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UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

Yes, it's April already and with it comes the Board of Directors meeting hosted by Tacoma Chapter on April 23. The location is VFW Post #969, 3510 McKinley Ave East, Tacoma, WA 98404. Lunch will be available for purchase; the meeting starts at noon. It's an important meeting to attend as the legislative agenda for the year will be the focus. All members and the public are invited.

In other news, this will be my last year as Freedom editor – I'm retiring from the position by early 2017. If you or someone you know is looking for a worthwhile opportunity, please contact Lyle Coyle (contact info on page 2). Prior editor experience isn't necessary, but the successful candidate needs to be computer literate, able to commit the time necessary to meet deadlines and work very well with others. While the search is on for my successor, I remain as committed and supportive as ever of ABATE's mission and will do my best to bring you a quality and timely publication.

Be sure to check out the line up of events on page 31 and get out and enjoy spring riding. *TL*



Scott and Seth at the ABATE booth, Inland NW Motorcycle Show & Sale March 2016

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From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

what you are doing but what the people around you are doing also, as they have become used to not seeing the roadways filled with motorcyclists. You need to remember that the unfortunate part of riding two wheels is that if we tangle with another vehicle, chances are we are going to lose. What I am trying to say is have fun out there. We know there is no other feeling like being on a motorcycle but be careful and don't become a statistic.

Spring Opener is just around the corner and the committee is working hard to make sure it will be the event everyone will want to go to. I hope with the date change more people will be attending as there will be no Father's Day and graduations will be over. Also someone at the event will win a bike and someone at the event will win a certificate for a handgun. So get your raffle tickets now before they are all gone and get your Spring Opener ticket to avoid paying gate prices.

We are doing a second mailing for the AD&D insurance you receive when becoming an ABATE of Washington member. Since American Income

Life has been providing ABATE of Washington with this insurance, they have paid out more than sixty thousand dollars to ABATE of Washington members. When you receive this mailing you are not required to do anything however if no one responds the insurance will go away. One of the things you should do is name a beneficiary and if you have named a beneficiary and it has changed, it will go to whoever is listed as your beneficiary. There is an option in this one where you pay two dollars for one year and it will add another thousand dollars to the four thousand that is free to you. When you are contacted, the first thing you should do is to get their name and if you do not wish to go any further than the free insurance but the person on the phone tries to tell you that you have to meet with them or they are rude and disrespectful, send me their name and the time and date they called and I will send it to their boss for disciplinary action.

"Our future and our fate lie in our wills more than in our hands, for our hands are but the instruments of our wills." ♦

Hi Everyone,

I hope all is well with you and yours as we head into spring and our riding becomes more frequent. There are some things you need to keep in mind this time of year when you go for a ride. First of all, if you're one of the people that doesn't ride much in the winter months (I mean no offense to anyone), you may lose a little bit of the everyday riding experience you had last fall and it doesn't matter if you have been riding five years or forty years, you need to take it easy as you get ready for the miles ahead. You need to be very aware of your surroundings of not only

ABATE OF WASHINGTON has an important election coming up soon for State Deputy Coordinator. The Deputy Coordinator that is elected will become the Jr. Deputy. The candidates are Ron Crowe: Olympia Chapter Coordinator and Chris Varner Jr: North Kitsap Chapter Coordinator.

Both candidates are qualified and have served ABATE of Washington as leaders sitting on the Board of Directors. The Jr. Deputy Coordinator shall become an exofficio member of all committees and will be the overseer of the State Standing Committees. Example: Membership, Products, Bylaws, Teller,

Senior Deputy Coordinator Mike Campbell

etc. The other Deputy Coordinator is an exofficio member of all committees and overseer of Event committees such as Swap Meet, Black Thursday and Spring Opener.

All members of record in good standing as of April 1st will be mailed a ballot by May 1st. It is very important that you return your ballot to the address on the return envelope to be received prior to Saturday, June 11th when the

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Photo by Helen Wolfe

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Post Office Box will be closed and ballots counted.

Any member not receiving a ballot by May 15, please contact the membership secretary at: Greg Hansen 360-229-6653 or at: membership@abate-wa.org.

When you receive your ballot, mark your vote choice and mail in the envelope provided. Be sure to affix proper postage.

The Teller Committee (i.e. Election committee) for this election consists of the following Chapter Deputy

Coordinators: Tacoma, Pacific, Sky Valley and two alternates: Mason and Rat City. The Teller Committee is chaired by the State Sgt. at Arms.

I have served for ABATE of Washington as a State Officer since 2006 first as Ambassador at Large and then West Side (Jr.) Deputy Coordinator. I became Senior Deputy Coordinator when Ron Voss retired as East (Sr.) Deputy Coordinator. For several years I also served as the Washington State MRF Rep. In retiring from my state

position, I'm proud to have served for a great organization. It has been a pleasure working for the members of ABATE and I'm satisfied that I can turn over this leadership position with all the Standing committees working as they should. Only because each committee is made up of dedicated members and committee chairpersons committed to the job at hand. ♦

BY THE TIME you read this the Swap meet will be just another chapter gone by. I can tell you we are doing all we can to make this another good event and fund raiser for ABATE of Washington. These funds keep our legislative wheels turning. We continue to plan for the future.

That leads to Spring Opener. This year will be another block buster event. With all the support from the individual chapters we have grown into a great camping, partying, good time riding event for not only our members but also our guests and the entire motorcycle community. Everyone is invited and encouraged to make the trip and support our Legislative goals by coming to this party. How cool is that.

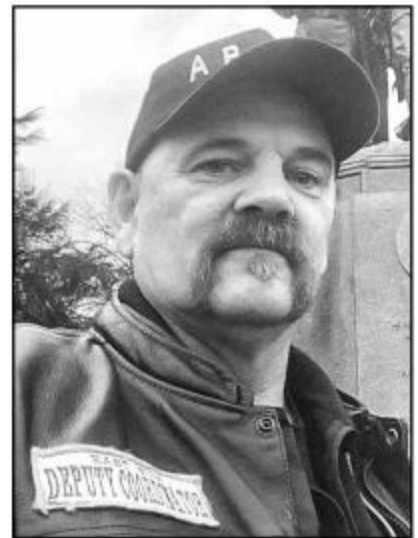
Heading up to Spokane this weekend to support the Inland Empire Chapter. They are working the bike show with North Idaho. Looking forward to meeting some folks from the east and strengthening our position in Spokane by building up the membership.

Here is the good news. At this time I have been told by our State LAO Brian Lange that we are taking an aggressive approach to our Legislative fight. Make

Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

sure you read his newsletter report. If all goes as planned, we will be voting at the April B.O.D. as to what legislative bills we will be going after for Black Thursday 2017. Damn that's getting a head start. Some of the thoughts are if we establish what we are pursuing now we will have all summer to make meetings with our local reps in their home offices. If we take the time to do this early on, I guarantee they will know who we are and that we are serious come next January. Find out where your Legislative rep's offices are and plan a ride to see them during the coming months. Bring a few friends, say 100 or so.... This is an election year, show them we vote.

Let's all take this seriously and put some time into the fight. You guys plan the best parties in the state, now plan to fight for your rights. Lyle has made the statement at ECOM we are all in for this coming year's Legislative fight. It looks like we will be paying for the LAO's to stay at the Governor Hotel next year



during Black Thursday, but we still have to iron out the details for that. We are trying to get across to the membership that ABATE wants to pass a bill next year. Continue to be a leader in the motorcycle community. Take the fight for our rights to their doorstep. Be the tip of the spear... ♦



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Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

ABATE of Washington lost one of its staunchest supporters in the legislature on Wednesday, March 9. Senator Don Benton celebrated his retirement on that day. Why does that matter to ABATE? Because Senator Benton was the prime sponsor of ABATE's helmet bills in the Senate for the past several years. He was also the Vice Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, and the Chair of the Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. His retirement alone will shake up the power structure of the Senate for the next bi-ennium. Add to that, this is an election year, and ABATE has a great deal of work cut-out for us.

The independent members in the Vancouver area, especially those in the 17th District should show support for the candidate that best supports ABATE and the motorcycling community of Washington State. Once you find the candidate who will support us, show your support for them. Get to know them and even volunteer for them. Volunteer to stuff envelopes, set-up campaign signs, or door knock for them. This could be a key factor in bringing a motorcycle friendly legislature to Olympia.

While the departure of Senator Benson will have an effect on the Senate power structure that ABATE is unable to currently have a hand in guiding, there are several key Senators and Representatives whose defeat in the elections in November can have a positive effect for us. I will be sending out a list of legislators who support us and oppose us, and those who tend to be fence sitters, to the Chapter LAOs. I will also email out a

list of key races to all members in the next few weeks so that ABATE could possibly have a positive effect on the outcome of the election. Just as I have already described for the members in Vancouver, ABATE members throughout the state need to volunteer to support those legislators who support us, and help to defeat the ones that don't. Whether it is as simple as displaying a campaign sign in your yard, volunteering in the campaign office, or knocking on doors, becoming a part of the election team will keep you remembered by the legislator next January. Knowing that you helped to get them elected will also help provide you with a little pride in that fact, and add to a friendly working relationship between you and your legislator.

By the end of May all candidates for office in the state will have filed to run for office. The candidates will be listed by office they are running for and will be posted on a website run by the Secretary of State's Office. Here is the link to that website: <http://results.vote.wa.gov/results/current/>

Keep in mind that it will show all the candidates running for office in September's Primary Election. After the primary, the list will be reduced to two candidates to be voted on in the November General Election. If your Chapter would like to endorse a candidate, they should be informed of that fact by about the first week of June at the latest. That way they can use the endorsement of your ABATE Chapter in their press releases, flyers and ads before the primary election. It is in the

*Photo at right:
Senator Don Benton speaking to
2016 Black Thursday attendees, Olympia;
by Tina Lawson*

best interests of our motorcycling lives to be proactive in our efforts to reelect legislators who support our freedoms. While being just as proactive in our efforts to defeat those that have opposed our efforts to exercise our rights in the legislature.

In 2015, ABATE's helmet law amendment bill (SB5198) had an Executive Session and was voted out of Committee pursuant to "signatures." That means the bill actually needed a majority of signatures voting to pass the bill out of Committee. Two Senators didn't bother to even sign the report, and our helmet bill missed moving out of Committee by one signature. For the first time since the helmet law was instituted in 1990, a bill to restore Freedom of Choice to the helmet issue was given an Executive Session in Committee, and ABATE's opponents had to resort to a political tactic like this to thwart the motorcycling community on an issue of Freedom.

These are just two of the legislators that have delayed our ability to exercise our rights. Do you think it would make a difference if all the ABATE members in the districts of those two Senators began to openly show support for their opponents by posting signs, knocking on doors, or volunteering to help in their campaigns? Word of mouth is a great weapon during an election campaign. People spreading the word about their dissatisfaction with a legislator will get a

reaction. A candidate running against that incumbent should be willing to make use of the displeasure of the constituency.

Before I close, there is another way to get to know your legislators better, and for them to get to know you better as people. The Pacific County Chapter invited their legislators to a Meet & Greet at the end of one of their charity runs. Can you imagine getting to show off our community to the legislators as they experience first hand the power of motorcyclists helping their community? It would also be a good way of sharing a common experience, and building a bond with your legislator. That is the sort of thing that can lead to a productive working relationship between legislators and ABATE members. I am sure there are many chapters that could make an appointment to see their legislator in their district office and make a run out of it. The key is getting to know your legislator by sight, and getting them to recognize your face, even better if they remember your name. That is the first step in getting things moving next session. We have to start now, and not wait until next Black Thursday.

As Senator Benton said to those of us on the steps of the Capitol on Black Thursday: "Don't give up. You're wearing them down." Let's wear them down completely. ♦



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CHRIS VARNER

Hello everyone,

My name is Chris Varner and I am running for the office of Deputy State Coordinator (Jr.). I have been an active member of North Kitsap Chapter ABATE since 2006. I have been a membership officer for two years and the coordinator for the past six years. My family of three generations was awarded the most involved family last year.

My chapter and I are active in our community with the 23rd year toy run to benefit the children of Harrison Hospital, scavenger hunts, bike rodeos, and supporting our fellow bikers' fundraisers. We've hosted the bike show at Spring Opener for the past four years. We are also active in our legislative fight for the rights of all motorcyclists.

Trying to fill the shoes of Mike Campbell will be a tough challenge, but one that I am ready to tackle. If elected I promise to do my best to keep ABATE of Washington a leader in the fight for motorcycle rights. Thank you for your dedication to ABATE. I look forward to the opportunity of serving at the state level.

Sincerely yours,

Chris Varner

RON "CROWBAR" CROWE II

Executive Officers, Coordinators, and fellow members of ABATE of Washington,

I present myself as a candidate for the position of Deputy State Coordinator (Jr.). I became a member of Olympia Chapter, ABATE of Washington in 2007 and the very next year I was elected to the position of Sgt. at Arms. I held this position until the chapter's previous coordinator resigned in 2014, at which time I was elected to Chapter Coordinator. Since that time I have continued to serve as the chapter's coordinator, encouraging growth and training, and promoting the agenda and goals of ABATE of Washington. Additionally, I have participated in the Safety & Education program, bringing motorcycle awareness to students in high school driver's education classes.



Over the last few years I have been working hard to complete my BA in Political Science, with additional course work in political economics, legislation, and land use. I will be graduating this June and intend on ramping up my legislative work, attending more motorcycle events, and doing the best I can to represent ABATE of Washington. Working for the Centralia School District as a bus driver, I see transportation issues that affect both large vehicles and motorcycles alike, giving me the added motivation to work more closely with the House Transportation Committee. Giving 20 years of my life in America's Armed Forces, I'm passionate about protecting our rights and freedoms, and that the sacrifices made by myself and other veterans are not in vain. As a motorcycle rider with 28 years of experience, I fully support the goals and pursuits of the ABATE of Washington. Let's work together to keep America free!

With much thought and prayer, I feel God has laid it upon my heart that this is the route He wants me to pursue. Let this year be a year of change for both myself and ABATE of Washington, as all of us continue to support growth, legislative victories for every motorcyclist, and our movement in a positive direction. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Ron "Crowbar" Crowe II

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Grays Harbor Chapter

From DON FLOREK, COORDINATOR

Here I am again down to the wire on getting a newsletter out. Lately the weather is not too biker friendly, but some of us still made a run or two this winter. There was even a day last month I rode to work, there may be a day this month also.

All that I had for the chapter meeting is our Flat Mattress Run. We decided to have it at Brooklyn this year and if you have not been it a real neat place to check out. We set up right next door to the Historic Brooklyn Tavern at my small farm. There will be food, bike games, a poker run, a band, camp fire, and a raffle for a motorcycle table lift. We are going to set it up at Chris' Motorcycle Shop in Hoquiam so it can be viewed and sell a limited supply of tickets, so the odds should be good. I want to thank Mike (the new owner of the shop) thanks Mike... As you know, ABATE of Washington moved Spring Opener weekend to the weekend we do the Flat Mattress Run, so we are having the run on Father's Day. Hope to see ya all there. It will get you all geared up for Spring Opener.

We have another run coming up, the May Day Run. Our road captain was ill last meeting so I don't have much info, but I know it is on May 1st. There will be a flyer in the Freedom with details (feel better Kelly).

I am happy to see our meeting room at the 40/8 is filling up. So I would like to say to everyone thanks for coming and stepping up and supporting. That's all I have, til next time. ◇

North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

March arrived like a lion, a very soggy lion...hopefully it leaves like a very dry lamb. We have had enough rain to last several months and I know most of you are chomping at the bit to get out and ride. North Kitsap has been busy planning our spring/summer events.

The Scavenger Hunt Committee is working hard ironing out the details of the event. The Hunt will be June 4th. They are still working on the start location and time. More info will be available in next month's Freedom.

You will also want to save the weekend of August 26th-28th for our Annual Motorcycle Rodeo. This event will be held at the Poulsbo Eagles Lodge. The Rodeo Committee is working hard to finalize all the activities for this fun filled weekend.

That's about all that is happening in North Kitsap. Stay warm and dry and keep the shiny side up. ◇

Mason County Chapter

From TOM NEAL, ROAD CAPTAIN

Happy Spring to all! It's been a very wet winter here in Mason County and we are looking forward to some good weather and great rides.

Last Sunday, March 13th, we held our annual Spring Fling Easter Thing party. Of course it had to be during the worst windstorm of the year. A few hearty souls braved it though. Had a great egg hunt for the kids and an "adult" egg hunt, or should we call it a "bottle hunt," for those over 21. Good food. Good friends.

April 30th we plan to gather for a short run over to the Shelton Health and Rehab Center to cheer up the residents there. Last year was a small gathering which was VERY appreciated by the workers and residents. This year we hope will be a bigger showing, which will put more smiles on the faces of the elderly at the facility.

July 9-10 will be a "Memorial Ride" for our lost members, not only Mason County Chapter members, but all of our biker family, local and afar. This ride will be a ride around the Hwy 101 loop, with a trip up to Hurricane Ridge for our "Memorial Toast" then make our way to Forks to Cycle Camp for a night of fun, memory sharing and memories in the making. Next morning will make our way down the Pacific side of the Olympic Peninsula, and home.

August 20, plan on joining us to help the needy kids of Mason County as we host our 2nd annual "Backpack Ride For Kids." Bring a backpack with school supplies or a cash donation to help the kids who don't have much. They really appreciate it. We will take a scenic ride through Mason and Grays Harbor Counties to the Wynoochee Dam for a picnic lunch.

September 10 will be our annual Chapter Charter Run. There will be a new route this year, to be determined, but plan for a fun ride through Mason County and possibly parts of Kitsap, Grays Harbor and/or Pierce Counties.

Please contact our Chapter Coordinator for more info about these great events coming up.

As I write this, we are preparing for the ABATE Spring Swap Meet in Monroe. This should be a great event, especially with the threat of nice weather in the forecast. In years past, this made for a great turnout! Also planning on hitting up the big one...Spring Opener! Tickets are on sale now, as well as the bike and gun raffles, get your tickets now!!!! ◇

Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR



I am very sad to report that Spanaway Chapter has lost Warren Cable to cancer on March 2, 2016. This makes the third member we have lost to this terrible disease in our short time of being a ABATE chapter. Warren was loved by anyone who knew him. He will be missed.

Our Wing Ding Challenge was held on March the 12th. It is always a fun event and very tasty. I'll let you know who won next issue.

I'm sure we all will have some good stories to tell about our time at the Shakin' the Winter Blues party in Monroe put on by the Sky Valley Chapter. It is always a good time. I hope the Swap Meet is a big success as well.

March also brings our first Easter baskets for seniors for 39 low income seniors at Marymount Manor here in Spanaway. Barb Hunter wanted do this event and the chapter got behind it in a big way. Our chapter donated \$200; Tacoma ABATE chapter donated \$200; BASH donated boxes of rice, oatmeal, mac and cheese; Sandy Holtz donated earrings and stamps; Gary and Pam Crouse donated a large amount of canned goods; George and Pauline Dickman donated the 40 Easter baskets; and George donated back the \$78 he won in the 50/50 to our cause. Rebecca from AZ made a large donation as did our own Dolly. James donated 40 art tablets. I will have pictures and a completed list of donated items next issue. We all are very excited about this project. Its a good feeling to give to those who need it. It should be a fun day riding up to Marymount and seeing the smiling faces of our local seniors on the day before Easter receiving love from ABATE members.

We will of had our yearly Blessing of the Bikes at Uncle Sam's on Easter following Easter services from our friend Band of Brothers Preacher. Preacher has been doing this for us for some seven years or more. And is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our brothers and sisters of EPCC on the benefit they put on for Noel; it showed how great the motorcycle community is. I also want to wish Noel the very best of luck and hope he keeps on recovering. Lots of people love him.

I also want to wish good luck to our two new chapters being put together: Star Lake chapter and Moses Lake chapter. I know there is also interest in starting one in Everett so if you live in Everett or know someone that does that is interested in getting one started please contact Dutch and let him know. He is ready to get one going.

Let's see if this year we can get our membership up. Challenge your members to see who can bring in the most members this year. Everyone knows someone that would join if only they were asked. Tell them about all the good we do and tell them they could be a part of it for only \$30 a year. Stress they don't need to ride to make a difference. If you're not getting members from the place you hold meetings then think about moving your meetings where motorcycle riders attend. Good luck.

Be safe and be alert out there. Crazies are everywhere. ◇

Tri-Cities Chapter

From KAT BOLTON, COORDINATOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Today I want to speak on what I believe ABATE is: it's a PARTNERSHIP. Let me explain.

1. With every rider, whether you're patched or not. Letting them all know our issues and why we fight for those. Hearing from them, the actual people who are affected by the laws we help write.
2. To clubs and ride groups, where we can have talks with them about our issues, and hear back from them.
3. The dealerships and businesses we use.
4. Our legislators that can call us with questions and be able to call them when a vote is coming up. Have them look at us as resource.
5. COC's in our area.
6. Motorcycle profiling project, letting us know what's going on in other states.
7. Motorcycle Riders Foundation on national level, again, a two way street of communication.
8. Social Media, i.e.; Facebook, websites. It's important to know the intent of the page and to only circulate the facts.

There's a proper way to use these to our benefit. I challenge you to count how many times in the last 60 days you have received info or gathered info from the above list????? It's important. In all the above, one message of unity, for motorcycle rights. MLH&R ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

That time again. So, where to start? Plans for our Festival of Wheels include a 48" TV giveaway. The raffle tickets will be available soon, \$10 each. This is going to be a great weekend, be sure to mark your calendars now. You don't wanna miss this one. ☺ Watch for flyers soon.

I've included our picture of the parade for Walter, a local vet turned 102 years young. The town came together to honor him. It was a great showing of bikes. Thank you all who made it.

We (CGC) had put our Date Night on hold due to weather, but I do believe it is back on track now with the warmer weather on its way.

I'm writing this newsletter the weekend before the Swap Meet. Scott, myself and Randall will be heading up to work. I'm sure it will be a good weekend.

We had some guests from The Dalles, Oregon show up for our meeting and two of them joined CGC. Congratulations and welcome Brian and Steve. Thank you all for coming. We like to support our neighbors as well as other Chapters.

As some good news has it, Scott and I bought a brand new 2016 Ultra Classic while at the Spokane Inland Motorcycle show. We had a great experience with Lone Wolf Harley Davidson. Until next time. ♦



Olympia Chapter

From RON "CROWBAR" CROWE, COORDINATOR

Hello from the Capitol City,

More changes in the Olympia Chapter, which typically means progress is being made. Stacey Oestrich is the new Chapter Secretary, and Allen Acosta is the chapter's new Parliamentarian. Bylaws are amended and up to the State for approval. Safety & Education was able to meet with two drivers education classes in March, and the chapter as a whole has a renewed focus on membership and is looking into sponsoring another ride or event this year, which brings me to our immediate focus: our annual Bike Blessing. This year our event is on April 9th at the St. Martin's Abbey just off of College Ave, followed by a spaghetti feed at the Yelm Eagles. I hope everyone that comes can bring a friend, because I'm expecting a much bigger turn out than last year.

Riding season is finally here for the "fair weather" riders and more and more events are popping up on the calendar. Less than 90 days until Spring Opener, so don't wait until the last minute to get your event and raffle tickets. The Board of Directors meeting is later this month, so there is plenty to do this month. In closing, I would like to send out a challenge to all independent and former members of ABATE, to attend a local chapter meeting this month. Changes for the good of the order are taking place all over the state, so get out there and show your support for the motorcycle community. Until next time, ride safe and I'll see you on the road soon. ♦

17th Annual Memorial Party For Mississippi Charlie



17th annual Memorial Party for Mississippi Charlie

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9am to 3pm

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Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Our chapter booth at the Inland Empire Motorcycle Show was a success. A big thank you goes out to all who donated their time to come down and help run it. New this time around was having N. Idaho ABATE as neighbors in helping promote motorcycle awareness with us. Worked out really well this year but looking forward we're definitely gonna need a bigger boat. Having the same booth location as previous years is really paying off with many attendees already knowing where to find us. We received several great ideas for making next year's even better and look forward to seeing everyone out there again.

The Spaghetti Feed held on Feb. 19th at Daley's Cheap Shots was a good time for everyone who came down. Very cool of the venue to support our local chapter with a fund raiser and we can't thank them enough. With the weather warming up while having the best motorcycle parking in the area it won't be long before they see us out there again.

Not much this month in legislative updates. After this year's session in Olympia our legislative officer is busy getting their notes together in what we did right and what we need to do better. With elections coming up and the start of a new session in 2017 to introduce legislation our chapter will be looking to get an early start with meetings with our representatives and senators. During our meeting this month on April 12th at Sweet Old Bob's we'll narrow down some of the issues and talking points to discuss and which of our local legislators to support.

Closing out the report is a warning that April is your last chance to catch a breath with events and runs in our area happening every weekend from May through June. Three Spring Openers, three socials, two awareness rides, a freedom rally and an Adopt a Highway trash pick up day to work it all off with. And that's just what the chapter has on our to do list to get things started. It's not said often enough in these reports but Spokane has a great motorcycle community.

And that is about that for this issue. As always give a wave when we see you on the road. ♦



Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

In April the Tacoma Chapter will host the BOD and have our road cleanup. It's a privilege to be part of a Chapter that wants to volunteer for service that benefits our organization and benefits their community as well. It may seem like a weird comparison, but it actually speaks volumes about our Chapter. And to add to the list of their willingness to serve, last month we helped Spanaway provide food items and deliver Easter baskets to seniors. We have an awesome collection of members and as I always like to say "We are Tacoma!"

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Greetings from out here in Elk Country!! Our members have been working on some good rides for this summer. But with all the damage from the January floods washing out roads and causing slides over others, we may have to change routes on some of our runs. I'll keep everyone posted as plans firm up.

Elk Country lost one of its Charter members on March 2nd. Dick Mapes will be missed. Dick is the first official member who has passed away, and he was very popular among the chapter members. I am sure there will have a good turn out for his memorial in Mineral.

Yesterday, March 5th, a few of us from Elk Country went down to Vancouver to Columbia H-D and sold tickets for the gun and bike raffle. We sold about 18 bike raffle tickets, and also passed out quite a few ABATE tri-folds. One of the things I did notice was the interest first brought up because people thought Elk Country was a new chapter in the Vancouver area. We all spent time talking with different people about how to get a chapter started in Vancouver. Perhaps there will be another ABATE chapter in Vancouver soon.

We also made a quick stop at Love's Leather Outpost in Battle Ground. We want to do the same thing there at Love's as we did at Columbia H-D, but want to make it a ride. So we will be doing a short notice run to Love's in a few weeks when there is a weekend with decent riding weather and more bikes will turn out. Hopefully the road over Elk Pass will be open and usable by then. That would make for a epic loop ride!

Catch you on the road sometime... ♦

ELK COUNTRY CHAPTER

(photo courtesy of Brian Lange)

East Pierce County Chapter

From NICK "NICO" CONKLIN, COORDINATOR

This is so difficult to put into words, we have all been on the giving side. What about the receiving side.

Well, as you all know, EPCC hosted a benefit for Noel Ortiz. This was one of the best things we have all been a part of and watched. There was so much love and caring shown. We all can't express enough how much this means. Not only for our community, friends and families, but to come together as one to make this great benefit for a great friend and brother. A very big thank you to all that not only came out and supported, but to all those who gave their time and efforts to help make this happen.

We also just had a joint ride between EPCC/SKCC for our lost friend and brother Cuddy. The day once again turned out to be full of joy and cheer. The special part of this day is we got the pleasure of having not only Cuddy's bike to honor us, but having his granddaughter riding it with us. Thank you SKCC for the help with this ride.

Please save the date for the upcoming annual Night Out with EPCC on April 23rd after the BOD. This will be held at the L&M Firehouse in Orting. Yes this is still a B.F.B. (Biker Friendly Bar) place to go. Let's show them a great time and night. Once again BLURRED VISION will be playing as well. Please all come support EPCC at our night out after the BOD.

Also please come to the next EPCC chapter meeting April 3rd @ 10am to help set a new date for a full big chapter picture. ♦

Key Peninsula Chapter

From JAY JACKSON, COORDINATOR

Pi (π), 3.1416, ran us around and around but I think we have stopped long enough to get our bearings. And losing an hour added to falling behind the power curve. Maybe the luck of the Irish, a leprechaun, and some green beer will get us on a straighter path!

Key Peninsula Chapter has been busy making arrangements to go to the BIG Swap Meet in Monroe. Members have collected a truckload of miscellaneous motorcycle stuff. See you there.

We haven't been flooded yet but the standing water on some roads does present a few difficulties. Soft shoulders and falling tree debris are dangerous on our roads too. Be safe and ride with awareness. Be aware of you and others.

Spring starts Sunday so let's all spring out well prepared for a great riding season. And, please, dear Creator, don't let us be a statistic. Ride safe, Ride FREE. ♦

South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

Thanks to all who came out and participated in Cuddy's Run and to those in EPCC and SKCC who put it together. Good to see that ABATE gained a few new members from the event while helping to benefit Cuddy's family.

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to new SKCC members Leroy, Ronnie and Andrea. We're glad to have you with us. On another positive note, Pete Fox stepped up to handle Products and Karen Hansen volunteered as Secretary. Thank you to the both of you and to Tina and Deb for handling Secretary duties in the interim.

We look forward to the SKCC Jim Adams Memorial Run (JAMR) held on Saturday, May 14. Plans are coming together with a similar route to last year's run. We could use donated auction and raffle items, so if you'd like to help, please contact Karen or Pete (number printed on flyer in this issue). Proceeds from the event will go to the Orting Soldiers Home and to SKCC Legislative Fund. ♦

Columbia River Chapter

From ANGELA PARKISON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Columbia River Chapter!

What an interesting Winter to Spring we are having! Sunshine and 60's one day and down pours and snow the next. We are chomping at the bit to get some miles under us here and it's great that we have so many options on where to go. I know our group is very excited about the up coming riding season!

Just a reminder to those who don't ride much over in the Central WA area. This time of year for us there is a lot of farm equipment on the road way. Please be cautious of their slow speed and remember to give a wave as you go by!

Best Run by a Dam Site will again be sponsored by Bikerstown USA and again Tony, the owner has asked Columbia River Chapter to organize this fun ride. Sunday May 1st, KSU at 9am. The ride goes from Wenatchee to Ellensburg with stops at the Trinidad Rest Stop, Ephrata, Mardon Resort for Lunch, then on to Vantage for prize drawing...then as one big group ride on to Ellensburg to support Kittitas ABATE for their Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show! See you on the Road! ♦

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Pacific County Chapter

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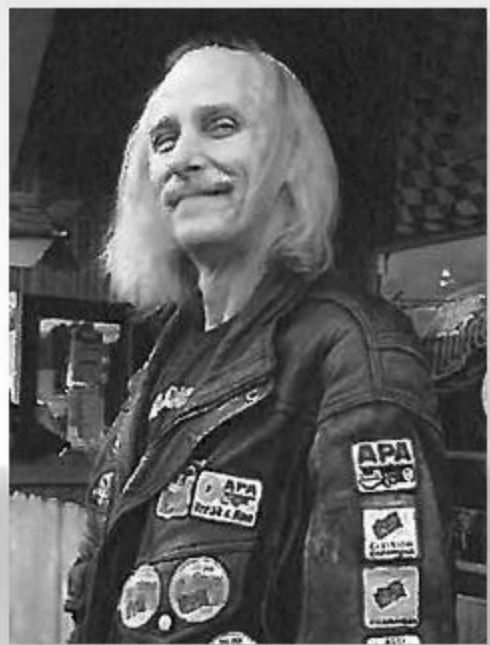
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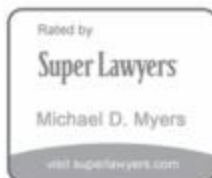


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