE of North Idaho
Meeting Minutes July 10th, 2010

Coordinator Mike Thacker called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. The meeting was held at Bryan and Melanie Barrett's home in Orofino. Mel served up some great burritos and super hospitality.

Pledge of Allegiance was given to the American flag.

There were 5 Officers, 5 members 5 guests in attendance

April minutes were read and approved as written. No meetings in May or June.

Coordinator report: Mike Thacker reported that anyone that calls Orofino hotels for reservations will get a discount if it is for the Friendship Run. He also reported that the City Police has told us that anything we do in the park will be our business, but **No** open containers outside the park, and of course if you choose to drink and ride it will be you're a**.. uh - responsibility. It has been reported that Best Western is full for the Labor Day Weekend.

Marty Graham was in a bike wreck coming out of Kamiah and is still at Sacred Heart in Spokane and will be for another 4-6 weeks. Say prayers for his complete recovery and if you can - give him a visit. This can't be good for his mom coming near the anniversary of his brother Don's death after a bike wreck last year.

Bill and Cheryl Hartman of the Bailey's Bar in Bovill also had a close encounter while traveling in California. "Cheryl lost control of the rear end of her bike on some hot greasy tar used to fix the cracks in the road then rocks had fallen into the road about the same time. So in the process of trying to control the sliding rear end and also dodging rocks she ended up going off the road and landing in a big pile of rocks. She came out ok but the bike got beat up pretty bad. We patched things up enough that she could ride on to our friends in Grass Valley Ca." Bill and Cheryl continued their ride and are back in Idaho safe and sound. Ride on Sister!

Deputy Coordinator report: James reported on his ride to Best of the West. He was disappointed that the Sunday events, classes and blessing of the bikes were canceled. The talks were more on what was happening in Europe than here, but it shows that that kind of thing is actually happening and could very well come to the US. He said he had a great ride to and from Boise. This is James first BOTW and he was impressed by how many states were represented there. They even got to meet our furthest member Chuck Ryder, President of the Southern New Mexico Coalition for Bikers.

Secretary report: Pauline passed out Friendship run flyers and the post cards on motorcycle awareness to send out to friends and relatives. She stated we did get our Easter Egg/VFW article in the Eagle this issue, an oversight on the editor's part and he apologized for not getting it in last issue.

Treasurer report: Pauline reported the checking acct. balance, expenses and misc. income. Accounts are in balance at this time. \$885 was raised on the raffle for JB Pay it Forward. Rusty Mattson won the pencil drawing done by Marty Crane. \$145 was raised for the chapter on the 50/50 at Spring Opener. It was approved for Melanie to get us a booth for Lumberjack Fair Days the middle of September. Ideas are a collage for the wall of chapter activities and a DVD player with the STAR safety video running continuously with ABATE brochures to be handed out. An official thanks was given to Mel for all her assistance in the background helping get the drawing shown at the bank and with the Fair booth among other things, not to mention the food she served on this day. Great job Mel and Thanks!

Membership Secretary Report: Bryan Barrett reported we now have 29 renewed or new members. A big chapter welcome to Dennis Meyers and Chad Sullivan! We also received a check from HooDoo chapter for a new member Rhonda James. Welcome Rhonda and thank you for your membership. Bryan will send letters and apps to all members that have not renewed yet and chapter will pay postage.

We will do a photo op when we hand over the check to JB and pics with Rusty and the drawing. We will get these printed in the Eagle and Clearwater Trib and other publications after the **Friendship Run in Orofino Labor Day weekend.**

Ambassador at Large: 'W' reported that he attended the memorial for the 8 bikers that were run down in Arizona.

My Space/Facebook report: "W" Reported there have been 2824 hits on our site, 603 friends with over 78 ABATE Organizations from around the world. You can check out our site at www.myspace.com/clearwaterchapterabate So far on Facebook we have 103 friends, 6 of which are American Legion Riders groups from around the country.

W is looking for pictures of our lost brothers and sisters to post on Facebook.

We will not be doing a Birthday run this year as we are concentrating on the **Friendship Run Labor Day weekend in Orofino.** However there are irons in the fire for next years B-Day ride, more to come.

Safety report: No safety report at this time.

Old Business: Discussed throughout this meeting.

New Business: \$207 was raised at the yard sale today for the chapter. We will do another yard sale at Pauline's home with more items and what is left from this one at the next chapter meeting.

Next meeting: August 7th, noon at Pauline's home at 316 128th St. Orofino behind Riverside Pizza and Pub, phone # 208-553-5787. Donations are still being accepted for the yard sale which will start at 6 am at Pauline's to coincide with the chapter meeting, August 7th and possibly Sunday depending on how much stuff is left and then the excess will be donated to the animal shelter and thrift shop.

No 50/50 done

Gag Gift – not done

Meeting adjourned @ 3:50