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## Editor's Corner

Black Thursday was quite successful, but the work is not done yet. There have been several call to action emails that were well responded to as well as several trips to the Capitol to talk to Senators and Representatives and to testify and support at hearings. There were several wonderful speakers at the Senate Transportation Committee Hearing including Mr. Breeze (Donnie Landsman), Double D, Larry Walker, Mick Gillespie, just to name a few. Along with these speakers were over 30 supporters who signed in to show support of the bills that were heard in committee. Unfortunately, the progress for the helmet modification bill was stalled by not allowing the Executive portion of the committee to vote yea or nay and allow the bill to move forward and out of committee. Hence the call to action to contact your Senators and encourage the vote. At the time of this writing there is still no vote, but the bill is not completely dead. If there is no vote, we can resurrect the bill next session from the point where it is right now. If there is a vote and it moves out of committee, we need to ask our Senators to vote in favor of the bill. There is some additional information about helmets on pages 34 and 35 that may be beneficial to our cause and can be shared with our Senators.



There is a short survey on page 9 that asks some easy questions about you and your membership views. I encourage you to fill it out and send it in. My take on it is that Lyle is looking for information that might help ABATE smooth out some issues and become a better organization. Your input is very valuable to determine what needs to be done. I encourage you to take the survey and send it in right away. We should all be in favor of making ABATE better for all of us.

The Spring Swap Meet is coming up the end of the month. It is always a great event with lots of vendors and tons of motorcycle items for sale. Plus, it's a nice ride to the fairgrounds. Thanks to Rona and the Swap Meet Committee for always doing a terrific job putting it together. See page 22 for details.

There are several new advertizers this month. Please take a look at their ads and always support our supporters. Stop by their locations when you are in the area and see what they have to offer. Then thank them for their support.

The events are beginning to show up in the newsletter, and it looks like 2013 is going to be a good year for riding and attending these events. I plan on riding all over the State and attending a ride or event from as many Chapters as I can. I find it very gratifying to be a guest at an event and supporting other chapters. I am always treated as a special guest, as I am usually the only non-chapter member there. Wouldn't it be great if every event had many visitors? Now, that would be brotherhood.

There is an election coming up for State Secretary. Please read the candidate's statements and remember to vote for the person who you think will do the best job. Both candidates are very well qualified. Also, Scott Robinson will be seated as East Side Deputy Coordinator, as he is running unopposed. Let him know that you support him in this position. All the candidates statements are on pages 16 and 17.

Be extra careful riding in the rain, and remember to keep the rubber side down. Be safe!

Best regards

Ron

## From the State Coordinator



HelloEveryone,

If you have been living under a rock and haven't heard that for the first time since the helmet law was reenacted we have had a hearing on the repeal of the helmet law and if you were not the hearing or have not seen the video of the hearing you missed history in the making. Donnie Landsman's drive and legislative leadership was a key point in getting us this far, as always Double D from the outsiders motorcycle club, US Defenders, and COC gave a very commanding testimony that had the committee in awe, Donnie Landsman also gave a very magnanimous testimony along with Mick Gillispie, Rich Bright, Larry Walker, and a number of other people on our behalf and I have to tell you was very inspiring. Even though we have a long way to go it is been a big step in the right direction. I am sure by the time you read this there will be other things in our arena that have come forward. One thing that I am concerned about is the division of our organization, we have a number of people that say all we want to do is the parties, T-shirts, runs and events then you have another group that says all we want to do is legislative issues but what we have to realize is that we need both. We need to do parties, T-shirts, runs to raise money so we can take care of our legislative issues and we have to take care of our legislative

issues to protect our rights as motorcyclist. What I am trying to say in this rambling is we always have to make compromises to succeed whether it is life, work, or a little motorcycle organization like ABATE.

On a different note our Spring Opener plans are moving forward, we have an added improvement this year, you can now buy your Spring Opener ticket off from the state web site. We still need help getting some Spring Opener sponsors, the paper work is out there and I know you can help. If you have not bought a raffle ticket for the bike give away do it now. I also have a questionnaire it is in the newsletter and on the state web site, if you go to the state web site you can fill it out online and it will go directly to me if you don't do the computer take it out of the newsletter and mail it to the state P.O. Box. I encourage everyone ABATE members and non-ABATE people to fill it out so we can get a consensus on what people want from ABATE of Washington and what direction we need to move in. I will answer anyone who has a question

Lyle Coyle

### ABATE of Washington 2013 Meeting Schedule

#### Board of Directors Meetings

April 27 - South King County,

July 20 - Tri-Cities Chapter

October 12 - Olympia,

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If so how long \_\_\_\_\_

If not a member why \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are a member will you renew your membership \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not renewing please state why \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What do you dislike about ABATE of Washington \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What would you like to see ABATE of Washington grow in to \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you have a question about ABATE of Washington \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended the ABATE Spring Opener and what is your opinion \_\_\_\_\_  
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**West Side Deputy Coordinator**  
Michael Campbell



**Response on E15  
from Rep Reichert**

by WSDeputy 12. February  
2013 19:43

Dear Mr. Campbell,

Thank you for contacting me to express your views on ethanol fuel standards. I appreciate hearing your views on this matter and welcome the opportunity to respond.

In the United States, ethanol is a corn-derived biofuel used as an additive in gasoline to reduce emissions and extend gas life. In 2005, Congress established the renewable fuel standard (RFS) under the Energy Policy Act (P.L. 109-58), which mandated minimum usage requirements for biofuels to be used in the national transportation fuel supply each year. The RFS required the use of 13 billion gallons of ethanol in 2012.

There has been ongoing debate over how much ethanol should be blended into gasoline. Currently, ethanol is capped at 10% (E10), however the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently issued a partial waiver for gasoline that contains up to a 15% ethanol blend (E15), for use in model year 2001 or newer light-duty vehicles. In response to the EPA waiver, many have raised concerns over the numerous changes that would have to occur before gas stations would be able to sell E15, including state-by-state approval and major infrastructure modifications to gas pumps and fuel storage tanks.

To address these concerns, Representative Sensenbrenner introduced legislation in the 112th Congress to require a comprehensive assessment of the scientific research and implications of the use of certain ethanol blends (H.R. 3199). Sensenbrenner also introduced a bill to prohibit the EPA from permitting ethanol blends greater than 10% to be used in certain vehicles (H.R. 748). Rest assured, should these measures be reintroduced in the 113th Congress and brought to the House floor for a vote, I will keep your thoughts in mind and give them thorough

consideration.

I believe Congress must stop subsidizing ethanol and move to more effective sources of clean energy. I have been a strong supporter of initiatives to develop and adopt new performance-based incentives to reduce our nation's unhealthy dependence on foreign oil as a way to regain energy independence.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to get in touch with me. Your interest and input are valued, and I hope to hear from you in the future regarding other matters of importance.

Sincerely,  
David Reichert  
U.S. Representative for Washington's 8th  
congressional district

**Spanaway Chapter**

Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 7pm.  
Uncle Sam's American Bar & Grill  
16003 Pacific Ave. S  
Spanaway, WA 98387

Hello Again!

First I want to apologize for totally spacing on last month's issue, and I will try not to let that happen again.

The Chili cookoff was a great success, we collected \$635 for the Spring Opener which will be used for the Friday night band. I would also like to thank Locksmith Les for a good job working the door and BillyDe for all the footwork he put in which made it all work. I also want to thank Little Terry (Skippy) for selling all the tickets and also John for all his work selling bike raffle tickets. A special thank you to all that attended.

By the time this comes out we will have had our First Annual Soup Bowl Challenge, details will be in the next issue. We are also having our First Annual Poker Run on March 9th and we will also be having an April Fools Pot Luck on March 30th, hope to see you there .

Our hopes are up for the 5 bills in Olympia, keep your fingers crossed and thanks to all for working so hard to help these get passed, keep up the good work.

Thanks to all

Dolly

### **Tri-Cities Chapter**

Meets: 1st Thursday at 6:30 PM  
American Legion Post #34  
1029 W. Sylvester  
Pasco, WA

### **TCC - Ready to Ride!**

We have been very blessed this past winter, here in Tri Cities, with extremely mild weather, and many of us have been riding all throughout the year. Spring is just around the corner and we can finally take our face masks off, and take in the sun. It has been a very busy last couple of months, attending Black Thursday in Olympia and continually contacting our Senators and House reps, to encourage them to vote in the bills we are trying to get passed. Our LAO team did a fabulous job of representing us at the Senate hearings, and we are hopeful their testimony gets the results we need. We are fairly certain that the Red light and Sharrow lane bills, are getting passed. There is no word yet regarding Senate Bill 5143, with the helmet law changes. Please contact your reps and tell them to pass this bill!

The chapter's event committee, is really pumped up and working hard to make our upcoming 'LIBERTY RIDE' benefit for the NRA, a really fun, exciting and different, kind of event. ( see flyer in this issue) We are meeting at the Veteran's Memorial in Columbia Park and heading to the shooting range near Benton City, where we will have a shooting match! When's the last time you got to do THAT on a poker run? This will literally be a BLAST! lol! After stopping at the Palms, and Rattlesnake HD, we will end up for a celebration BBQ, at the Long Branch in Finley. This is a great opportunity for us to speak out about our Second Amendment rights, and let those who try to infringe upon them, know what us riders have to say about that! We expect the event to get televised, which will surely get the attention of our legislators. We also encourage you to contact them with emails and phone calls and tell them to vote 'NO' on Feinsteins upcoming 'Assault Weapons Ban of 2013'. Here is a link to her proposed bill, which bans hundreds of rifles and hand guns.

<http://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/561603/feinstein-automatic-weapons-ban-2013-summary.pdf>

A new bill has come up in our own state, that is even worse than the Feinstein proposal! It is SB 5737. If this bill is passed, we will be handing in many of our inheritance arms and weapons we presently own!

PLEASE contact your legislators and tell them NO, on SB 5737!

As a freedom fighting organization of, 'A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments', we are well trained in these kinds of issues and will fight them, as the righteous freedom fighters that we ARE! We have been getting a huge response to this 'LIBERTY RIDE' event, from businesses, riders and friends, all over our Tri Cities community. We would like to say thank you, to the 50 Calibers, for all of their help and support on our committee. 50 Calibers ROCK! Remember to go to their 5th Annual cancer benefit on May 11th. It is sure to be a great time, for a good cause that supports our area Tri Cities cancer center.

We hope that you will all join us April 20th, for a great day of riding and fun at this LIBERTY RIDE - benefit for the NRA. The 'Friends of NRA' are generously offering a Smith & Wesson Governor 45 pistol, as a raffle prize! You could win it with the purchase of a 10 dollar ticket. ( gun is a 700.00 value!) Only 200 tickets are being sold, so the odds of winning are good! We will have them available before the event, and should have them at our next chapter meeting. We also have tickets available for the Spring Opener Harley Davidson, motorcycle raffle.

Our next chapter meeting is Thursday March 7th at 6:30 pm, over at the Legion Hall in Pasco, 1029 W. Sylvester. We will have a potluck dinner. Dishes are welcome. Please check out our chapter website , [www.tccabate.com](http://www.tccabate.com), to see area events, meeting minutes, etc. You can contact us at [tricitieSabate@hotmail.com](mailto:tricitieSabate@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your continued support to ABATE of Washington, Tri Cities Chapter. Hope to see you soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine 'Chatty' Salomone

TCC Secretary

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### **Sky Valley**

Chapter meetings  
Meets 2nd Tuesday -7 PM  
Bike Show meetings  
Meets 1st Tuesday - 7 PM  
CCR  
215 Cypress Ave.  
Snohomish, WA 98290

### **Mason County**

Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 7pm  
Taylor Station Restaurant  
62 SE Lynch Rd.  
Shelton, WA

Hard to believe the Monroe swap meet (March 24) is almost here! This year should be interesting as we have the new big building to set up in. That means bigger then ever!!! Don't forget the night before is the Shakin the winter blues party (March 23rd) at the new Monroe Eagle's club. It's now at 123 North Blakeley St Monroe, Wa. So if your hungry come on early (6pm) for a full dinner for only 10 bucks! then the party kicks off at 7pm and at 9pm the band starts.

We are proud to have Tony and the Tigers band this year with there mix of great music that will make you feel like dancing! \$5 dollar entry and 2 cans of food for the local food bank and your in!! If you have any donations for the silent auction please bring along.

We still need sponsors for the big bike show in Snohomish in May. We could also use some help with this as it is a huge undertaking for our chapter. If you can help with either call us! our phone number is on the flyer or just go to ABATE of Washington and look under rides and events for the month of May.

I want to thank road captain Randy for picking the only sunny day for the month for a ride. He must have a crystal ball! (or just dam lucky) anyway we had a nice breakfast at the Buzz Inn and a cruz up the valley to Sultan to visit one of our old members (Big Gary) in the sunshine! Thanks all that showed.

On a sad note it is with heavy heart that I have to report the passing of Pastor Dean's wife, Yvonne. She fought the good fight against cancer and was called to the Lord last month. She will have a ride in memorial run on the 23rd of March. For times and details contact Jim Blowers at 425-923-4544.

All for this month. See you in the wind Highwayman

Hello again fellow members and freedom loving friends,

It looks as if the major rains are over, if not receding. That means that the spring riding season is now upon us. It's that time of year to knock the cobwebs off the bike, check the oil and tires, and find out if the battery survived the winter. Of course, if you ride all year this doesn't apply. On the other hand, winter riding takes its toll on our bikes and it never hurts to do a safety check before even more serious riding starts.

Black Thursday was great success. For the first time we were finally heard by the Transportation Committee in Olympia regarding helmet law repeal. That is wonderful, but without an ever increasing input by YOU, it will die in committee and not go to a vote on the floor. That is what WE do as ABATE members. In Mason County, we are blessed to have all of our state representatives and senator backing our efforts. Without the work of ABATE, COC, U.S. Defenders, BOLT, and others, this would not have seen the light of day. Many thanks to Donnie "Mr. Breeze" Landsman for his tireless contributions as our legislative representative of ABATE. (when you see him, tell him thanks). To see video of the testimony go to [www.tvw.org](http://www.tvw.org) Public: SB1541, SB1542, SB1543 Pretty compelling stuff.

The spring motorcycle swap meet is coming to the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe on the 24th of March. It is not only a great place to shop and swap, but is a fund raiser for the state ABATE. Keeping us solvent keeps us in the battle for freedom on the road. So go and have a great time. You might just find something you didn't know you couldn't live without. Also, at Northwest Harley, On April 23rd, starting at 9:00am is the blessing of the bikes. It never hurts to get an extra blessing or two. Biscuits and gravy too.

Remember folks, Shiny side up. Ride happy, ride long, ride safe, ride free.

Respectfully submitted by  
Rob Pearson

LAO Mason County Chapter ABATE



### South King County

Meets 1st Mon. @ 7 PM  
Performance Grill  
1525 A St. N.E.  
Auburn, WA. 98002

### Tacoma Chapter

Meets 1st Wednesday - 7:00PM  
VFW Post #969  
3510 McKinley Ave. Tacoma

Another month down for 2013, means a fresh month ahead and one step closer to better weather. I hope everyone has had a good start to the year, i know it's been a busy one for me. I hope everyone is keeping up to date on the bills being ran through the state. It looks like we are making huge strides as a community and have gotten (while i am writing this) 5 bills have already advanced to be voted on. Exciting! Hope to see you guys in the up and coming events, have a great day!

Thanks to all the members that made it to the "Blues me or lose me", I hope you all had a good time and will be excited to see what next year brings. If you couldn't make it to "blues me or lose me last month, we have the annual "dart run" coming up in a few short weeks on March 23rd, sign up at 10 am at the Log Cabin in sumner, kickstands up at 11:30 to head out on a 5 stop mystery run benefiting Mary Bridge Childrens foundation and the Christian Crusaders. The JAMR ride is coming up in a few months so keep an eye out for more details next month.

Again i would like to thank all those involved with the preparation and putting on Black Thursday, also ABATE of southern Idaho for making the drive out, one last person i would like to recognize (because i have the attention span of a 6 year old and I forgot last month) is "Princess" Karen Blakely for being elected as the state chapter rep 3, congrats to you!

Sam Walker  
SKCC Coordinator



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Hi there ABATE brothers and sisters,  
First off I would like to apologize for not writing in last months newsletter.

This year has not started off very well for the Ahola family losing friends and family members.

Life just doesn't seem fair sometimes that's why we all need to enjoy our friends and family every day.

Enjoy that ride when ever you can even if it's raining or cold cause you never know if it will be your last.

Tacoma chapter would like to invite you all to our Valentines/Anniversary party February 16Th at the VFW in Tacoma starting at 7:00 pm with music at 8:30 pm. This will be a potluck and my wife Rachel will have a photo booth set up. Hope to see you all there.

Tacoma's next runs are in May so I look forward to supporting all of the chapters upcoming events in March and April. Hope to see you all on the road.

Ride Safe

Donnie Ahola

Tacoma ABATE Coordinator

cadhd67@yahoo.com



This ride raises \$\$ for our local foster's that save dogs & cats from shelters until placed into forever homes! All proceeds go to local rescue programs. Breakfast & sign up starts at 4 Corners Bar, Maple Valley 10am! \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. For details, call Cathy 253-293-4596 or email leasurecat@yahoo.com

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Join us on March 23rd!

### East Peirce County Chapter

Meets: 1st Sunday @ 10 AM  
Eagles Club Aerie 1387  
29021 State Route 410 E,  
Buckley, WA

The weather is finally here that I would like to invite as many to possibly come out and join EPCC and South King county Chapter on our 8th annual Bunny Hop Run. It as always supports the Tacoma Foster Care Resource Centers foster children. KSU from Schafers Bar & Grill @ 11am on the 16th of March, more info on the flyer in this add.

I would like to thank EPCC for hanging in there and all there support during the winter and would love to see many that have gone into hibernation during the winter. The season is about here to wipe the dust and uncover some of those bikes and prepare them for the season. Be sure to take a few minutes by going through the necessary checks on your bike before getting on the road.

Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of fuel before you can think straight.

Noel..



This is my letter to acknowledge that I have been seated by the B.O.D. for the position of East Side Deputy Coordinator. I will accept this position at the July B.O.D. I want to have a chance to make ABATE of Washington a strong political force in Wash. State. I will do this using my years of experience working with the Corp of Engineers, the knowledge

I gained from my experiences in Afghanistan being a site manager and Mentor with the ANA Army. I deeply believe in fighting for the rights of all motorcycle riders. ABATE is one of the greatest opportunities we have to do our legislative work.

At this time I also hold the position as Precinct Committee officer in my home district. This has enabled me to work with some of the Elected officials to reach our goals.

Recently I retired and have the time and energy at this point in my life to go full throttle with ABATE.

I have held several positions in ABATE Charter Member Coordinator, Chapter Rep,

Deputy Coordinator and East Side C.O.C. Rep. Have worked with a lot of folks on different committees with no complaints.

If elected, I promise you that I will carry out the duties as East Side Deputy Coordinator as directed by the Board of Directors

and members of ABATE. I will listen to all members and work with them to reach our goals so we can be a stronger political force in the State of Washington. I will abide by all bylaws and policies that Govern ABATE of Washington.

“ABATE is an organization of Motorcycle enthusiasts, individuals and Chapters who are pooling our strength in numbers and votes to have a say in our government about the laws pertaining to us.” My goal is to make ABATE of Washington a better organization to benefit all members. ABATE is “Dedicated to Freedom of the Road” and I am dedicated to helping retain and obtain that Freedom and the others guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

My Operations SGT Major always said we will improve our fox hole with every opportunity we get. Keeping that thought in mind we will move ahead.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

Scott Robinson 509-250-2001



Hello, my name is Darcy Mugartegui, I am running for the State Secretary position of ABATE of Washington. I have been with the Olympia Chapter since 2003 and currently hold the treasurer, legislative affairs officer and membership positions. I was the secretary for over four years before that. I have been the stand in State Secretary when a substitute was needed. I have been both the State Parliamentarian and State Audit officer for about five years. I have enjoyed going to the Board Meetings. I belong to the Harley Owners Group since 2003 and was the Olympia chapter secretary 3 years

and membership secretary for two years. I will continue to be involved in our Legislative process as I believe this is one of the most important things we do as a organization.

I think that in any organization it is important to have a shift of officer positions every few years so we can have new ideas. I am very thankful for Rona's commitment and hard work for our organization and hope if I am elected I can show my commitment to ABATE as well.

About myself, when I was a kid my dad bought my brother a trail 50 however, he was too small and scared of it. I don't think my dad counted on me liking it so well. When I was 18 living in Tacoma I met what is now the Tacoma Chapter of ABATE and enjoyed many years with the Tacoma Chapter including being at the first several Spring Openers. I left Tacoma in 1985 and moved south raised my children but, missed riding. I moved back to Olympia in 1993 and one day met the Olympia Chapter coordinator and was hooked. I did not officially join until I got my own endorsement in 2003 with my husbands support. I love riding my purple dyna and my recently acquired Volkswagen trike.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. My promise to ABATE is to be honest and fair in all I do in my life and for our organization.

Thank you,

Darcy Mugartegui

State Parliamentarian

alildab40@gmail.com

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*From the desk of  
your State Secretary  
Rona K Smith*



Hi everyone,

So, as you may have heard I was nominated again for the position of state secretary at our last Board of Directors meeting. I accepted the nomination with enthusiasm.

For our new members who may not know me, I would like to introduce myself.

I have been the State Secretary for ABATE of Washington since August 2006. I

live in Milton and I am a member of SKCC. My duties as secretary are to record the minutes of our ECOM and BOD's meetings, keep the corporate records, take care of updates, and whatever else our board of directors tasks me with. I feel

I have successfully fulfilled these responsibilities for the last 6 years. For more information on the job description, please see state bylaw 6.4.3

I do want to say that I am excited with the direction we are heading in. I am still dedicated to my position and I would appreciate your vote of confidence in me to continue to serve ABATE of Washington.

Aside from the many great things I see coming in ABATE, I have missed and I am looking forward to the return of STEAM. It gives me a chance to personally meet our new chapter secretaries and enables me to give them direction to be successful.

Thanks for your time ~





# ABATE of Washington Spanaway Chapter 1st Annual Poker Run



We will be meeting at  
8:30am  
at Uncle Sam's Bar & Grill  
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# Sky Valley Chapter



## Shakin The Winter blues

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7:00 PM



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9:00 PM

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# ABATE OF WASHINGTON



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# ABATE OF WASHINGTON



## SPRING SWAP MEET REGISTRATION FORM

March 24, 2013

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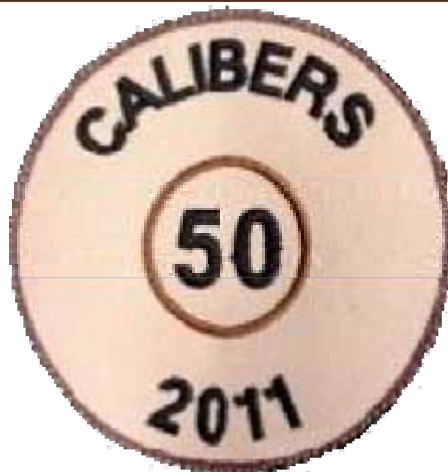
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Setup will be Saturday, March 23th from 12pm – 6pm and Sunday March 24th from 6am – 8:30am.  
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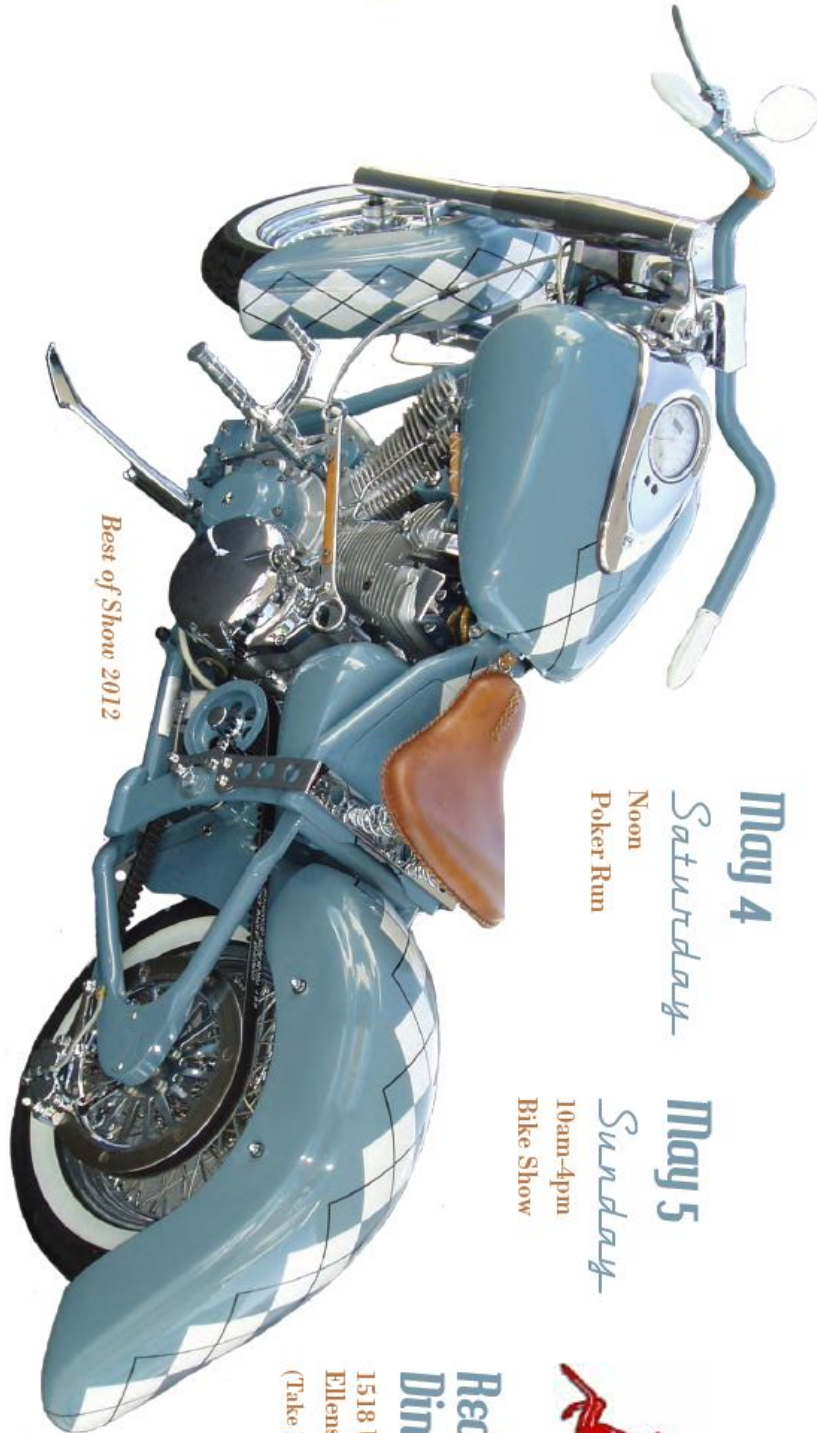
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## MRF REPORT

United States Senate Addresses Higher Ethanol Fuels

Legislation seeks to limit ethanol blend to 10 percent.

United States Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS), and David Vitter (R-LA), have introduced legislation that would invalidate the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from approving introduction into commerce gasoline which contains greater than 10-volume-percent ethanol.

The EPA admits it did not test the 15% ethanol blends on motorcycles or small displacement engines. The Motorcycle Industry Council has gone on record saying that the higher blend will be damaging to motorcycle engines.

In November 2012, AAA urged the Obama administration to halt the sale of E15 because of possible engine damage. AAA said it found in a survey a strong likelihood of consumer confusion and the potential for voided warranties and vehicle damage.

Senator Vitter had this to say "It is irresponsible for EPA to allow E15 without sufficient testing and technical analysis. I support an all-inclusive energy strategy, but experimenting before understanding the consequences and potential cost of using E15 is unfair to consumers."

As stated in the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2012-2013, the decision was made to not support the use of E15 fuel without further testing and specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers. (97% Favor, 3% Abstain)

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# Attorney's Point of view on Helmet Laws

Once again I find myself having to apologize for the length. Here is my two cents on the IIHS study.

While many, including those at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), will want to read much into this latest study, it really does not tell us anything new when we include other pertinent information.

At the time of this study, 60% of states had laws that allowed choice; most with age limits. According to the latest information from the U.S. census bureau, they accounted for roughly 60% of motorcycle registrations nationwide and, according to this study, accounted for 59% of motorcycle fatalities. 40% of states had mandatory helmet laws. They accounted for roughly 40 % of motorcycle registrations and 39% of motorcycle fatalities. Like numbers in the past, this is a statistical wash.

What the IIHS will argue based upon these numbers is that un-helmeted fatalities increase as we relax helmet laws. Those states with partial helmet laws see more un-helmeted fatalities than those states with mandatory helmet laws, while those states with no helmet law see more than either partial or mandatory states. The conclusion that the IIHS wants us to come to is that mandatory helmet laws prevent fatalities. The problem with that conclusion is that it is not a logical conclusion. Logical conclusions take into account all facts and circumstances, not some facts and circumstances.

The easiest way to show that this conclusion is incorrect is to look at the numbers above. If mandatory helmet laws prevent fatalities than we would expect to see choice states representing a greater percentage of fatalities compared to their motorcycle registrations. For instance we would expect to see those 60% of states which allow choice to represent something like 80% of motorcycle fatalities even though they have 60 % of registered motorcycles. Likewise we would expect the 40% of states that have mandatory helmet laws to account for only 20% of all motorcycle fatalities even though they have 40% of registered motorcycles. Such numbers would lend support to the IIHS's conclusion. The problem is that the real numbers do not lead to that conclusion. The actual numbers represented in paragraph two above logically lead one to conclude that mandatory helmet laws have no discernible impact on motorcycle fatalities.

The other problem with the conclusion that the IIHS would have us come to is that it attempts to identify a causal effect where none exists. The implication of the study is that since states with partial helmet laws see more un-helmeted fatalities than those states with mandatory helmet laws, and

those with no law see even more, mandatory helmet laws prevent fatalities. But do those numbers mean that or do they mean that most people follow the law? Let's pretend that twenty states require that all motorcyclists carry their motor vehicle registration with them at all times while the other thirty do not. Let's further pretend that the mandatory registration states account for 40% of registered motorcycles while the non-mandatory states account for 60% of registered motorcycles. Would we not expect to find that of the motorcycle fatalities in mandatory registration states the majority were carrying their motor vehicle registrations with them? Further would we not expect to see that in the non-mandatory registration states a greater number of fatalities were not carrying their motor vehicle registrations with them as compared to mandatory states? Since the non-mandatory registration states represent a greater number of registered motorcycles, we would see a greater number of fatalities were motorcyclists were not carrying their motor vehicle registration. If we follow the logic of the IIHS, we would come to the conclusion that forcing motorcyclists to carry their motor vehicle registrations with them would prevent fatalities. While any sane person would agree that such a conclusion would be ridiculous, is it any more ridiculous than coming to the same conclusion when we are talking about helmets rather than registrations?

No matter what organizations such as the IIHS want the facts to show, they show what we have known for a long time. Mandatory helmet laws do not have a discernible impact on motorcycle fatalities. Let's step away from statistics and numbers and use common sense. The political reality is that if what the IIHS would have us believe is correct, the nationwide trend would be to put mandatory helmet laws into place, not remove them. As of April of 2012, Michigan became the 31st state to allow adult riders to make their own choice when it comes to their own safety. Once the federal government removed the highway fund penalty for states that did not have a mandatory helmet law, more and more states have gone back to trusting the individual citizen to make their own choice. This would not be the case if doing so was costing those states money and creating a blood bath on their highways.

The 31 states that have looked critically at the factual data have come to the conclusion that their citizens can be trusted to make decisions for themselves in this area. Today, only a minority of states do not trust their adult citizens to make choices for themselves when it comes to motorcycle helmets. It is about time that they join the majority. Their citizens should demand it.

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## Latest from Insurance Institute for Highway Safety is out.. their stats are NHTSA numbers:

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In 2011, 92 percent of fatally injured motorcyclists were helmeted in states with helmet laws that cover all riders, in contrast to only 19 percent in states with no helmet law. In states with helmet laws that cover only some riders, 37 percent of fatally injured motorcyclists were helmeted. Helmet use of fatally injured motorcyclists by helmet law status, 2011

	Helmet		No helmet		Unknown		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
No law	37	19	151	80	1	1	189	100
Partial law	846	37	1,413	61	69	3	2,328	100
Universal law	1,714	92	127	7	30	1	1,871	100
Total	2,597	59	1,691	39	100	2	4,388	100

<http://www.iihs.org/research/default.aspx#FF>

### Fatality Facts

A total of 32,367 people died in motor vehicle crashes in 2011. The Institute publishes statistical facts about the motor vehicle safety picture in 2011, the most recent year for which fatality data are available. Fatality Facts are updated once a year, when the U.S. Department of Transportation releases data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS). Archive data for 2005-10 also are available.

### FATALITY FACTS 2011

#### Motorcycles and ATVs:

<http://www.iihs.org/research/fatality.aspx?topicName=Motorcycles>

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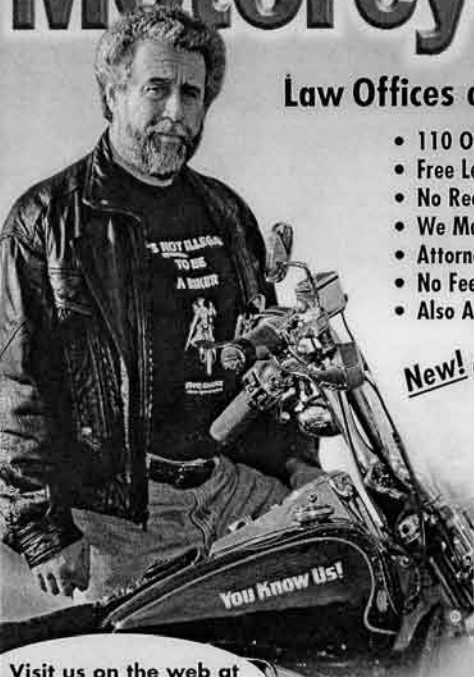
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