**The Kick Stand**

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**ABATE Show – Update

Big thank you to the members who came to man the Chapter booth at the annual ABATE Bike Show, which was Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18.  We received some dues, but not as many as I'd hoped.  This was second year were attendance seemed down.  The Omaha Chapter was also at the ABATE Show with their own booth.  There was discussion of us working together next year to have one booth and split expenses.  More discussion will continue to decide if we want to follow through on this.

 Dues....Time is ticking....

Please remember that if your dues are not paid by April 1st (no fooling and Happy Easter this year), that you will be removed from email lists and you will also no longer receive this newsletter.  Please either return your application with payment or contact Commander Jody.

 Tickets...get your Tickets here!!

The tickets are printed and ready for selling of our Raffle for this year's Poker Run.  If you haven't heard, the Raffle is a two prize raffle this year!  The tickets are still $5 each or 5 for $20.  The first ticket drawn will have a choice of a 36”x21” rolled cold steel painted 'Battle Flag' (which can be mounted on a house or outdoor building) or a $500 gift card to Scheel's Sporting Goods.  The prize not taken by the first winning ticket will be awarded to the second ticket drawn.  As we have done in the past and are required to do, we will check out tickets and members are then responsible for turning in either money or unsold tickets.  Please contact Commander Jody for tickets.

Calling all Members!!!

Our next Meeting will be Thursday, March 15th.  Dinner will be at 6pm and meeting will start at 7pm.  On the menu that night will be Cheeseburgers and French Fries, at the members expense.  Last month, we had yummy Country Fried Steak due to a miscue.  Members commented it was the best meal they'd had so far!

 We did not hold the meeting raffle (due to the Commander forgetting the gift card) so we will still be raffling off a Lazlo's gift card.  In addition, the Commander is raffling off a PAID REGISTRATION for the Flag Day Poker Run!!

Seeking Donations for Poker Run

It's that time to start seeking donations from local businesses for the Poker Run Auction.  Commander Jody will be emailing a copy of the donation letter to members.  Please consider helping out the Poker Run by acquiring some donations.  Donations can be in the form of cash, gift card, or item.  Donations have come from restaurants, hotels, beauty salons, retail businesses (Target, Walmart), and tattoo shops plus many more.  Keep in mind some nation stores have donations approved by the corporate offices and some don't make donations because if they donate to one group they feel they have to donate to all groups.  Donations gathered will be used as door prizes, auction items, or possible raffles the day of the Poker Run.  Please make sure to inform Commander Jody of any donation your gotten and any businesses you've contacted (even if they said no) so we don't contact them multiple times.

Mark Your Calendars!!

 Friday, March 9 – Hickman Fish Fry ($10ea)

Sunday, March 11 – Daylight Savings Time

(SPRING AHEAD & GAIN AN HOUR)

Thursday, March 15 – ALR meeting at Denton Legion Post, dinner @ 6, meeting @7

Saturday, March 17 – Ceresco Cornbeef & Cabbage Dinner ($10ea)

Friday, March 23–Hickman Fish Fry ($10ea)

Saturday, March 24 - NE National Guard Operation Hidden Egg at Air Base

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Holiday

Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day

Saturday, June 2 – Marine Corp League Poker Run (info to come)

Saturday, June 9 – Flag Day Poker Run (donation letter to come out by email and FB posting).  Start at Frontier Harley Davidson and end at Denton Legion Post.

Saturday, June 16 – Thank-A-Vet Run, sponsored by Omaha Post 1 ALR.

Friday, September 7 thru Sunday, September 9 – State Romp, hosted by Beatrice ALR (Route will take participants from Beatrice into Kansas)

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to …...........

March......

          6th – Leonard Wilsey

          17th – David Filbert

          18nd – Ann Selzer

          23th – Steven Tyrrell

          24th – Terry King

Membership Anniversaries
                    March -
10th – Greg Joy – 10yrs**

**Here Comes Peter Cottontail.......The Nebraska National Guard Operation Hidden Egg will be Saturday, March 24 th, starting at 1pm.  We have had a table in the past and will again this year.  We will also be providing the Easter Bunny for pictures and to say Hello.  If you'd like to help, contact Commander Jody to get you on the Security Gate since we'll be at the .**

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