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Small photo this page: U.S. Hwy 12; T. Lawson  
Photo right: by Jessica J. Destination HD

# UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

It is that time of year again...elections take place for chapter officers at September business meetings. Thank you outgoing officers and committee members, I appreciate your contributions to the newsletter this past year.

Preparations are underway for STEAM (Seminar to Educate and Motivate) to bring new officers up to speed. Mark your calendars to attend the training session and awards dinner Saturday, October 22 starting at 11am in Ellensburg. The BOD meeting follows on Sunday, October 23. Page 9 provides more details.

Pictured below is Todd Snyder, winner of the Spring Opener 2016 Street Glide bike raffle, and Ed Wallace, Destination Harley Davidson. Congratulations go out to Todd with a big round of applause for Ed and crew for their much-appreciated support of ABATE of Washington. Todd had the lettering done on the saddlebag as a thank you to ABATE and Destination HD.

Until next month, ride safe and often. *TL*



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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

**22** STEAM, hosted by  
Kittitas County Chapter

**23** BOD Meeting, hosted by  
Kittitas County Chapter

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"The Formula for settling your case is '3x the medical bills.'"  
"Call Attorney Smith, he handled my divorce and we took her to the cleaners."  
"Since you were not at fault, you shouldn't call your own insurance company and report the claim."

## FROM LAWYERS

"You need to hire us **right now**. We handle cases all over the country plus we've got **132 years combined experience**. And we're aggressive."  
"Call us now if you want justice because we really care about you."

## FROM DOCTORS AND CHIROPRACTORS

"Since you were in an accident, you aren't allowed to bill your health insurance company—you must use your PIP or give us cash."  
"We've got a treatment plan just for accident victims and we've signed you up for it."

## FROM INSURANCE ADJUSTERS

"Just sign these forms and give us a statement and we'll take care of you."  
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## From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

feelings). I encourage everyone to do their research and vote your conscience. It is not always right to vote party lines because just because they belong to a certain party doesn't mean they feel the same about all issues. One thing I can tell you is that if you don't vote you are disrespecting everyone who fought for the rights we have today.

In October we have our yearly STEAM where we encourage everyone to come and learn what our organization is about and how to do the jobs it takes to run this organization. It will be in Ellensburg on Saturday, October 22 and the BOD will be on Sunday the 23rd. If you are curious as to how things work or even mildly interested in taking on

a chapter or state position this is where you want to be. I would encourage chapters if you have a member that you think would be someone that just might step up, help them attend. You never know, they just might be your chapter's next officer. Speaking about stepping up, we are still looking for a qualified person to take over for Tina and be ABATE of Washington's next newsletter editor. If you think you can do this please get ahold of Tina. If we don't get a volunteer it could mean the end of our newsletter. It is not an easy job but we know there is a qualified person out there who would make an excellent newsletter editor. ◇

Hi everyone,

Election time is rapidly approaching and as much as I would like to tell you how to vote, I don't think it would be appropriate so I won't (but if you are a Facebook follower you know my

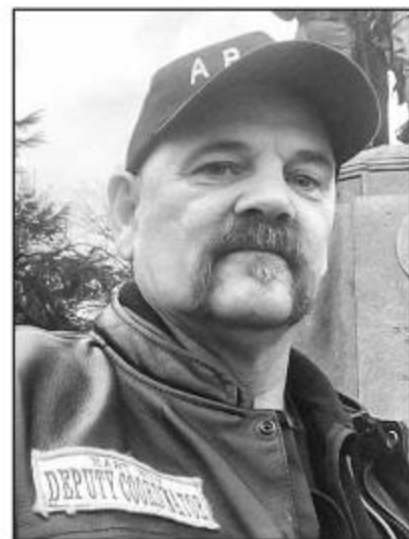
## Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

STEAM is fast approaching – make your reservations at the Days Inn, Ellensburg, Washington. Get ready to help out our new folks. We will have a band that evening so we can hang out and spend sometime getting to know our new officers. Spoke with Joe Hill and this year we will be serving chicken at \$10 a plate. Thanks Kittitas Chapter for cooking. We are planning on a special guest but have to wait and see how it works out. Never set deadlines or promises I can't keep, so wait and see.

The race is on for legislative positions in most districts. Do your homework and find out who supports our bills before you vote. In my area, the 14th District, I've spoken with the candidates about helmet repeal and lane sharing and can tell you it pays to find out who is on our

side. If they do not want to support us let's make sure not to support them. I do not need to kiss ass, let's use our voting power ABATE members. Go visit your reps before this election, ask them if they will support our issues. If not, find out who is running against them and openly support them. ABATE has 1,400 members. Let's use the system to fight for our rights.

In the future consider making your legislative rep's office a stop on your poker runs. It is only one stop and the impact of having all the voters show up at one time will be a moment they will remember. Just stop by and ask for their support and say, "have a nice day." Mention we have 1,400 members and roll out. Think about that. They are in their offices in home towns at this time.



You can call and make an appointment. Tell them you're bringing a friend. Appoint someone to be a spokesperson...too easy.

See you at STEAM. ◇



## Westside Deputy Coordinator

Chris Varner

Hello,

I would like to start by saying thank you for the vote of confidence for the position of Westside Deputy Coordinator. Mike Campbell has done an excellent job in this position, so when you see him stop him and thank him for his diligence in making ABATE a great organization.

The time of the year has come for the chapters to elect and re-elect officers for your board. Remember many hands make light work, so get out there and sign up new members. A new bylaw was passed and states any member of

ABATE that signs up 10 new members in a year will receive a one-year free membership. I am at 2 since the new bylaw but should be further.

STEAM is right around the corner and even if you have been in a position for awhile or are new to it, there is a lot of good information put out. Hope to see you all there.

We have a lot of rides and events happening this year, make sure you don't forget to invite your local legislators to join you. It's a good time to get to know them better and show them some of the things that we do for our communities.

There have been a few fatality crashes in the last couple of days. I really hate reading about it. Everyone seems to be in such a hurry these days and preoccupied with other things. Keep your head on a swivel and remember you're invisible as soon as you get on your scooter. When one person rides recklessly it looks bad on every rider out there.

There are still quite a few events coming up. If you can, get out there and support the other ABATE chapters. It is A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. ♦

## STEAM, AWARDS DINNER & BOD MEETING

### OCTOBER 22-23

DAYS INN, 901 BERRY RD, ELLENSBURG, WA 98926

LODGING RESERVATIONS: (509) 933-1500

#### SATURDAY

11am STEAM (Seminar to Educate and Motivate)

Catered lunch (free for Chapter Coordinator, Chapter Dep. Coordinator, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer)

Dinner hosted by Kittitas Chapter, \$10 a plate

Awards presentation, live music "Rusty Cage"

#### SUNDAY

10am Board of Directors Meeting

Lunch available for purchase

*Join us for a fun & educational weekend where everything is conveniently located on site. The hotel offers complimentary breakfast.*

\*State will reimburse with receipt up to two rooms per chapter based on double officer occupancy for these 4 chapter officers: Chapter Coordinator, Chapter Deputy Coordinator, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer. Other chapter officers and members are invited and encouraged to attend at their own expense.

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## Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

### A SLIM MAJORITY

The motorcycling community in the State of Washington has the opportunity to come together and use the power of our numbers to make serious change in Olympia. If every member of ABATE took 30 minutes or more to call the candidates for legislators office in their district and ask questions on where they stand on our issues, we could make an intelligent vote in November and shift the power structure in Olympia. Now imagine if every member of the various Motorcycle Rights Organizations in the State of Washington spent that same 30 minutes or so speaking with the candidates from their district. If the members of ABATE, COC, NCOM, MRF, LAC, and others ALL contacted the candidates and spoke to them about our common issues, and voted upon the responses we were given the government would begin to feel the pressure the motorcycling community could bring to bear. All of this done BEFORE the November election, imagine what an effect that would have. Now imagine the effect if everyone who owned a motorcycle within the State of Washington contacted the candidates and based their votes on the responses to their questions on our issues. In the time we have, that isn't likely to happen, but it could be something to strive for.

As the legislature stands at this writing, the party that has generally stood in opposition to our efforts to secure the liberty to exercise our Rights has a very narrow two seat majority in the House. That means that if two less Democrats are elected, (or some other combination of either Republican, Libertarian or Independent are elected that reduces the number of Democrats in the House by three), the entire political make-up of the House will change. This will cause a reshuffling

of the current Committee Chairs. This would reduce the direct power some of our staunchest opponents have to merely being a single vote among a group. Meaning that they no longer having the power to kill our bills simply by not allowing a hearing on them to be held.

This should not be seen as a statement against all Democrats. The motorcycling community has many supporters among both Democrats and Republicans. There are Republicans, some of whom hold great control over our bills, that while they don't oppose us they don't provide a great deal of support either. There are some tough fights coming up in November that will have a great affect on the motorcycling community in Washington State. It is for the motorcycling community to decide whether we will stand for our ability to exercise our Rights to be limited by a few, or supported by many.

There have been other groups in society that have set aside their differences and joined together to promote their common goals. They have affected great change in the government and have had laws passed to protect their Rights. It took time, but as each group came to the realization that they needed to unify politically to survive, they set aside their petty differences and came together to fight for their common goals.

In this election, if the motorcycle community voted only by party affiliation, then we will be quite likely shooting ourselves in the foot. We need to trim the dead weight of our opposition from the branches of the political tree. By supporting the candidates that support us, and voting for the opponents of those that don't, we will be better able to prune the tree and allow the fruits of our Freedoms to blossom.



This cannot be done by simply voting for one party or the other. Isn't that the same closed minded mentality that has made it difficult to unite in the first place? That you would totally exclude voting for someone simply because they belong to a different party? Think about that for a few seconds. Isn't that like saying you are going to vote for someone whether or not they support your Right to ride free from burdensome laws, and law enforcement, simply because of the party they belong to? Or would you rather vote for someone who actually supports your Right to ride freely and in the manner that you feel best protects you from all the other risks we face daily?

Let's prune the legislature of nanny state politicians (they exist in both parties). This will allow the Freedom-minded politicians (these too exist in both parties) to work together more effectively. Does it really make any sense to say you will only vote for candidates on the basis of the party they are in? That is like saying you will only purchase a motorcycle, a car or truck, or a gun of a particular make and model. Does that make any sense? Why limit yourself to making a choice simply by brand? Does that really provide you with the best you can get? If you want the best government we can have, do your homework. Find out which candidates for the legislature (and that includes Lt. Governor and Governor) support our issues, and vote them into office. I mean really now, does it make any sense to vote someone into office that doesn't support our issues, just because of the party they belong to? Let us all dump the party line, and actually vote to elect people who support us for a change.

The motorcycling community of Washington State needs to come together and set aside our differences in order affect true political change that will allow all of us to be able to exercise our Rights without the paternalistic mentality of some government officials and agencies subjugating us to their own political agenda. If even one quarter of the owners of all 215,576 motorcycles in Washington State came together for a "public" event on the Civil Rights issues facing all motorcyclists in our state, can you imagine how the government would be falling over themselves to gain our votes? Think about that for a bit.

Catch you on the road sometime... ◇





# ABATE of Washington



## Mason County 9th Annual Charter Run

September 10, 2016

A 5-Stop Motorcycle Run Through The Gorgeous Countryside  
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## Chapter Rep Region 5

From JAY JACKSON, CHAPTER REP 5

It seems like it is time for a change in ABATE. I know this will rub some people the wrong way. But here goes.

Many members think it is time to get back to basics. Some of us have found the Membership Manual from STEAM. We found the Up-side Down Pyramid that is supposed to be a picture of the structure of ABATE. We see that the bigger top part of the pyramid is made of the Membership and Chapter Coordinators. We see that the State Coordinator and E-Com (Executive Committee) are the small pointy end of the pyramid. This looks like the Membership is the most important part of the organization and carries the most weight. That seems to show that the Chapter Coordinators support their Members and connect them to the State organization. Then the State Coordinator and Executive Committee (made up of the Deputy Coordinators, Secretary, and Treasurer) support the Membership through the Chapter Coordinators.

The most important idea this picture shows is that the Membership is on top. Their needs and wants are the controlling factors in the BIG picture. The Officers see that those needs and ideas are taken care of. Period. Not the other way around. The State Coordinator and Executive Committee are NOT the boss with the Members doing their will.

Officers should set a good example for others to follow. They should put the Members' desires before their own. If the Members' wants may be harmful to the organization, then they must lead them in a different way. Officers should be impartial and leave their personal agendas at home. They must always put the welfare of the organization first.

Officers should teach other Members how to do their job correctly. They should follow the organization's bylaws and policies and procedures in performing all their duties. When there are difficulties they should ask for help from others in the organization. There is a wealth of knowledge in our organization. Use it.

Officers must always remember they work for the Members not themselves. ♦



## Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Well it's been a busy summer for Sky Valley. We had the Kla-ha-ya Days car/motorcycle show, Delta House run and the Delta House carnival. All were very fun and lots of people showed up for all three! I won't bore you with all the details, I will just say they were a great success and thanks everyone who showed up and all who helped! I will include a picture of all three. The one with the chapter all posing in front of our t-shirt booth is the car/motorcycle show (photo pg. 4). The one with Jim and the mystery man is the carnival, and the one with the people in the wheelchairs is our Delta House run.

I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying this great riding weather as much as I am. Buggs and I are about to make the Cascade loop again this month and visit some old friends. Next will be our bike show appreciation party in September for all who helped with the big bike show in May. We will be camping out in my private woods and having a bon-fire (and lots of beer) to celebrate another great show. All for now! See you in the wind...♦







## Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Greetings from Elk Country Chapter. Wow, Summer finally arrived, and came on full bore!! During our July meeting, we voted to have some large custom steel fire pits made to raffle off and raise money for our chapter. They were ready by the time our August meeting came around. I think I can honestly say, we were blown away by just how cool, big, and just plain "bad ass" they are. We had 1,000 tickets printed up barely in time (a couple of days to spare) for Morton's 74th Annual Loggers Jubilee, and by the end of the weekend we had sold more than 10% of the tickets. We'll be having the drawing for the fire pits after our meeting on December 4th, when we have our annual Christmas fundraiser. Tickets will be on sale until they are sold out, and our members will be around selling them. If you've seen the pics on Facebook, you'll know how cool they would be to win. We'll raffle off the one with the sugar skulls first and then the other with the elk, moose and Mt St Helens.

Since most of us live here year after year, we tend to ride out of town for a few hours on Saturday of Jubilee weekend. This year was no different. Since our Social Meeting was that Saturday, and it was only 10 miles away in Mossyrock, we decided to have a "fun run" and leave before the Loggers Jubilee Parade clamped down movement through town. We only had 10 miles to go, but for some reason I just can't quite understand, it took us about 80 miles or so to get there. Then we rode to our member Peg Leg's place for a BBQ and some "fellowship." After we left Mossyrock, the tail light on Gypsy came loose and was hanging by the wires. Next month I hope to have plenty of photos and news about the inaugural Dick Mapes Memorial Bike Show we are holding on August 27th. But until then, I have to run down to NAPA to get a couple of body nuts to put her tail light back together. So, since it is beautiful outside, I'll cut this short. Ride Free and see you up here in Elk Country sometime!! ♦

## Key Peninsula Chapter

From JAY JACKSON, COORDINATOR

*Way over here on the near far side,  
West of the narrows but not far out,  
We take care of each other far and wide.  
Frequently we're out riding about,  
Mostly on Harleys, Road Kings and Glides,  
"Freedom from tyranny," we like to shout!*

*It takes hard work and much sacrifice  
To safeguard our liberties and keep them safe.  
Our families all know that once or twice  
We'll ride off saying "Be brave"  
"I'll bring something home, really nice."  
They think, "from another meeting of ABATE?"*

*My only hope is the kids will still keep  
All the freedoms that get whittled away  
Unless some of us holler and leap  
To maintain the rights we have today.  
The time and effort is not cheap,  
But well worth the fight and fray.*

(poem by Glenyce)

Summer is here and there is a great party every weekend. Most of the time there are two or three events to choose between. The Business seems to take a back seat for awhile but it's still there just growing until we take care of it.

In August the Key Peninsula Chapter opened nominations for officers for the coming year as the bylaws state. Members also put on another good Brewery Run and are getting ready for another Fall Swap Meet September 17th at the HI-Tide Bar and Grill parking lot in Port Orchard. The view of the bay with the shipyard on the other side and the Olympic Mountains in the background makes it feel like a vacation even when doing the work selling treasures.

Key Peninsula Chapter members look forward to another year of working for Freedom of the road raising public awareness through education, safety, political and legislative action, and charitable deeds. See you down the road. Ride safe, Ride Free, Ride. ♦





## Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

This has been a different summer compared to the last two summers. We are looking forward to STEAM in October with some break-out sessions. We need these break-out sessions so we all operate on the same page. Basics are what keep us strong. So, here is the challenge: try to think up some good questions for STEAM!!

This is going to be very short as I've stayed close to home all summer. Take care and be safe. ◇

## Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello again, hope y'all are enjoying the weather. By the time you read this our F.O.W. will have happened. I will thank everyone in advance for your support. We are sure to have had a great time.

We did our nominations at the August meeting and once again I will be Coordinator; Frank Thompson is Deputy Coordinator; Michele L. is Secretary; and Terry C stepped up to Treasurer. Thank y'all so much. We couldn't do this without your involvement. We also have a new LAO, Doug Bowers. He is all about freedom of choice.

We are heading right into STEAM, hope to see y'all there. Well, we're sitting at the drag races right now, so I'm gunna cut this short. Until next time. ☺

## Star Lake Chapter

From CATHY LEASURE, ROAD CAPTAIN

We just had our first official ride as a Chapter with a good turn out and support by a couple of our chapter sisters, Tacoma and SKCC. Thanks for sharing the day and a lots of laughs! Everyone worked hard and you could tell from the results...a good day and we have a little money in the bank!



"Run for the Hills" Star Lake Chapter event; photo John Larsson

## Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY

35% my fellow riders. That was the turnout in the last election held here in Washington. Just thirty-five percent out of 4.1 million registered voters actually turned in a ballot. Keep that in mind the next time you hear someone say how their vote doesn't count. One of the only good things that can be said about low voter turnout is that now your vote counts more than it ever has. What is there, about 250,000 bikers in Washington? If each and every one voted then we would represent one out of every six votes cast state wide. Taking it a step further if each of us got one person to vote who didn't then bikers in Washington would represent one out of every three ballots cast. Something to think about folks.

September is here and our chapter will be holding nominations for the officer positions we haven't already railroaded someone into. This month our chapter meeting will be the 2nd MONDAY of the month making it Sep. 12th 6pm, to help those members who have a difficult time with our normal Tuesday. Aside from nominations we'll be narrowing down which new location(s) we'd like to hold our monthly meeting at. Also on the agenda is a permanent change to the Tuesday time since at least one considered location is already booked during that date. Check your email before the meeting or please contact one of your chapter officers for the temporary location we are gathering at.

On the legislative front the lane splitting bill in California, AB51, passed their assembly 69-0 and at the time of writing this was sitting on the Governor's desk waiting for a signature. Considering Washington's long standing practice of letting Cali pass a law, Oregon to adopt and pay for the R&D then copying what Salem comes up with in conjunction with a tax increase of some sort I predict it won't be long before it is legal here too. If you don't want to wait that long then Black Thursday is January 19th, 2017. So set aside a vacation day or request it off work in advance. We've been able to poll most of the legislators here in the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th districts so come on down to next month's business meeting and find out who we need your help lobbying. With all the positive feedback we got on the bill last year our lane filtering legislation has got some legs and is moving forward. Who knows, maybe we'll pass it before Oregon does!

As a close for this month's report during our August meeting we set a date of Oct. 8th for this year's 2nd Harvest benefit ride. Last year our run provided 480 meals for those in need here in the Spokane area. Make a note on your calendar to participate or come on down to the next meeting to see how you can help. Lets make it a goal to raise even more this year. It's always a good ride and an even better cause.

And that is as they say that this time around. As always give a wave when we see you on the road. ◇



## Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

What a great summer we have had. Of all the events and rides one stands out to be the best in my opinion. I wish we would not of had the rain we did. I know our attendance would of been much larger. Spanaway sold the most raffle tickets again this year and I want to thank all who jumped to the cause and helped sell all we did. When I ask members to help, all I ask them for is to sell four tickets each. If they did that then we would reach our goal. Lots of members sold 20 to 40 tickets. At Spring Opener, Barb, Libbie and Tammy were off early in the morning till late at night selling from a golf cart. It was fun watching them have fun selling.

We signed up 21 members at the Spring Opener. I think we really need a membership booth there. What better place to draw members than at a motorcycle rally. Usually non members outnumber members there. Let's show them who we are and get them involved in ABATE.

Spanaway also had the largest amount of members attending the Spring Opener this year with 120 plus members. As we always do, we fed all who were hungry and had a bar stocked for the three days. I tried my hand at making a spodie. I have had better ideas I think. I started with a five-gallon container and put lots of fruit in it, then a half gallon of Fireball, a fifth of vodka, and rum, and gin and a half gallon of 190 proof. Then filled it with fruit juice. Very much know now that Fireball is NOT good for everything. But to my surprise on Sunday morning I went to dump the spodie and clean the container. There was only two small pieces of fruit left in it. Which goes to show if you make it at a party, it will get drank. I'm still hearing how members liked the fruit and how it affected some. Good memories.

August is loaded with good events to support. I hope that all got to go out and support one or more. I hope everyone has a great Labor Day weekend and a safe one too.

At our social in July our chapter went out and played Putt Putt golf and had a great time. After golf we all went and had a few drinks and a bite to eat. In August we are all going to watch a Tacoma Rainiers baseball game. Got a feeling we will all have a good time.

October 8th we will have our 300 Party at Uncle Sam's at 4:00pm and music at 6:00pm. Come join us. We will have lots of food and good times. Heard we might have some games as well. This is also our fourth birthday party. Hard to believe it has only been four years for us.

I hope everyone who went to Sturgis had a great time and made it there and back safely. Be safe out there and look twice. ♦

## South King County Chapter

From **"JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR**

South King County Chapter opened nominations in August for chapter officers. The next nominations and election will be held during the September meeting and officers will start their duties in October. Please thank the volunteers who have expressed interested in stepping into the officer roles. Let's encourage those who might be interested in filling the open positions so that we have full team going into the next term. Remember our next business meeting is on September 12, 7pm (it shifts from the regular date due to Labor Day). Our September meeting will mark my last day as Coordinator and LAO. I'd like to thank our members for their support and hard work to make our chapter successful.

The chapter just completed the annual Fun Run. Congratulations go out to Cynthia (Pebbles) and Geoff for organizing this successful event.

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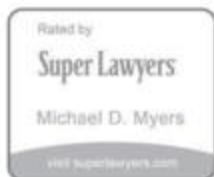
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