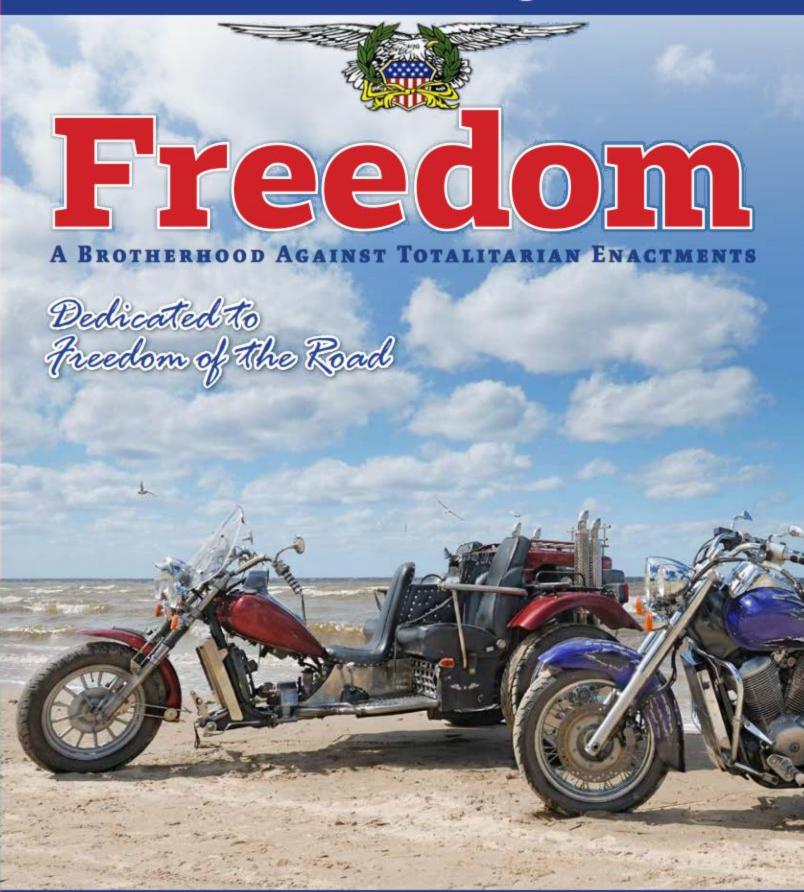
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	Columbia Gorge	Micki Robinson	2nd Monday 7:00 PM	
	PO Box 357	509-250-2245	American Legion	
=	Goldendale, WA 98620 Columbia River	mickij_robinson@yahoo.com Keith Parkison	108 North Grant, Goldendale, WA 98620 1st Thursday 7:00 PM	6:00 PM social prior to business
A	148 N James Ave	509-760-3199	Abby's Pizza	meeting
1 A	East Wenatchee, WA 98802	mhdragger@gmail.com	702 Grant Rd, East Wenatchee WA 98802	meeting
REP	Inland Empire	Seth McIntosh	2nd Tuesday 6:00 PM	
E 5	PO Box 40474	509-991-5400	Sweet Old Bob's	
REP 1 POSITION VACANT	Spokane, WA 99220	sethmc@hotmail.com	3243 E Trent Avenue, Spokane, WA	
0	Kittitas County	Joe Hill	1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Business meeting	5:30 PM social prior to business
	P.O. Box 1724	509-929-0729	Buzz Inn Steakhouse	meeting
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3 B	Spanaway	Billy De Hunter	1st Tuesday 7:00 PM	10:00 AM agenda planning mtg
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	North Kitsap	Chris Varner	1st Wed 7:00 PM	
	PO Box 5831	360-440-1344	Silverdale All Star Lanes & Restaurant Atrium)	
	Bremerton, WA 98312	buellboybynight@aol.com	10710 Silverdale Way, Silverdale, WA 98383	
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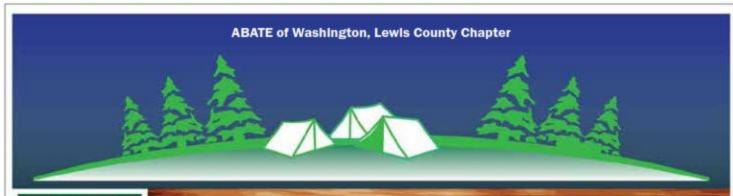
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UPFRONT by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

Mid-way through summer already and time to start considering choices for ABATE of Washington chapter officer positions. Nominations are usually taken at July, August and September business meetings, with final voting by chapter members in September. If your ABATE membership is expiring and you are a chapter member, renew soon in order to be eligible to vote. Check the newsletter back cover, above your name, for membership expiration date. Independents, your renewals are appreciated as well; membership dues help support our cause.

August also brings the Washington State Primary election. Local county and city representation will be on the ballot. Our state uses a "Top 2" system for the primary in which the top two vote getters in every race advance, regardless of candidates' party preferences. Exercise your right to decide who advances to the General Election by having your ballot postmarked by August 4.

Until next month, ride safe and often! TR



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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

ECOM Meeting, 11am Johnnie's in Fife

OCTOBER

STEAM, hosted by Kittitas County Chapter

BOD Meeting, hosted by Kittitas County Chapter

ABATE of Washington, Columbia Gorge Chapter

Festival

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5th stop



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\$10. a Person \$15 a Couple

Last bike in at 5:00pm Awards at 5:30:pm

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OFFICER REPORTS



From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe that this year is half over already but there's still enough left to have more fun riding and supporting other chapters in their events. This is a very important issue that has haunted this organization for years. I have noticed an improvement with chapters supporting other chapters so I think we are making progress. I know it is impossible for everyone to attend someone else's run but when you can please do.

As much fun as riding and visiting with friends is we can't forget our legislative endeavors. Our opposition isn't forgetting about us and will continue to try and put a stop to bills we are trying to get through by putting as many obstacles in our way as they can. We all need to make improvements from the top on down. One thing

the chapters need to do is to get an LAO (Legislative Affairs Officer) to take care of making sure that the membership is kept informed on what needs to be done. Sometimes we don't have weeks or even days, sometimes it is just hours and that is when you need as many people as possible spreading the word. At the top we will be making sure that the chapter LAO's are in the loop with all information and using chapter LAO's in Olympia so Brian isn't left by himself trying to get the job done. The more people we have working the better we look BUT we have to work as one. This is going to sound a little nerdy but we have to be like the Borg from Star Trek (I can see the eyes rolling already) where thousands of the Borg would act as one to accomplish their task. That is exactly what we have to do if we want to succeed. We can't be running around like we have no direction, arguing over what one person thinks we should be doing and what another is doing, leaving negative crap on Facebook (that actually goes for any ABATE business). With STEAM coming up in October, our legislative issues are usually at the top of our concerns. Keep it in mind to attend and have your voice heard.

Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.

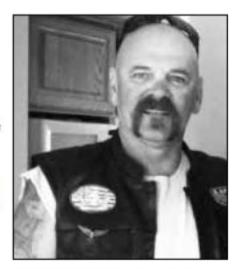
Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

HEY EVERYONE.

We had a great Spring Opener. The weather was on our side, the entertainment was very cool and the work by all the volunteer members was priceless. A lot of chapters took on a event, bike show, poker run, bike games, tattoo contest, etc. That helped make this bike run one of the best in the Northwest.

The original thought behind Spring Opener was to give something back to the members, a camp out and party. This has been going on for some 30 years now. If you are a member make sure and take advantage of the event that is put on because you as a member are an owner of this event. Do not miss out.

Making plans for STEAM. The date is OCT 24 and then the BOD the 25th. We will be in Ellensburg, still looking into the location. Should have that info at July BOD.



BLACK THURSDAY, the next big ABATE OF WASHINGTON event. Coordinators, let's make plans for this year starting now. We are a Legislative organization, time to start getting your LAO fired up. If you don't have one, then you're it. Contact Brian Lange, State LAO, and ask him what we can do to help support his efforts. He is our leader in the fight for our rights. Let's work together and make BLACK THURSDAY an ass kicking event. \Diamond

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

EAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS Another Spring Opener is in the books and I pray that it was enjoyed by all and not to much by some...

New phases of life are abound with a lot of people I know. Anita and I are in the middle of one as well. We recently closed on our first home and are looking forward to moving in and getting set up. We have owned property and built a cabin of sorts but have never had a place to put down roots. After living in Republic for 15 years we can see that this is a base station for things to come. We welcome to our clutch our Mom who will be living with us for the duration. We look forward to serving both at home and on the road. We want to be ready for you when you need us to share what we have found to be true and that is the eternal peace and joy that awaits us at the end of every trial and for eternity in Heaven with Jesus. We look forward to seeing you down the road or even in our quaint part of the world. If you need to rest or just want a place for some ice water on your trip on Highway 20, we have plenty of trees, shade and a creek to throw your Brother in that has been laggin' in the pack. I exclude Sisters from the creek treatment as that is totally up to you and the wrath that comes will be yours to shoulder.

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

> BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE, Ranger Ric

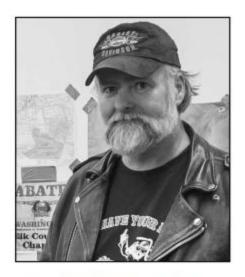


Ranger Ric Sanders, C.C.M. ABATE of Washington State Chaplain (509) 775-2124 Micah 6:8

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



s a legislative based motorcycle rights organization, members should feel comfortable contacting their legislators from time to time. Especially when Calls To Action have been issued. There are several ways of contacting your legislators. I will go over some of the more effective, and how to properly do so in this month's column. Hopefully, you already know who your Legislators are. If so, these tips will help. If not, then go to www.leg.wa.gov and click on 'Find Your District' on either side of the screen

Toll-Free Hotline

Do you want to send a message to your Senator or Representative? Call the HOTLINE at 1-800-562-6000. Callers to the Hotline can leave a brief message for their district legislators or for the Governor or Lt. Governor on issues of concern or on questions they may have about bills or laws. These messages are forwarded electronically to the appropriate individuals. It may surprise you just how quickly these messages are relayed to the person you wish to contact. When leaving a message with the Hotline, please be prepared to give your name and street address. Your street address may be used to verify your being a constituent in a Legislator's district. It could also be used to filter out the telephone version of 'spam.'

Legislative Affairs Officer **Brian Lange**

The Hotline staff will also fulfill requests for bills and other legislative documents and can answer questions about meeting times and places, pending legislation and the legislative process.

During the Legislative session, the Hotline is open from 8AM to 8PM Monday through Friday. When the Legislature is not in session the Hotline is open from 8AM to Noon and from 1PM to 4:30PM Monday through Friday.

E-mail Forms

If you prefer e-mail, you may use the e-mail forms on the legislative website (www.leg.wa.gov) to send messages to your legislators at any time. If you know your legislator's name, type this URL into your computer's browser and it will take you to the email list for all Legislators: http://app.leg.wa.gov/ MemberEmail/Default.aspx

Or, you can use their first name, a period, then their last name followed by @leg. wa.gov

Examples:

dick.smith@leg.wa.gov jane.jones@leg.wa.gov

Office Addresses & Phone Numbers

Legislator phone numbers and office addresses are available on the individual member pages. Use the links to the member's pages (House or Senate) found on the website, or on the member roster pages.

Classes & Training

The Legislative Information Center offers free classes to the public on understanding the legislative process and on navigating the Legislative Website. The classes can be tailored to either introductory or advanced levels of knowledge and experience. Most classes are offered at the LIC offices in the Legislative Building in Olympia. The three classes each take about one hour. The three classes provided are: Understanding the Legislative Process. Review of the Legislative Website, Advanced Legislative Website Use. It has been my experience that the more informed a person is on a subject, the more effective they are able to be. If you are interested in taking one, or all three of the classes, you can contact the Legislative Information Center at 360-786-7573. I think Chapter LAO's, if not Chapter Coordinators as well, should seriously weigh the possible benefits of taking these classes. The more informed you are, the better you will be able to inform your Chapter members and others about what is happening in the Legislature. Also, if there is enough interest, I would be willing to try and arrange a single training for interested ABATE members on all three subjects prior to the start of the January Legislative Session.

The better informed ABATE is able to keep its members on the process of running legislation, and how the legislature works, the more effective we can be as an organization. The more effective we become, the more we can accomplish as an organization. To become the most effective organization we can be, I would hope is the goal of every member of ABATE of Washington. Once we all pull together in an effective manner, who knows what we can accomplish for the motorcycling community.

Catch ya on the road sometime ... ◊

Tri-Cities Chapter

From KAT BOLTON, COORDINATOR

Brothers and Sisters.

It's been a busy month. All the rides and rallies you could want.

One of our chapter events, is participating in the Hogs n Dogs, in West Richland. It was Thursday of Spring Opener!! This event sees 3,000 bikes every year, a one afternoon event. We used this as a major membership recruitment and to connect with the motorcycling community.



I took the opportunity to take a poll of riders, on the helmet issue. Although not ABATE members, I thought it would reveal good data, on the issue. The poll asked a question of "pick one of the three answers"...

- I don't want to wear a helmet and I shouldn't have to pay a fee to do it.
- I don't want to wear a helmet and I wouldn't mind paying a small fee, i.e. PIP, donation into trauma system, or traumatic brain injury fund.
- 3. I choose to wear a helmet.

The results were from 200 riders. The results were surprisingly close, with a spread of 7 votes. In this order:

- 1. Would pay a small fee.
- 2. Don't want to pay a premium to ride without a helmet.
- 3 Will wear a helmet

Our chapter has voted to continue the helmet issue, with maybe a new direction, as an option discussed by Brian Lange, our LAO. A couple of questions have risen: "If I have medical insurance and/or full coverage for my bike, am I covered?" "Would I get a sticker for my license plate too?"

Spring Opener, for a first timer was GREAT!!! I enjoyed being of service for Greg Hansen on the medical response team. For feedback, I had some friends unwilling to pay the one day rate for Saturday. Said it was too expensive, to "pay money to get in, to spend more money."

Much Love and Respect ◊

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Well the 4th is over and was not much different than any other year. Something that bothers me badly is poor drivers and it seems to be getting worse each year, i.e. Friday [3rd] people going south or west to the beach for the 4th to get away from the heat. There is a line of traffic of 15-20 cars going 55-60 and they are #12 or 18 in line and have to pass on a blind corner and over a double yellow line. Trouble is, I'm going north or east and they are trying to kill me with their poor driving. Let's face it, if you did not have a reservation by last week you are not going to get a room and if you were going to a cabin or friend's house, what's the rush, another 1/2 hour? Besides when you get where you are going, you are sooo pissed at all the crazy drivers you cannot relax. Go look in the mirror and see the crazy driver. Hope everyone had a safe and uneventful 4th, we did.

Our meeting today was very interesting with some of the things in the newsletter and BOD packet. When the ABATE patch was blown up and allowed to be put on your back, it was said that it would not be mandatory. Just over a year later this is what I see in the BOD packet. Well I said it then and will uphold what I said, "If I have to wear a patch on my back, I'm done." We have enough problems w/o making more. I will be at the BOD meeting again, have only missed about 6 or so in 20 years. Remember ride safe – there are crazy people out there. \Diamond

Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, SECRETARY

What a great month July was for getting the bike out for a ride with chapter members ranging far and wide all over the Pacific Northwest and as far as California. The August events calendar in our area looks similarly full so while the weather holds finding an excuse to get the bike out shouldn't be too difficult. The chapter meeting this month is on the 11th where we will be finalizing the details for our Annual Second Harvest Food Run tentatively scheduled for Sept. 26th.

Turnout for the Spring Opener in Easton was great with a third of the chapter showing up. Hats off to State for putting on a great event. From bands to vendors and all points in between it was a great time to be had by everyone. A big thanks also goes out to our members who took the time to help out as part of the event staff. Very cool. Following the event a questionnaire was emailed out by state asking for feedback on the event. If you still haven't filled it out then take a minute to do so. It's only a couple questions and will help make next year's event even better.

During last month's meeting we went over the agenda for July BOD. The debate on how we should vote regarding our efforts to repeal Washington's helmet laws didn't take very long and wasn't just about a right to choose to wear one. As a border chapter in Spokane we lose a lot of tourism and participation with riders heading east to dump their lids. And folks on the other side of the border just won't head this way because they then have to wear one. One of the guests at our meeting was the ABATE of North Idaho State Coordinator who not only confirmed how hard it was to get riders heading this way but raised another issue. Washington's

mandatory use helmet law is being brought up in Boise by legislators as a reason to enact a similar law there. During the meeting he kindly asked us to get our law repealed already! So just a heads up to everyone in Washington that it's not just for our right to choose that we continue our repeal efforts but also for the rights of riders in the states around us.

And that's it for this issue. See you at our next meeting where we'll recap what happened at BOD and go over up coming events and runs. \Diamond

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello All Members, is it HOT enough for Ya'll ?? We (I mean me) wait all winter to ride and now it's way too HOT for me to ride LOL Crazy HUH!!!!!!

We are making alot of progress on our Festival Of Wheels Event in August. It's a car and bike show, so get them cleaned up and bring em over to Goldendale. We have some pretty good prizes and a raffle drawing for a \$1,500 Travel Voucher for only \$10 each. Contact Scott or I if interested. Tickets will be for sale now through the event. Need not be present to win.

We had one of our new members step up to be pro tem Secretary. Thank you Michele. This relieves Scott from one of many duties. :)

As usual we had a great time at Spring Opener. Looking forward to it again already. Hopefully with less dust LOL... Until next time, Ride safe ... \$

Inland Empire Chapter at Spring Opener; photo by Reed Schmitt



Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Are you ready for the rest of the summer riding? The little cool down last month was just what we needed to catch our breath and work out the plans for the remaining riding season.

July was full of good times with the 4th of July celebrations and fireworks all around. The annual ride around the canal was a cool break after all the excitement. Then there was a run over the mountains for more excitement and some good blues at Winthrop the week before the BOD meeting. And summer would not be complete without a ride to Sun and Surf (unless you go to the BOD) Of course we all took time to spend with our families boating, hiking, eating, playing, and generally enjoying summer. Love the long hot days!

August will be highlighted for the Key Peninsula Chapter with the Brewery Run on the 15th. The members are all busy gathering goodies for the end of the run fun. There are new additions to the circuit with additional flavors to enjoy. It is a long ride so there will be plenty of fresh air and sunshine to go with the great Peninsula scenery.

August is also the month to start thinking about elections and new officers for the chapter. The chapter is looking for a graphic for a chapter logo too.

September will find the chapter at the Peninsula Motorcycle Store for another fun day of swapping. There are lots of bike parts and accessories stacking up with other items we can use for riding, home, and personal pleasure. We look forward to vendors with lots of good stuff to start the cool weather riding with warm gear. ◊

North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

I swear I say this every month, where does the time go... Spring Opener has come and gone and I'm sure plans for next year are already in the works. Several members for our Chapter are gearing up for a trip to Sturgis. We are definitely in riding season now. There have been a few fatalities here in Kitsap County in the last month. Please be safe out there!

Our Second Annual Motorcycle Rodeo is fast approaching; August 28th - 30th is just around the corner. We have 2 bands lined up, one for Friday night and the other for Saturday night. We are still working on the food and vendor booths. A Poker Run is planned for Saturday morning and Bike Games will be held in the afternoon. Poulsbo Eagle Lodge will have breakfast available for a nominal fee both Saturday and Sunday. See our flyer for more info. ◊

South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

South King County Chapter has lost another member and patriot. Robert (Bob) Farris was taken from us on July 9, 2015. Condolences to family and friends. Bob was serious about motorcycle rider rights and fought for those rights as one of our members who attended Black Thursday, riding all the way over from south Idaho. Bob will be sorely missed.

The South King County 'Round the Mountain Run to support the Harmony Hill Cancer retreat Center took place in July. Thank you to those who came out in support.

The upcoming Board of Director's meeting will be on the July 25. We will be discussing among other issues the Helmet Bill status for our Black Thursday agenda in January 2016. All members of ABATE of Washington are invited to attend BOD meetings.

Have a safe rest of the riding season and keep the rubber side down. 0

SKCC member Cynthia with bike game award at Spring Opener; photo Deb Perea





Elk Country Chapter bike show winners at Spring Opener

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Well THAT WAS FUN!! Spring Opener was a blast. The usual minor drama that occurs whenever people gather together was not enough to put a damper on the pleasure of being with so many good folks. The weather was fantastic, the good times were rolling. The Shot Ski made several appearances, three of Elk Country chapters members placed in the North Kitsap Chapters bike show, and one of our members won the raffle for the two Rugers (and he only bought one ticket!!). One of our bikes broke down, and a rescue rig with trailer had to make the trip up on Sunday from near Eatonville to haul it home. That turned out to be a good thing because one of the other bikes gave up the ghost in Maple Valley. Plans for next year were being made before we even left this year.

Three members of The Christian Crusaders came down to Morton to give a blessing before our Dan George Memorial Ride on June 27th. We had 17 bikes, and beautiful weather for a nice mellow ride through east Lewis County. Actually felt better riding than stopping due to the nearly 100 degree heat. But while riding along the various rivers the temps were great!

Hoping everyone had a fun, safe, trouble free 4th of July. I know it is a long route, but I am hoping that in my next report we'll have plenty of good memories to share from the 2nd Annual Chapters Run on July 11th. That dash into Oregon, and back up US 101 is a great ride for those who haven't rode it, you should.

Have a GREAT summer, and I hope to catch ya on the road sometime... ◊

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

So the sun has been getting a little carried away this summer and I never thought I would say "it's too hot to ride" but I did a few days lately. I'm sure when it's raining and 38 degrees I will be wishing for 95.

So our chapter is up to its eyes in the Kla-ha-ya days bike/ car show we are about to host for the first time. We took this on at the last minute and are scrambling to get it all together for Sunday the 19th in Snohomish. I will report and send pictures in the next newsletter as I had to send this in only four days before the show.

We just completed the Delta House run that we do every year to support the head trauma victims at Delta. They are always glad to see us show up with all the bikes and free tshirts for all of them. We ride a couple of the bikes right into the building in front of the awaiting wheelchairs. We tell them stories of the road and show them pictures and then we wheel them out to the parking lot to see all the bikes. It takes them away in their minds for just a little while, and you can see it in their eyes. I will include a picture of this year's Delta run here. Not a whole lot to report this month as we are putting our full concentration on the Kla-ha-ya days for Snohomish. Hope to see you there!

See you "in the wind." \(\rightarrow\)



Sky Valley Chapter Delta house run

Kittitas County Chapter

From BERYL KELLEY, KITTITAS CHAPTER

June hit us with record temperatures, and July is not cooling off very fast either. We are all looking for ways to enjoy rides and avoid the heat.

We had visitors from Central Washington Chapter at the July meeting to discuss progress on Fall Bash. Kittitas and CWC are jointly working to make this a great biker weekend.

Kari presented a letter from Yakima Valley Sports Commission that thanked ABATE for putting on the Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show. A PDF copy of the letter will be posted to our web site.

Road Captains Mials and Phil reported that turnout for the July 4 ride was minimal – only road captains showed up. Mials had a flat tire on Saturday, and Phil followed up with a flat tire on Sunday. July 11 is the Lick It and Stick Run organized by Canyon Riders. Later that night, our house band, Power House, will be playing at The Timeout Saloon in Kittitas. CR Tim invited us all to participate. August 1 is Rally for the Troops in Tacoma. Be prepared for more great rides!

Faye reported on the final proceeds from the Iron Horse trail Motorcycle Show. We voted to donate \$1,000 to FISH Food Bank. Jerrine Barns designated \$200 from the 50/50 winnings to go to FISH, so our total will be \$1,200 to help our local needs. We are inviting representatives from FISH to our August meeting to present the check and take photos.

At the July BOD meeting, Joe will recommend that ABATE continue working on the Helmet Bill. The Chapter is united about continuing to fight for our freedom!

Other upcoming events include July 25 Toolbox Jam at Beryl's garage with local bands. Beryl successfully fought a noise ordinance violation ticket and got the ordinance declared unconstitutionally vague and invalid. Come out to celebrate and make some noise!

August 15 is the annual Cruise Cle Elum Car and Motorcycle Show. For the first time, bikes are allowed to participate. There are 3 bike categories, and we are providing judges for the show. Categories are Custom, Metric, and Stock, with cash prizes for each. Sherri has been working with the Rotary on the details, and they appreciate ABATE's involvement. Please come out and show your bike.

September 12 is the annual Iron on the Lawn-Brenden Adams Birthday Party Car and Motorcycle Show in Ellensburg. Willie had asked if ABATE insurance would cover the event, but it looks like our cost would be about the same as using their provider. This is another great local event, with lots of unique cars and a good group of people. The Ellensburg Sons of the American Legion run is September 19. Anyone can join – it's not limited to Legion members. This is not a poker run. It's a \$5 per person fundraiser to support our troops. Route is still TBD. Contact Keith Wilant if you have questions.

The July 18 Confederation of Clubs meeting in Ellensburg is now a victim of Waco. The general manager of Quality Inn has cancelled the room reservations and forced the owners of Spurs Girls Restaurant out of their lease. Spurs Girls had a contract to cater the meeting, and refused to cancel the contract. The motel manager cancelled their lease with one day notice, in violation of their own contract. Joe Hill and Scott Robinson are working with Quality Inn to determine implications for STEAM training in October. According to the Spurs Girls owners, the motel manager cited concerns over a repeat of the Waco incident here in Ellensburg. Attorneys are involved. Stay tuned for developments on ABATE's response.

Olympia Chapter

From LOUISE BENTLEY, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Of course with all this nice weather, we have been busy enjoying ourselves at some of the many events out there. Spring Opener was well attended and, as usual, lots of fun. Jimmy G really knows what he's doing – many thanks go out to him and all who helped make it a success! Congratulations to the winners of the Harley Davidson Street Glide and the Ruger .45 pistols.

Several of our members made it to Grays Harbor's Flat Mattress run and had a wonderful time. Our Sergeant at Arms rode in the Chapters Run organized by Brian Lange and the Elk Country Chapter. Thank you to Robin Lange for posting the videos of the ride so that those of us who did not make the run could see how much fun everyone had. I was also able to participate in Elk Country's Dan George Memorial run. I couldn't make it to the ride but did enjoy the spaghetti dinner and auction afterwards.

I sat in on the ECOM meeting June 14th where, among other things, the issue of drinking while riding was brought up – this does happen to be one of my particular interests. This upcoming BOD should be a good one. I was also able to attend the Tacoma Chapter's meeting this month.

Our Legislative Affairs Officer, Allen, continues to expand our involvement in community events with the latest Victory Farms tour.

And, finally, there is the upcoming primary election on August 4, 2015 to keep us voters busy reviewing candidates and issues. Ride safely! ◊

Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

Tacoma Chapter is so far marking 2015 as a great year. We've had a mild winter and an outstanding riding season, and we have had opportunities to ride every weekend, whether with our own Tacoma Chapter, or in support of another chapter. And to top it off, we have another Spring Opener under our helmets and this year's event was one of the best ever. With more than half of our chapter membership in attendance, it was an amazing Spring Opener weekend. Everyone enjoyed the vendor booths, eating good food, listening to great music, dancing, enjoying a great ride together, camping in "tent city," and being together in our own party canopies. And of course the games. Hats off to our emcee Rachel for helping make participants and spectators feel engaged. Also, Jay, Pam, Arnie, Leon, Sarah, Shari, Mark and Lauren all deserve a grateful and sincere shoutout. I'd like to make a special note of thanks to those hardworking men and women who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure registration was smooth, the grounds were clean and safe, and the events were well organized.

I am so very proud of our chapter family and look forward to our next adventure this summer.

We are Tacoma! ◊

East Pierce County Chapter

From MIC "LEPRECHAUN" CAIN, COORDINATOR

We just finished our chapter Independence campout, had a great time! Numbers were a bit low (17 people in all) but hey, quality trumps quantity, and we had that in spades. It's great to take the time just to bond, and have a family atmosphere. We had communal meals, and when you put a variety of foods together, you get a feast. We were at Cascade Peaks, between Randle and Packwood, and I can definitely recommend the place! The fee is \$18 per night, per tent or RV, and they have a store on site, plus 2 pools.

Coming up this month August 21–23, we'll all be out in Roy at the annual Teddy Bear Festival. Hope to see you there. This is a great time, we'll have OUTTA CONTROL playing Friday night, and we'll have BLURRED VISION on for Saturday. It's a fun weekend, kid friendly, and for an excellent couple of causes (Pierce County Fire & Rescue and BASH). Bring any teddy bears, school supplies, or food items that you can spare to add to ours, and help some kids out. We'll have bike games, kids games, and lots of fun for everyone. \Diamond

Tacoma Chapter at Spring Opener



Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

Man Brothers and Sisters, I'm very sad today!!!! Spring Opener is over and we have to wait a whole year before we can do it again. But what a Spring Opener it was. I had the best time ever, from Tuesday the day we set up camp till Sunday morning the day we got ready to come back home.

So many people with all happy faces on. Our poker run was a blast with over 110 bikes. Rock our Road Captain selected a very good route; the people at our stops were top notch and very friendly. I want to thank our two road guards, Andy and Glen, for the job they did keeping us all safe and hassle free. I was lucky enough to win the poker run with four sevens. Winner received an AMSOIL change and filter donated by John Lawson of SKCC and fifty dollars. I use Harley oil so I donated it to second high hand with four twos. Thank you John for your generous donation.

We had 82 members plus lots of guests in our camp. Our chapter fed all our members for the two days and lots of drop ins. We all are looking forward to next year already. ABATE of Washington just keeps making the Spring Opener better each year. Jimmy G you are the best. Keep it up Brother.

Another highlight is Hell's Belles. We just don't ever get tired of having them entertain us. And the (jiggles contest) well it rocked. WTG again Jimmy. Very much looking forward to the next BOD hosted by EPCC. There is a lot of good stuff in the works. If you haven't ever been to one, try to make one. All are welcome.

I have heard that arrangements are already in the works for Black Thursday. Maybe this is the year we get the helmet bill passed. I know Brian is working hard on it. If you want to see it passed and have never done anything to help it along maybe this is the year you do. After all legislation is what we about. Lets all put in the effort to get our right to decide back.

Rock and Libbie's birthday party will be over by the time this is read but I hope you were one of the more then 300 who came out and enjoyed the night of fellowship, music, food and drink. If you didn't come out for the birthday party I hope you did one of the other ABATE runs and rides. On the 18th SKCC had its 'Round the Mountain ride and Mason County had a ride and campout. There is something going on each and every weekend. Get out and support ABATE of Washington. Your next best friend you meet might be waiting for you at the next event. ABATE is full of interesting and friendly people.

August 22nd at Uncle Sam's we will have a Defense fund party for the innocent victims in the WACO Texas fiasco. Please come out and support it. It is in the rides and events in this issue.

Be courteous and alert out there. ◊

Jim Stillman seen at SO with Rock



Lyle picking up hitchhikers



George enjoying SO; photos Billy De



ell in my opinion Spring Opener 2015 had everything you could ask for including nice weather. There are way too many people to thank for all the work it took putting on the event: Jimmy George, Scott Robinson, Mike Campbell, and Koeta Imhof and the rest of the Spring Opener committee who worked very hard to make sure everything went as smooth as possible. For the most part it did. I would like to thank all of the chapters that stepped up to take care of the activities: Spanaway Chapter did the poker run, North Kitsap chapter did the bike show, Tacoma chapter did the bike games, and Central Washington chapter ran the tattoo contest. Thanks to Steve Jirak and Phil Wang for all their help getting everything set up. We need to thank Jason McCarter and the security staff and all of the chapters that sent members to work security. We need to thank Greg Hansen, Darlene Williams, and Kat Bolton for taking care of our first aid issues, they did an excellent job, don't know what we would have done without them. Angela Parkison was gracious enough to take control of the Products booth and with the help of other people she did an excellent job. The gate was handled by the Rebels and Christian Crusaders. Each year these two groups work the gate from early morning till late night, thank you. The next thank you is for some people that really make my life a little easier: Jeff, Shawnie and the City Hall Saloon crew out there picking up trash from Friday thru Sunday, I don't know what I would do without them. And once again, The Freedom Seekers did a bike wash to help with Spring Opener expenses. We need to thank fireman Terry for bringing the raffle bike over and fireman

SPRING OPERING BY LYLE COYLE

Andy for bringing the bike back to Tacoma. There are a lot of people that helped the people I named and I am sending out a thank you to all of you. Thank you to all of the sponsors: Destination Harley Davidson, Bull's Eye Shooter Supply, Quick Throttle Magazine, Cenex Propane, and Bent Bike. I would also like to thank Arrowwood Productions for the help with the musical entertainment. But the biggest thank you goes out to everyone who purchased a ticket to come and enjoy the festivities. We could work 360 days out of the year to have the best of everything, have the best entertainment, the best venue, the best vendors, the best activities, but if you the members, the Independents, the clubs, the people who pay their hard earned money to be there, if you were not there it would be a flop so THANK YOU each and every one.

Saturday night after a rock out by Hell's Belles we drew the winning raffle ticket for the 2015 Street Glide. The bike was won by Jean Santee from Vancouver, WA. Then we drew the winning raffle ticket for the .45 caliber pistols which was won by Christian Crusader John Cook who was present and very excited.

On Thursday evening we started the night with music from the Roni Lee Group and then tried something new with movie night on the large blowup screen. There was an issue with the sound but sometimes you can make up your own dialog. Friday Spanaway Chapter hosted a 137-mile poker run which was won by none other than Billy De himself with quad 7's. From what everyone said it was a great run with excellent weather and great people. Friday night music was started out with Never Cry and the crowd favorite Sub Vinyl Juke Box rocked the night away.



Jimmy G, Bike venner Jean Santee, Ed Wallace Jr.

Saturday morning, North Kitsap chapter once again put on the bike show for some proud bike owners. The winners:

ANTIQUE: 1st Rick Bates—Elk Cty Chp, 2nd Richard Berg—NWCMC, and 3rd Dawn Downer—Independent

CHOPPER CLASS: 1st Jeff Kisner, 2nd Chris Angelo, and 3rd Mitch Bumgarner

CRUISER CLASS: 1st David Starkweather, 2nd Dickie— Mason Cty, and 3rd Sean Bishop—Inland Empire

TRIKE/SIDECAR: 1st Missy Kisner-Inland Empire, 2nd Curley Thomas, and 3rd Randy Bostrom

RAT: 1st Brian Lange–Elk Cty Chp, 2nd Terry Rehn– Elk Cty Chp and it seems we only had two Rat bikes in the place because there isn't a 3rd place winner

CUSTOMIZED: 1st BLAQ-Mason Cty, 2nd Nikky Maltoon, and 3rd Joe Kennedy

TOURING: 1st Psycho Bro's, 2nd Jim Blackett–Elk Cty Chp, and 3rd Amigo Bull SPORT: 1st Neal Lutz, 2nd Justen Leingang, and 3rd Nick Brown BEST OF SHOW went to Jeff Kisner.

Next was the Bike games put on by Tacoma Chapter starting with:

PING PONG BALL DROP: 1st Jake & Melissa, 2nd Mark & Cynda, and 3rd Sonnyboy & Amber

KEG ROLL: 1st Reed, 2nd Backpack, and 3rd Mark Boni

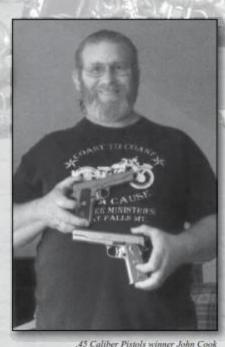
WEENIE BITE: 1st Jay & Jen, 2nd Grazer & Hannah, and 3rd Vernon & Carla

WOMEN'S SLOW RACE: 1st Jennifer, 2nd Pebbles, and 3rd Colleen (Big Red)

MEN's SLOW RACE: 1st Mike Coski, 2nd Sonnyboy, and 3rd Mark Boni.

I apologize but I don't have the winners of the tattoo contest.

I know that I am probably forgetting to thank someone or to mention something or someone but I promise it is not intentional, but for anyone I forgot to thank or mention, THANK YOU!!!!!



43 Cather Pistots winner John Cook

Background photo credit Reed Schmitt

Arrangements for the Meeting of the Minds Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 24-27 are being finalized. The guest speakers are all lined up. There are several new topics planned and lots of fun stuff too. There are elections to be held and planning for the coming year. Join fellow riders from across the country to learn and have fun. Make your reservations before August 24 for registration and hotel discounts.

The MRF is busy trying to keep up with the highway planning going on in the District of Columbia as well as what happens in the states.

***For example, the State of Oregon on July 1 kicked off a new pay-by-the-mile road usage charge program. This program charges volunteer users 1.5 cents per mile while driving in Oregon and allows them to receive credit on their bill for state gas tax paid at the pump, according to a release from the Department of Transportation.

The state created the OReGO program to address the reduced amount of fuel taxes collected as more hybrid and fuel-efficient vehicles are driven on roads. The state's fuel tax revenue leaves less available each year for highway maintenance and construction.

"Oregon and other states know that the gas tax drivers pay at the pump isn't cutting it anymore," ODOT Director Matthew Garrett said. "As newer cars squeeze more miles out of each gallon of gas, and more hybrid and all-electric vehicles are sold, paying for road use by the mile instead of by the gallon ensures that everyone pays their fair share – no more, no less."

Drivers can track their mileage using a non-GPS device, Sanef/IMS, which only reports miles driven and fuel consumption, or they can use GPS-enabled devices from Azuga and Verizon Telematics.

The state has already conducted two pilot projects to test road usage charging. According to the DOT, several states – including Washington, California, Idaho, and Colorado – are considering similar pay-by-the-mile road usage charge systems.

The program is currently limited to 5,000 cars and light-duty commercial vehicles statewide. Participants can enroll at myOReGO.org [2]. Participants will be asked for feedback and suggestions for program improvement.

***Also a debate about tolling the nation's interstate highway system is going on in the other Washington. So far there isn't the needed funding to get it going but it is something we need to watch. There are already several states that allow tolling by private companies for highway maintenance where the states don't really make any money. (Maybe the 12 cents a gallon at the pump isn't such a bad thing after all.)

The EPA is still trying to raise the amount of ethanol in the nation's fuel supplies. There has been a public comment period that ended July 27 but it still may be helpful to let our Legislators in Washington, D.C. know that we don't want the unproven 15% corn oil in our vehicle gasoline. Call or email them today.

*** CALIFORNIA REVEALS DETAILS OF SELF-DRIVING CAR ACCIDENTS Justin Prichard, Associated Press

California state officials on Thursday, June 18, 2015 released reports detailing six accidents that involved self-driving car prototypes, reversing a policy that had shielded details of how the next-generation technology is performing during testing on public roads. California state officials released reports Thursday detailing six accidents that involved self-driving car prototypes, reversing a policy that shielded details of how the next-generation technology is performing during testing on public roads. According to the reports, most of the cars were in self-driving mode when the accidents happened, and the other driver caused the accident. None of the crashes was serious enough to cause injuries, either to the person the state requires to sit behind the wheel or people in the other cars. The DMV's refusal to release the reports bothered critics, who said the public should know how the cars of the future were faring today. "The more transparent the government is about self-driving vehicle accidents, the more credibility the government will have when it comes time to decide -- yes or no -- on whether to OK the sale and licensing of self-driving cars," said Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition. Until now, the agency said it could not reveal details about self-driving car accidents, citing state law making collision reports confidential.

Led by Google, self-driving cars have been running on public roads since 2009. It was only in September, however, that the DMV officially began permitting the testing — and requiring companies to file accident reports and until now, the agency wouldn't release those reports.

A Google spokeswoman could not say whether the company had filed DMV reports on any of the initial eight accidents, and said she could not provide damage estimates because repairs were done in-house, without a bill.

It is hard to know for sure how typical Google's experience is. With four accidents in the past approximately 100,000 miles, the recent accident rate appears to be higher than the reported national average. About 0.3 "property-damage-only crashes" happen per 100,000 miles driven, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

With summer break in Washington, D.C. now is a good time to hook up with our Legislators while they are here at home. Their home office contact information is on the web and most of them will hold town hall meetings while they are in the neighborhood. Make it a point to make the time to visit with them and let them know how you, their constituent feels about the issues we face. They may even be found at local picnics or other civic events. Let your voice be heard. They do work for us Ride safe, ride free.

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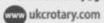
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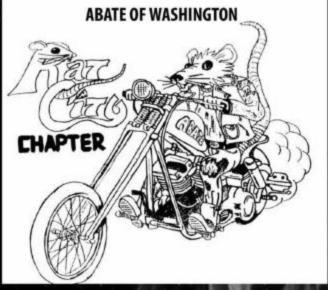
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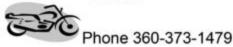
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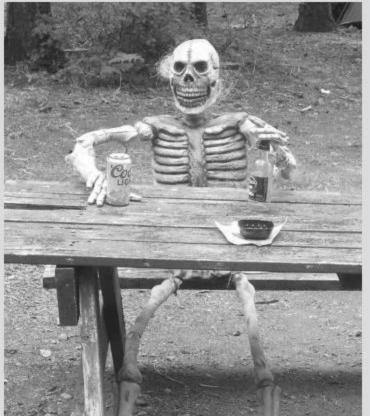
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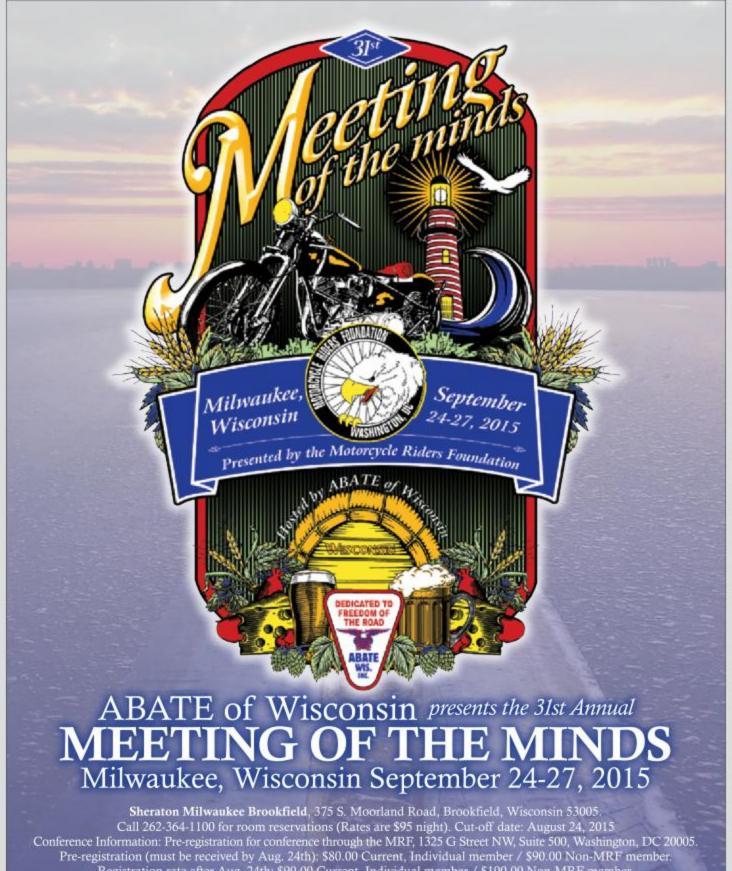
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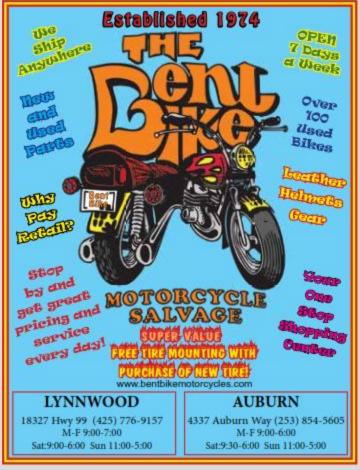
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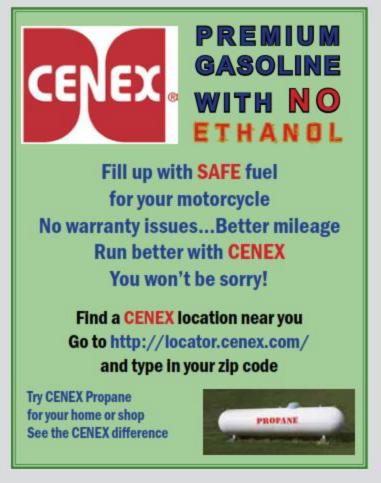




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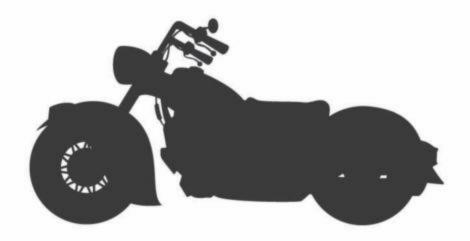




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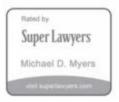


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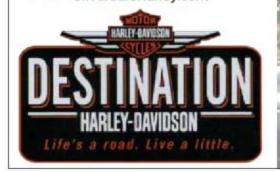
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