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ABATE of Washington, Elk Country Chapter

**JULY 11,
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Mt St Helens Memorial Ride, May 17, hosted by Elk Country Chapter
photo courtesy of Brian Lange*

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North Kitsap Chapter Scavenger Hunt, June 6
photo courtesy of Lisa Butler*

UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

Welcome to the July edition of Freedom – summer is officially underway. Time to celebrate the birth of American independence and the values our country was founded on.

Spring Opener is normally covered in the July issue but this year the newsletter print deadline came just before the event. Look forward to full reports and photos in August. One of our Spring Opener sponsors is liquidating inventory and closing soon (see page 36). Hurry down to Bull's Eye Shooter Supply in Puyallup for some great deals. Be sure to thank them for being a good sponsor and friend to ABATE of Washington.

Despite busy schedules, our volunteer contributors have filled this issue with food for thought. Officers ask you to give consideration to several ideas, so don't miss their reports on pages 10–13. Welcome back state chaplains to the newsletter, see commentary on page 14. Also inside, you'll find editorial content related to independence and freedom and events galore. Don't overlook page 37, if you are or know a young rider, the MRF Young Activist Scholarship is up for grabs. Let's encourage our younger motorcyclists to get involved. Have a safe and sane 4th! *JL*



North Kitsap ABATE
Scavenger Hunt
June 6th, 2015



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JULY

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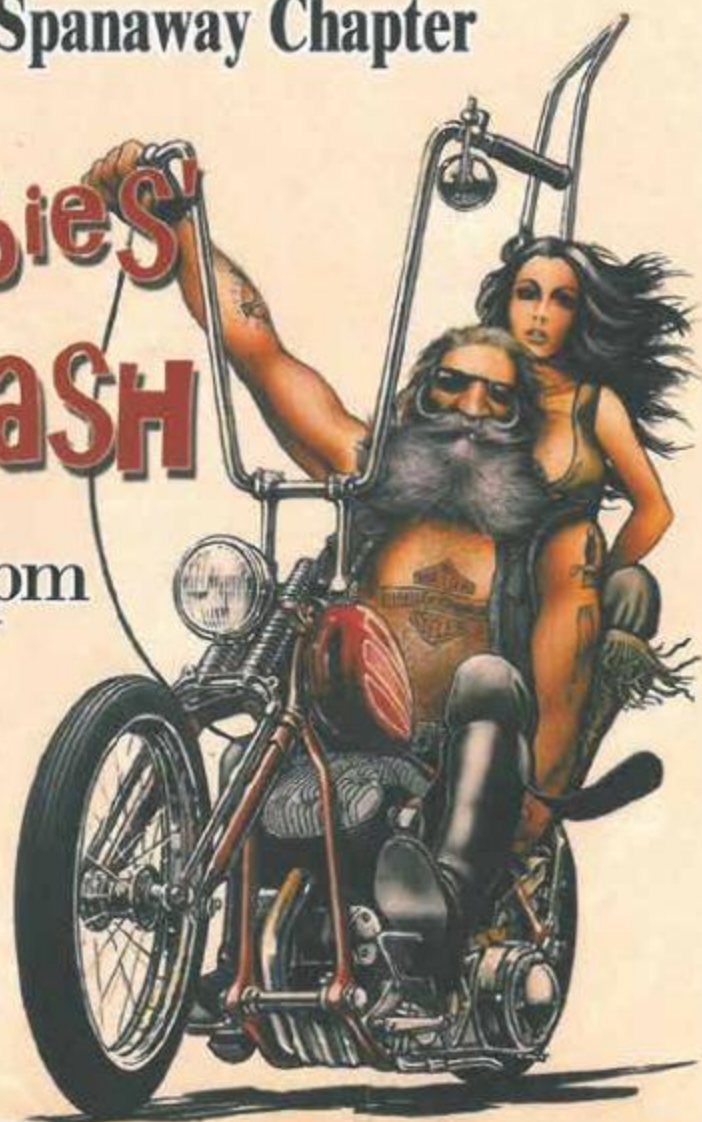
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From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

Well as I am writing this Spring Opener is less than a week away and with a hundred things to do I am taking time out to write an article. Also as you read this, Spring Opener 2015 will be behind us and I would like to know your feelings on what you liked and what you did not like.

I am going to give you probably the most important reason ever to attend your July chapter meeting. A chapter has a proposal that is planned to go out in the packet for the July BOD. Their proposal is to discontinue the fight against the helmet bill and move onto something else because they feel we are unable to ever succeed in this fight. The only reason I am putting this in the newsletter is because every member in ABATE of Washington needs to put in their opinion. Now that opinion has to be made in your chapter meeting so your coordinator can cast your vote at the July BOD. Ever since I heard about this proposal, I knew it would be the bulk of my article and I have fought with myself wondering if I was going to insert my opinion, or if it was even right for me to voice my opinion publicly. Well I decided right, wrong, or indifferent I'm going to give my 2 cents. We the motorcyclists of

Washington have been fighting this since the day the helmet bill was reinstated, some have been doing it from day one, some have done a lot and some have done a little, some have worked smart, some have worked hard but either way we all have worked a long time to repeal the helmet bill and for us to give up now would be unacceptable. I can't even entertain the notion of quitting. If we were to quit now, in my opinion, we would lose all of the credibility we have earned throughout the years. Now this is only my opinion but the opinions that count are yours, you the membership, your vote is the one that counts. Do you feel ABATE of Washington should abandon the fight to repeal the helmet bill or do you feel as I that we should continue the fight until we win it or till we are six feet under, it is your choice. ♦

Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

At this time, ABATE has to consider the direction for the coming legislative coarse of action for next year. If you read State LAO Brian Lange's article last month, then you understand what I am talking about. If you did not, go back and read it. Then bring your thoughts to the July B.O.D.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the B.O.D this July 25th. EPCC is the host. Just like to comment that the attendance for the meetings has been very good. Keep bringing in new ideas. Do not hold your opinion to yourself. We need the forward thinking folks to give fresh ideas. When you blend the old with the new you get new again.

I want to take a minute to talk about what the Chapters are doing with their local government. Get involved with your Chamber of Commerce – they have a great deal of free advertising for their members. Also, ask your local Legislative Reps to come to a meeting. They want to interact with the local constituents and hear from them about their needs. Bring them to a meeting with an agenda planned for their attendance. Ask questions that will help you meet your goals. Include your family and friends in the meeting and show these people we are a organization that cares about our rights and we want them to do their jobs and support us.

The subject of drinking on the poker runs came up at ECOM. We have a legitimate concern for our image. It will not matter if you are donating the

money to retarded monkey foundation or whatever your charity. People see you sucking down four or five beers and getting on your bike. That's what stands out. Be mindful of your image from that respect, you can drink at the end of the run. For us to be a legitimate fundraising Legislative organization, we need to show them we are serious about our work. You want to party? Come to the Spring Opener or any of the other events we have. Not Cool to drink at charity events.

Packing my bags for the Opener as soon as I close this computer. Look forward to a record year for attendance.

Let's set our sights on the next Big Event – **BLACK THURSDAY**. Make a plan now to be there. We need more pre-planning for this event from the Chapter level. This is what's making the Spring Opener a success. Pre-planning. Coordinators, think about how we can support this event. Bring your ideas to the July BOD. Lyle and the rest of the state officers are waiting for your input on how to get more out of this event. We need more focus on **BLACK THURSDAY!** ♦





Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

to it in a positive way, you are already well on your way to becoming a powerful force for change.

You don't have to wait until the legislature is in session. Contact them and ask to meet in the district. Either in their office, or somewhere else that is convenient and comfortable for you both. Invite them to attend, and speak at your ABATE Chapter meeting. Even if they don't normally support ABATE, having them attend a meeting and listen to your Chapter's concerns can help. Being able to speak to constituents in a group, in the district, can be a big draw for a legislator. It also helps to drive home to your legislator who you are. Two of my legislators from the 20th District came to a couple of our Chapter meetings during the summer. When January came around, they both remembered our Chapter's name. More importantly, they remembered the names of our members who they had spoken with individually during and after the meeting. If they remember you in a positive way, you are much more likely to have a positive effect on how hard they work for or against a bill.

Contact your legislators. Get to know them, and let them get to know you. That time spent, can pay dividends later down the road. Imagine how you will feel when Black Thursday rolls around, and you attend your meeting with your legislator, and they greet you by name. It means you have put yourself into a position to possibly help affect change. Empower yourself, get to know your legislators, affect some positive change for our motorcycle community.

Now for the second thing, I wanted to discuss. About five years ago, Donnie "Mr. Breeze" Landsman wrote letters to many of the law enforcement agencies throughout the state asking for copies of any documentation they had on helmet

recalls, and any lists of non-DOT compliant helmets. That was in 2010. I would like to ask any of our members who would like to do it, to write to your local law enforcement agency. Ask them for a copy of any documents they have on "motorcycle helmet recalls," and "Non-DOT Compliant" motorcycle helmets. When you get a reply, please scan it and email it to me at legislative1@abate-wa.org so I can add it to the letters already in ABATE's data base. If we can show that even law enforcement has no clear idea of what helmets have been recalled, or what helmets are non-DOT compliant with a stack of letters from law enforcement from around the state, it should have a positive effect on getting us moving farther forward on the issue. It will be hard for the WSP to counter dozens of letters from other law enforcement agencies stating they have no documentation on the issue. If you can help, and write those letters in your own words that would help considerably. The letter only need be a few sentences long. Simply asking for copies of any documents the agency has on motorcycle helmet recalls, or non-DOT compliant helmets.

I thank you for any assistance you can give. It will be worth it, if we can show there aren't any, and hasn't been any over a period of several years.

Catch you on the road sometime... ◇

There are two things I would like to discuss this month. I'll focus on the most important one first, then briefly make a request of anyone who would like to help ABATE keep moving forward in our cornerstone effort to fight the helmet law. But, first things first.

"What district do I live in?" This seems to be a common question as Black Thursday begins to get closer. "Who are my legislators?" is another equally common question. Well, in this report, I hope to help you answer both of those questions. If you don't already know your legislators, pay attention, because now is the time to get to know them. Take a look at the maps accompanying this article. They show the locations and numbers of the legislative districts in Washington State. Find where you live on the maps, and you will see your district number.

Then go online to www.leg.wa.gov and contact them. If you support what they have been doing in the legislature, tell them. If you don't, tell them that as well. Explain why you don't support what they have done; but do it in respectful, polite manner. Even just sending them an email can be important. Contacting your legislators, and making an appointment to discuss issues of importance to you is very important. It puts a face to the name of their constituents, and when they are able to recognize a face and put a name

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DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
Wow, how fast can one get out of a routine. After writing this article for over 18 years, medical and life's business just took me out of the game. One thing that didn't change was my prayers for the organization as a whole and the different issues brought to us at the many runs my Brothers and Sisters attend around the State.

I am very proud of this organization. At times we have been kicked to the curb and we continue to get up and fight the fight at the State and Federal levels. You are the ones who make this happen and we as a ministry recognize this in the players who keep this steamroller moving. From the founding of our Ministry in 1979 alongside you when you first were trying out how to organize an effort to represent issues to a group that didn't have our best interest in mind. 37 years is a long time and I can't wait until we hit our 50th. We are making huge strides. Please continue to support, show up and be heard. The State is approving some (let's say) interesting legislation recently so why not a helmet bill, it is doable. I would love to ride (again) in this State with the "option" on a warm summer evening on a quiet highway to put life back in perspective. I know we all need that especially today.

We Love to serve and be a part and share with you in your up and not so up times in life. If you ever need us, call and we will do our best to get back in touch just as soon as we can.

Have a safe summer and remember if you need us, we're a phone call away.

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE,
Ranger Ric

Chapter Rep 5 Region

From JAY JACKSON, CHAPTER REP 5

Freedom

My old (1995) Miriam Webster says freedom—“the quality or state of being free: independence.” This leads to “free 1—having liberty 2—enjoying political or personal independence... 13—not restricted by conventional forms.” The 4th of July is when we celebrate Independence Day; the day some of the first American leaders adopted the Declaration of Independence.

Independence

The same source says, “The quality or state of being independent: freedom.”

Independent

The same source: “1—self governing; also: not affiliated with a larger controlling unit. ... 4—not committed to a political party.”

What does Freedom mean to you?

Here is what Freedom means to me:

- being able to have a voice and to let it be heard,
- having the right to make my own decisions and choices,
- doing all things, or at least trying all things that I desire,
- feeling safe, confident and secure in my home, in my country,
- voting, lobbying, and campaigning for/against the government at all levels,
- hanging out with who I want, when, and where I want,
- buying, owning, selling what I can afford,
- working at any occupation I can to support myself and my family,
- making a wage at my chosen job that supports my chosen life style,
- having money left in my pocket after I’ve paid my fair share of costs of a prudent government, and
- loving or hating who or what I want.

There are many more things that are part of Freedom to me but independence is probably the best way to cover everything at once. I guess this makes me independent in my actions. It does not give me the right to step on other people in using my independence. There is a responsibility to being independent that is just as important as being free.

The greater responsibility is to help all other people enjoy the same independence and freedom as I do. That responsibility is what keeps our country free. That is what our soldiers have fought for over the past 200+ years.

That is the responsibility our organization, ABATE of Washington, is supposed to fulfill. “Freedom of the Road, raising public awareness through education, political and

community action and charitable deeds,” is our mission statement. Do our actions uphold this?

The Independent members of ABATE of Washington are more than any two Chapters combined. The Independent members are free from the responsibilities of the mission statement. What is their opinion? Where is their voice? Do they agree with the direction ABATE of Washington is headed? Does the organization help them in their independence? Why don’t the Independents join the fight for Freedom? Who knows the answer to this secret?

Think how much more effective ABATE of Washington could be with those silent voices joining in the chorus. We may be able to sing a new song of Freedom of the Road if we all shared the responsibility of Independence.

Freedom is NOT Free. We all work for it and pay for it.

Happy Independence Day to All Freedom fighting Brothers and Sisters. ◇

Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE “BOXMAN” CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

May flew by and we have had some awesome weather. We had another great turnout for our Tattered Flag ride that ended up with the best weather we’ve had so far this year – our 30 riders were treated to 80 degree temperatures and a trip over the Narrows on our semi-annual fun run. And, we couldn’t be happier to report that one of our long-time members, Rob LaVergne, finally won himself the Tattered Flag after being part of this chapter for 35 years. Congratulations Rob!

Summer is just around the corner and that means rides are coming that we can all support. This month I would like to encourage Tacoma Chapter members to attend functions for other ABATE of Washington Chapters. There some great runs and events coming up: Elk Country Chapter’s 8th Annual Dan George Memorial Run on June 27th and South King County Chapter’s ‘Round The Mountain ride on July 18th. These rides and others are a good way to meet other ABATE members, or meet new riders to invite to our Chapter. Ride aware out there! We are Tacoma! ◇

North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

May ended with our Annual Memorial Run up to Hurricane Ridge. We had a great turn out and the weather was fantastic. You never know what you will find at the top, last year there was a lot of snow.

Our next run was a Scavenger Hunt, not a huge turnout, but everyone had an absolute blast. This was definitely not your kid's door to door hunt! We were all over Kitsap County, from Poulsbo to Port Orchard and even Gorst! Who knew there was a Castle in Silverdale or that a bar owner would let you drink from the taps if you asked real nice. Or that men could wear a sexy dress and silly hats at the same time! Someone was pictured kissing a stranger and the stranger's goat. I'm sure most of the people thought we were nuts, playing in shopping carts, or offering to pump their gas. I'm sure Chris Varner got a few raised eyebrows when he laid his bike down and drew a chalk outline around it, but when you need a crime scene with chalk, you do what ever it takes. For those of you that missed out on all the fun we will be doing it again next year!

Next stop Spring Opener!!! ♦

Columbia River Chapter

From ANGELA (TROUBLEMAKER) PARKISON, SECRETARY

Hello from the Beautiful Wenatchee Valley,

The temps here have been Hot, Hot, Hot! The hot weather brings to mind some safety tips. The heat can really sneak up on you and when you sweat you loose moisture and become dehydrated. Our bodies need to stay hydrated to help with making good decisions when we ride. 2 years ago Coordinator Roundabout and myself bought cooling vests by HyperKewl. These are amazing!! Soak in some water give a quick twist and put on over a tank or t-shirt. Really gives great relief when pounding the miles on that hot asphalt.

How often do you check your tire pressure? Should be often!! As temps change so does the air pressure in our tires. Fluids expand and we need to keep our scooter's oil changed. Have you checked your brakes? How much life do you have left in those brake pads? The up keep of our bikes is very important. Ensuring our safety and the safety of those around us.

Our Chapter meetings are going great. There has been lots of interest in ABATE in the valley and we pick up a few new members each month. It's great to see progress. There have also been some changes in our group but we have to stay positive and just keep pushing forward in our beliefs of motorcycle rights. ♦

Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, SECRETARY

Membership has been increasing over here the last few months and we'd like to welcome all new members to the chapter. Great seeing some new faces at our meetings and events helping out with participation and input. And just in time to finally enjoy all this great riding weather – we had only been reading rumors about from the west side. Our poker run was a success and a big thanks goes out to the ABATE members who made the long trip over for it.

Another thank you goes out to the businesses that support their local ABATE and hosted our stops: Sweet Old Bob's, The Village Inn, Fred Neck's, The Monkey Bar and Daley's Cheap Shots. A final thanks to Reed from our chapter for taking such excellent photos of the run for us to enjoy after.

North Idaho's Spring Opener was a fun time to be had with several of our members attending. They have a fantastic location over there next to the river and snuggled back into the mountains that provides a comfortable ride even on the hottest day. From vendors to the band and all points in between we didn't hear a single complaint the whole time we were there. If you haven't made it over yet for the annual event then it's something to add on your to-do list for next year.

At the time of writing this it seems like we've just unpacked only to load the bike back up again, this time for our Washington State Spring Opener. Looks like we'll have more than a few heading over and already have some members signed up to help out the event staff. The weather will be perfect, the bugs few, drivers courteous and not a single note missed by the band. And hopefully in next month's issue we won't have to retract any of that.

During our June meeting the I-405 CtA was brought up. It's easy to think of this as just a west side problem but it was pointed out that there have been some grumblings about doing the same thing to fund our North/South freeway here in Spokane. Allowing the DOT to determine on its own the exemption of motorcycles not only sets a bad precedent but it's one we might find ourselves facing on the east side in the not too distant future. So even in July after the special session is already over and legislators are back in their home districts, it's still a good time to contact your representatives and let them know that motorcycles should remain exempt in these types of HOV and Toll lanes.

And that's all the back story and fortune telling we have from our area in this issue. Give a wave when we see you on the road! ♦

Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Here we are in the middle of summer enjoying the warm sunshine, getting our riding time in every chance we get. Many Chapter members took part in the Run to the Mt. Tahoma Veteran's cemetery with the cremains of four soldiers who gave their lives fighting for freedom in a foreign land. The Veterans who proudly served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America honor their brothers in arms who made the ultimate sacrifice. And then they were presented with a bill from the Washington State Good to Go system for crossing the Tacoma Narrows bridge as part of a pack of several hundred other motorcycles. The run organizers told the riders the tolls were taken care of since it was a funeral procession. Yeah, right....how many thousands of dollars is the state of Washington raking in at \$6.50 per bike, if paid immediately, or more with added late fees if the bill is forgotten? Boy, oh boy! What a way to scam the veterans! I think it's time for everyone who got that bill to contact their Representatives and Senators to let them know about this travesty. Several Key Peninsula Chapter members have already contacted Rep. Jesse Young and Rep. Michelle Caldier.

Every weekend in June Chapter members took part in various rides around the Peninsula and had lots of fun supporting other groups. Hopefully, the Chapter is building goodwill and membership will increase. Father's Day most of the members had Family gatherings all around the state. There have also been rides to southwest and eastern Washington for blues events, beer fests, etc. The Chapter Social Meeting for June was a lunch run to Ocean Shores. We are looking forward to a Fifth of July fun run and several ABATE events on the mainland in July. We are busy planning the 2nd Annual Brewery Run for August 22 after the dust settles from Sturgis. Mid September plans are in the works for another Swap Meet in Gorst. A little bit of this and a little bit of that keeps us all on our toes with never a dull moment.

Remember to use safe riding habits and help the less experienced riders learn good pack riding habits. Practice adds to all riders' confidence but we must always keep our eyes and ears open to dangers of group riding. Watch for signs of "too much" and BE SAFE!! Let's not have any 'statistics' in our groups. Be sure to stay hydrated with water or non-caffeinated soft drinks. The combination of hot sun, wind, sweat, and fun drinks can cause dehydration symptoms and complications before you know it.

Ride safe, Ride FREE! Happy Independence Day! ♦

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello again,

What a great start to this summer. We are still doing our Date night. Last month, a group of us rode over to Toppenish to the Casino for seafood Thursday and had a good feast along with a lil bit of gambling ...☺ It was a beautiful ride home over Satus Pass.

Our meetings are going well. Our last one had 17 people, a guest speaker and an Inland Empire member showed up. We talked a lot about the Spring Opener and how much fun it is (was) going to be...

We look forward to the Bands, the bike drawing, the visiting and of course just the experience of it all...

I want to welcome our new granddaughter (Trinity) into the world. She should be here July 7th. Of course, I'll be in Texas and miss our next meeting...

We are still working hard to promote our Festival Of Wheels in August. Did you see our ads in Thunder Press, Quick Throttle and our Freedom magazine?? Please plan to come visit the Beautiful Columbia Gorge...

Ya'll ride safe and see ya at the next BOD @ EPCC...♦

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

We have had 2 runs so far this year and are taking a break to do other people's events. Both had dry weather and about 35 bikes at each. Like to thank those folks who supported us. Sure has been warm this past week, wow.

When this comes out, Spring Opener will be history and I'm sure we will of had a great time – trust I'll see you there.

We've got several new faces at our meetings, welcome aboard, glad you chose us. With the new faces there are new challenges to bring these folks up to speed, so we are all on the same page. I no longer feel like a dick-tator but a real informer and leader for my people, like it should be. Change is good and I look forward to it and the challenges it presents. Nothing worse than making the same mistakes year after year and leader after leader. If it is broke or you feel it is, step up and fix it, at least you tried. Just remember, none of us are paid or have to be here. We do this because we believe in our mission and enjoy our lifestyle.

Better close for now and take care of some chores so I can ride this summer – see ya. ♦

Olympia Chapter

From LOUISE BENTLEY, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

We've had another action packed month. Several members, including our Road Captain, Steve and Sergeant at Arms, Robbie were able to join Brian Lange's ride to Mt St. Helens on May 17th. It was a great run – thanks to Brian for organizing this event.

On May 21st, our chapter held a social at Southern BBQ where we signed up a new member, Larry and renewed Milt's membership. Kudos to our Sergeant At Arms, Robbie for having membership forms on hand!

We responded to a couple Call To Action notices. One CTA was from US Defenders regarding the WACO incident and one from our state LAO regarding a bill that would allow DOT to appropriate funds regarding motorcycle fatalities.

Our chapter also used some of our funds from our Bike Blessing to invest in the community and help people in the Olympia area. Our Legislative Affairs Officer, Al (who is also a member and supporter of the Crazy Faith church) and Road Captain, Steve planned and organized a ride to Crazy Faith Street Feed operation where we offered a check to support their charitable efforts. It was good to see quite a few members attend this event including Santa Joe, who spent his time at the Street Feed event letting kids sit on his bike – he's good at making kids smile all year long! In return, we were thanked by Crazy Faith's Chief in a public post. The Chief should know that it was our pleasure to be a part of his efforts.

Our Coordinator, Ron visited with our long-time member Swede, in the hospital. Latest report indicates that Swede will be going home soon. We're keeping Swede in our thoughts.

I was able to attend the Tacoma and Elk Country chapters' meetings this month where a lot of information on upcoming events, including Spring Opener was discussed.

And, among all of these efforts, our plans to attend the Spring Opener were made. We'll see folks at the campgrounds (by the time you read this, Spring Opener is over)! Ride Safely!



l to r, LAO Al, Santa Joe, Sgt. At Arms Robbie, Rob, Chief, Salsa, Carol, Milt, Road Cptn Steve, Larry)

Grays Harbor Chapter

From DON FLOREK, COORDINATOR

Hi all,

Well our Flat Mattress run will be over by the time this gets in the newsletter. I just want to thank everyone that came. We really enjoy our friends and are grateful for your support. This year our proceeds are going to the Wounded Warrior Project. If anyone misses the run being out at Brooklyn, don't worry, in September we are doing a weekend camp out. This will be when the Brooklyn Tavern puts on the Saginaw Loggers Playday. I will try to get a flyer in next issue.

It seems just the other day I was saying I have not seen any deer on the road, then overnight I can't go to work without seeing two or three of them. With that being said, be real careful on those back roads. I have been hearing of some close calls. Well, that's it folks, they want me to get back to work. ♦

Rat City Chapter

From TIM MCCALL, COORDINATOR

Greetings from Rat City,

Are you "GoodtoGo?" ...or are you not? This is a new debate after revelations motorcycles will need a toll pass to use the lanes for free.

What are the penalties for not having a GoodtoGo pass? Will motorcyclists without passes be tolled the same rate as a single occupant car using the facility? What are the penalties? If motorcycles are singled out by enforcement, would this be considered "profiling?" These issues haven't been brought up, nor have they been clearly addressed. The answer that seems to come out repeatedly is "Get a GoodtoGo pass."

What aren't well publicized are the differences between the I-405 Express Toll Lanes (HOT Lanes) and the SR 167 HOT Lanes which have been around since 2008. There are no toll cameras on SR 167, and motorcyclists can use SR 167 without toll passes. As such, feel free to ride down the SR 167 HOT Lanes when coming to visit us for our annual Rat Roast which will be held August 29th in Kent. Feel free to bring a side dish as we'll be BBQing up some good brisket. Hope to see y'all there. Donations will be accepted for Rat City's Downed Rider Fund. Ride well. ♦

Kittitas County Chapter

From BERYL KELLEY, KITTITAS CHAPTER

At the June meeting, we had a visitor from Yakima, Sean. Thanks for joining us.

The Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show & Poker Run earlier in May was a big success. Chairman Brian Gordon extended a big thanks for all the hard work.

This year was one of the best shows, and we had very few hassles during the event. The gun raffles went very well, and we will consider them again for next year. We passed a motion to hold the event again next year, and to donate a few left over t-shirts to the Sky Valley Chapter for the Old Snohomish Motorcycle Show. Other t-shirts will go to our sponsors. We will discuss the benefit donations at the July meeting to allow time for all the bills to come in. The Winners List has been posted to our website, and photos are on Facebook. www.kittitasabate.org

Only a few people are going to Spring Opener this year. We will still go over Wednesday night to pick a space for the group. June 6 is the Hospice Car Show in Ellensburg, which is always a good cause to support. Other upcoming events are the June 27-28 ride to Ocean Shores and the July 2-5 ride to Grand Coulee for Festival of America. Both of these are over-night events. The Canyon Riders have also invited us to their July 11 run.

The May 30 chapter ride for Wine, Beer & Cider changed to the Mayhem & Miracles event put on by Central Washington Chapter. The poker run was actually held on the golf course! We had a good time.

The Upper County Chamber of Commerce has asked for our help with adding a Bike Show to the annual Cruising Cle Elum car show on August 15. Sherry is getting details for us. We won't have to register people, get sponsors, or handle parking. We just need to supply 2 judges, and we had 3 people offer to do that. We also need to get the word out. As soon as flyers are ready, we will post them.

We have a committee working with CWC on Fall Down Bash for September 11-13. Our chapter has been asked to cover the cost of the band and to use our event insurance. Jose & Glenn are interested in being food vendors. Laura and Julie have been asked to sell 50/50 tickets. There will be music, bike games, and camping. We will have more discussion in the next few months.

Congratulations to Laura and Mike. They are getting married Saturday, June 20 at Thrall & Dodge winery. The chapter is invited! ◇

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

WOW, what a month this has been!! On May 17th, we held our annual Mt St Helens Memorial Ride. There were about 75 bikes, and 5 vehicles that made the 104 mile round trip up to Johnston's Ridge Observatory at Mt St Helens. Members from Elk Country, Lewis County, Spanaway, Olympia, Tacoma, EPCC, SKCC, and even Rat City chapters made the ride. We stopped at Elk Rock Viewpoint for a "Group" photo, and as we left there the sun broke out, and Mt St Helens finally showed herself as we reached the top of Johnston's Ridge.

The weather has been fairly cooperative, and we even got a lot of riding in. Several of our members have been organizing a group ride to Spring Opener, and even having a trailer to haul our BBQ, food, and camping gear so we don't load down the bikes. We've gained three new members since our May meeting, so even though we lose a few, we seem to stay at about the same level in membership. The Christian Crusaders will be coming down to do a "Blessing of the Bikes" prior to our Dan George Memorial Run. I am hoping there will be a good turn-out for that ride through east Lewis County.

We'll be holding our 2nd Annual 'Chapters Run' on July 11th. Starting in Morton, with stops in: Centralia, Kelso (then riding either over the Longview Bridge or the Cathlamet Ferry into Oregon) before heading back into Washington for a stop at Naselle, and finishing in Aberdeen. It is some beautiful country, and some really scenic riding along the route. If you can make it for a day of fun riding, come along and see where your fellow ABATE members live and ride.

We are also getting things organized for our joint camping run with Spanaway Chapter to Cascade Peaks Resort between Randle and Packwood in September. Since the resort is right on the Cowlitz River, with showers, a laundromat, a store, and even a couple of swimming pools, it ought to be a good time. There'll be a ride on Saturday, and the ride committee is working on a couple of possible routes for that.

I hope Elk Country can expect to see you down in our neck of the woods, or ride with you up in yours this summer. Catch you on the road sometime...◇

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Well we just finished the largest and best motorcycle show in Snohomish last month, and now we're jumping back into the frying pan doing the Car & Motorcycle show for Klaha-ya Days in July. We must be nuts as we're also doing the fall swap meet. Oh well, something to do and keep us busy. The Klaha-ya Days show will be the first ever combining motorcycles and cars. We have a great spot down by the river with a picnic spot for everyone to share. I have submitted a flyer for Tina so hope it makes it for you to check out! We not only have trophies but CASH !!!! One hundred for first, fifty for second, and twenty-five for third, for both car and motorcycles. Hope you all can join us it should be a blast!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Opener as I write this. I'm hoping for good weather and a great turn out. So other than running all the shows, we have had a few nice rides with the chapter. All for now. See you "in the wind." ♦



SKY VALLEY MOTORCYCLE SHOW

May 17 Snohomish, WA

(photo courtesy of Tina Lawson)

FIRST CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SHINE JULY 19TH

For the first time Klaha Ya Days offers a combined car and motorcycle show in Downtown Snohomish

SNOHOMISH, WA JUNE 1, 2015 – As the Klaha Ya Days summertime festival flows through history some things stay the same and some things change. One thing that is somewhat staying the same yet offering more is the first ever Car and Motorcycle Show & Shine on Sunday July 19th from 10am to 4pm.

Produced by Sky Valley ABATE the new show will be held in Downtown Snohomish on 1st Street west of Avenue D near the Visitor Information Center between 1301 1st Street and 1801 1st Street.

"You can expect to see some awesome motorcycles and cars," says Roger Hanson, Deputy Coordinator of the Sky Valley ABATE organization. Hanson who has been to many Klaha Ya Days in the 17 years that he's lived in Snohomish and thinks they all are fun continues, "Adding the bike/car show will add something special that has never been seen before."

Rod Hobelman, Coordinator of Sky Valley ABATE and also the show's Coordinator, invites car and motorcycle enthusiasts to pre-register their vehicles by July 3rd; cars \$20 and Motorcycles \$15 which includes a T-shirt for both. For more details and to register online go to <http://www.klahayadays.com/events/event/car-motorcycle-show/> He encourages pre-registration and adds, "Space is limited, so reserve early."

The Show & Shine will not be judged but will feature People's Choice winners – three cash places for cars and three cash places for motorcycles; \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third. The event is free to Klaha Ya Days attendees.

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Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

Well, How about this great weather? We have been getting the most out of it. I'm a big fan of the sun.

Like everyone else, very excited that the Spring Opener is just around the corner from this writing. Real excited that we are giving away a brand new Street Glide. Whoever won it, congratulations. Also want to thank the Spring Opener committee for all the hard work they put into it so we could all go to a place and have a great time for very little cost. It was an honor to do the second Poker Run for the Spring Opener as well. Thanks go out to Rock our Road Captain for a fantastic route. I hope all that went on it had a good ride. And I hope I can report next month that we made a lot of money for the Spring Opener for next year. As all the profits go to the State for the Spring Opener. It's our way of giving back.

Been hearing a lot about legislative things being brought up. Helmet bill for one – if you have insurance, you don't have to wear a helmet. Check into this before you make up your mind. Get all the facts than make your decision whether you want to support it or not.

I'm hoping we can try to pass the lane filtering bill again. Going over Snoqualmie Pass Memorial Day, let me tell you it would of been very helpful. It took seven and a half hours to go to Pasco. Another thing I heard is we are going to try to put more teeth into our profiling bill. This is very good news.

I really hope someone presents a bill to do something about us having to pay the same tolls as cars or trucks. Or we have to pay to use car pool lanes. This BS about three or more people. Hard to get three on a bike. I feel there is a message there somewhere.

I want to thank Diane, our Historian in our chapter. She has put out our third newsletter and it is great. If you get a chance, stop by Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill and pick one up. Its got a lot of information on our chapter and other things happening in ABATE of Washington.

We combined our family event with Elk County's Mt. St. Helen's Memorial ride. We all had a good time – I think there was about 75 bikes and a lot of ABATE chapters represented. Can't wait to do it again. This time I hope it is clearer so we can enjoy all the scenery.

July holds lots of things to do. Sun and Surf, if you like going to the ocean and seeing fog. I for one do not. Elk Country's Annual Chapter Run. These guys are always great to be with. Independence Run with East Pierce County Chapter, Rock And Libbie's Birthday party at their home (big, big yard for camping, great music, good food and good people – come for an hour or stay the whole night). Also on the 18th is SKCC 'Round the Mountain Ride. Then the BOD on the 25th hosted by EPCC. I don't know the location yet.

I hope everyone had a great time at Spring Opener and hope to see you all out on the road. Be safe, look twice. It is also our responsibility to look out for the ones not looking out for us. ♦



SPANAWAY AND SKCC CHAPTERS
selling Bike Raffle tickets and recruiting members
(Billy De, George, & John)

South King County Chapter

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

Our South King County chapter has just completed the pre-ride for 'Round The Mountain Run which will be held on July 18. I would like to thank the South King County, Tacoma, and East Pierce County chapters along with independent riders for joining in the pre-ride and for everyone that joins us July 18 to help make this a great run to remember. We all know someone affected by cancer and the beneficiary of our run, Harmony Hill, provides supportive retreats at no charge for those impacted by the disease. It's the only non-profit center of its kind in the Northwest. Come on out and join with us on July 18, enjoy some beautiful scenery and friendship, all for a good cause.

The ECOM and BOD meetings are coming up. South King County Chapter has voted on the two proposals submitted by Brian Lange on the Helmet Bill. We have decided by unanimous decision to go with the existing language. A chapter member made a motion that was seconded to discontinue all action on the Helmet Bill. A unanimous decision to proceed with this motion was noted. This proposal will be presented at the ECOM meeting to be brought for a vote by the Board of Directors.

The weather is getting warmer and we all need to be well hydrated during this summer riding season. ♦



MRF REPORT

By JAY & GLENYCE JACKSON
MRF Reps for Washington State

First I've got to tell you all what a great experience lobbying in the nation's capitol is. Even if we didn't make it to Washington, D.C. on the Road King, (that's a whole other story!) I did get there in time to visit the offices of all Washington's Congressmen and Congresswomen.

All the Aides were friendly and listened attentively and a couple openly disagreed with one or two of our talking points. I just asked them to please check their facts from a non-partisan source and re-think their opinions. And, isn't it wonderful that we live in a country where we can openly discuss our opposing views? (I think it had to do with the EPA and ethanol. And of course, they were much younger than I am.) I was lucky to see Jaime Herrera-Beutler and Derek Kilmer briefly. They were both cordial and Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler is a true supporter of Motorcycle Rights. She is a co-sponsor of the Sensenbrenner bill and pays attention to motorcycle riders' rights. It is interesting that in the recent roll call vote on HR 2577 (the Walberg Amendment) that the votes followed party lines.



Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler (3rd District)

The four Republican Representatives voted "Aye" and the six Democrats voted "no." Thankfully, the Amendment which prevents federal employees from lobbying in states to further the federal agenda on the tax payers' dollars passed with a 235 "Ayes" to 189 "Noes" vote. This indicates to me that we must work harder to educate many of our Legislators. Why would something as simple as a motorcycle helmet be such a political issue? We're all the same American people!

There were 22 states represented in the Bikers Inside the Beltway lobby day at the Capitol. It would be fabulous if next year



Congressman Derek Kilmer (6th District)

there were a more of us from Washington state making our voices heard in the other Washington. The date will be the Thursday after Mother's Day. Mark it on your calendar and join me.

Friday and Saturday were full of committee meetings and the MRF board of directors meeting. There is lots of information to remember with specific tasks to be accomplished in the next year. I will work on three or four committees and was named the Chair of the Elections Committee. There will be lots more time spent on the computer and sending emails!

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is in the process of updating the www.mrf.org web page so please be patient and call on the phone or check the Facebook page for information. And, Jay and I are always right here in Lakebay just waiting for your questions and input. Check your MRF membership card to see if it is time to renew. The MRF is membership driven and every one of us is important.

The next big MRF event is the Meeting of the Minds conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 25-27, 2015. Early bird prices are still in effect for both hotel and event registration. The break-outs are filling with excellent educators with a wide range of specialties. There are also several "fun" things in the works. Remember the Harley-Davidson head plant is in Milwaukee too.

**FROM Jeff Hennie, Motorcycle Riders Foundation,
VP Government Relations & Public Affairs**

A quick, short recess week saw little congressional or regulatory action. On Friday, Obama's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dealt what could be the beginning of the end for ethanol fuel growth. The EPA has been sitting on a proposal for a year and a half to lower ethanol requirements for oil refineries. The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is a law passed by Congress that mandates the amount of ethanol to be included in the nation's fuel supply. Each year the RFS ticks up a little bit, until now.

The EPA has proposed that levels be slashed in 2015 and 2016 to the tune of about four and five million gallons, respectively. The drop in production requirements has angered those in the ethanol production world, and delighted those who do not want more ethanol in the fuel stream.

As for motorcyclists, the news is encouraging; the less ethanol being required will mean that the smaller amounts of ethanol will have to be spread thinner. This in theory, removes the need to increase the blend to E15 levels. The EPA knows that ethanol is unpopular and cites this as the main reason to lower production requirements. The market has spoken, and it is not in favor of ethanol.

Starting this Monday the short-term highway bill countdown begins. The new extension expires July 31. Look for another extension this summer, unless someone finds \$550 billion dollars lying around in the next 60 days.

On June 4th the United States House of Representatives agreed to an amendment to the 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill that struck a provision that would have overturned the U.S. Department of Transportation lobby ban. The measure was approved on the House floor reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The Amendment offered by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with Mr. Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Mr. Ribble (R-WI), eliminates a provision in the 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act that would have allowed the Secretary of Transportation to discuss motorcycle safety initiatives with state legislators. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation thanks Congressman Walberg, Sensenbrenner, and Ribble for their dedication to freedom and motorcycling.

In 1998 Congress passed a law that made it illegal for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to lobby state legislatures on any issue. Prior to 1998, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), USDOT had spent tens of thousands of dollars traveling to states whenever a state debated changing their own state helmet law or any other law that USDOT deemed worthy to interfere on. Seeing this as a waste of taxpayer money, the congress prohibited anyone from USDOT to lobby states uninvited.

Mr. Walberg had this to say, "The federal government should not be in the business of lobbying state and local officials with federal money." He added, "I believe the most effective way to reduce motorcycle injuries and fatalities is to prevent these crashes from occurring in the first place, Madam Chairperson, that means putting between the ears as opposed to simply on the head."

See the Walberg video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHIMdT7ycfc>

"I cannot think of a single issue where the federal government should waste resources lobbying a state entity for something that the state doesn't want", said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. He added "With such limited, precious motorcycle safety funds, they need to be used in areas of safety that are proven, not for bureaucratic waste."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) thanks everyone who made calls on this important issue; your participation was key in getting this amendment to pass.

Enjoy your FREEDOM as you celebrate the Independence of the United States of America. It is lots of hard work to maintain that precious FREEDOM. Are you doing your part?

Ride safe, ride free,

Glenyce Jackson
MRF Representative for Washington
MRF Rep's Rep to the Board

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August 21-23

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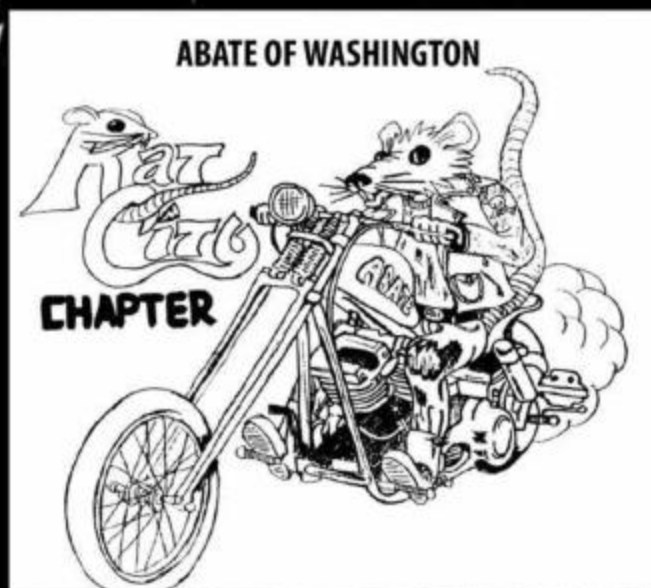
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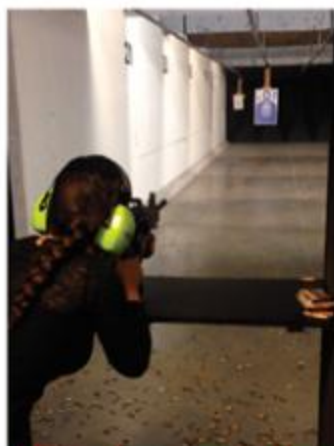
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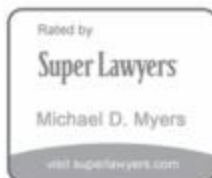


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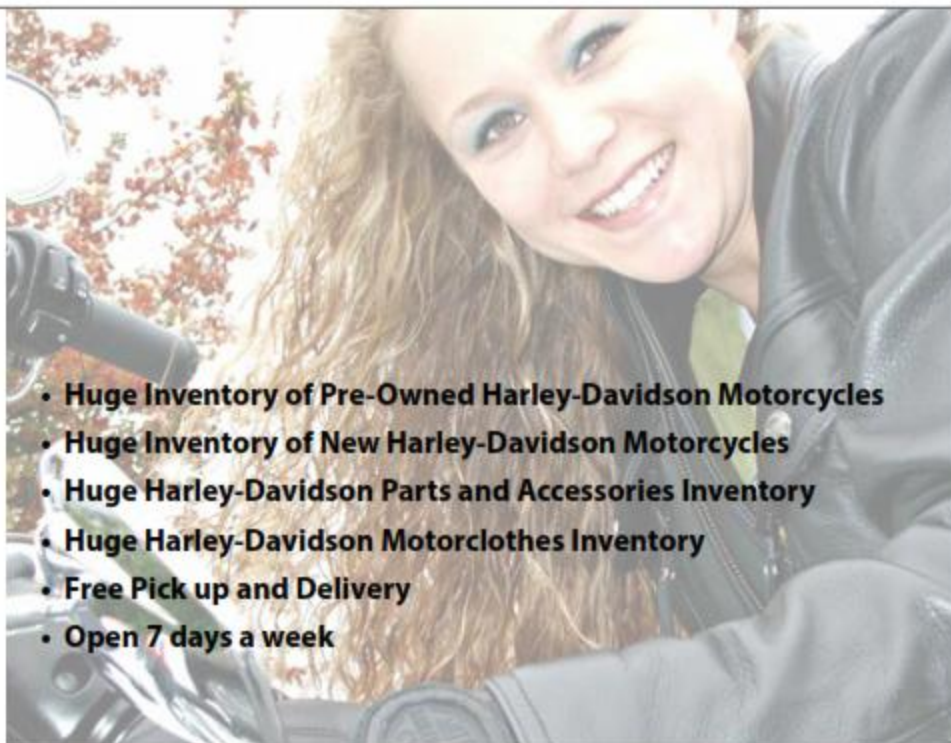
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