SAFETY IS IN OUR NAME! FREEDOM IS IN OUR HEARTS!



FRIEND RIDE 2024

By Cara Teague

Since the inception of the Friend Ride, which is going into our fourth year, we are meeting more and more new people. The purpose of putting together the Friend Rides were just that. Meet new friends, do some riding, and eating some yummy food somewhere. Additionally, it is another venue to promote ICMS and gather information from the riders. ICMS is first and foremost a legislative organization that prioritizes the safety of our riders and the freedom to ride in a way that is enjoyable to all. We would like to get new members but hope that by putting on the Friend Rides, the Awareness Rally and Fun Valley Biker Rally, they will join the cause. Putting together the rides have been fun and hopefully next year will be another year of fun and meeting new friends. Covid has been a real game changer for finding food when we host a ride. We can always find good food, but it's a challenge to find places that have the staff available. But we will not let that deter us in going on a good ride. We are planning on a few longer rides in 2024 when the weather is a warmer. Some of the ideas on the agenda for that are the Sawtooth Loop, Hells Canyon Loop and Minidoka Internment Camp. Of course, if you attend one of our rides and have a great destination in mind, please share it with us! In keeping the schedule uniform, we will plan on meeting at the Ride and Park lot on Overland and Ten Mile at 10:00 am with KSU at 10:30. We had difficulty with sharing our Friend Ride on social media and the time, hopefully this will eliminate the confusion. We do not want to leave our friends behind! Here is the schedule for the Friend Ride 2024:

April 14, 2024

May 19, 2024

June 9, 2024

July - Fun Valley

August 11, 2024

September 8, 2024

October 13, 2024

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I.C.M.S. Calendar of Events



Cabin Fever Dance February 17, 2024

> Spring Run April 6, 2024

Friend Ride April 14, 2024

Awareness Rally May 4, 2024

Friend Ride May 19, 2024



MEET THE ICMS BOARD!

With 2024 here, ICMS held its Board elections at the Can Dance on November 4, 2023. Not much had changed, with one Board Member up for election. In 2023, we lost a very dear member of the Board. Our Treasurer, Donna Cleveland, lost her fight with cancer and her loss is felt among all of us. Many of you know the ICMS Board Members and have seen them out and about, or have joined us at one of our events. We're spotlighting all the Board Members, including our volunteers.

Lori "Queen B!" Solders is our newly elected ICMS Chairman, Government Relations Officer and Newsletter Editor. Lori is no stranger to the motorcycle community. Having been raised in Pocatello, Idaho, Lori began riding in her twenties and has belonged to other motorcycle organizations prior to joining ICMS. As our Legislative Chair, she has created relationships with many people in Idaho politics. Lori took over as the Newsletter Editor a few years ago. She does a great job with keeping our Newsletter on schedule. She is also so instrumental in keeping our Board members organized. Lori is ambitious and is enthusiastic and truly inspired with ICMS and Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF), making sure the motorcyclists in Idaho get to enjoy their freedom of the road. Lori recently became the Idaho state SMRO Representative for MRF. Lori is also a Board Member of Fallen Riders of Idaho ("FRFI"). This organization



helps riders who have been in motorcycle accidents or help with family when a rider has succumbed from their injuries. Lori is a musician and had her own band, Lori B! and the Dudes Deluxe. She has entertained people with her beautiful voice all over Idaho, as well as at Fun Valley Biker Rally. Lori is married to Scott Solders, our Rodeo Coordinator. When Lori isn't busy with ICMS, MRF and FRFI, she enjoys gardening, spending time with Soctt and their three kids, Kenny, Morgan and Hailey, watching football and is passionate about motorcycle rights.



Rachel Ducker is our Vice-Chairman. She is also involved on the Legislative Committee and is now in charge of ICMS Products, Volunteers and Donations. Rachel grew up around motorcycles and race cars, which were two passions of her late father, Michael Ducker. When she's not doing ICMS, she is a full-time single mom to two teenagers. She also volunteers her time raising money for Junior Diabetes Research Foundation with her boyfriend, Grady.

Justin "Kid" Crawford is our Website Coordinator. Kid has held various Board positions with ICMS and was once the youngest Board member of ICMS. Kid works in his family's IT business. His computer expertise has been a great benefit in building and maintaining our website and keeping all computer systems going. When he isn't involved in ICMS events, Kid likes to participate in motorcycle rodeos and has been a long-time competitor at the bike rodeo held in Mackay, Idaho. Kid enjoys raising his young son, James. Kid is hands on with James' karate. Kid's wife, Jennifer, is the Canyon County Coroner. The family likes to travel and go camping.





Lane Triplett is our Finance Officer. Lane is a long-time member and has also held various Board positions with ICMS, including Chairman. Lane is passionate about riding and rides thousands of miles each year. Lane is also very involved with MRF and recently took a position with the MRF Awareness and Education ("MRF A&E") division. Lane and his wife, Paula, have ridden all over the United States visiting family and friends in conjunction with attending MRF events. When they are at home, they both like to attend ICMS activities and events with the HOG group. Lane has been involved with legislation with ICMS and has given oral testimony many times at the Capitol. For several years he has kept track of the fatality motorcycle accidents that have occurred in Idaho. Lane and Paula also enjoy skiing and spending time with their family and grandchildren.

Meet The Board! Cont.

John Christensen is our Events Coordinator/Entertainment Coordinator/PSA Officer. John has been a member of ICMS for over ten years and was our only Board member who didn't ride a motorcycle, even though he was raised around bikes. A few years ago, he bought his first bike and has enjoyed riding the beautiful scenery Idaho and our neighboring states. Last year John took over the helm as head chairman of the Fun Valley Committee that Stix was in charge of for so many years. John has brought his own kind of fun and shenanigans to the Fun Valley Biker Rally and has been an integral part of the success we have had at this rally. You are guaranteed a good time when you hang out with John. When John isn't planning our upcoming events, he enjoys riding with friends, spending time with his family, singing karaoke, cooking and volunteering to help other motorcycle organizations.





Scott Solders is one of our newest Board members. He was born and raised in Idaho and loves motorcycles. He coordinates our bike rodeo for Fun Valley and also creates the ride route for our Spring and Fall run. Scott has been in the motorcycle community for a long time and formerly with Brother Speed. Scott retired from the Army and went to nursing school. He is presently a licensed practical nurse for a Home Health company. Scott enjoys riding long distance, usually trying to find a route he has never been before. He likes to work on motorcycles, archery bows and he and Lori's 1928 Durant. Scott raised Morgan as a single father. He loves his family and is an amazing husband to Lori and wonderful dad to Kenny, Morgan and Hailey.

Larry "Stix" Platt is an original member of ICMS, the Grass Roots Organization that began in 1984. Stix has held various Board positions. He is presently the Coordinator for the Awareness Rally. This is our most important event ICMS does every year – for 39 years and running. Stix was raised in the Marsing, Idaho area. He has worked in construction a good part of his life and recently retired. In his younger days he rode with Brother Speed and still attends many of their events. Stix is an Ordained Minister and has married many people in the biker community, including Lori B! and Cara. Stix likes to tinker in his shop and restore motorcycles. Stix himself got married about six years ago and enjoys being husband and companion to his wife, Chrissy. They both enjoy camping, spending time with family and spending time with their ICMS family.





Doug Knehr was invited by a friend to join ICMS around 2014 and has been a member ever since. Doug was raised in Brooklyn, New York. After joining the Air Force and being stationed in different places, he and his beautiful wife, Debbie, retired in Idaho. Doug still utilizes the skills he learned in the military by working on airplanes. He has worked for Western Air for many years. Doug is a social guy and enjoys attending various biker events. Doug is our Club liaison and Newsletter Distribution Chair. Doug attends many events each month. He is the face of ICMS at these events. Doug plans the rider appreciation dinner at our Spring Run each year from start to finish. On the Spring and Fall Run every rider is offered delicious baked goods made special by Doug and Debbie. Doug and Debbie started Ride for 22, which is a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping to bring awareness to veteran suicide. This organization keeps them busy holding two rides each year in Idaho and one in Oregon. When they have

Meet The Board! Cont.

Cara Teague is our Secretary and Membership Officer. Cara was born in Utah and moved to Idaho in 1978. Cara started riding about 10 years ago and has been a member of ICMS for approximately 6 years. She is part of Naughty Girls Racing Team and will be racing next year out at Firebird. Cara is married to Kevin who is quite the character. He is amazing at selling 50/50 tickets, is a great husband and very supportive of whatever Cara wants to do. They enjoy paddle boarding, camping, golfing, riding motorcycles together and with friends. Cara is a go-getter and is always bringing great ideas to make ICMS a better organization. She started the ICMS Friends Ride and has made it a great success. She is on the Legislative Committee and is strongly believes in fighting for motorcycle rights.



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS!



ICMS is so fortunate to have great volunteers to help us all throughout the year! Please meet these wonderful people who make up our volunteer board.



Sheli Blandon has been an ICMS member and Board member for a number of years. She is the other half of the team that made up Bill's Bike Works. Most everyone who owns a motorcycle knew Bill and Sheli. He was a great advocate of ICMS. Bill passed away last year, but his memory lives on at the Fun Valley Biker Rally and through Sheli running a business he loved so much. Sheli has been on two wheels for a long time. Sheli was the former Membership Chairman for ICMS. Bill's Bike Works has been a steady donator of prizes and raffles to many, many organizations in the valley. Their generosity does not go unnoticed. Sheli enjoys spending time with family and friends, and getting out on two wheels!

Ted Vanlunen has also been a long-time ICMS member. Ted was involved in a serious motorcycle accident. Even through his accident was serious in nature, Ted is still passionate about motorcycle riding and protecting their rights. Ted donated the infamous trikes that have been such an attraction at Fun Valley. Ted is the owner/operator of Valley Maintenance & Repair. He stays busy and is sought out by a lot of apartment complexes. When Ted can get away in the winter, he loves to ski. Next time you see Ted, say hello!





Kevin Teague is married to Cara Teague, the Secretary/Membership Chair. Kevin is great at being "voluntold" by Cara. Kevin has a great way of raising 50/50 money at our events. His secret? He does not accept "NO" as an answer. Kevin continues to break the ICMS record for raising 50/50 cash. He'll even wear a coconut bra! Cara was instrumental in organizing the ICMS Friend Ride and Kevin is right beside her, acting as the Road Captain for these rides. Kevin is the Yard Supervisor for the Boise Yard of Franklin Building Supply. When he's not working, Kevin enjoys riding, bow hunting, golf, paddle boarding, and spending time with friends and family.

It's time you did something more to protect your rights! Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation! REGISTER, VOTE, AND RIDE!

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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

By Kelly Duren, Chairman - Fallen Riders Fund Idaho



Happy New Year from the Fallen Riders Fund Idaho! As last year ended and a new one begins, we wanted to take the opportunity to share a few thoughts on what 2023 brought to us. We do always want to start with **THANK YOU** all for the support you have given to this organization throughout the year(s). We have helped so many riders to date because of you! Without you, it would not be possible. It takes a community to help those in need and you never disappoint.

We have a few things we want to touch on from the 2023 riding season and why "Knowledge is Power" when involved in an accident. Minimum coverage limits are low in Idaho for motorists and Underinsured motorist coverage can and will help when dealing with those that are underinsured. However, the one question you want to ask your agent is this: Does my policy have Offset or Excess coverage on my underinsured coverage? Presently in Idaho there are no guidelines/laws that make insurance companies educate you on the difference and why it is important that you understand the difference. In helping a few of the riders this year, unfortunately their Underinsured motorist coverage did not give them what they thought they had. Understand, you believe you are paying for \$100,000 underinsured coverage but that does not mean you are entitled to that depending on what the other insurance carrier pays out. Understand the difference and ask how yours is written.

I recently had a conversation with an Attorney, Dale Casares (Motorcycle Injury Attorney) for Idaho and here is what she had to say:

Do YOU have fake insurance?

You did the right thing to protect yourself by buying Underinsured Motorist coverage, right? When a rider or driver is injured in a crash, the at-fault driver likely will not have enough insurance to pay for all of the medical bills and pain and suffering. If that's the case, the injured person turns to their own insurance company to make up the difference, up to the limits they bought for themselves. Currently, Idaho law allows car and motorcycle insurance companies to sell Underinsured Motorist

(UIM) coverage that is "offset" by the insurance policy limits of the other driver. That means that if you bought \$50,000 of UIM coverage for yourself, but the other driver also has \$50,000 of coverage, you get \$0 from your insurance company, regardless of how bad your injuries are or how much your medical bills are. Insurance companies are required to send information explaining this, but most people don't understand how this actually plays out. Also, many people have had insurance with the same company for many years and might not get this information.

Knowledge is Power, cont. . .

ICMS with partners such as Fallen Riders Fund Idaho are actively addressing this matter with the Idaho legislature to change this law. What you can do for yourself NOW is read your policy, call your agent, or call me. If you have State Farm, Geico, or Progressive, you do not need to worry, because they only write "excess" policies now, though I still suggest you review your policy limits. If you do not have insurance through one of these companies, I strongly advise you to change immediately. I've seen far too many people not be able to get that they think they paid for. After a crash, it's too late, medical bills go to collections, lost wages go unpaid, and there is no compensation for pain and suffering. Don't let that happen to you!

I am more than happy to discuss your insurance policy with you. Call anytime.

Dale Casares, Motorcycle Injury Attorney

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2023 was difficult as we lost so many riders in accidents this year. So many families affected when people do not pay attention. As I look back and think about those families, I understand the difficult road they travel. Whether it is being hurt severely and a life changing accident, to a family grieving the loss of a loved one to so many affected in friends etc. These families belong to a group no one wants to be a part of yet here they are. Helping these riders and their families heals the souls of our Board as we help them navigate the road less traveled. We could not do this without the support of our riding community. You always dig deep and make sure that rider and/or their family know they are part of a community that will be there. I often hear that "Thank You" sometimes does not seem to be enough, yet those 2 words carry so much love and respect. The families your donations help are so overwhelmed with gratitude and we see it with every downed rider we work with. Understand you are making a difference always and forever...

We especially want to make sure to THANK our partnerships with ICMS, Ride for 22, ABATE of North Idaho, our riding community, and our Motorcycle Clubs that continue to give unconditionally. The care you take to make sure we can continue to help those in need and working together is what keeps us going, knowing our community rocks! Not always an easy road but certainly one worth traveling on when the need is there. We are excited for what 2024 will be bringing to Idaho. We will be announcing the 2024 events in January. Always remember – this one quote below says it all and it speaks volumes to who our riding community is and what they do...

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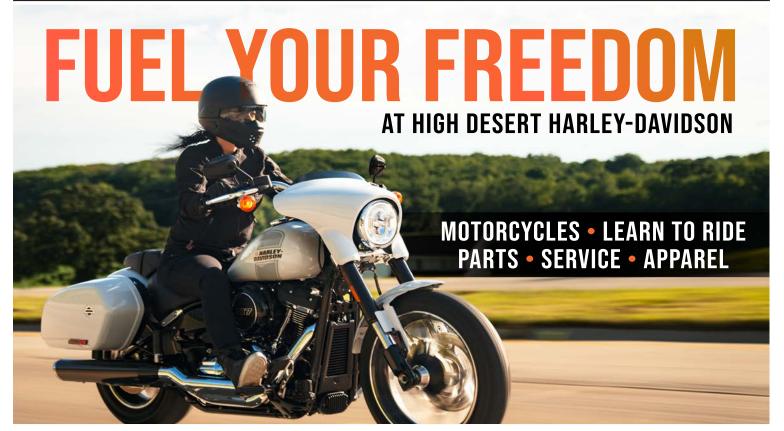
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SMSA 2023

State Motorcycle Safety Association

By Lane Triplett

The SMSA held its annual conference on September 13-16 in Columbus, Ohio. Attendees included rider training administrators from across our country, bureaucrats from state and federal agencies, rights and safety advocates from grass roots organizations, law enforcement agencies, and individuals with general interest in motorcycling. Idaho was very well represented. Brian Eichler from High Desert H-D Learn to Ride was there. All three of Idaho STAR attendees, Sunshine Beer, Shawn Free, and Lindsey Northness contributed to the panel discussions.



Meetings kicked off on Wednesday with two professional development sessions that required online preparatory work. This was followed by the annual business meeting. This was typical stuff except for a presentation from NHTSA and six position statements of the SMSA. LaCheryl Jones of NHTSA, a motorcycle rider herself, outlined current projects related to motorcycle safety. These include riding in national parks, updating NAMS, survey of PPE, scooters, driver attitudes towards motorcycling, and fit and comfort of motorcycle gear. Position statements ask for: Waivers to the buy-America act for the purchase of training motorcycles, assurances that crash avoidance technologies recognize motorcycles, states adopt strategies to combat rider impairment, graduated licensing, tiered licensing, and that states should develop and advocate for initiatives to promote helmet use by all who ride motorcycles. Admittedly, the last three are controversial, however the statements are weakly worded.

Thursday's general session was about giving recognition to those who have contributed mightily to the safety movement. We also heard from the NHTSA gal again. I took an opportunity to go outside and watch a riding demonstration on trail braking. I found it compelling but didn't try it on their training bikes. Back inside, I attended a seminar given in part by Sunshine Beer from Idaho. She discussed Motorcyclist Safety Programing In the Q&A session NHTSA was asked about the still unseated Motorcycle Advisory Council (a call for applications has now been submitted). They said there was a quandary over which government agency is to lead the effort. The topic of lane filtering/splitting also arose. The AMA stated their advocacy and Utah and Arizona touted the success of their laws. Others talked of perceived difficulties with implementation due to financial burdens, bill language problems, and general opposition from legislatures, communities, law enforcement, and other entities. Later that afternoon I went back outside and tried trail braking on my bike. Once again, I find that training is beneficial. Great stuff!

In Friday's early session, Eric Teoh, with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, told us about testing being done on certain vehicles' ability to detect motorcycles and keep them from committing rear end crashes. This is of great interest to us as we have great concerns about the ability of autonomous vehicles ability to see motorcycles. With only a half dozen SUVs tested so far this work is in its infancy but is also encouraging. The vehicles tested scored from unable to detect to marginally able. Later, a discussion was held about "Ride along Factors" in fatal motorcycle crashes. Certainly, food for thought when analyzing fatal crashes but nothing especially dynamic.

Of interest to many is a newly created alliance of the rider training programs not affiliated with the MSF. This will make it easier for these six programs to share information, training strategies, best practices, and solve problems. The results prove promising.

Another session discussed strategies to mitigate injuries and fatalities suffered by aging riders. Reaching these riders proves to be difficult as a great many are not interested in further training. They often don't realize that their skills slowly diminish with age putting them at greater risk.

As with all conferences that have breakout sessions, there are just too many going on at the same time. For every informative seminar attended, another is missed. There is always next year.



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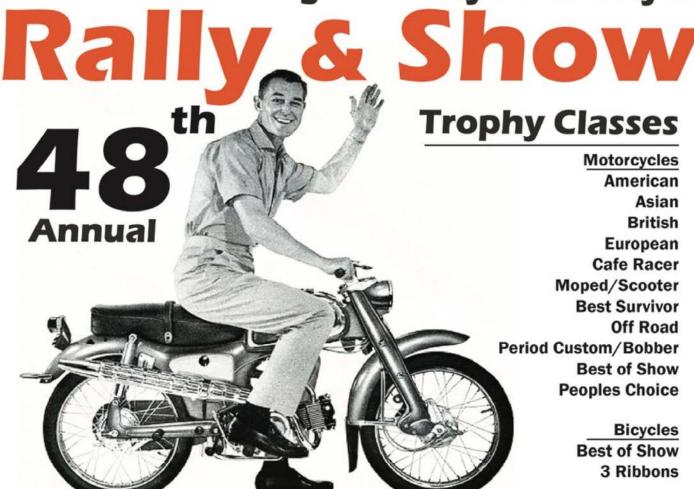
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Joining ICMS is making a commitment to defend your freedom with active involvement and financial support. As an ICMS member, you have the opportunity to attend monthly Board Meetings, Runs, Rallies, and a host of other Events throughout the state. 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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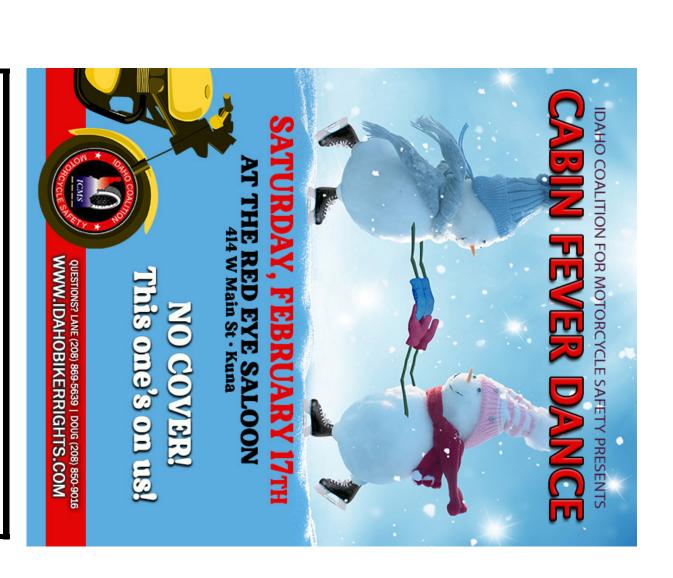
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