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7 1 1 503 REP	Kittitas County	Joe Hill	1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Business meeting	5:30 PM social prior to business
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	Kennewick, WA 99337			
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### ATTENTION

Board of Directors April 20th 12pm lunch provided Morton Senior Center 103 Westlake Ave. Morton WA, 98356

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APRIL

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  - Grant County Ch. Moses Lake
- 6 Baskett Build,
- J East Pierce County Chapter
- 13 Pigout Charity Run, Pacific County Ch. - Chinook
  - **2** Bunny Hop Run,
    - East Pierce County Ch. Tacoma
  - **7** Chapter Run,
- Key Peninsula Ch. Port Orchard

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- Roll 'em Out,
- Tacoma Chapter Spanaway
- ANI Awareness Ride, *Kootenai Co. Ch. - Coeur D'Alene*
- **1 1** 101 Run,
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- 1 Motorcycle Awareness Ride,
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- **Q** Mystery Run,
- **EO** *East Pierce County Ch.*
- **Q** ANI Freedom Run,
- ANI Coeur D'Alene
- Mt. St. Helens Memorial Ride,
- *Elk County Chapter Castle Rock*
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## **OFFICER** REPORTS



### From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

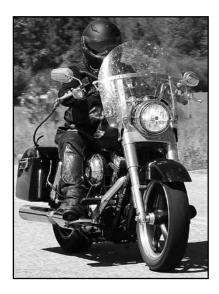
As I write this it is only a couple of weeks until our Swap Meet and even though it has not happened yet I know it will be a success because Tina has it all under control. Tina and her committee have been working on plans that will grow our swap meet and give people more options and a better venue all the way around. After the Swap Meet it will be only a short time till Spring Opener which will once again be at the Silver Ridge Ranch in Easton. There will be all of the same great times and activities that you enjoyed last year. We will have the bike and gun raffle, live music, bike games and much more. Bottom line on June 27th, 28th, 29th, & 30th ABATE of Washington's Spring Opener is the only place to be, it will be the ultimate motorcycle rally in Washington State.

Well we are going to need a new Legislative Affairs Officer as Brian Lange has resigned. Brian has worked hard during his time as LAO for ABATE of Washington

and will definitely be missed. Brian has stated he is not leaving ABATE and will still do what he can. I have already started looking for Brian's replacement but it is something I am not going to rush into as this is a very important position to fill.

Don't really have a lot to say this month and I am thinking this writing an article is something I will not miss when I am no longer doing this job which isn't that far away. Come January there will be nominations for my position so if you know of someone who would be interested in being State Coordinator for the premier motorcycle rights organization in the state of Washington put January on your calendar.

People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.



### Public Relations Susan "Stars" Carson

It looks like riding season is finally upon us! Many ABATE events such as Spring Swap Meet and Spring Opener are quickly here. I am hoping to see and meet many of you this year to get your individual ideas of how we can spread our message. Remember, as I have said in the past, you are our best advertising we can have.

This year I was able to have one television station out to do an interview at Black Thursday and a few newspapers. This was a start of what I see for the future with the media. I am also working on coming up with a plan for billboard advertising throughout the State. We have many untouched areas through out the State that still has no idea what we do. Those are the people we need to reach! Many of you have seen my posts of the many Chapter and different club events which I enjoy sharing and helping spreading the word of these events. If you have events you would like to share you can message me on Facebook or email me your JPG to PR1@abate-Wa.org. We also have a Twitter account to follow us on, ABATE of Washington @Abateof.

Be safe out there!

## **OFFICER** REPORTS

### Senior Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

For some of you the riding season has already started. If that's the case be extra careful on those back roads there is still a lot of gravel and debris on the roads. We still have compact snow and ice on our roads in Goldendale and this morning it snowed on March 12th. Go figure.

Packing to go to the Spokane Motorcycle Show. We're taking state products and ABATE info hoping to recruit some members and continue with the growth and awareness of ABATE in the Spokane area. (editor's note, 6 new members signed up)

ECOM was a busy day. One of the big news items was that Brian Lang is stepping down from the STATE LAO position. First I have to say Thanks to Brian for all his hard work and effort put into this position as it is a tough job and requires tons of time. Wish him the best in his next adventure. If you bump into Brian thank him for all his hard work. We are looking for a replacement at this time. Suggestions are welcome.

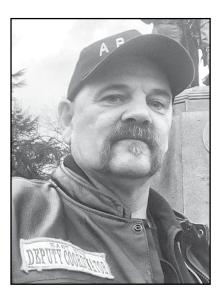
Attended the East Side CoC meeting last weekend. Time to be very careful when you are on the road traveling to different states the rules of engagement are changing. People on motorcycles are being looked at in a less than friendly approach. The laws in Washington are not getting better for motorcycle riders. The WSP and other folks are not willing to listen to us. The city and state planning meetings for the future highways have no mention of motorcycle riders or concern for their safety. This would be alarming if it was not the way it has been for years. We continue to go to the hearings and give examples of profiling and total disregard for motorcycle riders safety in general and all they say is put on a helmet. Watch your back as nobody in an automobile will be.

Swap Meet looks like we are in for a great show people coming from as far away as Montana to be vendors we are becoming know as a quality event in regards to Motorcycle swap meets. Will have the numbers at the April BoD. Stand by for that.

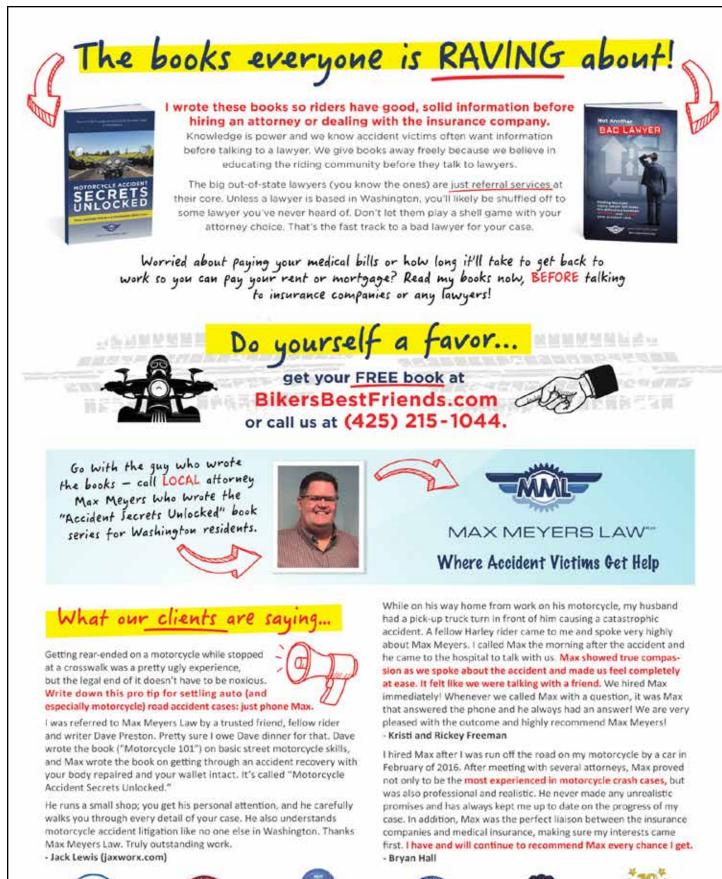
Ride a lot stay out of the chair and the cupboards you will live longer.

### Ambassador At Large Ron Scott

Hello all, hope everyone is doing fine. I have been busy with my job and need to find more time to get out and see old friends and meet new members. I would like to say thank you to Doug Bowers for being there to assist me as Ambassador. He has been out there all over spreading the word of Abate. Thank you so much Doug for all you are doing. It is that time of year where more motorcyclists are out. Be safe while out there riding. Watch out for those that may not see you. If anyone has a question for me or needs assistance with anything, call or email me.











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## **LEGISLATIVE** NEWS



### Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

### **April 2019 Legislative Report**

The 2019 legislative session in Olympia has been a roller coaster of activity from the start, including a Committee hearing on only day two of the session. I don't recall having so many hearings for bills supported by ABATE in such a short time that; while maybe not all were heavily attended, they were consistently well enough attended that it made an impression that ABATE was serious in getting them moving. I want to thank everyone who attended the hearings, signed in as "Pro" on our issues in support, and those who were able to testify.

Black Thursday was successful again this year. The riders once again had to deal with the fickle nature of Washington's January climate. I think Black Thursday is almost like the 4th of July in western Washington; where it is hit-or-miss whether it will rain or not, but the 5th of July is almost always a nice day. The Meet & Greet was a success again, with I believe over two dozen legislators actually coming to the event and most spending time with us. Now if we can keep building on that success, what amazing things could happen?

Sadly, the helmet bills and the lane sharing bill did not make it passed the cut-off dates, so they are not moving any further this session. However, we still have (at the time of this writing) a couple of bills still in the process. Both the Senate and House versions of the parking bills both were unanimously passed out of their originating chambers. The House version will be heard in the Senate Transportation Committee in just a few days. I am really hopeful that with the support these bills are receiving, we can actually get a parking bill passed this session.

I was very pleased to hear as I listened to the House Transportation Committee hearing on House Bill 1966, a "Vulnerable Users" penalty enhancement bill, when the prime sponsor of the bill stated that it was due to ABATE members coming to her in regard to the issue that she first became aware of the problem. This bill would double the fines for a handful of violations that have a high degree of correlation with collisions involving the state's "vulnerable users". While, due to the heavy snow no ABATE members were able to attend the hearing, ABATE was specifically mentioned during the hearing by legislators and lobbyists from other organizations several times. Since ABATE members brought this issue to Rep. Kilduff a couple of years ago, it has been gaining traction in the legislature. Even with no ABATE members present in the hearing, ABATE was being shown as a positive force in Olympia. HB1966 is, as of the time of this writing, still alive and moving through the process in the Senate.

As you read this, the session should be coming towards its scheduled close. I have high hopes that with the growing effort being shown by members to get personally involved, and learn the process bills have to follow, and how to track the progress of specific bills, ABATE will continue to be the leader in the field of motorcycle rights in Washington state. There are a growing number of members who have learned to use the legislature's website to provide them with email alerts on committee hearings so they can more easily follow bills through the process. If ABATE can keep this momentum going, I can't imagine the influence the organization could have.

However, and there always seems to be a "however" anymore doesn't there, the time may be coming for ABATE to consider taking a different tack on some issues. For nearly thirty years we have been fighting the war against the mandatory helmet law, winning some small victories here and there. Perhaps the time is growing close that ABATE, maybe in conjunction with other state and national motorcycle rights organizations, to consider filing a civil rights lawsuit against the State of Washington for violation of the 'equal protection' clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution involving the helmet law. There are multiple studies showing that the percentage of motorcyclists injured or killed due to head injuries is vastly lower than the percentage of automobile occupants. The Washington State Dept. of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, have released studies and reports showing that in the categories of; Emergency Room visits due to head injuries, hospitalizations due to head injuries, and fatalities due to head injuries, the percentage of automobile occupants many times higher that the percentages of

motorcyclists in the same categories. Yet we are the ones forced to wear that five pound coconut on our heads, while even the thought of requiring automobile occupants to do the same is laughable to legislators.

Finally, I want to let you all know that, due to personal matters needing to take priority, I will be stepping down as LAO for ABATE effective the last day of the legislative session (April 23rd, 2019). It has been an honor and a privilege to be your LAO these last several years. This has been a rewarding and fulfilling position, and I have enjoyed almost every minute of it. It is just getting to the point however, where I have to put all my focus on my own life, and restore the balance and stability there before I lose even more than I already have. I have already made a recommendation to Lyle on a person who I feel would make an outstanding advocate for ABATE and the motorcyclists of Washington State due to his experience with the process and the players involved, an already existing network of connections with legislators, and his dedication. I can only have faith that Lyle will appoint and the BOD will confirm an LAO we can all be proud work with.

Thank you again, for this opportunity. It has been a privilege and an honor. Catch you on the road sometime.

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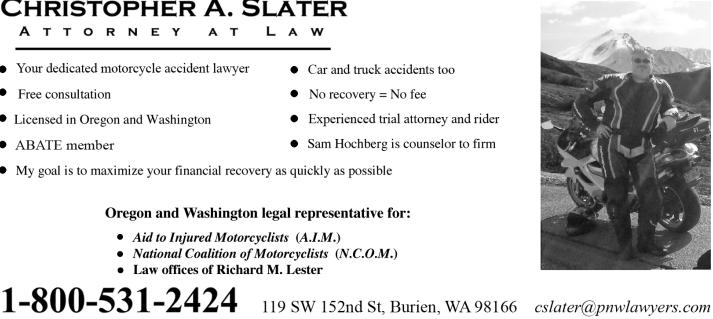
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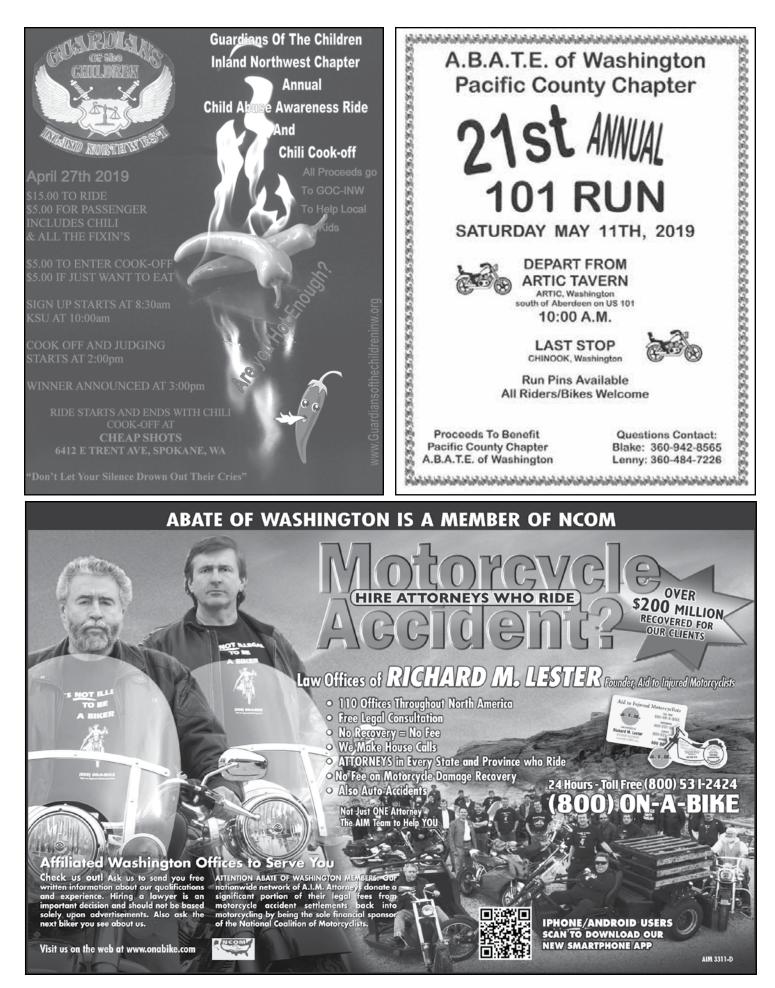
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- Law offices of Richard M. Lester

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## Pacific County Chapter PIGOUT CHARITY RUN

## April 13th 2019 Starts at "Fish Trap" Chinook, WA Sign up 9-10 am Group Leaves 10:00 am Last Stop Naselle \$10.00 Buy In includes BBQ at the

end of the run!

Run Pins Available!

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### **Chapter Rep Region 1**

### From DOUG BOWERS, COLUMBIA GORGE - GRANT COUNTY - KITTITAS COUNTY - SPOKANE - TRI-CITIES

Snow is going fast now as I write this in mid-March. If you haven't done it yet check your scoot over and don't forget tire pressure. It's not hard to lose 10-15 lbs over the winter.

Through February we did two legislative updates / meet n' greets. One at Rattlesnake Mountain HD in Kennewick on the 16th and Owens Cycle HD in Yakima on the 23rd. A big thanks for them for hosting ABATE. Support the sponsors that are supporting us. Talking to folks that were there on a couple snowy Saturdays told us that there were some that knew about ABATE and some that didn't. Signed up some new members, some didn't want to join but said they would track and support what we're doing in the Legislature. Seemed to be genuine interest in our legislative work with all those we talked to.

Attended the COC meeting in Moses Lake, gave their reps a legislative update and thanked them for their continued support of ABATE of Washington. Spoke to a couple of their reps about firing up an ABATE chapter in the Walla Walla area. There has been some interest so if you know of anyone in the area that would be interested in helping form a new chapter have them get a hold of me.

On to ECOM on Sunday March 10th where ABATE business and activity reports were given by committee heads. Meeting minutes are available for all those who want.

This weekend we'll be headed to Spokane for the annual M/C show, March 15 - 17, and give Spokane Chapter a hand in running their information booth and recruiting new members. They get a few thousand people through there so it'll be a good place to get the word out. While in Spokane we'll also be meeting with 3rd district legislators Sen. Billig and Reps. Riccelli and Ormsby.

With the print copy of the newsletter opt out now available, those of you that still get the print copy save them please. Let me know when you get a few saved up and I'll get them from you. They're a great help to us that are doing these meet n' greet events and in getting the ABATE message out there.

Brian Lange has resigned as State LAO as of April 29th. Thank you Brian for all you've done, your guidance through the legislative maze has been huge help to all of us and hope you'll continue to do the Legislative Report in Freedom, well written articles.

If there is food value in beer - how come there's no beer value in food?  $\diamond$ 

### **Tacoma Chapter**

#### From LEON "TREAD" STAUB, COORDINATOR

**TACOMA** - April is upon us, hopefully that doesn't mean April showers, and we get plenty of riding weather this month. We had a lot going on over the first couple of months of 2019 including our celebration of our 40th Anniversary for Tacoma Chapter. This is the year to celebrate all of those who started us going as well as those who keep us going. I'm very proud to be a part of the history of Tacoma ABATE and am thankful for all those who share their memories of the past 40 years. At our anniversary party Reddog shared some video of past events and they were certainly a draw for everyone who came to the party. I'm very glad to be able to have seen the videos.

In March we also had a spaghetti feed to help benefit the Wishing Well Foundation. They supply toys, clothes and other things to children who are in foster care. It is truly a Godsend to those children who are sometimes pulled from their homes with nothing but the clothes on their back. It was truly a great event for a great cause, and I'd like to thank all of those on our fund raising committee and those who helped coordinate and run this great event. I am confident that there will be many more events like this one that will help similar causes in our community.

We will have our Roll Em Out ride coming up May 4th (see page 9) so please come join us, and I'll guarantee you'll have a great time.

While we think about our 40th Anniversary and the things that we've done so far and the things we will do I am saddened that some of our members will remain with us only in our memories and in spirit. Lesta Campbell and Arnie Horath will no longer ride with us on motorcycles but on the wind. I was grateful to know you both and you will forever have a place in my memory and in my heart. You will both be missed by all of us.  $\diamond$ 

### **Elk Country Chapter**

### From ALICE BROWN, SECRETARY

**MORTON** - Elk Country is looking forward to hosting the April BoD! There has been a change of location. The meeting will be at the Senior Center in Morton on April 20th beginning at noon. It's location is 1st and Westlake, near the high school in Morton. Please not: this is not the same location as last yea, so be sure to use your navigation device. The Lyle Building is a relatively new building located beside Gus Backstrom Park. Plan on a Complimentary Lunch with this event. Yes, free lunch.

The Summer riding season is just around the corner and we are all looking forward to it with great anticipation. Our kick off ride is the Mt St Helen's run on May 19. See the flyer in this issue of Freedom. It's too soon to tell if the weather will cooperate with us, but I have a feeling that it will be a great day. Our Facebook count indicates over 1000 people interested, with well over 100 who will attend. The numbers are constantly climbing; make plans now to join us! We are currently selling a limited number of black, long sleeve commemorative t shirts for this event. The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the ride; limited to stock on hand. Go to Elk Country's Facebook page if you wish to initiate an order.

Next up for formal rides will be our 3 Pass -Robin Lange Memorial ride on July 20th. This was the last ride that Robin was able to attend last year, so we will ride in her memory. The weather is reliable in July and the scenery on this route is especially beautiful.

A warm welcome to new member Daniel Martinez. We're proud to say that our membership has burst the 70-member glass ceiling! And we've a few more in the wings. It's great to have a group of friends to ride with, along with more helping hands when we have an event. Our monthly social has grown in popularity since establishing the Moose as our "home base". Our smiling faces are included in this issue.

Enjoy the sun when it happens to come out. There's got to be an end to this snow.  $\diamond$ 



Elk Country chapter social night. (photo: Alice Brown)

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### South King County Chapter

### From ADALINDA LUNDT, COORDINATOR

**AUBURN** - SKCC is gaining new members monthly and that is very exciting. Our chapter is doing great on reaching out to the biking community and getting them familiar with ABATE. We are pushing forward and getting more active by getting to more events and other chapter meetings. We have received a lot of great advice and direction from members and new fresh ideas from new members and it's a great mix for our chapter.

We have done some outreach with motorcycle vendors and are working on building a partnership to let us set up a booth to sell raffle tickets and also a booth to reach our for membership. We are very excited about this partnership.

We are also have been approached about a fundraiser that we are trying to work out the kinks. Exciting!

Our Pot of Gold run was in March. A big "Thank You" to the committee that put the run together. Keep up the great work. It was a successful run and everyone had a great time.

Thankfully the sun has been out and we've had some crisp riding weather. I hope you've all been riding safe. Remember there is a lot of sand on the roads.

We are looking forward to getting out to more chapter business meeting and events. Peace  $\diamond$ 



South King County Chapter Pot of Gold run. (photo: Adalinda Lundt)

### **Columbia Gorge Chapter**

### From TRAVIS HERSEIM, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

GOLDENDALE - We welcome a new Columbia Gorge Chapter Secretary, Lisa Herseim.

The Swap Meet is fast approaching, we are really looking forward to another good year.

Nothing new above that, we are actively planning our events for this year, details will come out as things get set. We are looking forward to hearing about this years events from the other Chapters as well.

Keep the rubber down and between the ditches.  $\diamond$ 







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### **Grant County Chapter**

### From SUSAN "STARS" CARSON, COORDINATOR

### MOSES LAKE - Hello everyone!

We have a few great events coming up, the first one is Fill the Ruck. This will be April 6, in Moses lake at the Ross parking lot. The Easter Bunny will be there to have pictures with. We will be collection donations for clothing, sleeping bags, hygiene items, and other personal items along with cash to help homeless veterans in Eastern Washington. We will be there 9-4 at the Ross parking lot. We also have our Run to the Desert in September but the date is not set yet. In August we have an amazing overnight run. June 8-9, starting at Ernie's Truck Stop in Moses Lake and we will be headed to a great hotel destination in Idaho. This run will be about 500 miles round trip! come out for a great scenic run.

Safe travels!  $\diamond$ 

### Lewis County Chapter

### From PAUL MORDICK, COORDINATOR

**CHEHALIS** - We had our first Silly Second Sunday Ride of the year in March. It was a great day for a ride. Our Sunday rides usually start this time of the year and go until the weather gets too crappy.

We are trying something new this year. We are helping to organize and run the Kids Bicycle Rodeo at the Spring Youth Fair the first weekend in May. It takes place at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month starts in May. This will give us an opportunity to promote motorcycle safety awareness, our chapter and ABATE.

March came in like a lion. So hopefully it will go out like a lamb. I need to break in those new tires on the bike. I carry my rain gear with me. Hopefully I won't need it.

Stay safe out there and watch out for those that aren't. Check out our website LewisCountyABATE.org.  $\diamond$ 

### **Key Peninsula Chapter**

### From CHAD HOLTQUIST, COORDINATOR

**PURDY** - Greetings from the 'Pen! We have things happening in our chapter lately. Firstly, I am very happy to announce that we have changed our meeting locations. The fine folks at the Fred Needham VFW Post 2669 have agreed to let us hold our monthly business meetings at their place. It's a win win for us and them as they are able to take care of our social hour with food and drinks and we get a roomy space to hold our meetings with decent exposure in the community. We are still holding our meetings the second Thursday of the month, social hour at 6 with the meeting starting at 7. Come join us sometime and check out the space.

We have our chapter run coming up next month on the 27th of April. We rode the route and the committee has a nice ride planned for us. Put it on your calendar and come join us.

We are also planning for our annual chapter swap meet to be help June 1st. More to follow but it'll be a mixed bag with spaces cheap. We pushed it back in the hopes of better weather. The location we are working on has a great view as it is right on the water in downtown Port Orchard so if nothing else, if the weather is nice, it'll be a nice day to sit outside in the sun.

That's about it for now. Sure is nice to have the sun out and the tempratures coming up. Get on out and ride! As always, stay cool!  $\diamond$ 

Key Peninsula Chapter

Abate of Washington

Chapter run



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### **East Pierce County Chapter**

### From LAURA CAIN, CHAPTER SECRETARY

**BUCKLEY** - Hope all is well with all of you. Sorry we haven't made a newsletter appearance in a couple of months but we've really been busy!

Wasn't Black Thursday inspiring this year? We were well-received on the Hill and I can't remember ever having such a phenomenal turnout of Legislators at our Meet & Greet. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day go so smoothly.

Our chapter turned out in force to support our brothers and sisters at SKCC's Outta Control Night in January and Tacoma's Valentine / 40th Birthday bash in February. Such fun times. Both of those chapters reciprocated with attendees at our Night Out With EPCC event in February. Star Lake and Spanaway put in appearances as well. Many of us enjoyed an unofficial get-together to celebrate the birthday of an SKCC friend and the more formal Celebration of the Life of Lesta Campbell.

Now we are bustling to mount our annual Support The Supporters Run (March 23rd) and Bunny Hop Run to benefit the Foster Care Resource Network (April 13th). See the flyer in this month's issue (see page 25). Also watch for future flyers for our popular Mystery Run on May 18th. Please join us at any or all of these!

We were honored to have no less than 5 chapters represented at our March Business Meeting along with 2 State Reps. Definitely feeling the Brotherhood! Be safe and well, everybody. See you at the BoD!  $\diamond$ 





EPCC at Outta Control Night 2019. (photo: Laura Cain)

EPCC at Tacoma 40th 2019. (photo: Laura Cain)



EPCC with Senator Fortunato during Black Thursday 2019. (photo: Laura Cain)



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Deliver baskets at Foster Care Resource Network 222 162<sup>nd</sup> St S. Spanaway WA

The Haven Pub: 12510 Pacific Ave S. Tacoma WA

Cassidy's Pub: 9621 Portland Ave E. Tacoma WA

Brass Lantern: 6201 East McKinley Ave Tacoma WA

### **GAMES & DOOR PRIZES**

### SATURDAY APRIL 13TH 2019

### **Spanaway Chapter**

### From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

**SPANAWAY** - Well look at this weather. Very nice to get some riding in with out having everything I own on. We had our Soup Challenge and auction in February and it was a good event. A lot of us went to Tacoma chapter's 40th anniversary party in Orting. It was a great accomplishment a tip of the helmet to Tacoma for keeping it together for 40 years. Our next event was our Wing Ding with an auction that hadn't happen yet before I got this off to the editor. But it is usually a good event with lots of tasty wings.

I'm hoping the Monroe swap meet is a good event for us. Please work hard selling the motorcycle tickets and the gun tickets. Its how we pay for our legislation each year.

Ride often and be safe.  $\diamond$ 

### **Mason County Chapter**

### From JAMES WARD, COORDINATOR

**SHELTON** - I sat on my bike a couple days ago listening to the radio while it warmed up. Couldn't go anywhere due to mother nature re-filling my freakin driveway with snow. The roads are great, I just can't get to them. It stays exceptionally shady in my driveway over the winter months, so it takes forever for the snow to melt away. So I just sat there while it warmed up and then tucked it back in the garage. That's the extent of my motorcycling of late. I hate snow.

This is a good time of year for a lot of little housecleaning things. Tidying up unfinished business and preparing for upcoming events, so being unable to get my bike out of the driveway isn't the most terrible thing.

Recently we've been talking with Joe & Dan from the Olympia Toy Run Coalition. They have advised us they plan to have a TRC float in this year's Forest Festival Parade, and the MCC is welcome to participate alongside of the float. This is kind of a big deal. Throwing the ABATE name out there to the cell-phone-in-hand masses is great advertising. Still some insurance issues to work out but I'm hoping for the best.

MCC signed up a couple new members the other night. Joe & Candice visited us at our general meeting and must have liked what they were seeing, so welcome Joe & Candice. MCC will be sponsoring Jesse Madison for the rider's safety course of his choosing. Jesse is the son of Vern & Carla Madison who are both MCC charter members, so welcome to the motorcycling community Jesse!

That's it for now. Looking forward to upcoming events and no snow in my driveway. Be safe.  $\diamond$ 

### **Sky Valley Chapter**

### From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

**SNOHOMISH** - Well by the reading of this the swap meet and our Shakin' the Winter Blues party will be history! Hope both went well any you all had a great time at each.

Next is the Sky Valley ABATE Bike Show in Snohomish on the 3rd Sunday of May. Hope to have a flyer in this months issue (see page 9). Yep it's the 23 year of doing this and it just keeps getting bigger and better every time! If you haven't been it's time to come enter your bike or just come and have a fun day in Snohomish. The show is second only to the Oyster run with 10,000 folks in attendance and hundreds of motorcycles to look at how could you not have a good time! Our chapter has just completed tie-dying the shirts for the show. I also got tie-dyed as my gloves leaked purple color onto my hands and I didn't notice until after I took a leak. Guess what else is is purple?

Glad to see our winter finally coming to a end! For the first time in years they closed the Rattlesnake Mt. gun range due to the snow! This time of year I usually see poppies coming up in yards but not now. Oh well this too shall pass and we will be in the sun before you know it. Talked to some friends in AZ and it's already 80 down there. Guess I'm just a little bit jealous of them. Riding season is just around the corner for us so tune them up and dust them off!

All for now see you, "In the wind."  $\diamond$ 

### North Kitsap Chapter

### From AMY DOYLE, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

**POULSBO** - Bills, bills! As of the writing of this article SB 5723 2019-20 has passed through the Senate, and has had the first reading in the House. Hard work paying off here on increasing safety on roadways for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other roadway users. Good work everyone!

We are still struggling with getting movement on HB 1125 2019-20 concerning motorcycle helmet use. Understandably there are concerns from insurance companies, the cost of raised premiums, parents of younger and inexperienced riders, your ole lady or ole man bitch'n, however we are the fighters of freedom and choice! I for one would like the freedom to go topless. We are the voice to make the choice, please be active in fight for the cause!

So happening on our side of the water: One fine day, (Sunday, March 3rd) we did a thing. Several of our chapter members gathered at a favorite stop in our neighborhood "Shady Jacks" filled our bellies and set off with good vibes and support on our mission for the day. With the balmy 44° temp and the sun shining brightly upon us, we made our way to the local emergency and urgent care facilities to drop off crayons, coloring & puzzle books to help relieve some of the anxiety and fight boredom for the patrons that visit for services.

Westsound Steelhorse Rodeo planning is still in full swing. Please watch for updates on the event Facebook page, search events Westsound Steelhorse Motorcycle Rodeo 2019. It's going to be a ride to remember!  $\diamond$ 



NK (photo: Kimberli Kibler)



NK (photo: Amy Doyle)

### **Spokane Chapter**

### From SHAWN WEST, COORDINATOR

**SPOKANE** - Where to start? Thank you doesn't really sum up how much it is appreciated for all the membership that came down to the Spokane Motorcycle Show and helped out with our booth. 30 hours in two and a half days is a lot to cover and this year we had more people than the booth could hold for almost all of it.

This year we spent a lot of time speaking about distracted driving with Motorcycle Awareness Month just around the corner.

Jason and Pam took the lead on the design and ordering of the Hang Up and Drive stickers. With 2000 on hand to hand our it is a great way to get them to stop for a second at your booth, introduce yourself and speak about ABATE legislation and the latest news. Mike came to our chapter meeting a bit back and got the idea started of having informal signature sheets to present to the city during our Awareness Ride. 400 signatures for the ones at our booth might not sound like a lot for a whole show but that was 400 stickers and 400 signatures, neither of which costs anything to the attendee, and in a sneaky way just got someone involved in doing something to promote motorcycle safety, awareness and education.

That sounds kinda familiar.

Mentioning the Parking Bill that ABATE is working on got interest peaked and the same, "I don't believe it," response over and over in reply while giving a positive opening in bringing up other legislation. The lane splitting bill may be stalled but it also brought up the amendment proposed for it and some shameless self promoting of ABATE in passing the red light bill a while back with a similar proposal. Getting DoT to put up, "Watch for Motorcycles," on the freeway reader boards. Black Thursday and the Saturday morning meet and greet that Spokane Chapter was doing with Sen. Billig and Reps. Riccelli, Ormsby. And, and, and...

All of which couldn't of been done without the members that came down and put in some serious effort. Jennifer and Mark are some of our newest members and already putting some of us to shame in the motivation department. Rob still insists he doesn't know enough to do this type of work but still managed to get more signatures than I did. Scott, Micki

and Doug decided the booth was too slow and stalked forth to hunt down attendees through all three buildings. During the whole three days people would wander up to the booth in a daze with an awareness flyer in hand asking about the distracted driving laws and a petition sheet to sign.

Thanks also to Jenny our State Products officer. The small free share the road stickers she sent over were such a hit with attendees last year it seemed only natural to do the same thing this year with the Hang Up and Dive ones. Who doesn't like free stuff at a show?

We're putting this year's event into the books as a success.

Last we'd like to thank State. Not just the board but by extension every member for their support. We spoke with people from North Dakota to the Oregon Coast. More Canadians too compared to previous years now that I think about it. Noted was that it wasn't too many shows ago that we would speak to people and they would say, "ABATE? Oh, those helmet people," as if that was that needed said. This year I at least didn't hear that once. Lots of people looking for us, asking about legislation and what was new. We answered questions about legislators and districts, spoke all things politics, raised a lot of awareness, signed up six new members and moved further forward informing the community about who ABATE of Washington are and what it is we do.

About it for this month, as always give a wave when we see you on the road!  $\diamond$ 



Jennifer, Mark, Shawn, Pam (photo: Jason Kempton)

opposite page top Scott, Micki, Doug, Jason, Pam, Rob at the Spokane Motorcycle Show ABATE booth. (photo: Shawn West)



Thank you Brian, Jason and Pam who donated to get the design made and printed up into stickers. (photo: Jason Kempton)



## HANG UP & DRIVE AWARENESS RIDE & poker run

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Sterling L. Gordon

Sterlings Life Celebration will be held April 27 2019 at the Rolsyn Eagles. There will be a procession of Motorcycles from Martin Road (just out side Roslyn at the Roslyn Riders area) at 3:00 (line up around 2:45).

We will head to Sterlings gravesite for a breif memorial then head to the Eagles for Bagna Cauda and celebration of Sterling's Life.

### STERLING L. GORDON

Sterling L. Gordon, of Roslyn Wa, passed away Monday, January 14, 2019 in Ellensburg. He was 89. His passing was peaceful and in his last days he was surrounded by family and friends.

Sterling was born on July 2, 1929 in McClusky, North Dakota and was the son of Sterling L. Gordon and Christina B. Gatchell. He was preceded in death by his father Sterling, his mother Christina, brother Bob Holmes and sisters Marion Dozier, Gertrude (Gertie) Waldner and Bertha Herndon. He is survived by his three children and two grandchildren.

Sterling's mother moved the family to Yakima when he was a young boy. In 1948, he joined the Army and served in the 63rd Heavy Tank Battalion and was honorably discharged in 1950. After the Army, he lived on Vashon Island while working at Boeing until he began working at Foss Maritime. Sterling joined Foss Maritime in 1959 where he worked as a Towboat Captain. His Foss Career lasted for 33 years until his retirement in 1992. He truly loved working on the boats and being on the water. Sterling was well respected by his crews and fellow Towboat Captains.

He was a avid dirt bike and Harley rider and continued to ride well into his 80's. Sterling was known to do all his own mechanic work on his bikes and would customize them down to every last detail. He was even involved in helping to start the local dirt bike club in Cle Elum in the 60's. He enjoyed riding locally with his buddies as well as making the long trip to Sturgis every year from 1977 through 1994.

Sterling also enjoyed the outdoors and loved camping, fishing, boating, and snowmobiling with family and friends. He shared his love of the outdoors and motorcycles with his children. The Gordons spent many weekends riding the local coal piles and bike trails together.

Sterling belonged to the Roslyn Eagles #696, the local VFW, Washington State ABATE #4181, and H.O.G (Harley Owners Group). He loved his community and was involved in many local charity fun runs helping raise money for local families in need. People who met him always had kind words to say about him and he always loved to help out friends and neighbors when he could.

Thank you, Cynthia

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- 31-2 Spring Opener ABATE of North Idaho Rathdrum
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- 27-30 Spring Opener ABATE of Washington Easton

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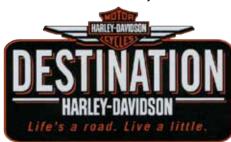


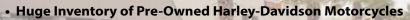
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