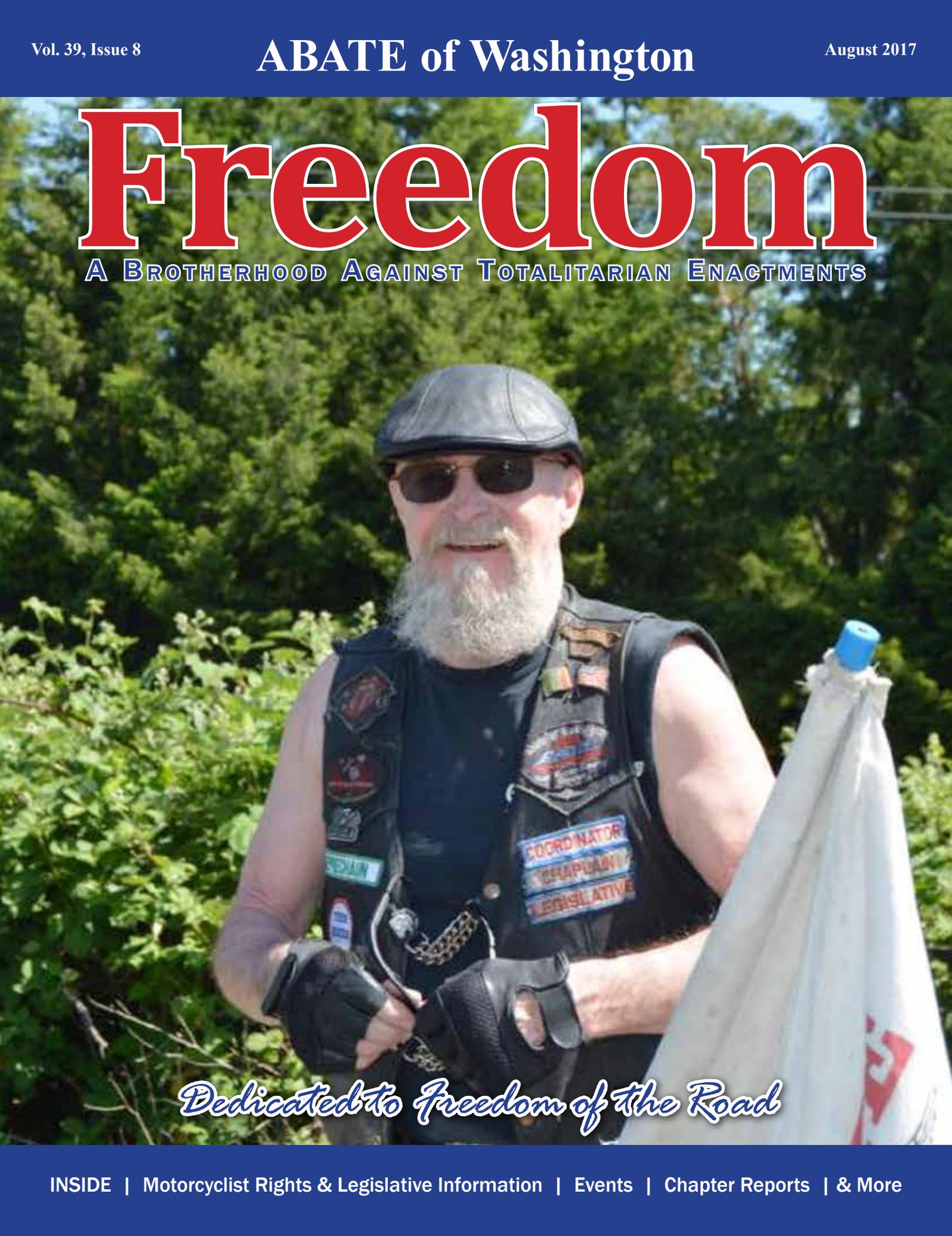


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*Photo this page large: Sky Valley at the Delta House Run.*

*Photo this page small: Luke Sanders the winner of the 2017 S.O. Street Glide.*

*Photo opposite page: Mic Leprechaun Cain.*

*Cover: In memory of our friend Mic Leprechaun Cain 1954 - 2017.*

The August issue this month is packed with runs and events. No matter where you are in Washington there's something coming up for you to use as an excuse to take a ride. Looking forward to next month's chapter reports.

There was some runs that have gone on and weren't sent into the newsletter for the calendar the last couple of months that I found out about only after the fact. Next year's will be posted as a general heads up during the STEAM/BoD weekend. So take a moment to look ahead if your chapter has dates set for 2018 runs and let me know about them in advance as that they will be published three issues from now in the 2018 all events calendar.

Other than that stop wasting time reading what's in here and just take a look for yourself and I'll see you in September!



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*Key Peninsula*
- 12 Fun Run,  
*South King County Chapter*
- 18 Lost Brothers & Sisters Campout,  
*Tacoma Chapter*
- 18 Kickback Campout,  
*Lewist County Chapter*
- 19 Festival of Wheels,  
*Columbia Gorge Chapter*
- 25 Teddy Bear Rally & Campout,  
*East Pierce County*
- 26 Brewery Run,  
*Key Peninsula*

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## From the State Coordinator

### Lyle Coyle

Well I have to tell you that was one awesome spring opener. If you were a sun worshiper you could not have asked for better weather with four days of nothing but sunshine. If you like good music we had that too and we even had a country band Thursday evening that I really enjoyed. From the poker run, bike show, the bike games, raffles, the vendors and people what more could one ask for? The work that was put into this event was immense and there are a lot of people that deserve a special shout out and I hope I don't forget anyone but if I do it is just an old man brain fart. It would be extremely difficult not to start with Jimmy George who had a dream of getting us out of the fair grounds and into a place where we could be comfortable and have an enjoyable event, for going out and getting the raffle drawing items and our vendors, thank you Jimmy. Then you have Koeta who you probably don't see too much of because she never gets a chance to relax, she is always working to make sure that ABATE of Washington's money is safe and

accounted for and if I have to say so myself she does an excellent job. Scott Robinson and Chris Varner, a person could not ask for a couple of people who are more than willing to go the extra mile to make sure that the job gets done. There are some chapters who stepped up and went the extra mile, this is not to say that the chapters not mentioned here didn't do anything but these ones did a lot of extra work, Spanaway, Columbia Gorge, Tacoma, N. Kitsap, and Elk Country did work that needed to be done just because they knew it had to be done so thank you. The Christian Crusaders, Jason McCarter and his security crew, Angela Parkison and the people who helped in products, Greg & Mary Hansen and Kat Bolton for taking care of the first aid, Jeff Benchley and The City Hall Saloon crew, Bobby Laythe and the Freedom Seekers for the bike wash, Columbia River chapter did the tattoo contest, Tacoma chapter did the bike games, N. Kitsap did the bike show, and anyone who helped in any way at all we thank you. But then as always if it wasn't for the people showing up to enjoy this event all the work would have been for nothing so everyone who came and enjoyed themselves THANK YOU!!

Jimmy outdid himself with the raffle prizes this year having 5 bikes and 5 guns. And once again the Spanaway chapter lead ticket sales with Tacoma chapter second and N. Kitsap in third. Billy D sold the winning raffle ticket for the Street Glide which was won by Luke Sanders. The Sportster was won by Paul Leach, the Kawasaki Vulcan was won by Jeff Benchley, the 125 pit bike was won by James Voss, and the 110 pit bike was won by Geoff Billingsley. The pair of .45's was won by Mike Ryan, the AR5.56 was won by Shawn Slade, the SIG 250 9MM was won by Zac Holmes, the 12 gauge shotgun was won by Nikki Patrick and the gun safe was won by Josh Trivelas.

I do have one concern regarding spring opener and that is the total lack of help from some of the chapters. Unfortunately we have chapters that did not sell one raffle ticket, they didn't sell one spring opener ticket which in turn means they did nothing to help spring opener which hurts our legislative efforts because this is our major fundraiser to help pay for our legislative endeavors. I am having a hard time trying to figure out why a chapter in ABATE of Washington doesn't care enough about our organization to put some effort into making sure we succeed, I'm sorry but just don't understand it.

**ABATE of Washington**  
**Board of Directors & Executive Committee Meetings**  
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October 22 (10am Kittitas Chapter)

**ECOM**

September 10 (11am at Johnny's at Fife)

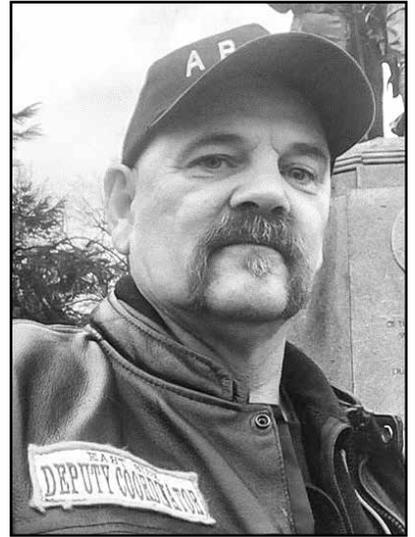
November 19th (11am at Johnny's at Fife)

## Eastside Deputy Coordinator

**Scott Robinson**

Members, we have lost another Patriot. Leprechaun has moved on to the finale resting place. Sad! His dedication to ABATE and great sense of humor will be missed. He is added to the list of fallen Brothers who keep me company on my long rides.

ABATE of Washington still needs to take the position as the leader in the state of Washington for Motorcycle rights and Legislative action. We need to continue to find ways to bring in other riding groups like sport bike riders, MC, RC and all other two wheeled folks have a reason to be concerned with what is happening at the government level. ABATE is the answer to keeping our rights and have some freedom to make our choices in riding gear and equipment on our motorcycle. ECOM continues to try and find ways to reach out to other riders. Question to the members, "How do we make this happen?" Our numbers are growing and there are a lot of forward thinkers in this organization. Time to hear from you Brothers and Sisters so bring your thoughts to the meetings and pass them along to the Coordinators who will pass them along at the B.O.D. Give us something to work with.



Work has to continue at the Capitol and at home with our Representatives and Senators. This fight has no end and everyday is only one more spent on the front lines. Visit them in their home offices, include those offices as a stop on your runs and invite them to your events. We are citizens of the State of Washington. We are growing in numbers and we have a voice to be heard.

Speak up.

## Westside Deputy Coordinator

**Chris Varner**

Hello all, I just want to start out by saying thank you to everyone on the spring opener committee and not just them but to everyone that helped during the event. Those of you that helped set up on Wednesday, Scott, Micki, Early Bird, Trouble Maker, Chris Varner Sr, Jimmy G (who was moving a little slow) and others. I've been going to spring opener since 2009 and partied through all of them. This was the first event I worked as the Westside Deputy Coordinator and let me tell you, I was whooped. I have a new respect for the amount of time and effort it takes to make the event come together, before, during and after. My hat is off to everyone. The ticket sales by Billy De, outstanding. To everyone that sold tickets, thank you. My chapter (North Kitsap) doubled the ticket sales from last year. I couldn't be more proud. Thanks guys and gals. Can't wait for next year.



BoD in Wenatchee has come and past. I'm sure it was a good one as always, thank you Columbia River Chapter for hosting. As I'm writing this before it happens, can't wait to see everyone again.

We've lost a few brothers and sisters. Please everyone be safe out there we don't want loose anyone before their time.

We have a long road ahead of us this year in Olympia. Everyone gear up and get talking to your Senators and Representatives. Time to get some bills passed and thanks for reading.

P.S. Sept 15th, 16th, and 17th North Kitsap is hosting our Westsound Steelhorse Rodeo at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Hells Belles, Hair Nation, Knucklehead and more. Look for the flyer.

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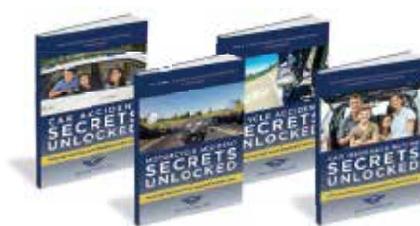
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I would definitely recommend Max to other bikers. *He understands what we are looking for and the lifestyle we live. He definitely fights for the biker and fights against the insurance company.* I would definitely recommend Max. - **ADG Switch**



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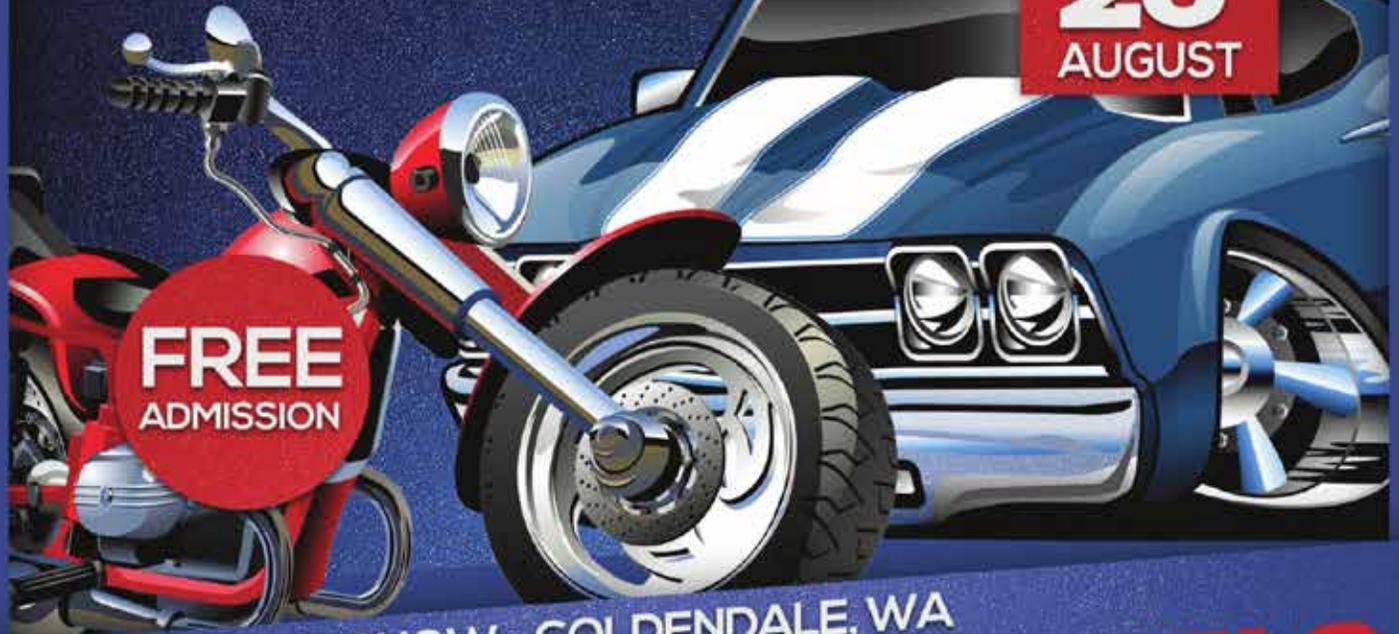
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## **August 2017 Legislative Report**

We as a community need to speak with our legislators back in their districts and lessen their fears about lane sharing. It seems their primary concern is for automobile drivers to encroach on the space motorcycles are passing through, cut them off and cause a collision. The problem is, studies done on two continents over a period of 40 years show that to be a less than 1% chance of occurrence while lane sharing. Automobile drivers are just as likely to encroach on a motorcyclist's space while remaining in position within the lane. Most of us have heard of the study most call

“The Hurt Report.” Probably the most in-depth motorcycle safety study of the 20th Century. It showed that lane sharing may have safety benefits to motorcyclists.

*One of the co-authors of that study, Dr J.V. Ouellet published a study entitled; Lane Splitting on California Freeways in 2011. In the conclusions portion of the report, Dr Ouelette stated;*

*“If the intent of banning motorcycle lane splitting is to protect motorcyclists, the data presented here fail to support that justification. In fact, these data suggest that lane splitting is safer than maintaining a normal lane position. There are three reasons lane splitting may be safer than riding in a normal lane position:*

- 1. Maintaining a normal lane position does nothing to eliminate sudden path encroachment by cars. Motorcyclists are vulnerable to incautious car drivers making sudden, un signaled lane changes regardless of the motorcycle position in the lane.*
- 2. In heavy traffic conditions where lane splitting usually occurs, the motorcyclist has the option to decide which risks to take and it is often clear which traffic conditions are safe (cars in adjacent lanes side-by-side) or risky (a gap in an adjacent lane big enough for a car to move into.)*
- 3. Motorcycles in a normal lane position are far more likely than those splitting lanes to be involved in rear-end collisions, usually because the motorcycle is following too closely behind a car ahead.”*

These words are from a PhD with 40 years experience in researching traffic safety. He has more incites on the subject as well.

*“Car drivers fail to see motorcycles and veer across the motorcycle's path and they do it whether the motorcycle is lane-splitting or in a normal lane position. As with most types of motorcycle-car crashes, the biggest problem is car driver failure to see a motorcycle, not the lane position of the motorcycle.”*

In Europe and Australia lane sharing is allowed and accepted. In Europe the 2009 Motorcycle Accident In-Depth Study found that lane sharing accidents accounted for 0.4% of all motorcycle crashes. In Australia, the state of New South Wales had a trial program for lane filtering (lane sharing on city streets) in 2014, and made lane filtering legal in 2015. A recent email from the Motorcycle Council of New South Wales states; “During the trial there were no collisions, and after 12 months of the law being introduced in NSW the police reported at a meeting that there had been no increase in the number of collisions associated with the introduction of legalized lane filtering.” The other two states in Australia that currently allow lane filtering also report similar findings.

In the State of Hawaii, a lane sharing bill has passed both the House and Senate there. The bill is currently in a conference committee to work out some small differences between the two chambers versions of the bill.

I have also been forwarded an email reply to a citizen from the WSP about their concerns on this issue, which are; “Some drivers ignoring the 10 mph passing speed and traveling at a much higher rate which could potentially cause serious injury or death.” So what is the difference between that and people ignoring the speed limit and, “Traveling at a much higher rate which could potentially cause serious injury or death?”

Scott Robinson and I have had a meeting with the WSP and we are continuing to work to diminish their opposition to the concept of lane sharing. That meeting was the start of a series of meetings with legislators and agencies working to gain support for a wide range of bills ABATE is currently working on. All leading up to next session in January; Black Thursday and hopefully getting at least one of our bills signed by the Governor and passed into law. If things keep moving as they currently are ABATE and the motorcycling community will have at least four bills to work on in the upcoming session. Working together we can make a successful effort in getting the legislation we are pushing to be passed. It looks to be an interesting few months ahead.

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Here is a picture of Rona with an appreciation plaque and a clock made by Jay Jackson for all of the years she served a state secretary. Thank you so much for your time and work Rona! (photo: Lyle Coyle)

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

**SNOHOMISH** - I'm posting a couple of pictures from our Delta house run. As you can see we ride a few bikes right into the building and tell stories of the road to the head trauma victims. Most can't talk but you can see in their eyes as we tell stories of the road for just a few minutes they are riding with us. Then we wheel them all out to the parking lot where we have the rest of the pack so they can see the bikes. We then give them t-shirts from our chapter and we leave them with a smile on their faces and tears in ours for them. It's a bitter sweet thing to do and I invite you all to join us next year for this.

We are now just about to do our Kla-ha-ya days car and bike show this Sunday the 16th of July, so I will be just a day over the deadline of the newsletter. So I'm hoping for great weather and a good showing of bikes and cars. Kla-ha-ya days is a yearly party for Snohomish and the whole town closes the streets for the days of the event. Lots of fun and things to do for the whole family, so you should check it out next year and pay us a visit.

Other than that our chapter is going to take a break for the next month or so. Then we start all over again with the Sky Valley motorcycle show for next year, wheeew! Looking forward to Rod and Dammit Janet's wedding in August then I'm off to Tri-Cities for then next competition plate shoot at my favorite place. All for now, see you, "In the wind." ◇



*Sky Valley Chapter at the Delta House Run.*

## Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

**NASELLE** - Well, the sun is out and sure feels good, need to go for a ride later today. Had fun at spring opener but blew a front tire on the way home. Managed to stay up only because the rubber stayed on the rim. It has been a hard summer on bikers this year with death and accidents. Lets be more careful out there, we need more folks, not fewer. Days are getting shorter but are still very fine. Later and keep the dirty side down. ◇

## Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

**GOLDENDALE** - Hello. As always, it seems time keeps slipping away, as much as we try to keep up, it is winning. We had a CGC member pass this past week of massive heart failure. Our heartfelt sympathies goes out Larry Arthurs family, 11/1/55 - 7/3/17, you will be missed. The Spring Opener was a great time. The Friday night dinner with Sky Vally was awesome (thank you Roger, Jan & friends). A quick shout out to Terry A, Doug B and Dusty H for ALL their time and energy helping out there. Thank you all!

I hear it was a pretty close race on the ticket sales for 3rd place. Tacoma & Columbia Gorge were about 11 tickets difference. Y'all should hear about it at the BOD. Congrats to all who sold and won. I do need to say that I did sell a winning bike ticket this year.

Well, CGC is about to commence on our annual Festival of Wheels, August 18th-20th with lots going on. \$10.00 camping in the city park, bike blow up, car blow up, burnout contest and much much more. Lots of plaques and ribbons to give away, Silent auction, live music and beer garden. You don't want to miss this one! See newsletter for flyer.

Our business meetings are going good and we just got new member so welcome Lisa Herseim.

Until next time, thank you. ◇



*EPCC photo submission of the Leprechaun Memorial Patch*



*Thank you to everyone that helped with the S.O. Bike Wash (photo: Shawn West)*

## Elk Country Chapter

From **BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR**

**MORTON** - What an amazing summer this has been so far. We had to cancel our Dan George Run after the people who knew the route either broke down, had to work or couldn't afford to go on the ride AND go to Spring Opener. Which was a real bummer. Because the route was going from Morton to Port Orchard almost all on back roads.

Just a few days later though we had a great time at Spring Opener! Elk Country even sold two of the winning gun tickets! Our Elk Country fire pit raffle started off with a bang and we sold nearly \$400 in raffle tickets at Spring Opener. Then we had our campout at Penrose Point State Park and a ride that had stops in Belfair, Manchester, Port Orchard, Purdy and Lake Kathryn. At each stop we seem to gain more people to just ride with us. Including a couple of possible new members for ABATE.

By the time you read this it will almost be time for the 75th Annual Morton Loggers Jubilee (Aug. 11-13). If you haven't attended before you should this year as Elk Country Chapter will be in the parade on Saturday. We might even be able to squeeze a few more bikes in so think about it when you come down.

The following weekend Tacoma Chapter is holding their Lost Brothers & Sisters Campout and Ride in Morton. With the ride on Saturday leaving Gust Backstrom Park and ending back at the park. The following morning Elk Country will be holding our second annual Dick Mapes Memorial Bike Show at the park from 10am to 1pm. So you have a double reason to come down to Morton the weekend of the 18th through the 20th of August. I hope to see you there! ♦

## North Kitsap Chapter

From **DEBRA MCVEY, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

**POULSBO** - Many of us showed up early to get things ready for the bike show and we had a great time sponsoring it again this year! The Bike show had some pretty impressive bikes entered from many different chapters and also a few unaffiliated people (need to get them signed up next year). I have to brag a bit as Best of Show went to Mayor Harris from North Kitsap. It was a landslide win, congratulations Mayor! And last but not certainly least, we'd like to thank Lonnie Woods as the Bike Show chairperson for his efforts in ensuring that the show was well organized and that participation by both our members and show participants was a big success! Thanks Lonnie!

And now for the important stuff. It's getting close to NK Chapter's West Sound Steelhorse Rodeo to be held September 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds & Events Center, 1200 N.W. Fairgrounds Rd., Bremerton. Camping is available Friday and Saturday nights for a fee of \$60, which includes entry pass to the music of Hair Nation and Knucklehead on Friday and Hell's Bells, Southern Exhibition, and more on Saturday.

There will be two bike rides on Saturday, yes you heard right: First run will take you to several bar stops and the second run will wind through some of the most beautiful scenic countryside. After the ride get your bike cleaned at the Bikini Bike Wash so that it's looking good for the Bike Show. Then show off your bikes power at the Dyno Contest. And for the ladies, you can enter into the first annual Miss NK ABATE Pageant. You'll also find a beer garden and several food vendors to keep your appetites satisfied. Our next general meeting is on August 2nd, 7:00 p.m., at the All Star Lanes and Casino, 10710 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale. ♦



*North Kitsap at Spring Opener (photo: Debra McVey)*

## Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

**SPANAWAY** - How about that Spring Opener? It just gets better and better each year. I want welcome our 22 new members we gathered up at the Spring opener. Thank you to Alan and Shirley and Robin from Elk Country for helping get them in our chapter. We also signed up several other new members for other chapters. Spanaway chapter signed in 164 members into our camp site and fed them all two meals a day. I want to thank BASH for their donation of food for our camp as it was appreciated. And we ate real good. I want to thank our members who jumped in and helped with the cooking and clean up each day.

I want to thank the chapter for helping sell our raffle tickets. It is a very important part to our Legislation efforts. With no money we have NO POWER.

I am very proud to of sold the two winning tickets for both of the Harley Davidsons. Also proud of members Will and Laurie form Quincy for their effort in setting up and leading our most successful poker run. I heard nothing but praise We had I 137 entries and got \$1,032 for Abate.

We are all glad that Dutch is healing up and will be back to him self shortly.

All and all we all need to give a big tip of the helmet to our Spring Opener Committee they did a fantastic job. I'm very proud of them all.

All of our members in Spanaway Abate offer our condolences to Laura Gain for the loss of (Leprechaun) Mic Cain we all feel your pain. Pray our Lords love help ease your pain.

By the time this comes out in Aug. we will of had our party for Rock and Libbie's birthday. It is always a bad ass time and I am sure it was the same this year if you came I hope you have a great time.

In Aug most of us will be supporting EPCC Teddy Bear run and party our butts off for Leprechaun.

I for one hope in our legislation fight this year we can go after stiffer penalty's for people who hurt motorcycle riders with their cages. Not like the lady who got 45 days for killing a lady on a bike with her cage.

Be safe out their look twice for cages they dam sure are too busy to look out for us. ◇

## Tacoma Chapter

From **LEON "TREAD" STAUB, COORDINATOR**

**TACOMA** - Summer is in full swing with lots of events going on each weekend. Tacoma Chapter has been around town cleaning up the Fallen Rider's Outdoor Memorial Park (F.R.O.M.) and getting together planning for our upcoming Lost Brother's and Sister's Memorial Run on August 18-20. It will be a great time with Elk Country Chapters bike show happening at the same place on the 20th.

Thanks to all the members that came out to help clean up the park. I know that it is noticed by the community when we get the park cleaned up and when we cleaned it last year before the islands were planted by King 5 and the Nature Conservancy, the folks involved in that project noticed immediately the difference it made.

Spring Opener seems like it is a bit smaller in the rear view mirror, but I wanted to make sure to thank those who helped with all of our tasks and events during Spring Opener. For helping with the bike games, Molly Larsen and Lauren Hines were a great help with getting everyone registered. Jack Lalli, Ricky Todd, Steve Carlsberg and Dan Barker, thanks for helping to run the games keeping times, measuring keg rolls and keeping everyone cool by spraying water and keeping the dust down. Thanks goes to Rachel for MC'ing the games and letting everyone know what was going on, and providing entertainment to the crowd. All of you made the bike games a success and your efforts were very much appreciated. Thanks also to Sarah Staub, Terry Barker and Shari Rose for manning the raffle ticket booth and selling so many raffle tickets. It was great that we were able to help sell more raffle tickets to support the state, and we couldn't have done it without your effort. Thanks again.

Please come join us at our Lost Brother's and Sister's Memorial Run, we'll have camping a good ride and bike games on Saturday, and lots of fun with everybody. ◇

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## Inland Empire Chapter

From **SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY**

**SPOKANE** - August 12th is the date for our meeting this month up at the Illinois at 10am. One meeting left after this one before our next run. If there's any odds or ends that need to be addressed now would be the time to do it. We'll be going over the latest motorcycle news in Washington and Idaho, upcoming legislation from ABATE we'll be pushing in Olympia, finishing up the details of our fall run and reviewing what happened at BoD. See you there! And as always give a wave when we see you on the road. ◇

## Olympia Chapter

From **ROBBIE THOMPSON, COORDINATOR**

**LACEY** - Spring Opener has come and gone and the heat of summer is upon us. This was my first time at the Spring Opener and I had a great time. I want to thank the Tacoma Chapter for all of their hospitality and I hope that next year we'll combine our groups again.

Operation Hope was a success and I'm glad we got to help coordinate the ride with the Libertarians MC and the Disabled Vets MC to benefit Crazy Faith for their street feed. ♦



*Olympia members Kris Tarnow, Kat Walters and Robbie Thompson hanging out with the Tacoma chapter campsite at the Spring Opener.*

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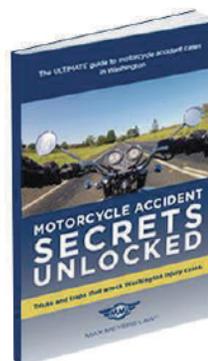
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The above picture was taken outside the office of Representative Derek Kilmer when Key Peninsula Chapter member Glynce Jackson visited all of Washington state's Legislators' offices. Congressman Kilmer was the only Washingtonian who could find the time to personally spend a few minutes with a constituent. Glynce was in the District of Columbia to take part in the Motorcycle Riders Foundation—the MRF—Bikers in the Beltway Lobby Day. There were MRF Representatives all over the Hill talking with their Senators and Representatives about matters that effect all motorcycle riders across the United States. Issues addressed include the Anti Profiling Resolution in both Houses, Ethanol, the FAST Act, the Motorcycle Advisory Council, autonomous vehicle standards, and anything the Aides had questions about.

We know about lobbying in Olympia and lobbying in the D.C. is the same—just on a larger scale. It is lots of fun. The real phone booths and tunnels are a kick. The cafeteria is a dining pleasure, if you have the time for a sit-down meal. The MRFA&E set up the motorcycle simulator for anyone to experience the joy riding on their break. It was fairly busy the whole time it was there.

This year was really special because there were several Clubs represented to help the MRF explain the profiling issue. The unity demonstrated by a wide variety of Riders walking the halls of the Senate and Representatives goes a long way showing the strength of the MRF's grass root organization. The group of more than 100 represented more than half the states of the country. Next year there will be more Riders taking part in the Bikers in the Beltway because now more understand the importance of lobbying to protect and promote motorcyclists' rights.

Glynce also participated in the MRF Board of Directors meeting as one of two State Representatives Reps to the board. The Reps help MRF members' interactions with organization and represent their states with the MRF.

### The MRF's Bikers in the Beltway

Every year for the past 9 years the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has held the only National Motorcycle Lobby Day at our nation's capital in Washington D.C. This year, for the first time representatives from ABATE of North Idaho participated. ABATE of North Idaho (ANI) sent Duane Justus, the Kootenai Chapter Coordinator, and me, Dave Cazel, the Legislative Liaison for ANI and Idaho's Assistant Representative to the MRF. ICMS had sent their Government Relations Officer Wayne Weirson to D.C. a few years prior to this event.

I arrived in D.C. two days prior to the lobbying day in order to participate in MRF committee meetings and attend the MRF Board of Directors meeting. The night before the lobbying day an orientation was held by the MRF to familiarize the participating bikers about the next day's activities and distribute the position papers on issues to be discussed with the legislators. There were over thirty (30) states represented by more than 100 bikers. The bikers came from States' Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs), independents, and an assortment of motorcycle clubs. There were lots of patches and a whole lot of leather. It was quite a sight because the next day when we walked the halls of congress all the elected officials, staffers, lobbyists and the engaged public were wearing their "uniforms", i.e. suits, ties and skirts. We were walking the halls in black leather and cuts.

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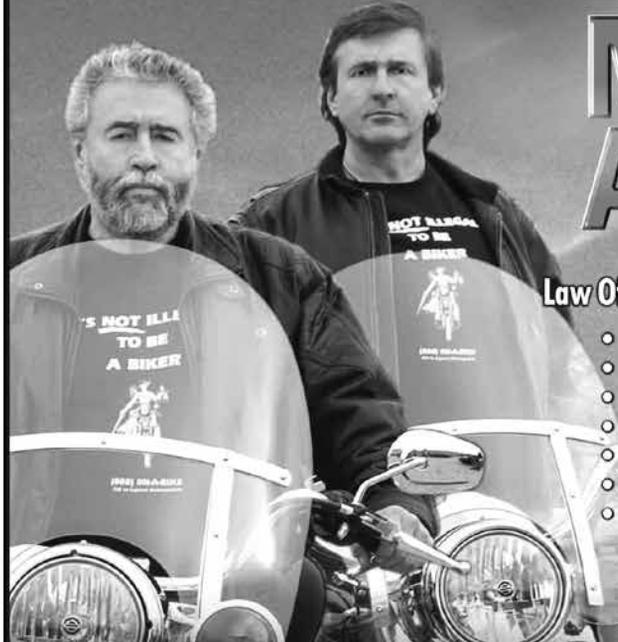
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We knew months ago that we had only one day set aside to go “eyeball to eyeball” with the legislators and their staffs in D.C. I started setting up the meetings with the four Federal delegates from Idaho, Senators Crapo and Risch and Congressmen Labrador and Simpson 3 months prior. These people have incredibly full schedules, constituents in and out all day long and I wanted to make sure that Duane and I had appointments with all four offices on lobbying day. I wanted 15 minutes of their time to make our points and I had to prioritize the issues we would present. We had six primary subjects:

- (1) Increased Ethanol in the fuel supply
- (2) A law to end Motorcyclist Profiling
- (3) Representation on the Motorcyclist Advisory Council
- (4) A Federal definition of Motorcycle (to the exclusion of Autocycle)
- (5) The RPM Act
- (6) Autonomous Vehicle testing (DoT to ensure motorcycle recognition)

Evidently we had done our homework because after presenting the first two subjects the staffs wanted to hear all our issues. We had more than 35 minutes in each office. As we walked out, the waiting rooms were full of constituents waiting to see their representatives. Their appointment calendars seemed to have gotten a little behind schedule. Three of the four legislators were in committee meetings or on the floor of the House or Senate and were unable to meet but we did meet with two Chiefs of Staff (the gate keepers), one legislative director, and four legislative assistants and with Senator Risch who responded to the two EPA issues with “You’re preaching to the choir”.

The process took all day with a lot of walking but when we finished our last meeting Duane and I discussed the day and agreed that the day appeared to have been a success. We were able to present all our talking points, established name and sight recognition with the people that make our Federal government in Washington D.C. work. The feedback we received all throughout the day was positive and the communication that I have had with the offices since has been more immediate and responsive. As to whether the day was truly a success, it will be proven by legislative decisions and future actions of our Idaho delegates. As they say, “the proof is in the pudding”.

I would like to thank each of Idaho’s MRF members, all of Idaho’s motorcyclists and especially each and every member of ABATE of North Idaho for the financial support to represent them before our elected officials in Washington D.C. I think we’re making a difference in D.C. Like the ole’ quip goes, “If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu”, and Idaho’s motorcyclists are definitely at the legislative table.

Dave Cazal, ANI -Legislative liaison , MRF-Idaho Asst. Rep.

## NEWS FROM THE HILL – August Recess DELAYED...but Will Anything Get Done?

In case you didn’t know, the U.S. Congress takes a much-needed and very well-deserved break (β SARCASM) every August. Our elected officials use the month to take some personal time, but mostly they spend their days at fundraisers or meet with constituents at the home office (side note – August is a GREAT time to set up meetings with your legislators). However, some recent shenanigans will almost certainly curtail that this year.

This week, Sens. David Perdue (R-Ga.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), John Kennedy (R-La.) Mike Lee (R-Utah), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Luther Strange (R-Ala.) held a press conference calling on the Senate to cancel August recess. The reasoning? There is so DAMN MUCH TO DO. Here is what the White House has asked the Hill to do immediately: 1) Pass a repeal of Obamacare before August recess. 2) Lift the debt ceiling before August recess. 3) Agree on the outlines of a broad-based overhaul of the nation’s tax code before the August recess. 4) Clear outstanding executive and judicial branch nominations.

The problem? As of this writing, there are 11 legislative days scheduled until the August recess begins. Obamacare repeal is in a tough spot. Congress is extremely unlikely to lift the debt ceiling before the August recess. And I can’t see any agreement on the horizon on tax reform.

But to give credit where due, Senator Majority Leader Mitch McConnell did make the announcement that the Senate will break with longstanding precedent and delay the start of its August recess until the third week of the month in order to continue to work this summer. Now, I understand at home, you may be saying SO WHAT THE EFF? I work every August! (You and me both, my friends). But this breaks a long-standing precedent in D.C. and has everyone talking....

This D.C. insider’s opinion? GOOD. There is a lot to be done, so let’s roll up our sleeves and get there. And if they want to pass the MRF’s profiling resolution while they’re around this August, we certainly wouldn’t be opposed to that!

## EXECUTIVE &amp; REGULATORY UPDATES – Guardrail Fail and Ethanol Talk

Families of people who have been killed by driving into a guardrail they say is dangerous have brought a lawsuit against the Lindsay Corporation, which makes the X-LITE model guardrail device. Lawsuits recently filed say that the rails impale vehicle passengers and have been linked to several deaths across the country since last year. There are approximately 14,000 X-LITE units in use in at least 29 states and Puerto Rico. Lindsay Chief Executive Officer Rick Parod discussed the lawsuit recently stating that, “We stand behind X-LITE and will vigorously defend these claims.” Parod went on to say that their product has passed crash and safety tests in accordance with federal standards. Notably, while the product is still eligible to be purchased using federal transportation funding, Parod said, Lindsay is replacing the X-LITE in its lineup this year with products that meet a newer set of federal safety standards. Your MRF pays close attention to issues surrounding guardrails considering the needs of our membership. We’ll watch this as it develops and report out accordingly.

Wait...what? EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt had a gift for ethanol producers this Independence Day...he stayed a continuation of the Obama administration’s requirement that 15 billion gallons of ethanol go into the nation’s fuel system. Hold on though, folks don’t sharpen your knives just yet. Pruitt reduced overall advanced biofuels in 2017, kept advanced biodiesel steady in 2019, and cut by about a quarter the cellulosic ethanol mandate for fuels from agricultural products that have a much smaller carbon footprint. What does that mean in plain speak? Pruitt has opened the door to significant changes down the road, suggesting that an analysis of a “reset” of the ethanol volumes allowed under the law may be in order. The EPA is asking for comment on imported ethanol and biodiesel, and for an examination of the market for zero percent ethanol. **KEEP IN MIND ITS ONLY A PROPOSAL...**the EPA often modifies its proposed volumes when it issues a final rule. Now the agency has until November 30th to take comment and produce a final rule. The clock is ticking and your MRF is watching.

## NEWS FROM THE STATES: TEXAS Announces Motorcycle Crash Analysis Findings

More news from the lone star state this week. Researchers at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute announced their completion of a five-year analysis of motorcycle crashes in the state. Though we encourage you to read the full report (link below) some quick factoids from the announcement include an increased likelihood of crashes in urban settings versus rural (however those crashes that occur in rural areas are more severe); 40% of riders in crashes have no “M” license certification; and, of fatal motorcycle crashes, 44% involved an impaired rider. A friendly reminder that these stats are exclusive to Texas and that there are many other statistics...read the report...give me your feedback!

The full study can be accessed by clicking on this link.

## MRF NEWS &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS – Meetings in August and MOTM

Though your elected officials are looking at a shorter August recess this year (see the first story), the last two weeks of the month, they are likely to be home in their districts. What does this mean for you? **IT’S A GREAT TIME TO MEET WITH YOUR CONGRESSPERSON.** If you attended Bikers Inside the Beltway, a short meeting in the district office is an ideal time to follow up on all of those issues the staffer promised to “look into.” Sufficient time has passed since the end of May so you can go in and say, **HEY** – what’s the final word? Can you sign on to our profiling resolution? Push for the RPM to go to the floor? Make some responsible changes to the ethanol mandate? Finally fix the definition of a motorcycle?

And if you **DIDN’T** attend Bikers Inside the Beltway (first of all shame on you!) then here is your chance to make up for it and schedule a meeting with your elected officials in your home state and share your concerns as riders! Don’t know who to call for an appointment? Let me help! (megan@mrf.org) Don’t know what to say? We’ve got you covered. The MRF recently posted all of our issue summaries that we lobbied on this year. Print these off, study them up, make your appointments and **PREACH.**



## Live Bands!

Trinity Mills  
Twice Baked  
Fat Chance Band  
Jim Basnight Band

## Events!

Poker Run & Awards  
Pudding Wrestling  
Man Boob Contest  
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**Event is FREE except for the Poker Run. Camping is free at  
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**Saturday, Aug 26, 2017**

**Sign-in 11:15am**

**KICK STANDS UP 12:30pm**

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Tacoma Chapter Abate of Washington

# LOST BROTHERS & SISTERS MEMORIAL RIDE & CAMPOUT

August 18 - 20, 2017

Camping ★ Ride ★ Bike Games ★ Live Music



**Weekend Pass**  
**\$25 ABATE**  
**\$30 Non-ABATE**

*\*Ride included with weekend pass*

*Gates: 2pm Friday*  
*Gust Backstrom Park*  
*Morton, WA*

*No Attitude - No Firearms - No Fireworks*

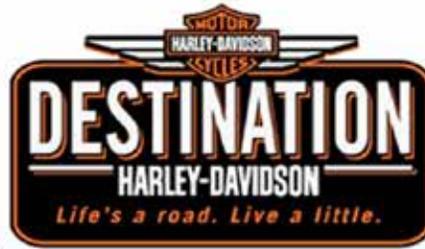
**Saturday Ride**  
**\$10**

*Starts at Campground*  
*Registration 9am*  
*KSU 10:30am*

*Event details subject to change. For updates, visit [www.tacomaabate.org](http://www.tacomaabate.org)*

# ABATE of Washington North Kitsap Chapter

**Bike Rides  
Beer Garden  
Food Vendors  
Bike Show**



**Raffle  
Bikini Bike Wash  
Auction  
Dyno Contest**

**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Kitsap County Fairgrounds**

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## WHAT'S THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND A **BAD** LAWYER?

**TV ADS...** Just because they run 10 TV ads a day doesn't mean they know what they are doing. Commercials can promise "fast cash settlements," but that is rare in today's insurance claims market, unless you agree to accept a low-ball offer on your case!

**YELLOW PAGE ADS...** They all say the same thing... "Experienced," "Trial Lawyer," "Free Consultation," "No Recovery - No Fee." How are you supposed to choose a good personal injury lawyer when all of these ads say the same thing?

**OUT OF STATE LAWYERS...** Do you want to use an out of state lawyer for your Washington accident? What does a California lawyer know about living and riding in Washington? Probably nothing. Plus, these lawyers just refer you to a local attorney who gives them a cut of the fees. If your lawyer is giving away a chunk of his fee, will he really be motivated on your case?

**ATTORNEYS WHO SEND YOU ANYTHING JUST DAYS AFTER YOUR ACCIDENT...** These attorneys are ambulance chasers and are looking to get clients any way they can! Ordering your police report without your permission is unethical. Do you really want an unethical lawyer as your representative?

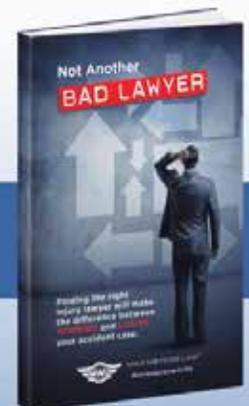
**WEBSITES...** Do you find that most lawyers are just boasting about themselves and their firms, when all you are looking for are answers to your questions about what you should do after an accident? At a minimum, they should offer a free motorcycle accident book.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Members, ABATE of Washington Members, do you realize the immense responsibility we share to help our organization fulfill its purpose? Do you remember that ABATE of Washington is a member based organization? Have you thought about the diagram of our organization that shows the MEMBERS at the TOP of an upside down pyramid? That means that we MEMBERS are the most important part of our organization, right? Here's the deal (as I see it):

MEMBERS  
COORDINATORS  
EXECUTIVE  
OFFICERS

Using the trickle down theory; things run from the top down. The Members tell their Coordinator in each Chapter what they think the organization should do to accomplish ABATE's purpose. Then the Chapter Coordinators take those ideas to the State Board of Director (BOD) Meetings to share them and come to agreement with each other in how to make it happen. Then the Executive Officers (who form a committee, the ECOM) work to help get those things done in the time between the BOD quarterly meetings. They also take care of the regular daily business of the organization like depositing the member dues in the bank, paying the bills for doing the business, keeping the check book balanced, writing minutes (they are the records of the business of the organization) and sharing information with all the Coordinators. Then all the Members are happy with all the Officers and we all live happily ever after.

Yeah, right, I hear your eyes rolling. You are wondering what I've been smoking. Well, this is the simple ideal functions of normal operations. Every Member has responsibilities and duties to make this model work. Members are supposed to know what is happening in ABATE. (That is why we have a newsletter, Freedom, so we can read every month what is going on with the other Chapters and the BOD.) It is each Chapter's responsibility and duty to put an article in the newsletter. The bylaws of the organization say that is the duty of every Chapter. When we Members have this information we can work together better to get our jobs done.

The Members who have been elected Coordinator by the Members of the Chapters have more responsibilities and duties. They are responsible to have monthly meetings with their Chapters, to go to the state BOD meetings every three months (4 times a year), they are the link between the state officers and the individual Members, and they must help their Chapters accomplish their goals.

The Executive Officers who have been elected by all the Members in the State have even MORE duties and responsibilities. They're responsible for all the Members, for leading the Members to fulfill the mission of the organization, for managing the monies of the organization, and for helping the organization get more members.

There are many books and classes that help people be good managers and Leaders. Some people are blessed to be good leaders naturally and some have to work hard to be good leaders. Good leaders inspire other people to help them accomplish the purpose of the organization and gladly do the tasks asked of them.

All of us ABATE of Washington Members should try to be the best members we can be. We can be responsible by staying informed, by going to meetings, by doing what we say we will do, by paying our dues on time, and by respectfully working together. If we don't know what the mission is or what the purpose of ABATE is, it is our responsibility to ask questions and find out what we want to know. It is each Member's responsibility to step up and do something to help their Chapter and/or the state organization. Every one of us has something we like to do and that we do well, so use that talent to help. The Member Officers have the responsibility to listen to the Members and respectfully use their talents to help the organization grow.

We are all Members of ABATE of Washington because we love the freedom of riding motorcycles and we believe in the purpose of ABATE of Washington. Let us work together and make ABATE great. "Our strength is in our Unity." (Ben Carson)

I love to ride and believe that we can keep our freedom to ride as we want by working together.

Ride free, Jay Jackson.



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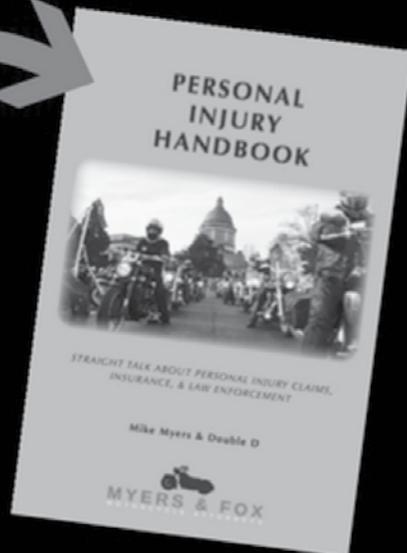


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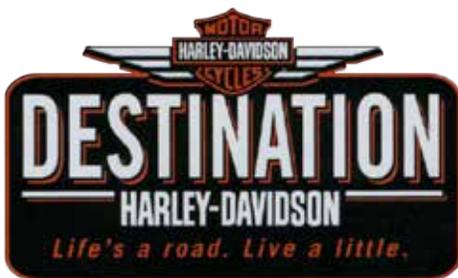
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