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3	Columbia River	Keith Parkison	1st Thursday 7:00 PM	6:00 PM social prior to business
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ő	PO Box 40474	509-991-5400	Sweet Old Bob's	
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8	Kittitas County	Joe Hill	1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Business meeting	5:30 PM social prior to business
œ	P.O. Box 1724	509-929-0729	Buzz Inn Steakhouse	meeting
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BA 35	South King County	John Lawson	1st Monday 7:00 PM	
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Large photo this page: Representative Ed Orcutt, 20th District, keynote speaker at STEAM; small photo this page and photo an right: members listen attentively to STEAM presentations Cover photo: SKCC member Chuck Tracer & Chester with other ABATE members riding helmet free* in the City of Auburn Veterans Day Parade (*thanks to the efforts of ABATE of Washington in helping to pass the Parade Bill in 2011)

UPFRONT by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

The most important day of the year for ABATE of Washington is just around the corner. Black Thursday, January 22, 2015, is your opportunity to show legislators in Olympia that we stand firm on motorcyclist rights and liberties. Plan to be there; after all, it's why we're together in ABATE in the first place. Start making appointments with your legislators now; the guide on page 11 makes it easy.

As 2015 approaches, it's a good time to look back and reflect on our progress as an organization. You'll find a year-end wrap up starting on page 26. Also in this issue is a 12-month schedule to help you plan for next year's events. I hope you find it useful.

Did you know that if you move, the post office will not forward your newsletter? We provide 3 ways to notify of change of address (2 are on this page) and now we have a mail-in form on the back cover.

Have a safe and joyous holiday season. See you in the new year. IL



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JANUARY

BOD Meeting, hosted by Spanaway Chapter

22 Black Thursday Olympia

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Search for the "Abate of Washington" Facebook group to join discussions, post comments and share photos

OFFICER REPORTS



From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

I have a question for you. There are 3,921,679 registered voters in the state of Washington and we had 2,007,986 voters in this last election. That leaves 1,913,693 people that have taken the time to register to vote, but for some reason they did not vote. Now the math says that only 51.2% voted and in my opinion, that is not acceptable for a number of different reasons. Reason 1. Do you have a Senator or Representative not on the same page as you, perhaps politically opposed? Reason 2. Is there an initiative that will take away rights that our forefathers fought and died for? If these are not reason enough to vote, I don't know what it will take to persuade you that voting is probably the most important thing you can do for yourself. In the next election, let's get that 51.2% voter turnout up to at least 80% because you know by this last election, that the people who want your rights taken away are voting. Okay I know you are saying, where is this question? Well here it is, "DID YOU VOTE?"

I would like to thank everyone who showed up at STEAM. In my opinion it was a huge success. I believe we covered almost every officer position along with most of the committee chair positions. If the questions that were asked were

any indication that people care about this organization, I know that ABATE of Washington will continue to grow and have many successes. At STEAM and the BOD we had the privilege to meet some of the new chapter coordinators and welcome back some that decided to stay on for another term. Remember that the chapter coordinator is your voice at the BOD. They are not there to tell you what to do or say. They are there to make your voice heard, so attend those chapter meetings because that's where it happens.

In closing, I have a request of you. In the next year, let's strive for every member in ABATE of Washington to renew their membership and get one new member to sign up. At this time next year, instead of saying we have 1,500 members we can say that we have 3,000 members. I know for a fact that this request is attainable.

Some people change their ways when they see the light, others when they feel the heat. O

Member Notice

Nominations for Eastside Deputy Coordinator, State Secretary, State Treasurer and NCOM Ambassador will be taken at the January Board of Director's meeting.

Qualifications for these positions can be found in the Bylaws 6.3.2, 6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.4.5. If you are qualified and would like to run for one of these elected State Officer positions, please attend the BOD meeting in January and have someone nominate you.

Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

ABATE is moving ahead in the fight for your rights. We continue to build a strong foundation of officers and support our members with incentives to attend our training seminars. Join the fight for your rights and get involved with your Chapter. Whether you're on a committee or just attending an event, show support for ABATE. There are people working around the state to keep ABATE in the fight. Do not get left behind.

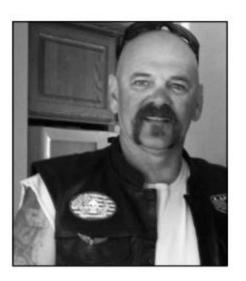
I would first like to thank everyone who attended STEAM training this year. The turnout was great and the participation from members made it work. I would like to thank our new State Legislative Affairs Officer (LAO) Brian Lange for contacting Rep. Ed Orcutt. Brian made the arrangements for him to be our guest speaker. Would also like to thank State Secretary Rona Smith for all her help putting together all the handouts and organizing the event.

I owe a THANKS to my wonderful wife and Coordinator of Columbia Gorge Chapter, Micki Robinson, for putting up with me in the weeks prior to the event and for helping without question during the weekend. You're the Best...

Here comes the Progressive International Motorcycle Show in Seattle. This is our chance to put our name out to the rest of the motorcycle community. Our opportunity to let them know we are here fighting for their rights as well as ours. In these times, we have lots of people who are in question of our Government and how our laws are enforced. Looking forward to meeting our next motorcycle Patriot at the show.

SPRING OPENER BIKE – 2015
Street Glide Special. That is frigging cool! For the price of one ticket (\$10.00), someone is going to win it.
The committee is working on tickets and they should be out soon. Just one more item from Spring Opener. The event will be on Father's Day again this year. After lots of discussion, the Board voted. That's where we stand.

Black Thursday is coming fast. We voted at the BOD and we are continuing our fight for freedom of choice concerning the Helmet Law. We are also sponsoring a lane filtering bill (lane splitting), so get ready to make your appointments with your Reps and Senators. Contact Brian for the info on these Bills. He has a planning meeting November 22 in Olympia, so there should be more info available after that meeting. \Diamond



Key Peninsula ABATE Chapter

Key Fest thanks you for your many volunteer hours and your assistance with the 2014 Key Fest. The Motorcycle Show was well received and there were many requests for it to return next year. Having your group help with site preparation and on site during the event was a great help.

Key Fest is an organization run solely by volunteers and we could not continue with out support from community minded groups such as yours.

Thank you again

Kris Sherman Secretary - Key Fest Thank you received from Key Fest, an annual festival held near Key Center, offering music, rides, food, and one a day motorcycle show sponsored by Key Peninsula Chapter of ABATE of Washington

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Handlebar Height 2003 - 2004

Blue Dot Taillight 2003 - 2004

Helmet is a Helmet



2009 - 2010

Parade Bill



2009 - 2010

Motorcycle Modification Bill Some of ABATE of Washington's legislative successes



2011 - 2012

Anti-Profiling Bill

2013 - 2014

Traffic Planning Bill

2013 - 2014

Conversion Kit Bill 2013 - 2014

Sharrows Bill



2013 - 2014

Red Light Bill





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All riders, and all motorcycles welcome Arrive by 8 AM and spend the day, or come when you can, and make your voice heard in the legislature



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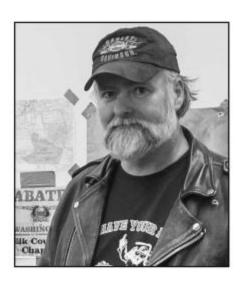
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For more information, contact Brian Lange legislative l@abate-wa.org For hotel reservations contact the Governor Hotel 621 Capitol Way South at 360 352-7700

LEGISLATIVE NEWS



Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

With the new legislative session fast looming before us, I thought we should take a moment and look at what we have to clearly show to the legislators in Olympia. While there are other issues pending on the platter, I want to focus here on the helmet law issue.

There have been questions about why A.B.A.T.E. shouldn't try to simply run an initiative to repeal the helmet law and bypass the legislature. That's a really bad idea. There are a couple of reasons why. One is, because by doing that we give up all control of the fight. As soon as an initiative is on the ballot, there is no longer any control over the bill. The initiative's opponents will spend a lot of money in a few key markets, rehashing the same old misinformation that they have been spoon feeding the public since the Harborview Report and before. Our initiative could win by a landslide in virtually the entire state, yet lose because the wrong message got out to the right groups of voters in a few key counties. I've seen it happen before, so I know what I don't want to happen to our helmet repeal. The legislature isn't about to overturn an initiative vote that maintains the status quo. It just isn't going to happen. But do we really want to let a couple million misinformed or overly paternalistic voters decide what would be the best thing for motorcyclists? I for one don't.

That is why we have to keep focusing on getting the law changed in the legislature. There, we can keep the focus on what is important. We need to present our arguments to our individual lawmakers in a confident, concerted, and informed manner. We need to refrain from making broad statements that we can't back up with facts. It also does nothing but waste time to have five people in a meeting with a legislator, all saying the same thing five different ways.

We, as a community, need to stop and think of what we are demanding. We are in a fight for our personal safety, for our right to choose what level of protection is enough for us as individuals. We are in a fight for our lives, and to protect ourselves from the over protective mentality of some groups and agencies, in the government and out.

Whether in a meeting with a legislator, or in a hearing, we need to be focused on being able to not just say they are wrong, but to prove it with facts. Make it so difficult for our opponents to come up with an effective reason not to repeal the law, that we can persuade a few of the fence sitters to climb down and join us. They are the ones we need to convince. We won't ever really convince the die-hard opponents of the repeal. But the majority on the fence, are the ones we have a good shot at getting through to with a sane, factual voice.

So, what are some of the things our opponents are going to bring up? Here's a short list of some of the claims they always seem to make. I'll do my best to offer countering information for each opposing reason to not repeal the helmet law.

Public Burden

Senator Don Benton covered this argument beautifully at the start of the hearing for the helmet bill in January 2014. To be brief, I won't quote him completely, but I'll show the figures he states:

"According to the National Center for Health Statistics, only 1.16% of total US health costs are attributable to motor vehicle accidents the costs associated with the treatment of motorcyclists injuries account for less than 0.001% of total US health care costs And only a portion of that less than 0,001% is attributable to un-helmeted motorcyclists.

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..And the majority of that cost is paid by privately purchased health insurance."

Doesn't sound very burdensome to me, does it to you?

Helmets Save Lives

According to NHTSA's own documents, "Helmets are estimated to be 37% effective in preventing fatal injuries to motorcycle riders." (NHTSA 2012 Traffic Safety Facts) So, doing some simple mathematics, that seems to show that they are 63% ineffective.

Also according to NHTSA, "Between 2000 and 2002, only 19% of the injuries to helmeted motorcyclists in fatal crashes were to the head." So in 81% of the fatal crashes during that time, helmets did not save anyone? (NHTSA Traffic Safety Fact "Bodily Injury Locations In Fatally Injured Motorcycle Riders" Oct. 2007.)

According to a letter from NHTSA's Chief Counsel Paul Jackson Rice, DOT does not "approve" helmets. This might explain why, between 1980 and 2008, 1540 manufacturers certified "DOT" helmets were tested by independent laboratories. Of those 1540 "DOT" helmets, 945 failed testing. That is a 61.4% failure rate over a 28 year period. These weren't what the WSP refer to as "Novelty" helmets either. They were name brands like AFX, Pro Police, Icon, Fulmer, and Rodia.

Constitutionality

The use of FMVSS-218 within the law has been judged by both State and Federal courts to be in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the US Constitution. Without a specific list of "non-compliant" helmets, or NHTSA ordered helmet recalls, or a personal specific knowledge of a particular helmet, the 9th Circuit Court ruled that law enforcement cannot establish probable cause. So far as A.B.A.T.E. has been able to determine, no law enforcement agency has a list of "noncompliant" or recalled helmets.

These are just a few of the issues to be focused on during the upcoming session. More will be in the Black Thursday Packet available on Black Thursday at the Capitol. I look forward to trying together to build on A.B.A.T.E.'s prior successes, and working in conjunction with the motorcycling community to free ourselves of enforced risk of life and limb by those who claim to only want "what's good for us."

Remember ...

Make your appointments for Black Thursday

	HEN: Now
1.	You have three legislators in your legislative district (2 representatives, 1 senator) Find out who they are and obtain their contact information by calling 1-800-562-6000 or visiting http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder
2.	Call each one (you will usually reach the legislative assistant) and introduce yourself "Hi, my name is and I am a member of ABATE of Washington from the chapter (or Independent). I am a constituent in your district." (Or, "Our organization/chapter has constituents in your district.")
3.	State the reason for calling "ABATE of Washington has a Legislative Day on January 22nd and I would like to set up an appointment with Rep/ Sen Before we set a time, can we make sure that an appointment isn't already on the schedule for that day?"
	(If ABATE already has an appointment, don't make another one. Plan on attending the appointment jointly with other ABATE members in your district)
4.	Confirm "Thank you for checking, can we confirm the meeting time?"
5.	Thank them and close the call "Thank you for making our Legislative Day possible. I look forward to seeing Rep/Sen on January 22 at (time)."

Notify your Legislative Affairs chapter committee head (or Chapter Coordinator/State LAO) that you've made the
appointment for XX District, with Senator _____ and Reps _____ and _____ on January 22 at (times).

Public Records Act Beat-down in Kennewick

A LITIGATION UPDATE FROM MYERS & FOX FOCUSED REPRESENTATION FOR **CLUB MEMBERS AND** INDEPENDENT BIKERS

The weather may be nice in the Tri-Cities. But the police aren't.

There are a lot of stories about harassment in Kennewick. We decided to investigate two of them.

Incident No. 1: A group of Bandidos were riding through Benton County. They stopped at a gas station on the outskirts of town. A gang unit detective spied on them at the gas station, assembled a multi-jurisdictional team to pull them over after they got back on I-97 and then kept them on the shoulder for approximately 45 minutes to gather "gang information."

Incident No. 2: More harassment and sneaky business from police at a COC Regional in Kennewick. Kennewick Police stopped multiple COC members and photographed motorcycles legally parked on the street.

The first step in these cases is to send a well thought-out Public Records Act request. The responding agency has to provide everything requested unless there's a statutory exemption to disclosure. Marty Fox of Myers & Fox started the ball rolling.

Agencies like to fall back on the "law enforcement" exception. In response to the public records requests, the City of Kennewick said that it would not provide anything because all of the information gathered was essential to effective law enforcement. That meant that the City would not provide (1) photographs, (2) videos or (3) reports responsive to the public records requests. This was a good opportunity to challenge an over and mis-used exemption.

The law also requires that if something is going to be withheld that the agency provide a privilege log (describing what is being withheld) and provide a brief explanation why the material requested is not being provided. The City of Kennewick didn't comply with either of these requirements. That's where Mike Myers stepped in and sued the City.

The real hammer in these public records act cases is the threat of attorney fees. Attorney fees are mandatory. Good faith is not a defense. Attorney fees have to be paid even if the defendant voluntarily complies with the PRA after the

lawsuit is initiated. In addition there are per-day penalties for non-compliance. (The courts have more discretion in terms of setting the penalties.)

We deposed the hell out of City employees and the sneaky gang-unit officer. It's hard to tell whether they folded under the weight of the questioning by Mike Myers or didn't even know the damage they'd done to the City. Either way, after the depositions we had the City dead to rights.

We capitalized on the momentum by making a settlement demand. That's how you get paid-you ask for the money. But more important than just getting paid was getting the information from the Bandidos stop so we would have it when pursuing the profiling/civil rights case.

The City capitulated. (Even though the City of Kennewick Police leave a lot to the imagination, the City Attorney was smart-she recognized how the evidence looked and knew that it would be best for the City to fold this hand.) It agreed to hand over everything requested from the Bandidos' incident, pay attorney fees and costs and pay per diem penalties.

Mike Myers of Myers & Fox has filed a related civil suit (that's pending in federal district court for the Eastern District of Washington) against the City of Kennewick, Benton County and the officers involved in the Bandidos' stop. The case will test the boundaries of pretextual (or what the courts now like to call "mixed-motive") stops in Washington and whether the much-discussed Profiling Law means anything in the eyes of the court.

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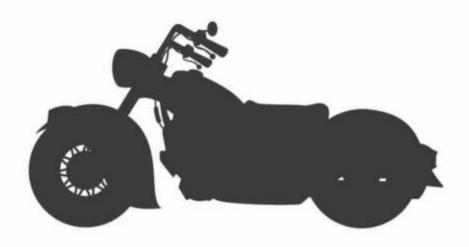
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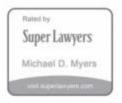


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CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter Rep 3 Region

From BILLY DE HUNTER, CHAPTER REP 3

Lyle has appointed me as Chapter Rep for section 3 chapters: Tacoma, EPCC, SKCC, Rat City and Spanaway. I want to thank Sonny Boy for the job he has done in this position for the last two years.

I'm impressed with the chapters' new officers and their goals to unite Brother and Sisterhood. All the chapters have promised to do more events together with other chapters. I know this will make for a tighter organization. One thing I stress is this is not about a chapter and it's not about me or you or them. It is about ALL OF US. We are all one. We are ABATE OF WASHINGTON.

All of the chapters I have been to have healthy treasuries and I think that it's nice to have funds on hand to support our events and our legislative efforts.

I attended the Auburn Veterans Day parade on November 8th with SKCC and EPCC. There was a good showing of riders, about 75 bikes. Tacoma had their Tattered Flag run the same day. The winner of the ride wins the old tattered flag and gets to pick the starting place for the next Tattered Flag ride. I'm sure it was well attended. At Tacoma's meeting, they said they would head over to the Parade after their ride and join up with SKCC.

It's good to see Leprechaun back up and about. I'm sure he will do good things for the EPCC. They are planning for their Christmas party. Johnny Love is at the helm for SKCC and has lots of good ideas for his chapter. They are meeting at The Longhorn BBQ in Auburn. Steve (Boxman) and his crew in Tacoma are making big moves forward with a new line of support wear and a monthly E-Newsletter. Good job guys. Tacoma is also gearing up for their Christmas Toy Run on December 13th. A flyer is in this newsletter. Rat City is in good hands with Tim McCall, Irish and the rest of a capable crew. They are gearing up for their Chicken Friday event. It is always a very successful event. Support it if you can and like Irish says, BRING MONEY. As for the Spanaway Chapter, we have been real busy. We had our Halloween Party with our Brothers and Sisters from Tacoma Chapter. It was a good time, but not as well attended as last year but it was on a Friday. I think it hurt attendance. Our annual Toasty Toes event was started on November 1st this year. Read more about it in the Spanaway Chapter report. We are getting ready for our Save the Patch party at Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill with the Tacoma chapter on December 20th. A flyer is in this newsletter. We are holding this event so the state or our chapters don't have to pay the \$5 per member to support the patch foundation and our two chapters can use that money for our needs. And just maybe we can get more for the cause. Rat City and SKCC have already paid their \$5 a member plus some. WTG guys and gals. That is about it for this month. I wish you all very Happy Holidays. ◊

Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

This is my favorite time of the year. Lots of colors change and a little nip in the air is very refreshing. It is the time of year for ABATE to help others: Christmas parties, Toy Drives and time to look forward to Black Thursday.

The Spanaway chapter has our Sock Drive going with donation boxes in nine places. We have an event called Toasty Toes started by our member Les Nells. I want to thank George Dickman for making the boxes and placing them this year and Ron Slade for making the box signs. Last year we gathered more then 1,200 pairs of Socks for BASH (Bikers Fighting Statewide Hunger). This year we hope to do even more. After the Sock Drive we turn the boxes into Toy Drive boxes to help our sister chapter ABATE of Tacoma in their toy drive. This year we are also helping out a couple of foster home with some of the toys.

I want to thank Polaris and everyone else who baked and worked gathering auction items for our event to help BASH with their efforts to feed the needy during Thanksgiving. We got \$2,000 for them. That will help them out a lot.



Polaris and Billy De presenting donation to BASH; photo from Billy De

On December 20, Spanaway Chapter along with Tacoma Chapter will be holding an event at Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill to Support the Patch. We will have baked goods for sale and an auction along with lots of door prizes. Also a live band for your enjoyment. We expect this to be a big event. We are asking all to support this one. I know there was another, but this is one that ABATE is doing on our own. If you have something to donate to help us, a raffle item or an auction item, please contact myself or someone from Tacoma Chapter to help get it to the event.

As I look around ABATE, I see chapters getting smaller and I wonder WHY? At the BOD it was brought up that maybe we only support the helmet bill this year. And I thought about that. Is it because we have no future goals? We have approximately 1,250 members and we as motorcycle enthusiasts can only come up with one bill to fight for in Olympia and it is the Helmet Bill? Most will tell you we can't get it passed with

some of the people in office in Olympia who have come right out and said as long as they are in office, they will not pass it.

We as a group of people who WANT to fight for our motorcycle rights need to have something in the future to grow on and some challenges for us. If there is nothing there for us to fight for, why stay in the group? This is just my opinion and I want to help change it. Let's put stuff on the horizon for people to see we have other goals beside getting a helmet bill passed. If we don't want to be known as the helmet people, we need to do something besides fight for helmet repeal. I don't know if I have said this so it makes sense to everyone, but I hope so. Like I said it is just my opinion.

STEAM this year was bad ass as always. I congratulate all that worked so hard to make it that way. A big tip of the Helmet to you all. What I took away from it was to remember it is ABATE of Washington, not my chapter, not your chapter. We are all one. Only thing a chapter is there for is to help the state officers do the job we elected them to do. Can you imagine trying to get a coordinator to be state coordinator with no chapters, just one big state chapter? We are all one and we need to help and support each other.

Remember this time of year, roads are extremely slick and the leaves make them even more slick. Be safe and smart out there. \Diamond

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello ABATE members:

Where is the time going?? Our meetings are going great, we have 10 + members in attendance. That is pretty good for our area.

Scott and the committee put in the paperwork for the Festival of Wheels 2015. They have a meeting tonight with the city to see if it is approved. This event will be a great one. Hope you all can attend, remember to put it on your calendar.

Last month was STEAM and BOD. I hope ya'll learned something from it. I always enjoy seeing the members I usually don't get to see but once a year. Met some new faces and look forward to seeing them again. A BIG THANK YOU to the committee. They work hard in this all-volunteer organization.

Scott and I hosted the IMS this year and had a great time. Thank you all who came to help. I like getting that break to go to Pike Place Market.

For our Date night, it was Veterans Day, so we all got together at the American Legion and had dinner and drinks. I really enjoy spending time with this group of members. We are looking forward to getting together for Christmas BUNKO...♦

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Greetings and Happy Holidays to you from all of us up here in Elk Country. The fact that this is truly "Elk Country" was brought home quite intensely on the return trip from the October STEAM/BOD. We missed hitting a big cow elk on the outskirts of Packwood by about a foot or so. I'm not sure what it is about that particular sweeping turn, but that is at least the third time I've narrowly missed hitting an elk in that spot in the last few years.

Many things have been going on since our last report, so I suppose I should fill you all in. About the most important thing to happen is that we have changed our meeting day. Elk Country Chapter's new meeting day is the 1st Sunday of the month. Still at the Moose Lodge, and still at Noon. The main reason for the change, was in just a year, we have had to make adjustments on meeting days four times due to holidays, or some other event that demanded a large portion of our Board be away. This change should end that problem. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at Noon. Followed by our 2nd Annual Chapter Christmas Party & Pot Luck. We are even going to have our "Blind Auction" of gifts again this year. If you don't know what that is, come on down and check it out, or ask someone who was there last year. It is a blast!

The weather is turning cold, and wet, windy and then COLDER...But then, that is winter in the Pacific North Wet. We are looking forward to participating in several events over the next month or so. Most importantly, on Black Thursday, Jan. 22nd. Speaking as Elk Country Chapter Coordinator, I am expecting a good turn out from as many members, and non-members, from this far distant place we call Elk Country. See you there, and I hope to catch you on the road sometime.◊

East Pierce County Chapter

From "LEPRECHAUN" MIC CAIN, COORDINATOR

It's fun to think back a few years, and realize how a right or left turn could change your life so much.

One Saturday afternoon, I was leaving the Yella Beak in Enumclaw, about to cut left on Hwy 410, when a pack of 30 or so riders came up beside me, with a van in front, ready to turn right. The van window rolled down, and then Dutch Phillips said, "turning right will probably be more fun." So I turned right with the group, and joined their poker run. Before the run was over, I had many new friends, and was a member of EPCC.

So remember, when you see potential new members on the road or at a watering hole, tell them where it might be more fun. \Diamond

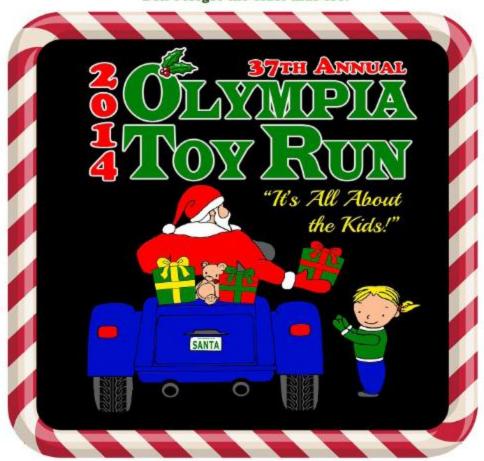
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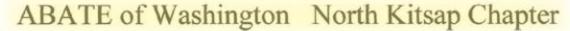
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On Sunday December 7th we will meet at The Garage, pick up the toys and leave by 10:45 A.M. travel to, Our Place, Tracyton Public House, A&C Tavern, and Putters at Rolling Hills. Leaving at 3:15 and proceed to Harrison Childrens Hospital arriving at approx. 3:30. After all Bikes are parked and everyone is gathered around, the trailors will be opened and everyone will be able to carry in all the toys and place them under the tree. We would like to

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CHAPTER REPORTS

Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

Tacoma Chapter has been, and will continue to be, busy. We had a shared Halloween Party on October 31st with Spanaway Chapter. We had our chapter Tattered Flag run on November 8th and our newest member (literally that same day) Gary Schuster won the Righteous Relic and now will get his name on the flag's frame. The Tacoma Toy Run is on December 13th and we will have a shared Save The Patch benefit on December 20th with Spanaway Chapter. And to keep things going we will have our Start The Year Off Right ride on January 1st!

Tacoma Chapter is rolling into 2015 with a plan to keep the momentum going that we started at the end of this year. Like most Chapters we have a Facebook page, but we also keep our internet website current, we have a Facebook Organization Page to relay upcoming information to members, and we started our email ENewsletter last month. Tammie Nelson is our new Membership Chairman and is reaching out to members to help them with their renewals and processing of new registrations. Products is getting off the ground and it looks like our year-end finances are showing a net gain from this time last year. It's a great feeling being a part of a chapter family that works hard at being successful. We Are Tacoma! ◊

Olympia Chapter

From LOUISE BENTLEY, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

After all the undesirable weather that the last part of October brought us, I was glad to see November shape up a bit. I managed to brave the cold during the sunny days to get in some ride time. I would like to give a big shout out to Kittitas Chapter's impressive efforts in Ellensburg. This past STEAM and BOD meetings were attended and enjoyed by 3 of our newly elected officers: Ron Crowe II, Coordinator; Louise Bentley, Deputy Coordinator; and Paul Timmerman, Secretary. Our Treasurer, Angela Hyatt was not able to make it but our Sergeant at Arms, Robbie Thompson did attend STEAM. We continue our efforts to find a new meeting place and hope to have it done by the start of next year's planning session. We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving my favorite holiday! Our December meeting was replaced, as usual, with a "Toy Run Planning Meeting." It's possible that by the time you read this report, the 37th Annual Olympia Toy Run is in the books - and no doubt a great success. This Toy Run's success is due in large part to Santa Joe's untiring work and planning and our joint efforts on behalf of this wonderful charitable event. We wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Christmas, holiday season, and New Year! ◊

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEP. COORDINATOR

Hard to believe it is time for our holiday family run already! This is where our chapter picks a couple of families that would otherwise have no Thanksgiving or Christmas, and brings it to them! First we ride to their house a little before Thanksgiving and bring the turkey with all the trimmings. At that time, we take a wish list for the kids for Christmas, and on Christmas Eve we ride to their house with all the goodies and dinner. Jim puts on his Santa suit and rides in for the kids. After a short visit with the kids sitting on Santa's lap. we are off to the other family we have picked for the year. The tears in the eyes of the Moms is all the thanks we need. This is one of the reasons I am proud to be a member of Sky Valley Chapter. We also were proud to ride with the Bandidos on their toy run this month. Many patchholders were there in support of the kids with truckloads of toys. Many were curious about our new ABATE patch as many have never see us wear one. One patchholder turned me around to see what group we were with. His response was, "Cool, it's about time." Jim, Marty and myself were there to represent ABATE with presents and supporting their 50/50 drawing. Good to see Limp Lee still doing his thing.

Next is our tie-dye party to start making the shirts for next year's big bike show in Snohomish. It all comes around so fast from summer to winter anymore for me, that when someone complains about the rain and cold I just say, "it's only 15 min. to summer for me." Ha, some things with old age are fun. Not much else to report on this month so see you "in the wind." \(\rightarrow\)

Rat City Chapter

From TIM MCCALL, COORDINATOR

Greetings from Rat City.

First off, I would like to thank all of those that helped make our Annual Chicken Friday Christmas a success. A special thanks goes to Irish for his continued dedication to the White Center community. The event provides needed funds and amenities to local families via the White Center Food Bank. "We fed some people!"

Black Thursday is fast approaching. To be an effective motorcycle lobby, we need a large presence. I kindly ask that you help us meet with legislators (especially those in the Seattle area) during this big event.

Finally, our annual Freeze Your Butt Off run is scheduled for March 7th. The stops are still being finalized, so check the Rat City website or Facebook Group for updates. Mark your calendars! ◊

Inland Empire Chapter

From SETH MCINTOSH, COORDINATOR

Hi All.

We had our Annual Second Harvest Food Drive on October 18th. Thanks to everyone who showed up regardless of the cold weather. IEC raised over \$1,600 and over 300 lbs. of food to donate to local families in our area. We would like to give special thanks to the Village Inn, Maxwell House, Charlie P's, Sweet Ol' Bob's and The Lariat Inn and to Randy Butler for putting this benefit ride together. Great success to A.B.A.T.E., our chapter, and the community in which we live.

As many of you know we had STEAM in October, our chapter brought 3 officers. It was beneficial to help us run our chapter more successfully and I would encourage those who have not gone to go next year or to reach out to your State Officers for more information on how to run your individual chapter to its full potential.

Following STEAM at the BOD we talked about our legislative agenda for Black Thursday in January. We discussed continuing our fight for repealing the helmet law and also lane filtering. Repealing the helmet law has always been a "main" focus for A.B.A.T.E and even though we seem to be spinning our wheels we have gained ground that we should not give up on. We should not lose focus on fighting to repeal this law. Backing down now may show weakness and a lack of resolve as an organization for this agenda.

Thank you all for approving the budget request for the motorcycle show in Spokane. I believe there is a lot of potential here on the East side and this event is a perfect way for us to get A.B.A.T.E.'s name out there and boost membership. Last year was a great success and I believe 2015 will be even better. Enough said. ◊

Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays,

Best wishes to all from our chapter to yours. May your projects be successful and your lives joyful as we celebrate the close of another year.

Key Peninsula Chapter will finish the year with a full month in December with Christmas Runs supporting North Kitsap Chapter, Wreaths Across America for veterans, the Rally opposing I-594, the Olympia Toy Run, and our Chapter Party celebrating our first year and Christmas. We hope to see y'all in our travels. Of course all of this will happen in the SunShine! ;=) Stay dry and ride safe and FREE! ◊

Tri-Cities Chapter

From JONI HAMANN, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Hello ABATE Members,

First we would like to thank everyone for participating in the Biker's Collecting Coats Run, even though it was a BURR CHILLY 28 degrees, we still had a awesome turn out of 30 people and over 100 coats. The kids will stay warm again this year. Thank you to Kathy Bolton our Chapter LAO for going to STEAM and BOD and bringing us back alot of good info. Thanks to Joni Hamann for making copies of the Membership Manual for the members and handing them out at our meeting. A lot of good info that members should know about.

We are getting boned up for Black Thursday, hopefully we will have a crew going up in 2015. A new issue is the Lane Splitting Bill, which is very exciting. We are making progress in our Chapter, our Coordinator Laura (Smoke) Gonzales appointed our new Sergeant of Arms, Chris Phipps. Thank you Chris. Hope to see more members at our meetings, to keep up on issues and have good fellowship with fellow brothers and sisters. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ◊

South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

STEAM was excellent this year. Three SKCC members attended: John Lawson, Tina Lawson, and Jenny Rogers. Congratulations to Tina, our chapter webmaster and State newsletter editor, who was recognized along with others for outstanding volunteer work. The Board of Director's meeting passed all financial budgets and nailed down important dates for coming events. The groundwork was laid for this year's legislative agenda and details worked out at the Legislative strategy session November 22.

The City of Auburn Veterans Day Parade attended by SKCC, EPCC and other ABATE members was a great success. Well over 50 motorcycles, riders and passengers rode without helmets down Main Street in Auburn with much applause from the crowd of spectators.

SKCC is pursuing avenues to attract new members. We've changed the format of our annual January event, formerly blues and bag pipes, to Rock, featuring our very own talented Barbara Lee Edwards. Come out to the Royal Bear on January 24 and join in the fun with South King County Chapter's "Outta Control" Night. If you renew or join new with SKCC at the door, get \$5 off the cover charge.

The weather and riding conditions are treacherous this time of year. Stay safe out there. ◊

2015 PLANNER

ABATE OF WASHINGTON EVENTS

January		June	
1	Tacoma Start the Year Off Right	6	Key Peninsula 5 Chapter Run
10	ABATE of Washington BOD (Spanaway host)	18-21	ABATE of Washington Spring Opener
17	Spanaway Patti Nelson Chili Cookoff	19-21	Motorcycle Show @Key Fest (ABATE bike show 21st)
22	ABATE of Washington Black Thursday	21	Elk Country 8th Annual Dan George Memorial Run
24	South King County Chapter's Outta Control Night		
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14	Tacoma Anniversary & Valentine's Day Party	11	East Pierce County Independence Run
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		18	South King County 'Round the Mountain
March	1	18-19	Spanaway Rock & Libbies Campout & Birthday Bash
7	Rat City FYBO (Freeze Your Butt Off)	25	ABATE of Washington BOD (EPCC host)
13-15	Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show (ABATE booth)		
14	South King County Dart Run (event name may change)	August	
14	Spanaway Wing Ding	14-16	Columbia Gorge Festival of Wheels
TBD	Inland Empire St. Patrick's Day Parade	21-23	East Pierce County Teddy Bear Run & Campout
21	East Pierce County Bunny Run	29	Rat City Annual Rat Roast
21	Sky Valley Shakin' the Winter Blues	29	South King County Fun Run
22	ABATE of Washington Swap Meet (Monroe)	29	Key Peninsula Brewery Run
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25	Spanaway End of Winter Run	13	Columbia River Ticket to Ride
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Pacific County Fall Run

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2-3	Kittitas County Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show
2	Tacoma Dice Throw (event name may change)
9	Pacific County 101 Run
9	South King County Jim Adams Memorial Ride
9	Tacoma Tattered Flag
16	Elk Country 9th Annual Mt St Helens Memorial Run
16-17	Spanaway Family Event
17	Sky Valley Classic & Antique Motorcycle Show Snohomish
23	East Pierce County Mystery Run

Inland Empire Motorcycle Awareness

Note: Dates are subject to change. This planner does not list all 2015 ABATE of Washington events. Thank you to the chapters and individuals who submitted information. Be sure to check the newsletter monthly for updates in the Rides and Events section.

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MRF REPORT

By JAY & GLENYCE JACKSON MRF Reps for Washington State

MRF Election News—Dave Dwyer, Elections Committee Chair

"During the State Reps meeting Glenyce Jackson was elected to fill the position Lenny Holcomb is vacating to run for the SSMRO Rep position that I am retiring from. ... All the generally elected positions will be seated at the January teleconference Board of Directors meeting." (from "The MRF Reports," November/December 2014)

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Releases its Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2015

At the 2014 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 30th Anniversary Meeting of the Minds Conference held in September in Kansas City, Missouri, a Legislative Strategy Session was hosted by the MRF's Legislative Committee. As has been done for the past several years, the MRF requested that it be attended by Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SSMRO) Legislative and/or Executive Officers. We welcomed several representatives from our Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations as well. The goal was to set the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2014 Meeting of the Minds to the 2015 Meeting of the Minds annual cycle.

The MRF's SSMRO partners responded once again with a majority attendance that resulted in a healthy dialogue focused on motorcycling. The MRF Legislative Committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our SSMRO partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be developed by our Legislative Committee and our Board of Directors that can be effectively employed by our Government Relations Department and our SSMRO partners while in Washington D.C. and in working federal issues in their home states. Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle.

The MRF Legislative Committee continued the practice instituted four years ago of recording one vote per SSMRO in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote can be seen in the upcoming issue of the MRF Reports. The session this year was moderated by MRF Vice President, Jay Jackson, with support from MRF Vice President of Government Relations & Public Affairs, Jeff Hennie, and MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

 MAP 21 upcoming reauthorization (the Highway Bill) – To include Motorcycle 2010 type Grant Funding (the MRF to pursue the current levels of funding along with a request to tighten up language for qualification and use), continuation of the NHTSA Lobbying Ban, pursue reinstatement of the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the highway bill; closely monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists; seek to include HR1861 type language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock grant funding

- SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Test The MRF to NOT promote the use of the SAE Sound Test as a National enforcement standard, majority considered this a state issue
- NHTSA motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program
 MRF to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice, work with SMRO's to exchange information on passing anticheckpoint laws within the state, work to get new HR1861 like resolution language written and introduced
- Continue monitoring the Federal Crash Causation study and the MSF Naturalistic study
- Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
- Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding EPA Sound Emission User studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources – again deemed to be a state issue
- Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving, and oppose all forms of funding blackmails or withholding of funds as related to motorcyclists, watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language
- Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review taking advantage of any opportunity available to enhance and further clarify
- MRF will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by a federal agency
- MRF to seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language this upcoming session
- Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations and Canada. MRF to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards
- MRF directed by our SSMRO's to not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 or any other newly developed fuel blends including alternative renewable fuels without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use, MRF and SSMRO's to continue to pursue passage of HR875 type language

MRF REPORT

- MRF to continue to insure the inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) emerging technologies
- Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level, include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements in the discussion
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of HR1498 urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education
- MRF to pursue limiting funding of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues
- MRF to pursue limiting of funding of CDC on their involvement in motorcycling safety issues through a relevant appropriations bill, pursue CDC lobby ban and seek to remove language where CDC suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events. MRF to continue to support efforts to refocus the CDC on their mission as stated in the letter from Congressman Petri to the CDC on September 27th, 2013
- MRF to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars
- MRF to monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission and respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars
- MRF to monitor and report on transportation entities that are active in motorcycling but by their charters or mission statements are or should be non-relevant to motorcycles
- MRF to monitor and report on non-transportation federal agencies becoming increasingly involved in motorcycling such as the Government Accountability Office (GAO)
- MRF to continue to closely monitor the federally mandated Affordable Health Care Act for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination
- MRF to fully engage the EPA on upcoming activity on motorcycle emission regulations and motorcycle drive train mandates
- MRF to support the Black Box Protection Act, currently HR2414, seek introduction of similar language in the upcoming Congress to regulate black boxes in motorcycles, seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data
- MRF to research fair tolling concepts on federally funded roads and roads supported by federal bonds

- Federal Agency Motorcycle Design Standards MRF to oppose non-motorcycle manufacturer mandated specific design standards
- There was agreement that while the handling of non-motorcycle powered two and three wheelers such and mopeds, scooters, and the various cabin based steering wheel type vehicles was considered a state by state issue that there would be an effort to get these removed from motorcycle crash statistics if they do not have to follow the existing motorcycle licensing program in the state.

With the current U.S. Congress, combined with our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda, the MRF Legislative Committee strongly encourages our SSMRO partners and our MRF members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with their U.S. House of Representative and U.S. Senate Members as an immediate priority. We will need a strong presence going into the new 114th Congress as well. If your SSMRO needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of Congress, contact Jeff Hennie in the MRF office at 202-546-0983 or Jeff@mrf.org. We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker lobby day event in Washington D.C., Bikers Inside the Beltway, on Thursday May 14th, 2015. See our website at www.mrf.org for more details.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Annual Report from your State Coordinator

By LYLE COYLE

Hi everyone,

This article will be a year in review which is going to be hard for me as I can barely remember twelve minutes let alone twelve months, but anyway, here we go.

In January as with every year, we start the year with our legislative endeavors and Black Thursday. As we went into this legislative session, we had two things on our agenda: the helmet repeal and left turn bill. With the helmet repeal bill, we know it is an uphill battle but a battle we can never let up on no matter how bleak the outcome seems. Now for the left turn on red, we went into this hoping that 2014 would be the year after years of it not making it to the Governor's desk. It made

Also in the Legislative arena, after years of doing our bidding as the state LAO, Donnie (Mr. Breeze) Landsman stepped down and Brian Lange from Elk Country Chapter stepped up to carry on the fight. Darcy Mugartegui stepped down as Parliamentarian and State Auditor and was replaced with Duward Brown from Elk Country Chapter; Tina Lawson took over the duties as Newsletter Editor; and Leon Staub took over the job of Webmaster from Derek VanSpoor.

We had a successful Spring Swap Meet thanks to the work of Rona Smith and Scott Robinson and their helpers but with the lack of participation at the last Fall Swap Meet, the BOD decided we would no longer do a State Fall Swap Meet but would try something else for a fall event.

This year's Spring Opener, even with some soggy moments, was one of the best I can remember. We increased the music venue, added a run, raffled off a better bike than the prior year, plus kept all the normal activities we usually have. I've heard a rumor that next year it's going to be even better and with Jimmy George leading the way I believe it will be.

Our last event of the year was STEAM. This year's STEAM was aimed to educate the new officers and the ones that have continued on from the past year. Scott Robinson and his committee did an excellent job to make sure all the positions in the organization were covered and everyone had a chance to ask questions or voice any concern they might have.

From last October 2013 into this year, Dutch Phillips worked to help bring three new chapters into ABATE of Washington: Elk Country, Key Peninsula, and Columbia River (Wenatchee area). Unfortunately we also lost two chapters this year: The Clark County Freedom Riders and Northeast Washington Chapter. These chapters will be missed.

Well that is a year in review, we had some great successes and some losses. All we can do is to continue to work on making this the organization that the people who started ABATE of Washington hoped for; to never lose sight of what is important, and never give up even when things look bleak 0

In Remembrance

Brothers and sisters lost in 2014 but not forgotten

- Lori Baranovich, 1963–Jan 2014, Columbia Gorge Chapter
- Patti Nelson, –Jan 2014, Spanaway Chapter
- Dan Ball, 1973

 –Feb 2014, South King County Chapter
- Joe Bellisle, 1965–Apr 2014, South King County & East Pierce County Chapters
- Gary Dufresne, 1938–Aug 2014, Mason County Chapter
- Valerie VanCleve, 1959–Aug 2014, Mason County Chapter
- Mike "Nick" Nichols, 1946

 Sep 2014, Tacoma & Lewis County Chapters

2014 Membership Anniversary Milestones

Please congratulate the following members* who celebrated a milestone anniversary of 10 years or more in 2014

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Shirley Whiting

Dennis Woodruff

30 years Debby Coyle Jerry Otto

*Dues current as of Nov. 16. Lapsed memberships are not shown.

STEAM Award Recipients

Recognizing those who have made outstanding contributions in 2014

Most involved family of the year—The Varners, North Kitsap Chapter
Fastest growing chapter of the year—Spanaway Chapter
Freedom fighter of the year (member)—Tim McCall, Rat City Chapter
Freedom fighter of the year (non member)—Senator Curtis King
Volunteer of the year—Tina Lawson, Freedom Newsletter Editor
Key member of the year—Koeta Imhof, State Treasurer
Committee member of the year—Barb Hunter, Bylaws Committee
Longest time ABATE member—"Porker," Rich Roe, Tacoma Chapter
Legislative member of the year—Donnie "Breeze" Landsman

Largest chapters (Top 5)

(as of November 16, 2014)

- 1. Spanaway-164 members
- 2. Tacoma-135 members
- 3. East Pierce County-99 members
- 4. Lewis County-82 members
- 5. Mason County-70 members

ABATE of Washington Tacoma & Spanaway Chapters

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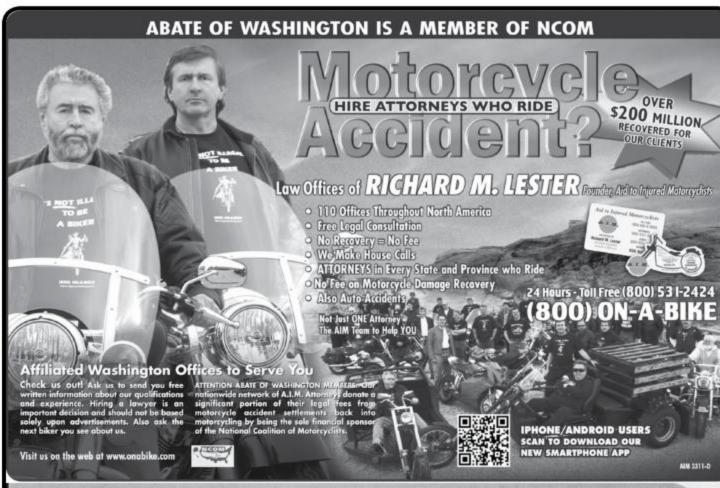






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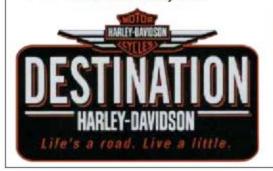
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