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## From the State Coordinator

### Lyle Coyle

Well, we have been talking politics for the last few months and we don't want to completely stop right now but we have what is probably the best biker party in Washington state coming up and this is the week a lot of people have been waiting for. An event that should have something for just about anyone who enjoys the motorcycle lifestyle. That's right it's time for Spring Opener 2017 where there will be a bike raffle with more bikes, gun raffle with more guns, poker run, tattoo contest, bike games, bike show, the best in live music, vendors and much more.

There has been a tremendous amount of time and work that has went into creating this event. The most important reason for spring opener is to raise money for our legislative efforts but there is another almost as important reason to attend, camaraderie among the motorcycle community, coming together to have a great time and to leave the hum drum world behind for a few days. So if you have not

purchased a ticket yet do so now from one of the local chapters or this link <http://www.abate-wa.org/Events/Tickets> that will be active until June 20th 8:30 PM and after that you will have to purchase them at the gate. The gate will open at noon sharp for the public. Please do not show up before unless you want to wait in line outside the gate till it is officially open. The reason for this is we have vendors and other items to get in place before everyone comes in and it is hard to handle everything at one time so please give us till noon on Thursday before you try to come in. If you are one of the people that want to show up before the event you will have to pay the ranch for camping each day that you are there.

Here are a couple other things to keep in mind, camp fires are allowed in designated fire pits that the ranch has installed (they have installed more out in the open area) or a fire pit that you bring with you that must have legs so it is off the ground. If you bring your own it is asked that when you dump them out you either put the ashes in one of their fire pits or make sure they are completely out and put them in a garbage bag. If the ranch has to clean them up off the ground they will only be allowed in the permanent fire pits after that so it's your call. As usual there are NO PETS ALLOWED service animals only and even then you have some strict rules to follow, they must be on a leash at all times, you must pick up any dog poop they deposit on the ground, do not let them pee on any bike, tent, or property that is not yours, they have to be quiet, in past years we have been somewhat lenient but this year if it is not a service animal (and were not stupid) you will be told to leave friend or not. Every pet lover out there does not want to leave their pets at home but they do for the good of others and it's the rule. If you like to fight or get in peoples face this is not an event for you, we want everyone to have as much fun as possible and enjoy the event and that is hard to do if you have someone walking around with a chip on their shoulder so if you are one of these people and cause problems Phoenix Security will remove you. We want everyone to attend the opener and have fun and help the motorcycle community.

SEE YOU THERE!

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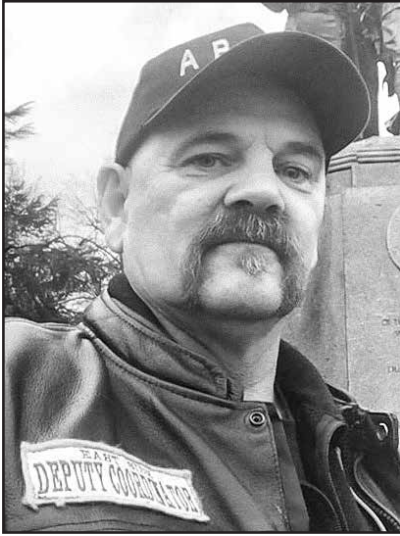
#### **ECOM**

June 10th (11 am at Dennys Restaurant, 20420 Mountain HWY East, Spanaway)

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

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





## Senior Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

Members, one of the drawbacks to being a state officer is seeing all the information in regards to motorcycle accidents and deaths from all the reporting agencies. Brothers and Sisters ride safe and be diligent in regards to own safety there are so many people out there who have no concern for your well being. We have a challenge with the WSP and other folks who claim to keep us safe. When will they really start trying to protect us? When will they come to an accident scene with an open mind. When will they realize we are all mothers, fathers and respectable people who need their support as much as they need ours. We have answers to the problems with traffic congestion. We have answers to safer travel. We have answers for fuel economy. When will they listen? As ABATE moves forward in our fight for legislative rights we need to continue to bring these points to the table.

Here comes the Spring Opener. Man, I want a nice hot weekend for the camping trip. Hope to see you all there and when I win the bike this year be happy. Come out and support this event which builds our war chest with the funds needed to get more

rooms for the Governor Hotel and pay for more ads on Black Thursday. Washington ABATE continues to climb the ladder in the fight for our rights. Support the Spring Opener.

We have so many chapters these days it is hard to find a weekend when one or the other is not running an event. If you get the time make an effort to attend other chapter events. Besides being with Brothers and Sisters all know it is good for ABATE .

RIDE SAFE. The count goes up every day so do not become a number.

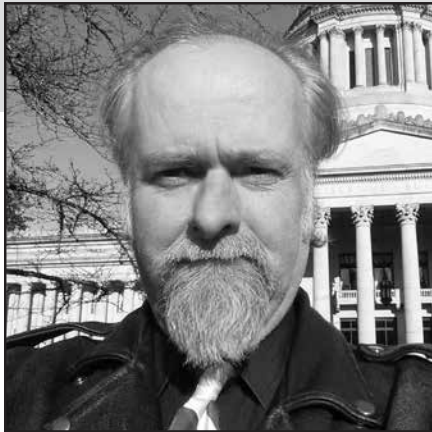
## Junior Deputy Coordinator Chris Varner

Hello everyone. Just a quick note. I know the busy time of the year is upon us for rides and events. There is a lot of planning and getting the word out for these events. Don't forget to invite your legislators. Keep in touch with them during the off season.

Safety is a big part of ABATE. Make sure you give your scoots a good once over if you haven't been riding in a while. Tires and tire pressures, lights, brakes, ect...

Spring Opener is a month away so get out there and sell some tickets. Put up flyers if you haven't already and spread the word. The Spring Opener committee has gone above and beyond to make this work. Let's do our part to support them.





**Legislative Affairs Officer**  
**Brian Lange**

## June 2017 Legislative Report

I received an email this morning from the Motorcycle Action Group in the UK. The MAG is a Motorcycle Rights Organization run by volunteers and working to “promote and defend” motorcyclists rights. Much like ABATE does here in Washington State. In the email there was a link to a website called The Motorcycle Framework ([motorcycleframework.co.uk](http://motorcycleframework.co.uk)). I was curious when I saw it was sponsored by the British government’s transportation arm as well as their National Police Chiefs Council. I have to admit that I expected it to be a much more “this is what we have

to do to deal with motorcycles” so of website. After taking a brief look I was surprised to see how different it was from what I was expecting.

It was refreshing to see such an in-depth series of documents that actually supported the motorcycling community and the benefits of motorcycles to the overall transportation scheme. Some of the statements absolutely did not sound like a government endorsed document. But, rather like a document ABATE or some other MRO might have written to a government body seeking relief from transportation issues.

Here is just one excerpt from the section entitled Motorcycles as a Practical Solution. “It is entirely possible that the existing unwillingness to fully incorporate motorcycling into mainstream transport policies stems from a perception that motorcycling represents nothing but a safety problem; that in a wider societal sense, motorcycling doesn’t matter, that wider society would not miss motorcycles or scooters if they were removed from the roads. This thinking needs to be reconsidered and negativity removed – at all levels.”

I put the emphasis on that last sentence because it actually shocked me to read it. It means (at least in Britain) that someone actually ‘gets it’. As I read through more of the sections of this website I decided to see if any of it would be truly useful in our current efforts in the legislature. I seriously doubt that I could have put it any better to describe our overall problem getting what we want done than these words from an English website does.

“The success of any transport policy depends largely and considerably on a systematic approach, without favouring arbitrarily one or other transport mode, and at the same time applying realistic and economically viable principles such as:

Fair and equal access between and within ALL transport modes

Freedom of choice by users/business and accordingly the respect of the right to select the most appropriate transport mode for individual mobility needs

Transport and mobility efficiency, encouraging the most suitable and effective mode of transport according to the circumstances

Integration of motorcycles, as well as other vulnerable road users, in transport and urban policy plans

Failure to consider all modes of transport, including motorcycling, denies the opportunity to create fully rounded transport policies, which are relevant to all who need to use transport for differing purposes and in widely varying circumstances. This narrow approach to transport policy also fails to maximise the opportunities that exist to reduce urban traffic congestion and pollution – an area where motorcycles can play a significant role.”

If ABATE and the rest of the motorcycling community in Washington State could get the DOT to look at us the way the previous paragraphs state our push to protect our Rights to ride in a manner that we choose to be appropriate would be so much easier. Currently there doesn’t really appear to be much of a desire to truly incorporate two wheeled transportation more fully into our current practice. It seems that in Washington State, especially the DOL and the WSP to a lesser degree the DOT, there is still the “perception that motorcycling represents nothing but a safety problem.” That would explain why virtually every bill ABATE has helped to introduce; the WSP and the DOL have been sitting in opposition to our bills. I actually have little doubt that most in the WSP and the DOL believe “that in a wider societal sense, motorcycling doesn’t matter, that wider society would not miss motorcycles or scooters if they were removed from the roads.” They may possibly even find the idea of society



without motorcycles to be a pleasing thing. Sadly for them, we aren't going anywhere soon.

In order to change the thinking in the agencies, and some of those in the legislature, we may need to focus our efforts on removing the negativity, and showing the legislators a different societal image where motorcycles as well as "other vulnerable road users" are successfully integrated into a transportation plan that provides "fair and equal access between and within ALL transport modes." This is not what seems to be the transportation plan we currently are dealing with.

At present the two main goals of the transportation planners seems to be to reach their goal of zero serious injuries or fatalities by 2030, and to place priority on public transportation. That would explain why state wide highway maintenance is budgeted for only a fraction of the money budgeted for ferries and Sound Transit's light rail system. Two wheeled transportation (as well as three wheelers) has been relegated to representing "nothing but a safety problem." It is our duty to change that perception if we want to continue to in our lifestyle and enjoy the freedom to travel and to "select the most appropriate transport mode for individual mobility needs."

Catch you on the road sometime.

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# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Chapter Rep Region 5

From JAY JACKSON, CHAPTER REP 5

### Chapter Rep Area 5

Here we go again! I have been asked questions by ABATE members when traveling around about what's going on with the voting process at the state Board of Director meetings. It seems to be getting more confusing all the time so I have to go back to BASICS.

A.B.A.T.E. of Washington—A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments is an organization formed under the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act (RCW 24.03). As such it is required to follow the Washington Non Profit Handbook and the bylaws of the corporation.

The purpose of ABATE is (1) to promote motorcycle safety education programs, motorcycle awareness programs, and motorcycle rider training programs; (2) to promote fair motorcycle legislation, to prevent enactment or work to repeal existing unfair motorcycle legislation; (3) exercise all rights, powers, and privileges conferred on nonprofit corporations enumerated by RCW 24.03.035.

ABATE is a member based organization made up of individual Chapters in various locations across the state for members' convenience to actively participate.

The Coordinator of each Chapter is the members' representative to the Board of Directors. Each Board member has one vote in making the decisions that run the organization.

The Board has Executive officers elected by the Members. The Executive officers are; Coordinator, Deputy Coordinators, Secretary, Treasurer, and one member for every five chapters. (According to the revised bylaws adopted in 1982.) The bylaws currently on-line are very different. These members form the Executive COMMITTEE. Their duty is to manage the business of the corporation between the quarterly Board of Director meetings. The committee is supposed to keep a full and accurate account of its proceedings and transactions which shall be reported to the Board of Directors. Their actions can be changed by the Board of Directors at any board meeting. [Please review the duties and responsibilities of committees in Robert's Rules or another resource.]

It seems to many members that the current Executive Committee has become totalitarian in its actions. Long time ABATE members question what is going on with the State board. I can't answer them very well but they do deserve a good clear answer.

Since there are reportedly 23 Chapters in Washington now and 7 Executive officers, those 7 individuals can control any vote to go the direction they want it to. They can in effect wipe out the votes of the Chapter Members.

When ABATE of Washington started there were 16 Chapters and the Executive board members were coordinators of those Chapters and it was determined that those officers'

votes were necessary for a full representation of the members. At this time it has been stated that some of the executive officers are Independent members. It has also been stated that Independent ABATE members can only vote in elections for state officers. How can they have a vote on conducting the business of ABATE of Washington by being an executive officer? Why should those 7 people have the potential to erase the will of the thousand plus Chapter members? Where are the bylaws that make this possible? Those changes haven't been voted on by the chapters in the ten years I have been an active ABATE member. Can YOU show me when the bylaws were changed? Did you know bylaw amendments are supposed to be recorded with the government? Did you know that bylaws and changes are part of the corporate records of every nonprofit corporation?

I can't answer these questions but I and many other members do believe they are worthy of consideration and explanation.

Ride in Freedom! ◇

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## Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

**SNOHOMISH** - Well we are now into full swing of the ridding season and we are all heading for the "Spring Opener"! I hope to see a lot of friends there old and new. By the reading of this our chapter has already put on the Sky Valley Bike Show in Snohomish and I'm praying that the weather was good! I know if you went you had a great time, as it it always a lot of fun. I'm looking at Cat's reports on bike accidents so far this year and wow, time for everyone to take it easy! And time for all you driving cars to watch for us! As I sit here in the rain looking forward to some ridding weather I wish all of you safe journey's throughout the year.

Not much else to report this month, so I'll just say, "See you in the wind." ◇

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## Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCHE, COORDINATOR

**NASELLE** - Well, we just tied up the last couple things for our "101 run" and we were able to raise \$844 for the boys & girls club here in Pacific Co. Sure wish better weather gets here soon, i'd like to dry out but it's looking like it's going to be wet this year. Looking forward to spring opener and seeing old friends while making new ones. Getting things tied up so I can ride later. It's been along day, so till next time. ◇



## Olympia Chapter

From **ROBBIE THOMPSON, COORDINATOR**

**LACEY** - Having an event at the end of the month makes for a late round of thank yous. The Olympia Bike Blessing went off without a hitch and a great time was had by many. This event would not have happened without Dan McNamara. With the help from Cindy Harris we stayed on schedule and all of the things that needed to get done, got done. And having Angela Hyatt run the books we made sure that all of the bills got paid and that we were organized not only at the door but at the hall. Thank you goes to Paul Zimmerman for making sure the venue was paid and that tickets got sold. The biggest thank you goes to the Olympia Chapter by making this a team effort. Thank you to Society's Deviants MC for running road guard and making sure we all got there safe.

Now that April is over and now May, man, time flies! It is now time for the Spring Opener on the 22nd. I hope to see you there!

Just a heads up, I have Spring Opener tickets available as well as the gun and bike tickets. ◇



*Olympia Bike Blessing, Abbott giving a prayer before the blessing*

## Inland Empire Chapter

From **SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY**

**SPOKANE** - Yah know? I could really get used to these filler sized chapter reports. Lucky for me the report on our Awareness Ride from May 13th won't be ready until the July issue with some pics included. But the sneak peak is that it was a great success with the rain only falling while at the stops and not on the road.

Our chapter meeting this month is on the 10th. We've got some open time coming up for new chapter events so pitch your ideas!

As always give a wave when we see you on the road. ◇

## Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

**SPANAWAY** - Well, Spring Opener is getting close. I hope everyone is selling raffle tickets. This is how we pay for our legislation efforts. Lets hope we get good results next year as each year we keep getting closer and closer to having our issues passed into law. We will never give up.

Our chapter is proud to announce that we joined the MRF and suggest all other chapters to join as well. It's a worthy cause.

Our road clean up went extremely well thank you to the 25 members for pitching in and making it go faster. We picked up 91 bags of garbage in our two miles of Mountain Highway 7. Tacoma ABATE cleaned theirs the same day their two miles connects with ours so for four miles passing cars and bikes saw Washington ABATE on the job of giving back to the community. It was a good day. I would also like to acknowledge Amber Sullivan for heading up our road clean up. She did a bang up job.

Spanaway ABATE would like to welcome our two new sergeant at arms Dave Lewis and Garry Crouse. I'm sure they will do a good job. Thank you George Dickman for your two years of serving.

We had our second John K Memorial run and what a great ride Andy had for us. We had a great spot for a group picture and fun route with lots of curves and good stops. Thank you Andy McAfee.

Our Easter services and bike blessing at Uncle Sam's Bar & Grill were the same as always lots of bikes and lots of happy riders. Thanks goes out to Band of Brothers Preacher for holding services and blessing all our bikes you are appreciated. After the bike blessing Shirley headed up an Adult Easter egg hunt all eggs had prizes in them to my amazement it was very successful. Way to go Shirley.

Will and Laurie and some other members from the Moses Lake area in our chapter did the Spring Opener poker pre-ride along with Pops all reports back from the ride say it will be a monumental ride. It is all set up. Thank you Will and the rest for setting it up.

Our pig out run has been canceled so we can go on the Mt. St. Helen's memorial run with our Brothers and Sisters in Elk Country. They were both scheduled for the same day. Let pray for sunny weather.

We had another member injured by a drunk driver with no license and no insurance. Please keep Natasha Mossey in your prayers. Please keep your eyes open and be alert out there we have lots of riding and partying to do. ◇

## Tacoma Chapter

From LEON "TREAD" STAUB, COORDINATOR

**TACOMA** - During May Tacoma Chapter hosted the annual Roll 'Em Out run and our Tattered Flag flag run. We've seen members traveling on other runs and making the most of the mostly rainy weather. As the weather warms and dries we've got plenty of runs coming up through the summer with Spring Opener in June and Tacoma's Lost Brother's and Sister's Campout during August 18th-20th. So please mark your calendars!

For those who made it on the Roll 'Em Out run, we had a great ride over the Narrows Bridge through Bremerton, Brinnon, Hoodspout and finally back through Olympia to Nisqually to finish out the event. We had a great time and the weather cooperated with us. Thank you to all those who helped in making sure we had a successful ride and especially to our Road Captain Tony for leading us on a great route.

Tattered Flag was May 21st and the righteous relic, The Tattered Flag, has changed hands to the new winner. Our former Coordinator Steve Carlsberg passes it along for the next winner.

Hopefully the weather clears and warms and we get lots of riding in. Come and join the fun and hang out with Tacoma Chapter! ◇

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## Columbia Gorge Chapter

From DOUG BOWERS, CHAPTER LAO

**GOLDENDALE** - Our business meeting was held on May 8th. Work continues on the Festival of Wheels with the addition of the flat track races. Practice will be Saturday with races Sunday. For full information see the website "festivalofwheels.info".

In the first week of May we've had 2 fatalities on Klickitat County roads along with several Life Flight injuries. It's time to think about riding skills, don't ride over your head and comfort level. Group riding: if the leader is going faster than you feel good about there's no shame in backing off, there's no trophies for going down and taking someone else with you. Don't fall into the trap of watching the rider in front of you, look beyond. Here in the Gorge we've got many narrow rock walled roads, watch for rock and dirt and let the rider behind you know.

Keep the pressure on with the legislators. Senate Resolution 154 preventing profiling is important to all of us as well as putting the brakes on the EPA's E15 fuel distribution. Just because it's summer we can't stop contacting our legislators.

Have fun, be safe. ◇

## Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

**PURDY** - Where is Spring? I'm thinking it sprung away that one day in early May. Oh well, the long johns and flannel shirts had to come back out and the rain gear is getting lots of use this year. Sure glad I got that nice bright safety green rain jacket at the Silent Auction in Monroe in March!

Key Peninsula Chapter will have its Annual Run on Saturday and the weather man says good weather this weekend. It will be a success according to the Run Chair Jerry. There are lots of prizes for this and that. The Chapter will keep busy the next couple of months visiting other Chapter's events so we will probably see you on the road someplace.

In August we will hit it hard again with a Summer Swap Meet to get set for fall and the famous Brewery Run. Swap Meets are so much fun we can hardly wait and it will be HOT! The Brewery Run Chairs have worked out a new route again. New Breweries keep popping up so the run never goes flat or stale.

Enjoy the beautiful Pacific Northwest Riding season safely. We want everyone to keep the shiny side up! Sunshine, rainbows, and gentle breezes keep your rides delightful!

Ride safe, Ride free! ◇

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## North Kitsap Chapter

From DEBBIE MCVEY, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

**POULSBO** - Not much to say this month except really we're excited and ready for Spring Opener!! Looking forward to rocking out with some great bands, re-acquainting with friends, pigging out on some good food and having a great time participating in all the bike games! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

The 9th Annual Washington Youth Academy Rides and Rods Rally is on Saturday, June 10th starting at 10 a.m. and it begins at Pendergast Park, 1199 Union Avenue, Bremerton. There is a donation request of \$15 + \$5 for a passenger. Kick stands up at 11 a.m. and ending at Brothers PowerSports, 5205 1st Street, Bremerton at 1:30 p.m. This is a great fund raiser to be involved in. Let us see if we can exceed last years participants!

Please join us at our next general meeting on June 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at the All Star Lanes and Casino, 10710 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale.

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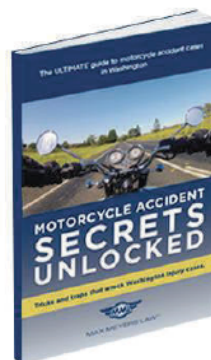
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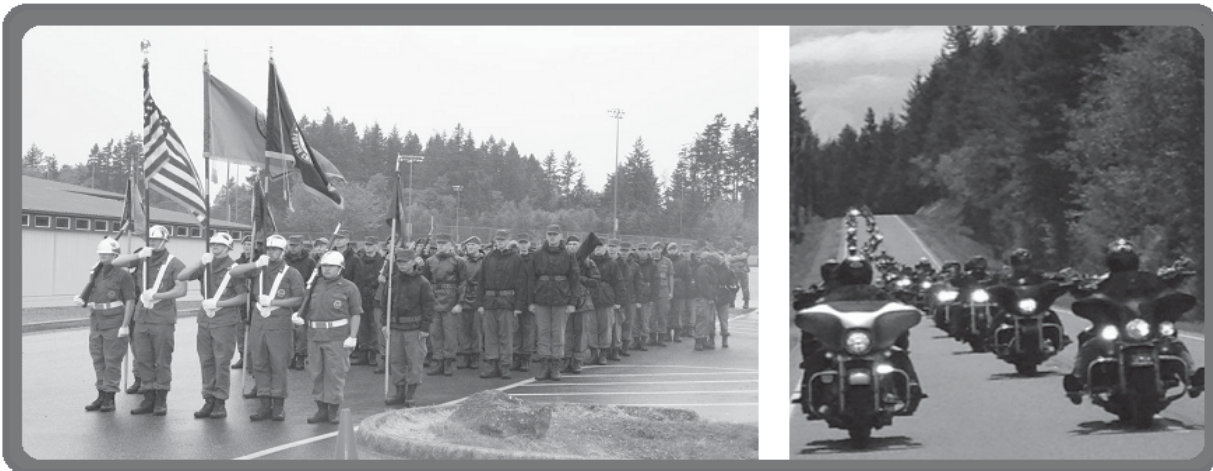
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- 11-13 East Pierce County - Independence Run
- 12 Key Peninsula - Summer Swap Meet
- 12 South King County - Fun Run
- 18-20 Tacoma Chapter - Lost Brothers & Sisters Campout
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