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**WILLIAM SCOTT BLANDIN
1958 - 2022**

Bill, a beloved member of ICMS and owner of Bill's Bike Works, passed away December 26, 2022. Bill and his wife Sheli, have been members and great supporters of ICMS for many years. He will be truly missed. ICMS sends love, prayers and support to Sheli and the rest of the Blandin family. Please check the ICMS Newsletter when it comes out in April for loving stories regarding Bill, his great works in this community and ICMS.

REST IN PEACE BILL - WE LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH

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These are the people who are willing to give their time and energy to help protect your rights to Keep Idaho Free!

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to make this an effective statewide effort.**

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I.C.M.S. Calendar of Events

ICMS 2023

Cabin Fever Dance
February 11, 2023

Friends Ride
March 12, 2023

Spring Fun Run
April 1, 2023

Motorcycle Awareness
Rally
May 6, 2023

Friends Ride
May 14, 2023

Friends Ride
June 11, 2023

Fun Valley Run
July 7-9, 2023

ICMS FRIENDS RIDE – 2023

Our ICMS Friends Ride in 2022 was a fun event for ICMS. Our first ride in March was due to leave from Bill's Bike Works. Who knew it would be snowing big flakes on that date! Needless to say, we didn't have the ride, but we did have one rider show up! We then did a redo at the same location and ICMS had our largest ride start from Bill's Bike Works, with approximately 25 bikes in total joining us on a ride to Melba. Owners Bill and Sheli were kind enough to open their shop to us, and even participated on the ride. They truly are amazing people.



For the 2023 riding season, we will be changing things up a bit as we are going to focus more on riding to different destinations that may take a better part of the day. Spending more time with friends and doing what we love - doesn't get much better than that! Some of the destinations that come to mind are Shoshone Falls, the Shoshone Indian Ice Caves, Hells Canyon Loop, Sumpter, Sawtooth Loop. The destinations are endless. Idaho offers so much scenery and we should take advantage of doing a longer ride to see the beauty Idaho has to offer with friends, old and new. In the past the Friends Ride has been set up by Membership Coordinator, Cara Teague and her husband, Kevin Teague, as the Road Captain. The Friends Ride in 2023 will be set up differently with a different ICMS board member taking the lead to choose the destination and the route. We welcome all new riders, and we are fully prepared to help them achieve group riding skills.

The 2023 Friends Ride schedule for next year will be:

- March 12, 2023
- May 14, 2023
- June 11, 2023
- August 13, 2023
- September 10, 2023
- October 15, 2023

Keep these dates in mind! ICMS is looking forward to these rides and we are mostly looking forward to meeting new FRIENDS! Come join us this riding season, it will be an adventure!





By: Rachel Ducker

A lot of those that ride, do so for the simple fact of the wind in your face and cruising down the road, is therapy for your soul. Countless times in my life I have heard riders refer to the moment they start their bike to cruising down the road as "freeing." Many riders choose to move to warmer climates in the winter to escape the cold, however, there are a majority that can't just pack up and go were the sun shines year round and the roads are endless.

Winter Blues, aka Seasonal Affective Disorder is real and affects approximately 5% of the population. Those that take to the road for therapy, can experience a higher risk of being affected. This makes me think about myself and how the colder weather, snow, rain and ice drive me inside to hunker down, praying for warmer days to come soon. I want to bring awareness to how this can truly affect our loved ones, and brothers and sisters of the road.

The best therapy to combat the Winter Blues is to still get outside. When the sun is out you need to get out and enjoy it. You could supplement this with special lamps, but who has time for that? I have compiled a fun list of ideas for those of us that ride motorcycles, to make sure we battle Seasonal Affective Disorder in the best and most fun way possible.

Get your fellow motorcycle brothers and sisters together:

- Shred the Mountain- With the abundance of ski hills near us it's a no brainer! Gather the troops and go hit the downhill. If that is not in your wheelhouse, then let's look at some other great options.
- Snowshoeing or Cross Country- A lot of ski resorts offer rentals on snowshoes or cross-country skis and most of the time, it can accommodate the novice. Need the thrill without ending like Sonny Bono, here are some more.
- Snowmobiling- get the wind that you seek, the breathtaking views, and release that the motorcycle gives you. A group ride on rented snow machines could be a ticket to getting out of that slump. Want to avoid bundling up?
- Hot Springs Soak- Idaho is littered with endless hot springs. Gather your most cherished riding family and head out for a warm soak. Carpool for some great memories and, well you are bikers, so I am sure laughs will abound.
- Mini Golf or Topflight- Get a group together and hit the course (well fake turf) and make a few hours of just laughing, seeing who is the best, just like you would if on two wheels. Need more budget friendly option?.
- Get to Know Your City- Gather some of your favorite biker friends together and explore the local city. Walk through the Capital Building (open every day to the public for free) bombard the local coffee shops, check out local art graffiti, walk the green belt together and see what is new along the river.
- Hiking the Foothills- The abundance of trails available to all of us is endless. The terrain levels are available for all people. Explore with your friends making new memories.
- Get out and ride on nice days!- If not all your brothers and sisters want to ride, then have them cage it! Not every day in the winter is non-ridable, so continue your passion year round. PLEASE remember to be safe and mind the road conditions.

Winter is upon us. As we begin to hide indoors remind yourself to GET OUT, enjoy the sun and meet up with your fellow riders. If you feel like you are experiencing Winter Blues, call your family in the riding community, get together and make winter memories with them. It may not involve the wind in your hair and two wheels between your legs, but the laughs and stories will be just as epic as the road stories from the warmer months.



A Course for Every Rider!



For New Riders:

- ★ Intro to Riding
- ★ Basic Rider Training
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Rider Training in 2022

By Lane Triplett

The 2022 rider training season has ended. This year Idaho's STAR rider training program trained 2,364 new and experienced riders statewide. When adding in 882 trained at High Desert Harley Davidson, the total number of those trained is 3,246 surpassing any previous year. Since 1996, over 57,000 students have been trained in Idaho. Depending on the year that number is close to the number of registered motorcycles in Idaho. Sunshine Beer at *STAR* and Brian Eichler at HDHD, have assembled their staffs and their legions of rider coaches dedicated to the betterment of the motorcycle community. But more is needed. Dedicated rider trainers are in high demand. If you feel that serving our rider community is worthy of you time, consider becoming a member of an elite team of dedicated individuals.

While the numbers are fantastic, there are still a great number of untrained and unendorsed riders in our state. Research tells us that over 80 percent of fatal motorcycle crashes involve untrained riders. Despite all advice many riders believe that training for them is unnecessary. They believe that they have all the skills they need. Training, however, teaches more than just physical skills. Riding is so much more. Training teaches mental subtleties, quick reactions, good judgment, correct choices, and proper attitude. These traits and more, are essential to our survival in a world that seems out to get us. This isn't just for new riders either. In fact, some think that if experienced riders haven't taken an experienced course within the last three years, their skills may have deteriorated to the point of not having been trained ever. It is a rare, if not unheard-of, occurrence that taking a course doesn't teach a new skill or reveal a bad habit. Being trained and practicing the little things assures that a rider will have everything they need in that moment of truth. So, it seems that we would be best served if we do something in our own best interests. Next spring when classes begin, sign yourself up for a class. Make a difference in your life.



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We would love to see more volunteers at ICMS events. If you would like to volunteer for any ICMS event, please contact the Volunteers Officer, Amber Sheffield, at:

amberpressley81@gmail.com or any ICMS Board Member. "It takes a Village," they say!



OUR MISSION:

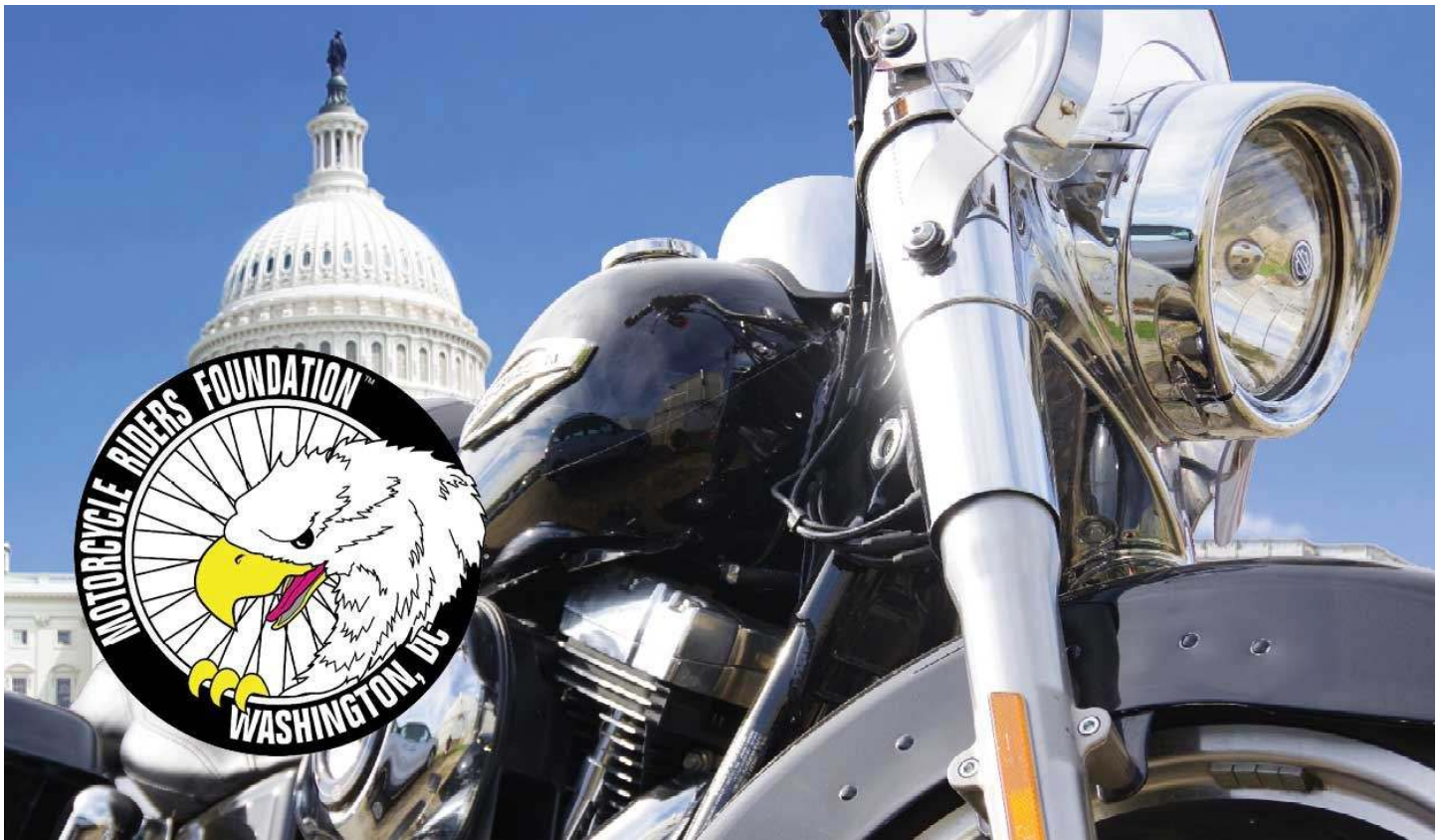
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NHTSA Put on Notice Regarding the Profiling of Motorcyclist

In December, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed to a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending package that funds the federal government through September 2023 and avoids a government shutdown. Attached to that 4,155-page bill is a request by Congress to learn more about the profiling of motorcyclists.

Within the funding section for the Department of Transportation, language was included that states: ***The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act.***

For years the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has worked to address the profiling of motorcyclists. We believe this action by Congress is an important step that will continue the dialogue on this topic. We cannot thank Rep. Susie Lee of Nevada enough for her leadership on this issue. Her willingness to seek answers from NHTSA is why this language was included in the final bill.

We hope that when NHTSA responds to the request from Congress, we will have more information to share with you.

Thank you for your continued support of biker rights and the MRF.
As always Ride Safe and Ride Free.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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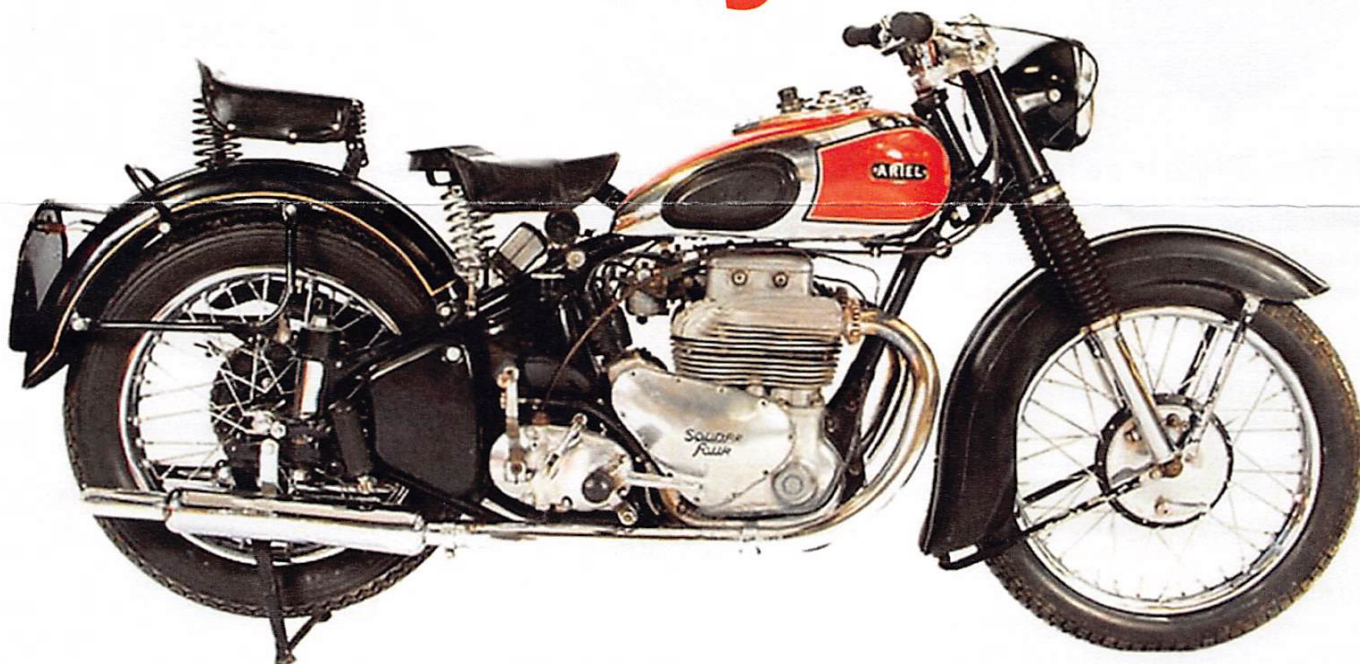
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● Saturday March 18th

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3:00 30 mile ride from Caldwell to the
Snake River, Lake Lowell and Return.

5:30 Banquet at Mr V's
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Show

● Sunday March 19th

- Adults, \$5.00, children under 12
free with adult admission.
- One free admission to exhibitors.

8:30 Set up for exhibitors at O'Connor Field house,
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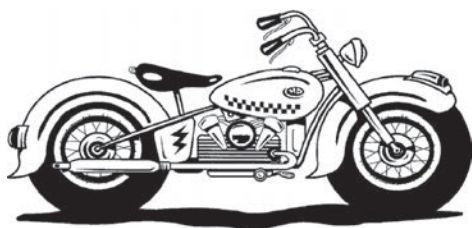
If they made a law that we couldn't wear helmets – we'd fight that too.

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Food Insecurities in Idaho

Rachel Ducker

One in eleven people are “food insecure” in Idaho. That is, 152,890 people are facing hunger and out of those, 46,800 are children. The holidays are always seen as the most joyful times in many lives while for others it is a time for depression caused by being food insecure.



Many of us are searching for that perfect gift for our loved ones, while others are just trying to find the money to buy a loaf of bread and gallon of milk to feed their kids.

During the October ICMS Can Dance, the Board and members discussed the importance of those in need but don't have the luxury to just pack up and go can experience the “winter blues” or seasonal depression. We also discussed the importance to recognize how our community is affected by food insecurity. ICMS designated the monetary and can donations to Miller's Mission-Boise Rescue Mission. It is important the biker community continue to help in any way we can to battle hunger in Idaho. As the holidays are behind us and we move into the new year, we want to bring awareness that the hunger doesn't end after Christmas.

As you are thinking about new years resolutions, bettering yourself and focusing on good karma, add in on how you can help decrease food insecurity in Idaho. Boise Rescue Mission feeds people daily and distributes food all over our state. The best way to help is monetary. Yes, nonperishable foods help but the pantries can better utilize monetary funds. Every dollar you give can provide at least 10 meals to families in need through network of food banks. Giving up one coffee a month can go a long way.

While you look to the future of Idaho remember, every small action we make as a community truly helps those when you donate to local charities.



Hey Everybody

It's Stix again, here to inform you about the Gun Raffle Winners who bought the winning ticket and drawn at the ICMS Can Dance. The winners were Pat and Cyndie from Featherville.

I was able to call them with the good news and met up with them at Idaho guns and Ammo in Meridian, ID, to do the hand off and paperwork. Here is a photo of the lucky winners.

Thanks to all who donated time and money to help the ICMS.

STIX



LANE FILTERING SUPPORT REVS UP

By Kali Kotoski

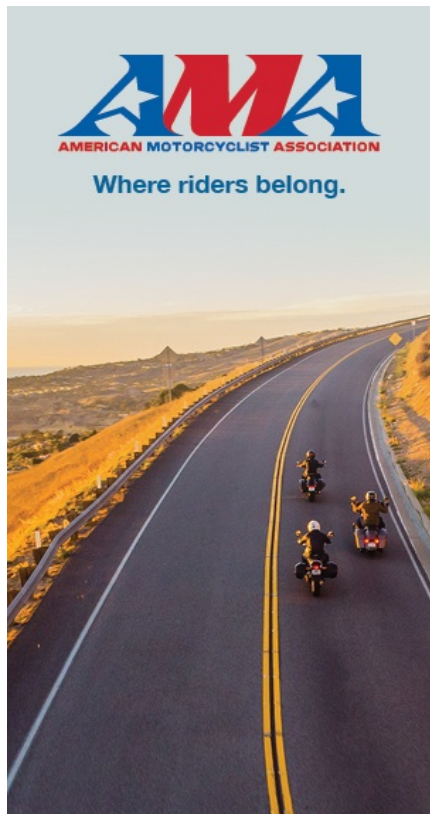
The 2023 legislative year could see a raft of lane-filtering legislation introduced around the country, and wherever that happens, rider safety will improve (if filtering/splitting is done correctly) and American will move a step or two closer to adopting riding/traffic practices that are standard in many parts of the world.

At a recent conference hosted by Mid-South M.I.L.E. (Motorcyclists Improving Legislation Effectiveness) in Topeka, Kan., the AMA's On-Highway Government Relations Manager Tiffany Cipoletti gave a presentation of how to achieve lane-filtering legislative success. She also presented the benefits of lane filtering, most notably in mitigating the chance of rear-end collisions when a motorcyclist is in stopped or slow traffic.

In recent years, lane filtering has gained steam, with laws adopted in . . .

... **to read more, go to:**

<https://americanmotorcyclist.com/lane-filtering-support-revs-up>



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AN INVITATION TO JOIN ICMS

At a time when our democratic process stands ready to strip us, as motorcyclists and citizens, of our rights to ride free and unencumbered, ICMS offers all motorcyclists the opportunity to join together and fight back. Whether the issue is mandatory helmet use, discrimination against "lifestyle" choice or our safety on Idaho's roads, ICMS is prepared to mobilize its strengths in the direction of best defense... and one of ICMS's greatest strengths is its MEMBERSHIP. ICMS believes the direction of best defense is through Education. From educating its membership on the latest legislative battle, educating the legislators themselves on "the other half of the story," to making motorists more aware of motorcyclists on our highways to training riders to ride safe.

Joining ICMS is making a commitment to defend your freedom with active involvement and financial support. As an ICMS member, you have the opportunity to attend monthly Board Meetings, Runs, Rallies, and a host of other Events throughout the state. The most active members are involved by joining committees, holding office, manning telephones, writing articles for the newsletter or doing any one of the million-and-one things that have to be done. ICMS members tend not to be passive, work well together and even more, **PLAY WELL TOGETHER!**

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