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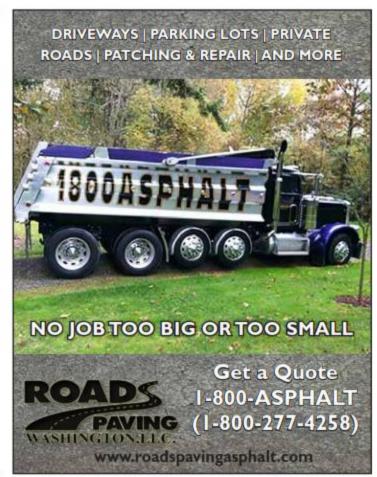
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# FROM FRIENDS

- "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

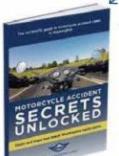
- "Just sign these forms and give us a statement and we'll take care of you."
- "If you don't settle with us soon, we'll just close our file and you won't be able to make a claim."

### HERE'S SOME ADVICE YOU CAN TAKE TO THE BANK

If you have been injured in a motorcycle accident, then before you

- (1) talk to the adjuster,
- (2) hire an attorney,
- (3) or sign any forms,





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# Freedom

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# UPFRONT by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

The Governor's proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month serves as an important reminder to drivers of all vehicles to look out for and share the road with motorcyclists. Contact ABATE of Washington's Products Committee for "Share the Road" branded items that can be used to help spread the word. See page 2 for contact details.

We're rolling into the warmer months with lots of rides and events listed on page 39. Check out the updated Spring Opener flyer on page 8 and letter from our Coordinator on page 9 for tips to make this Spring Opener the best one yet. Also, raffle tickets are still available - don't let the chance to win one of three bikes this year pass you by! Details on pages 8, 10 and 35. TR



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# CALENDAR

MAY

Motorcycle Awareness Month

# JUNE

**ECOM Meeting** Johnny's at Fife, 11am

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# SPRING OPENER 2016

Hi everyone,

Spring Opener 2016 will once again be at the Silver Ridge Ranch in Easton, Washington, right off exit 70 on I-90. As in the past, Jimmy George and his committee are making each year better than the last and I believe you will truly enjoy what is planned for this year. There will be the usual events like bike games, bike show, tattoo contest, poker run, vendors and much more – in other words, something for everyone. Once again we have tried to make this event a little more special for people attending Spring Opener. This year with the bike and gun raffle someone at the event will win a bike, the 2016 Street Glide is a need not be present to win, the 2016 Sportster will be given to someone attending the event. It will be the same with the gun raffle, the pair of Ruger .45's are need not be present to win but the Tiffany .38 and 10 MM Glock will be won by someone at the event.

Even though we want everyone to attend and have a righteous time, as it is at any event there are things you can do and things you can't.

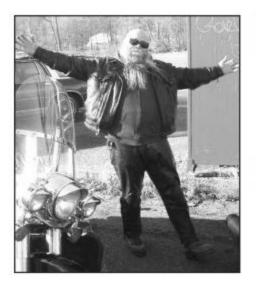
We will start with the camp fires, you CAN have a camp fire in a designated fire pit or in an acceptable fire pit you bring with you. If you bring your own fire pit, it must have legs so it sits off the ground. If you do not bring your own firewood you can purchase it from the ranch. There will be no other firewood vendor. You CANNOT make a fire on the ground, the ranch has permits for fire pits and can lose their permit if someone has a fire on the ground and if they lose their permit, there will be no fires at all. If you have your own fire pit do not dump the ashes on the ground, make sure they are cold and out and put them in the garbage.

The next item is probably the most controversial. You CAN have a service animal at the event but you CANNOT have a pet. In the past, I have had friends lie to me and tell me that their pet was a service animal. What kind of friend lies to you? I know that there are some people that consider their pets as part of the family and would not dream of leaving them behind but this is one time you will have to. If you bring a pet that is not a service animal you will be asked to leave. If you have a legitimate SERVICE ANIMAL there are certain rules you have to follow: they must be on a leash at all times, you must pick up after your service animal, that means carrying a bag with you to pick up poop (no one wants to step in poop), your service animal cannot be noisy, unruly, or a danger to anyone. If you do not follow these rules you will be asked to leave.

BAD ATTITUDES are not wanted. If you have one and cannot leave it at home then stay home with it. If you drink and want to get in someone's face or fight, don't drink or stay home. NO DISCHARGING FIREARMS OR PYROTECHNICS of any kind. There are a number of reasons for this, first and foremost is the safety of others. Also the ranch has horses and if you scare their horses they could kick us out. Also, it is against the law. Once again if you can't follow the rules you will be asked to leave. I know what some of you are saying, "Man we are bikers what's with all the rules?" Well here is the way it is: it doesn't matter if you are a biker, motorcycle enthusiast, non-biker, or just everyday citizen attending the event, everyone who pays their money to attend deserves the same respect that you would expect someone to give you. I also know that the NO'S and the CANNOT people are a very small number and the majority of the people just want to party, listen to music, and enjoy the company of good friends new and old. So just come and have fun, enjoy the bike show, bike games, music and all the other festivities. If you see people not taking care of their service animals or doing any of the DO NOTS listed, please let security know. This is not for us to play a power trip but to make this enjoyable event for all participants.

Lyle Coyle State Coordinator ABATE of Washington

# OFFICER REPORTS



# Hi Everyone,

I know we are a strictly volunteer organization and we want every one of you to remain as members and would appreciate it if you could get your friends that are not members to join. However we need people that are willing to step up and take care of the jobs that make this organization viable. There are jobs that we all as members should be doing such as membership, we all know someone that believes in what we are doing but is not a member, please sign them up. We can all be in the legislative, we should all be in constant contact with our legislators not just on Black Thursday but throughout the year. You can attend their town meetings.

# From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

meet with them, take them to lunch. find out what they like and dislike about our issues, see what they feel has to be done for us to succeed in our legislative endeavors. There are so many things you can do as everyday members and all I am asking is for you to do is try.

As many of you have heard in other reports we are trying to get an early start on our legislative bills we want to pursue for 2017. I encourage all to attend your chapter meetings so your words can be heard on how you feel about the changes that are being talked about. Remember that it is you the chapters that have the final word on the directions that ABATE of Washington takes.

Okay it is getting very close to Spring Opener and Jimmy George has made it possible for us to have not one, not two, but three motorcycles to have in our motorcycle raffle. As in the past there will be one bike (the 2016 Street Glide) that is a need not be present to win but the other two motorcycles will be won by two people who are at the 2016 spring opener. The same goes for the hand guns, the pair of Ruger .45's are a need not be present to win but there will

be two people at the event that win the other two. Chapter coordinators have checked out tickets and they can check tickets out to you, even if you only help by selling a few tickets it helps. If your coordinator does not have any tickets for you to sell contact Koeta (contact info is on website and newsletter) and she will make sure you have tickets to sell. We need your help selling these tickets so we can grow as an organization and grow our fight for motorcycle rights. Remember that the majority of our money comes from the success of the spring opener so you helping it grow helps our organization grow.

Unfortunately Tina Lawson is going to resign as newsletter editor and we are looking for a dedicated person to take over the duties as the newsletter editor for ABATE of Washington. If you have any questions on this position please contact Tina and she can give you an idea of what it takes to be the newsletter editor. Also we are having elections for the position of state deputy coordinator, both Chris and Ron meet the qualifications to fill the position so please vote for the person of your choice. ◊

### MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE INCENTIVE PLAN

The incentive plan for selling the motorcycle raffle tickets is the same as last year:

- 1. If you sell 50 raffle tickets you will receive one Spring Opener ticket.
- 2. The chapter or group that sells the most will receive a flat screen TV valued at approximately \$500.
- 3. The Second place chapter or group will receive a BBQ grill valued at approximately \$300.
- 4. The Third place chapter or group will receive a flat screen TV valued at approximately \$200.

Just remember, you must be a member of ABATE of Washington to sell tickets.

THE SUCCESS OF THE MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE, GUN RAFFLE, AND THE SPRING OPENER IS EXTREMELY IMPOR-TANT TO OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM TO SUPPORT THOSE **EFFORTS** 

# ATTENTION: ABATE of Washington members in good standing as of April 1st are being mailed a ballot to vote for State Deputy Coordinator. All Ballots will be mailed by May 1st. If you do NOT receive a ballot by May 15th and were a member in good standing on April 1st, contact membership secretary at membership@abate-wa.org. Ballots are being assembled with addressed envelopes for you to apply postage and mail in by the deadline of June 10th. The PO box will be closed on June 11th. Please return your ballot as soon as possible.

# Senior Deputy Coordinator Mike Campbell

The two candidates are Ron
"Crowbar" Crowe II, coordinator of
Olympia Chapter and Chris Varner,
Coordinator of North Kitsap Chapter.
Both candidates are qualified and
have served ABATE of Washington
as leaders sitting on the Board of
Directors. Both candidates have
submitted qualification statements
in previous newsletters and in this
newsletter. ♦



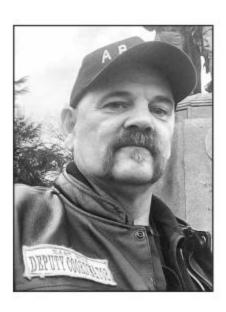
Photo by Helen Wolfe

Here we are at the start of the summer again. All the benefit and charity rides are already starting to take place. Spring Opener is right around the corner. This year will be an exceptional year for S.O. as it will not be on Father's Day weekend. All the folks who always had the other obligations will be able to show up. No high school graduations or other family activities to keep the riders from coming to the bike rally this year. Also being a week later could bring warmer weather. Let's see if it makes a difference. This year's event should top all the rest for entertainment and activities. ABATE chapters have put together something for every day to get the riders rolling. Jimmy has worked out a deal for a third bike to go with the motorcycle drawing, all on the same ticket. That brings up the tickets - we need to continue to push these bike raffle tickets. The funds will be used for the coming Black Thursday event. We have a truck load of bikes to give away - sell the tickets. If they pull my ticket you can bet your ass I will be

# Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

keeping whatever it is that I win. See ya there.

Looking forward to a great year for our Legislative work. Brian has been working on some new ideas with a new approach to the helmet repeal. We also have folks working on the Lane Sharing with a different approach. This looks good for us. One of the problems we seem to have with all the legislative challenges we take on is not including all the members in our fight. Let's change this, we need Black Thursday to be a protest / party /and legislative event. We need to start now making plans for January. This means making appointments to see your reps during the summer. Plan a ride to their office. Let them know we have heart in what we are doing. Do not think that we can show up in January for a 15 minute meeting and change anything of importance. Like everything else in life, we



have to put some work into our efforts to get the reward. Step Up! Make this year in Olympia count. Bring a bull horn when we are on the steps – we need to make a statement. Bring a sign that says something like Freedom of Choice on it... Plan now for January.

# **LEGISLATIVE NEWS**



Are you registered to vote? Are your friends? In this election year, this could be one of the most important questions you can answer. If you're not registered, you can't vote. If you can't vote, you have a greatly diminished opportunity to impact the election of people who will comprise the new legislature. We have many friends in the legislature, as well as several opponents. By supporting those who support us for re-election, ABATE of Washington may be able to gain others who understand our fight to protect our Rights, and would be interested in supporting us.

As each Chapter decides to endorse a candidate for legislative offices in their districts, they can feel the support of ABATE helping get them elected. Can you imagine the impact you could have if each district candidate's office was the destination of a support run by ABATE members? Think of the impact if each person on the run took home a campaign sign for their window or yard. Especially in the districts where those legislators who have been obstructions to our efforts are campaigning: ABATE throwing its support behind their opponents, and the word of mouth among the local motorcyclists within

# Legislative Affairs Officer **Brian Lange**

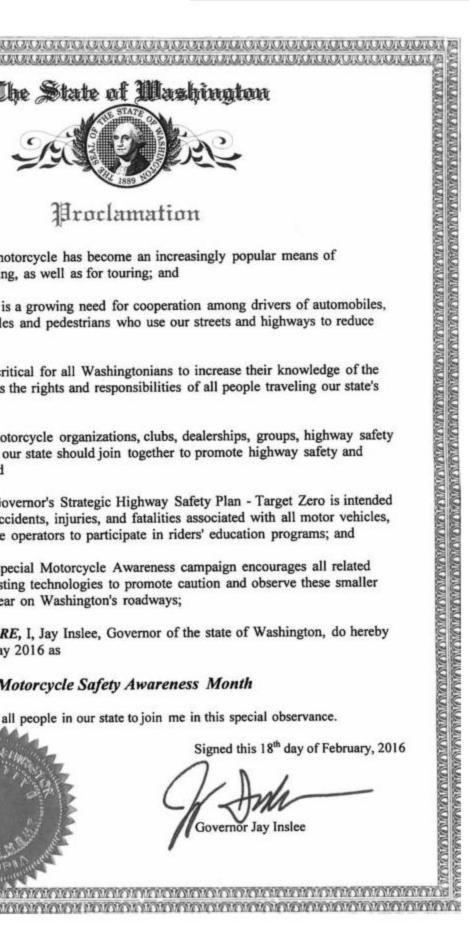
that district. Endorsing a candidate really puts ABATE up front in the minds of those running that support our issues. Each chapter should think about endorsing the best candidates in the districts your members reside in. When you decide to do so, you should let the candidate know by mid June. so they can use the endorsement in their campaign. So your Chapter LAO should be ready no later than your June meeting with endorsement possibilities for membership to decide upon.

The Legislative Committee has been on a mission to compile a list of current legislators who support us, and those who have been an obstruction to our efforts. The list should be complete by the time of the April BOD, so that your Chapter LAO's will be able to disseminate the information on your local legislators. We have a few more details to correlate or I would have submitted it for this month's legislative report. However, I can tell you that we have some key legislators in our corner. Already, as you read this, ABATE is working on the language for our new helmet bill. With the help of the Committee Chair for the committee we want to run our bill through working out the language, ABATE isn't waiting until this winter to put an effort behind our bill. The fight is on now, and ABATE is already pushing hard to get our bills supported by legislators who are willing to join the fight that will finally give us the ability to exercise our Rights.

After the April BOD, we may very well have the foundation of ABATE's legislative agenda decided upon. Once that agenda is approved, the Legislative Committee will disseminate the info down through the Chapter LAO's and Freedom newsletter so that all the membership will have the opportunity to learn what our bills are about. That way, we all have this summer to meet with legislators and candidates to discuss our issues, and work on gathering support. The longer we have to work on legislators and candidates to understand our bills, the better opportunity we have of getting our bills moving through the legislature and hopefully onto the Governor's desk.

Before I put this report to rest, I thought I would provide you with a little tidbit of information you can use when you discuss our helmet bill with people. Records show that 23% of motorcycle accidents result in Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI's). That's a significant number. But here is the key point we have to get people to understand; while 29% of automobile accidents result in TBI's, look at the vastly greater number of automobile accidents compared to motorcycle accidents. A far greater number of people receive Traumatic Brain Injuries in automobile accidents than motorcycle accidents. So, why is it motorcyclists are mandated to wear helmets, while people riding in automobiles aren't? It certainly shows it isn't really about "head injury prevention" like the 1990 act that brought us the helmet law was trying to claim. ◊

# The State of Washington



WHEREAS, the motorcycle has become an increasingly popular means of transportation for commuting, as well as for touring; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing need for cooperation among drivers of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians who use our streets and highways to reduce injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for all Washingtonians to increase their knowledge of the rules of the road, as well as the rights and responsibilities of all people traveling our state's roadways; and

WHEREAS, all motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, highway safety and legislative officials in our state should join together to promote highway safety and motorcycle awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Strategic Highway Safety Plan - Target Zero is intended to reduce the number of accidents, injuries, and fatalities associated with all motor vehicles, and encourages motorcycle operators to participate in riders' education programs; and

WHEREAS, this special Motorcycle Awareness campaign encourages all related departments to utilize existing technologies to promote caution and observe these smaller vehicles throughout the year on Washington's roadways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as

# Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



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# **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

# ABATE of Washington Board of Directors & Executive Committee Meetings

## BOD:

(starts at 12pm, except Oct 10am)

July 23, 2016 (Columbia River hosts)

October 22-23, 2016 (Kittitas hosts)

### ECOM:

(starts at 11am, held at Johnny's at Fife)

June 5, 2016

August 28, 2016

### 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

# Chapter Rep Region 5

From JAY JACKSON, CHAPTER REP 5

Just a quick note to say everything in Area 5 seems to be operating smoothly. I have had no communications asking for assistance and have visited with several Chapter members around the area, so my conclusion is: No news is good news!

Wanted to get the word out that with the better weather and longer days I will get around more. But, You all can call or email me anytime to talk about whatever. Since more chapter members are doing more, I have more time to go visit other chapters. Be prepared, I will get there.

I also want to thank Tina Lawson for the awesome work she has done for all of us with the Newsletter. We will miss her and the good job she does. The new Editor has a hard act to follow. Tina, you will be missed. Thanks again.

I take my job as your Representative very seriously and do my best to fulfill my duties in a respectful honest manner that benefits all Members of ABATE and all Washington state Motorcycle Riders to meet the mission of ABATE. ◊

# North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

Bring on the May flowers...I am tired of the April Showers. Actually, I'm just tired of being cold. Riding season is fast approaching and I know many of you are itching to get out there and ride. Of course there are those that ride year round 'cause a little bit of water isn't going to stop them, I'm married to one of those kind of guys. He says he's not made of sugar and won't melt. I on the other hand might...

North Kitsap's Annual Scavenger Hunt is coming up on June 4th. Registration starts at 9:00am at Putter's at The Rolling Hills Golf Course in Bremerton. We are changing things up this year, in the past all you needed was pictures. This time you will actually collect items on the list. See the flyer for more information.

We are also having our Annual Hurricane Ridge Memorial Ride on May 15th. Kick stands up at 10:00am All Star Lanes in Silverdale. This ride is to honor all of our fallen riders. See flyer for more info.

One last reminder, North Kitsap Motorcycle Rodeo is the weekend of August 6th at the Poulsbo Eagles club. ◊

# Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello everyone, I think we got fooled again by the weather. It went from cold to hot in a day, then cooled back off. @

I see lots of rides coming up and would like to hit them all. but time doesn't allow that. We will try to hit up as many as we can and bring our members with us. I do believe we need to support each other's events. And support our supporters !!

Still making plans for our Festival of Wheels event on August 20-21. We now have Raffle tickets for sale for a main prize drawing. A 48" color LED TV just \$10 a ticket. PLEASE let me know if you'd like to purchase any. @

Planning a ride to Pendleton for the Bike Week in July at the fairgrounds, It should be pretty warm so make plans now.

Wishing a Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday this month. Seems there are a few from our group.

We attended the third meeting of the proposed chapter in Moses Lake. Looking forward to seeing them ratified at the BOD, CONGRATULATIONS GRANT COUNTY CHAPTER! Until next time. ◊

# **Pacific County Chapter**

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Well spring and better weather are here, sure feels good. Went to a birthday party the other day and it almost got ugly. Some idiot on a bagger riding two up tried to pass four rigs. Managed to get by three before everyone had to find a hole to save their sorry ass. I saw them about 15 minutes later and they were completely in the dark as to what they had done. Guess that is why they put those little numbers on the back of rigs.

On the lighter side, the sun feels great, flowers are pretty and fresh cut grass smells good. By the time you read this our first run will be over and our second will be days away.

Well, the sun is out, so I'd better go enjoy it. Be careful out there, like to see ya down the road. \( \rightarrow

# Spanaway Chapter

### From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

Could it be we are going to have a summer after all.

Spanaway Chapter has been very busy for the last couple of months. Its always a good time of the year with Christmas, New Years, Black Thursday, our Chili Cook Off, Super Bowl Party, Tacoma's Valentines Party, Soup Cook Off, Wing Ding Cook Off, Shakin' the Winter Blues party, Spring Swap Meet, Easter Baskets for Seniors – WOW, I'm tired of just typing it all. But it was a good beginning to a good year with lots more activities to come.

I have one of the best memories of our Easter for Seniors Run we did for 39 Seniors at Marymount Manor here in Spanaway. We supplied 40 stuffed Easter Baskets and 40 huge boxes of groceries with lots of extra items they could put in a food closet they have for any one of the residents to exchange stuff for what they want. We wanted them to have a huge selection and we succeeded. The 37 women and two



men residents were also offered a ride by Richard from the Oak Tree in his side car. You should of seen their faces. It was a sight to behold. We want to thank Tacoma Chapter for their donation and support in this event, and everyone else who helped make this a successful time.

Services for our member Warrant that passed away will be on June 4th at noon. Services will be held at the Christian Life Center in Federal Way. All are welcome. There will be a ride to the docks in Tacoma where Warrant was a longshoreman that will end at Uncle Sam's in Spanaway. All are welcome.

Our first ride of the year will be over by the time this edition of Freedom comes out but I hope you had a chance to ride with us on the End of Winter Run. It was a memorial ride for John Kunecke. John was our first Secretary in our Spanaway Chapter and he was one of the most dedicated members in ABATE. He was always trying to make ABATE better in any way he could. John is missed.

April also ends our raffle for a \$500 gift card from Tulalip casino. This was the second time we did this raffle and it was profitable both times for the chapter. We had a social in March at Paradise Bowling Alley and to my surprise it was a very good night for all. I suggest other chapters try it.

Don't forget the Mt. St. Helen's run coming up in May. It is a fantastic ride that Elk Country Chapter puts on. Hopefully we will have good weather again this year to see the mountain.

Our members in Moses Lake have got our Spring Opener poker run all mapped out and it looks like another great ride for us to do on Friday June 24th. Thanks Laurie, Will and the rest of Spanaway in Moses Lake. Check out the flyer in this issue.

Please, if you haven't got bike raffle tickets to sell for your chapter, get some. We all want bigger and better spring openers and this is how we pay for it and our Legislative actions. It's easy to sell tickets when you have a chance to win two brand new bikes for only \$10.

Watch out for the other guy out there, not all are watching for us. Look twice also means we should too. I wish you all out there good luck and good health. ◊

# Sky Valley Chapter

## From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Wow it's here !!! May and you know what that means???

The Sky Valley Bike Show in Snohomish!! Check out the full page ad in this newsletter. Our chapter has been working night and day to bring the 20th annual bike show back, bigger then ever! Hope you all can make it! Expecting 10,000 including you!

Our Shakin' the Winter Blues party went off with a bang this year! JR's was newly remodeled and looked like a million. We had our silent auction that ended up with many folks who bid left early. So leaving us with many things I guess for next year. Thanks to all who helped at the party and then got up and worked the swap meet at the fairgrounds. I was one of the sleepy folks you saw coming through the gate. Vic, Jim, Stef, Pat, and everyone else who helped...thanks!

We will next be working on the Kla-ha-ya Days car/bike show that will be in July and I will be reporting on it in the next couple of newsletters. Looking forward to sun and riding this summer as I'm sure all of you are. Well, that's about all the news for now. See you "in the wind" and at the bike show!

# **Grays Harbor Chapter**

From DON FLOREK, COORDINATOR

Hi all from Grays Harbor,

Well everything is right on track for The Flat Mattress (Father's Day) run. The flyers are made and just about everything that can be done, is done. I just wanted everyone to know that this year we are raffling off a motorcycle lift table and the ticket are going quick. We are not getting any more tickets so when they are gone, they are gone and we are on track to sell them all before the run. That being said if anyone would like some to please get ahold of me.

Everyone here is getting a lot more seat time on the bikes, you just got to love this good weather, I know I do. We still have a Mayday run coming up, I hope to see you there. There will be a flyer in this Freedom Mag. We are working on the farm to make the run more enjoyable, and if any of you come out Brooklyn way I would hope you stop in and say hi. I am going to try to get out to some other runs this year. I have missed a lot of them the last couple of years. I want to thank our chapter for all they do and their help putting on our events. ◊

# South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

The South King County Chapter Jim Adams Memorial Run (JAMR) planning is complete. Raffle donations are appreciated; if you have something to donate, please see flyer in this issue of the newsletter for details. The SKCC 'Round the Mountain Run will be July 16 and is still in the planning stage. See flyer this issue for more info. Hopefully the beautiful weather we are having mid-April will hold for July.

We are picking up new members each month and will continue to be proactive in this effort. Our chapter is looking forward for a great spring and summer riding season and will be attending other chapter runs and events. ◊

# Key Peninsula Chapter

From JAY JACKSON, COORDINATOR

It sure seems that the March showers brought April flowers this year! The countryside is full of blooming trees, bushes, and flowers. The Chapter is hoping some of them last for the Run on May 7. The Members are full of anticipation to ride around the Peninsula enjoying the scenery and company of old and new friends.

The Swap Meet turned out good. We were fortunate to have nice sunshine with just a few clouds and a light breeze off the bay every once in awhile. The Chapter is thankful for the support from other Chapters including North Kitsap, Spanaway, Tacoma, South King, the various Clubs that stopped by, Family and Friends. The view from the Hi-Tide parking lot adds to the overall enjoyment laughing and talking with other motorcycle riders. The Olympic Mountains behind the bay with boats, sail boats, the ferry, and the big ships docked at Bremerton make the location very scenic. It appeared that most vendors had a profitable day in the sun.

Key Peninsula Chapter members were honored by the Elks Club in Bremerton for their contribution to the success of their Special People Christmas Party during their March meeting. The Chapter is planning to participate in the event again this year.

The new meeting location is working well. It is really a pleasure to look out at nice greens and trees during breaks in the meeting. The business of the Chapter gets done much smoother in the quiet environment.

Enjoy the wonderful spring weather. Remember that May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Washingtondoubly this year-by Governor's Proclamation via Brian Lange and by Senate Resolution sponsored by Senator Jan Angel. We as Riders have many reminders of our vulnerability when we ride, like our brother Noel, our Chapter member Travis, and others. Our awareness helps us stay safe even when we have mechanical failures. Also, awareness helps riders avoid the unaware drivers. Be safe Riders and show the public that we deserve the right to choose our riding attire.

Ride safe, Ride FREE, RIDE! ◊

# **Inland Empire Chapter**

From SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY

May is upon us and that means our chapter Awareness run is only a couple weeks away on the 14th. Breakfast starts 9am at Daley's Cheap Shots with kick stands up at 11. The ride will end at the Village Tavern with three stops in between and we hope to see everyone there.

Our business meeting this month is on the 10th. Make note dear reader that our regular meeting location is no longer going to be open for business on the second Tuesday of the month and is no longer able to host. Check your email for the new meeting location or contact one of your chapter officers for details if you don't already know where to go. A big thank you goes out to Sweet Old Bob's for putting up with us all this time. It has been appreciated.

During our April meeting we were pleased to welcome guest Dori Peck who is the Development Director for Spokanimal. Widely held as this region's premier animal shelter it seems they would like to put together a motorcycle run to benefit those pets in need. Finding our chapter meeting information online she showed up looking for advice and help on how to do just that. We were happy to help get things started with our ideas but were most impressed with the ones she had already lined up. Hopefully in the next issue we'll have some details to print for the 1st annual Riding With Rover run. To help out come on down to our meeting this month with your ideas and time. For animal lovers around the state who know how to put on a good run please contact our chapter with your suggestions.

To round out the events next door in Kootenai County on the 21st there's an ABATE Freedom Run. They have their legislators showing up to speak to the riders who attend so it would be great to see our members help put some faces in that crowd. Quantity has a quality of its own when speaking with politicians during the legislative session and you never know when bills passed in the state next door might be the next one passed at home.

Finally from our April meeting we learned two more things to cheer about. First, speaking of bills in other states, Maryland became the second one to pass anti-motorcycle profiling legislation. Nearly identical to ours here in Washington it was passed unanimously without a single no vote. Just shows that what we do really does work so keep it up, show up and let people know. Way to go Maryland! Second, ABATE of Washington has added a new chapter to the ranks bringing our total state wide to 23. Pestering our local representatives about fair motorcycle legislation just got easier everyone. So from the Inland Empire Chapter a hello goes out to our new brothers and sisters before the goodbye in this chapter report.

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

# **Elk Country Chapter**

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Greetings from up here in Elk Country.

For those of you interested in paying respects to our fallen member Dick "Papa Dick" Mapes, his memorial service will be May 14th at the cemetery in Mineral. We will be gathering at the parking lot of the old grade school before riding en masse through Mineral to the cemetery. We'll be leaving there at 12:45 for the ride to Dick's Memorial Service. That will be followed by a pot-luck at the Moose Lodge in Morton. Let's pack the place and show our support for the family. I hope many of you can make it.

On a lighter note, a couple of us went down to Destination H-D and sold bike and gun raffle tickets. We also were able to get a new member for ABATE of Washington while we were there. Also, Elk Country members presented Destination H-D with one of the yard signs from State Products saying, "I support ABATE of Washington."

We are working hard at putting on the final touches for our 10th Annual Mt St Helens Memorial Ride. We bumped the KSU time an hour to give folks a little bit more time to get there this year. So instead of KSU at 10:00 AM, it's now 11:00 AM. This is on one of the best motorcycling roads in Washington, with several thousand feet of elevation change. So join us at the Gateway Food & Fuel Shell at exit 49 on I-5, and let's ride. Last year we had 75 bikes from as far away as Walla Walla, Salem, Astoria, and Seattle. I'm hoping we can break 100 this year.

Next month we will be having our 9th Annual Dan George Memorial Poker Run. It'll be heading out of Morton, and running through back roads in Lewis, Thurston, and Pierce Counties, ending at the Relay For Life party in Eatonville. There will be live music and beer there at the ride's end, so come out. Enjoy some sweet riding, and support a worthy cause.

Catch ya on the road sometime... ◊



# Federal Funds Available for Distracted Driving Programs

APRIL 13, 2016

Did you know that funds are available from the federal government for states that enact distracted driving legislation? The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) wants you to know that H.R. 22, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (otherwise known as the FAST Act), authorizes funds for highway safety programs that include distracted driving initiatives.

Section 2005, Article 4 of the bill specifically provides funding for distracted driving legislation, stating, "In each fiscal year, 8.5 percent of the funds provided under this section shall be allocated among States that adopt and implement effective laws to reduce distracted driving."

While there is specific language that spells out the details of eligibility, in general, states that are interested in applying for these grant monies need to: make distracted driving awareness a part of the driver's license examination; pass legislation making it illegal to text while driving; and pass legislation that prohibits drivers under the age of 18 (or on a learner's permit) from using a wireless communications device while driving.

These grant funds can be used in a variety of ways, including public advertising campaigns that explain the dangers of texting while driving, traffic signs that warn motorists about distracted driving laws, or for the costs related to enforcing distracted driving laws.

Too often state legislatures are reluctant to pass new legislation if there is a perceived cost, and these grant funds help offset any costs states would incur by passing distracted driving legislation.

If your state is considering or currently debating distracted driving legislation, the MRF encourages you to make the appropriate legislators aware of these grant funds, as their availability can help sway a legislature towards passage of such laws that ultimately protect not just motorcyclists but all roadway users.

Read the full text of the FAST Act here:

https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/22/text#toc-H193364E12BE847F39AF58BF007E245F4

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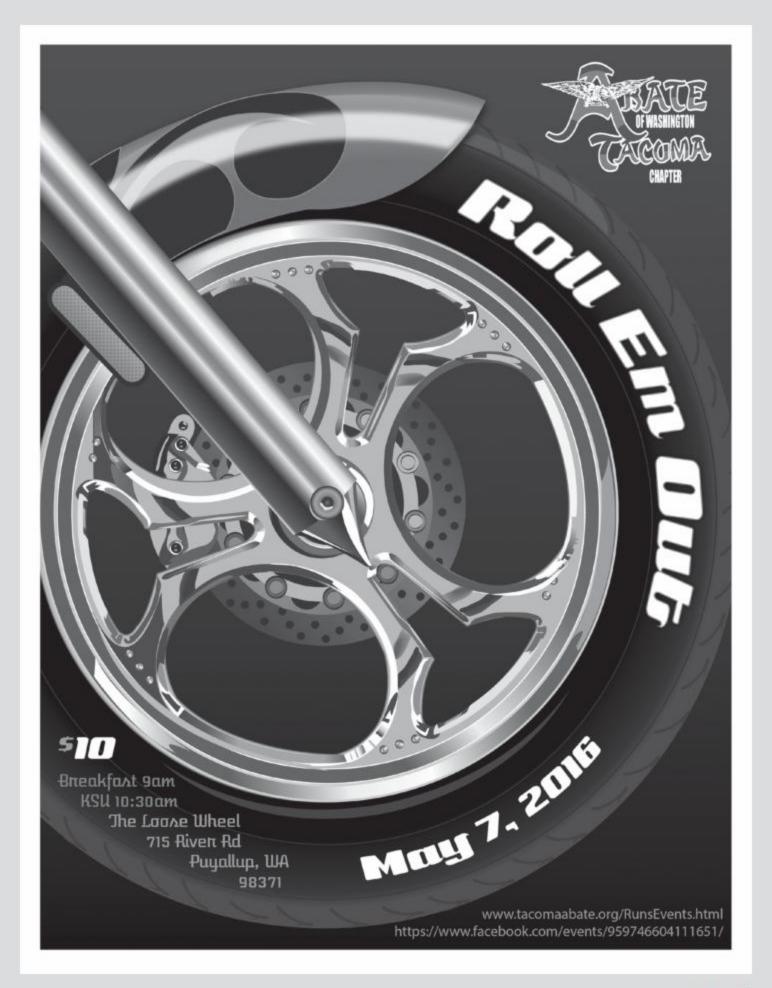
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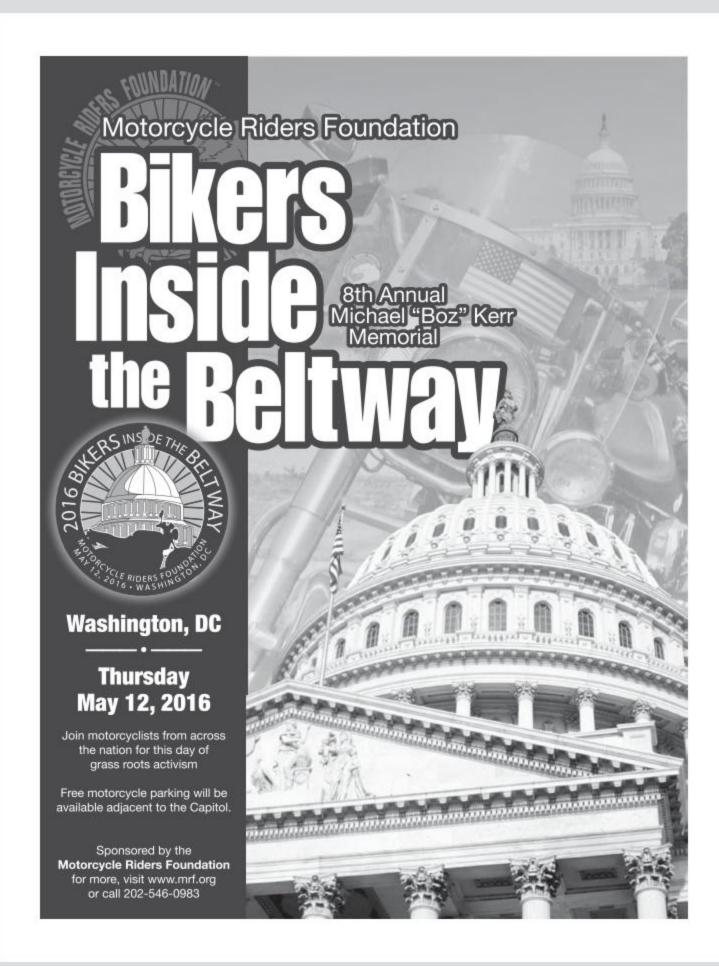


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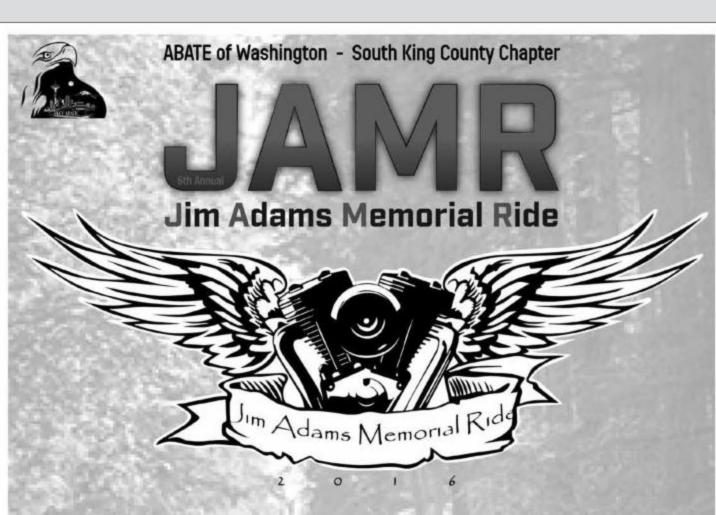
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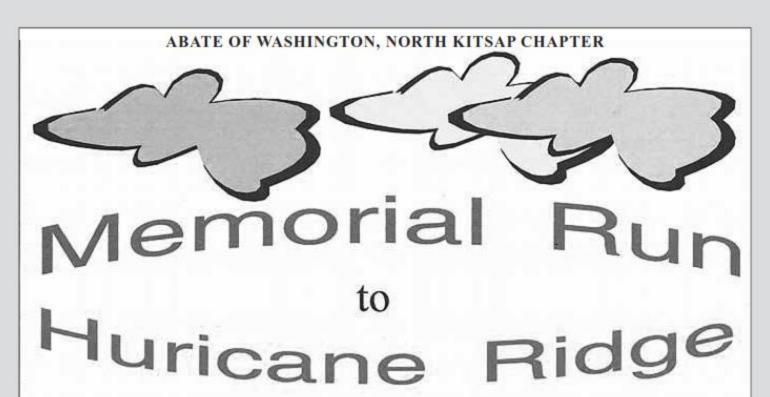
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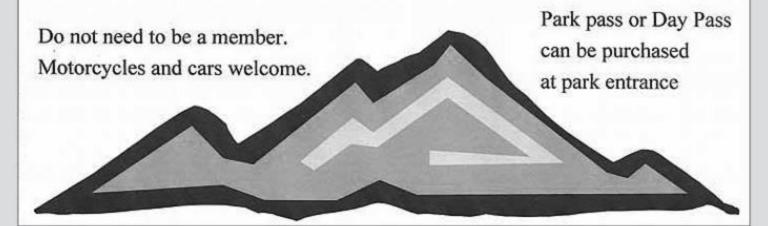
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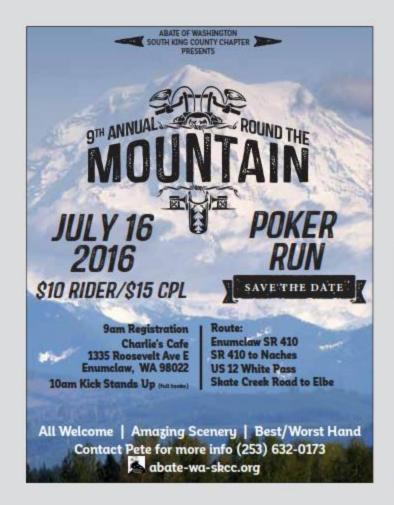














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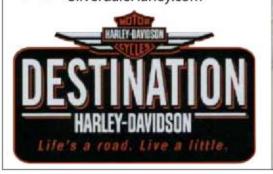
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