

ABATE OF WASHINGTON



February 2021 Updates

Legislative Report

Even with the restrictions that have been enforced due to COVID-19, ABATE is moving forward with three bills this biennium. As of the time of this writing, one bill has already been dropped and has been numbered HB-1106. That bill is the “Lane Sharing For Safety Act”, and was sponsored by; Rep. Drew MacEwen (35 th Dist.), Rep. Chris Corry (14th Dist.), Rep. Larry Hoff (18th Dist.), and Rep. Joe Schmick (9 th Dist.). **If these legislators are your representatives, please call or email their offices and thank them.** I believe this may be the most sponsors we have had for a lane-sharing bill. As of Jan. 14th, it has been referred to the House Transportation Committee. If any hearing on the bill is announced, a Call-To-Action to sign up for the online hearing will be sent out with the necessary information. I believe the reason this bill has gained the support it has is because of the simplicity of the language. It is focused totally on the when, where, and how of lane-sharing. With no other extraneous language about other actions at all. This bill also states that studies show lane-sharing is safer for motorcyclists, and that this bill was written to follow the California Highway Patrol’s guidelines.



State Coordinator's Report

Members,

At the January BOD we voted on a couple of big items. The State Treasurer position is now filled. Jenny Rogers was nominated and voted in the Ecom board and we are very excited to have a motivated and well-organized member step into a very important position. Be sure and Thank Koeta Imhoff for her hard work and many successful years of service to ABATE OF WASHINGTON 15 years as State Treasure endless hours of hard work that got us where we are today. Thank You. Koeta

Black Thursday: Black Thursday is a completely different event for us this year. The good news is Brian Lang has stepped back up to the position as state LAO. He is working on the bills and understands the system they have in place to move our legislative agenda forward. Be sure and read his article and watch for the call to action emails. We want to thank Louise Bentley for stepping up to the LAO position during Brain's absence.

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NCOM Biker Newsbytes

PANDEMIC KICKSTARTED A MOTORCYCLE BOOM

From soft sales and even negative growth at some companies to the specter of businesses collapsing in the face of Coronavirus, to sudden sales spikes and even triple-digit growth, 2020 has been a whiplash year for the motorcycle industry.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, red flags were waving in many pockets of motorcycle commerce according to Forbes.com, and there was a growing dark cloud hovering over the industry, generated in large part by one particular problem: Not enough new riders are buying motorcycles and replacing those that are leaving the sport.



"There have been many reasons postulated for the shrinking ridership numbers and flagging sales, from Millennials being more risk (and motorcycle) averse, to smartphone addiction to enthusiasts aging out of the market," wrote Forbes contributor Bill Roberson in his article; "The Motorcycle Industry Was At A Crossroads, Then COVID-19 Changed Up The Map".

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Local Chapter Reports



Key Peninsula Report

"Greetings from the 'Pen! We are moving forward with our monthly meetings as a lot of you are (or should be) trying to take care of our business. We have had to shift venues for the location of our monthly business meetings for the time being."

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Columbia Gorge Chapter Report

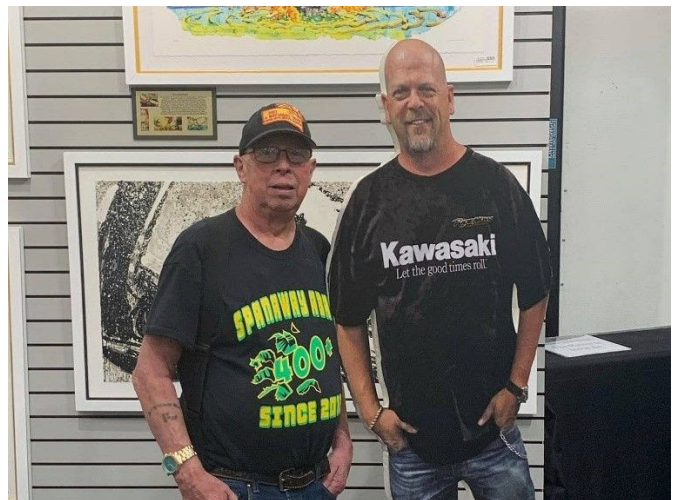
"Greetings from Goldendale, and a happy New Year to us! Let's hope this year 2021 is going to get better and better. I remain hopeful that we will get back to riding and freedom. We must stay strong and united during these uncertain times"

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Elk Country Chapter Report

"Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our January meeting due to issues beyond our control. But we have plans for some great times this coming year. Our 15th Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Ride will be held on May 16th, 2021. We will be holding our 3



Spanaway Chapter Report

"First I would like to thank the State Board of Directors and all of you for honoring Mr. Billie Dee Hunter as a life member of ABATE of Washington. I believe it is well deserved."

Pass Poker Run in July as a memorial run for our fallen members"

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North Kitsap Chapter Report

"We are fortunate enough to have a local restaurant owner with a rebellious nature who allowed us to have our Chapter meeting at "That One Place". It was nice to be able to gather again in a food serving establishment amid all the COVID restrictions... and most importantly, the food was great! We also nominated/elected our new Deputy Coordinator Travis Snow! Welcome to the Board, Travis!"

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South King County Chapter Report

"Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters of ABATE! I hope you all faired the past year to the best of your capabilities. And that the New Year brings you much joy, happiness, and safe riding. SKCC hosted the January 2021 BOD meeting. Thank you to our sister Tamara Billings for helping with the venue. It's much appreciated by your chapter."

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EPCC Chapter Report

"Greetings from EPCC! It's definitely a rough time, but keep your head up, and if you can, keep riding! It always helps clear the mind as all the troubles are blown away by the wind. We have continued to have our business meetings, despite the current situation. We have just had to change the venue, depending on mandates."

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