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# UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON

October is the start of the new fiscal year for ABATE of Washington and the seating of elected chapter officers. Welcome to those stepping up to fill critical positions within the organization and a hearty round of applause for outgoing volunteers.

When you joined ABATE, you made an investment with your membership dues for the protection of motorcyclist rights. Help make the investment payoff even further by making a contribution of your time and skills. If you find yourself wanting to get involved but are a bit hesitant, come to STEAM (see page 9) and learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Highlights of this month's issue:

- state coordinator's report with a recap of ABATE legislative successes (page 6);
- STEAM flyer — new information regarding Saturday's lunch (page 9);
- returning advertiser Mike Myers (page 13) and new-to-this-issue Burns Group International (page 17)
- "Save the Patch"— what does it mean and what's at stake? (page 18)

ABATE will have a booth at the upcoming Seattle International Motorcycle Show in November where up to 500 copies of Freedom will be distributed to the public. Submissions for the November issue of Freedom are due October 4 which is earlier than usual. I'll send out a reminder when the deadline approaches. *TL*



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## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

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

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

### NOVEMBER

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

### JANUARY

**10** BOD Meeting, hosted by Spanaway Chapter

**22** Black Thursday  
Olympia





## From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

It is that time of the year again when chapters either elect new officers or reelect existing officers (welcome back Lenny). Regardless, if you're new or have been an officer for years, we are having our yearly STEAM event in Ellensburg where this year we will be concentrating on the jobs we volunteered for. We all want to do the best job possible but sometimes it is a little confusing not only for chapters, but for everyone (me included). If you are not sure which direction to take, this seminar will help to answer the questions we have about our jobs. Now, I mentioned people in officer positions but this is not limited to just the officers. This is for everyone who wants to make a difference in our organization or for the person who thinks he or she might want to be an officer but doesn't know what is entailed in performing a certain position. So, everyone show up and we will learn together.

On a sad note, Donnie (Mr. Breeze) Landsman has stepped down as ABATE of Washington's Legislative Affairs Officer (LAO). Donnie has worked very hard for ABATE of Washington and deserves a thank you from every motorcyclist in the state of Washington. Under Donnie's guidance and leadership as ABATE of Washington's LAO, we have

seen many successes with our legislative endeavors. In the 2009-2010 session, we collaborated with Bicycle Alliance with the first red light bill. We had the



Parade Bill

Parade Bill introduced by ABATE of Washington.

We also collaborated with WOHV on the Motorcycle Modification bill. In the 2011-2012 session, we learned what true collaboration really is when ABATE of



Anti-Profiling Bill

Washington teamed up with the COC and US Defenders to pass a Profiling bill.

In the 2013-2014 session, we had two ABATE of Washington bills: the Sharrows bill and the second Red Light bill. Additionally, we collaborated on a Traffic Planning bill and a Conversion Kit bill. These bills were not only the work of ABATE but with many motorcyclists across the state. Not too shabby for six



Red Light Bill



years. With Donnie stepping down, Brian Lange stepped up to start a new page with our next legislative endeavor. Even though Donnie has resigned his state position, I am sure he and Brian will have a lot to talk about. THANK YOU Donnie.

Another sad note, we lost the Clark County Freedom Riders Chapter in the Vancouver, Washington area. The members of that chapter will become independents unless there is another chapter they wish to join. This chapter will be missed.

In closing, there is going to be an important vote coming up at your next chapter meeting. We recently voted to move our Spring Opener event to the weekend after Father's Day. However,

the Ranch did not realize that Father's Day was not on the same weekend every year. It was not until they were doing some future planning that they realized that every three years, Father's Day is on the third weekend in June which would put Spring Opener on the fourth weekend. The same weekend they have a local event going, so we have to decide whether we are going to have it on the third weekend in June or are we going to move it into July and have it the weekend after the fourth of July weekend. Let your voice be heard—attend your monthly chapter meeting. ◇

## Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

One last shout out to all for STEAM. Be there and get together with the rest of the Coordinators. You folks who have been in ABATE for a long time are very important to this event. Come meet the new officers from the other chapters or bring your new members along and make them feel like part of the organization. This is our time to pass the wisdom and experience along to the up and coming members. Remember, we are only paying for rooms for elected officers: Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. All others are encouraged to come of course. The BOD meeting follows the next day.

The International Motorcycle Show at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle will be held in November this year. November 21, 22 and 23. (See ad on page 23.) We will have a booth again this year. If you want to help out, contact me at the October BOD.

ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER? Every Chapter gets a book on the Rules with a Gavel when they start a Chapter. Brush up on it. This will keep your meetings short and to the point. Take care of business, then go grab some brews and grub and enjoy the company. Speaking without being recognized at a meeting only confuses and disrupts the basic concept of Robert's Rules. We will be talking about this at the STEAM so bring your ideas and thoughts.

Ride Ride Ride! Here in Goldendale we can feel the weather cooling down, so you better get your mental therapy in while you can. Roll on and ride safe...◇







## From the Desk of Your State Secretary

**Rona K. Smith**

Hi everyone,

I hope you all have had a great and safe summer. I know I have.

If you are some of the Chapter Coordinators who are stepping down, I would like to take this time to thank you for volunteering your time to ABATE of Washington. I hope you have gotten as much out of your position as possible. It is very rewarding to know you have helped with motorcycle rights in our great state of Washington.

For our new Chapter Coordinators who may not know me, I would like to introduce myself. I have been the State Secretary for ABATE of Washington since August 2006. I would like to welcome you to ABATE of Washington and to your new position. With sincere gratitude...Thank You for stepping up!

I would also like to mention that during this 1st month of chapter officer transition, I will be mailing any correspondence directly to the chapter PO Box. This will include STEAM flyers

with RSVP cards to return to me and your October BOD agenda for you to have for your next chapter meeting. The last page of your BOD agenda pack has a "Chapter Information Form." Please fill out front and back of this form and bring that to our STEAM/BOD for my records. I will then send a copy to our Newsletter editor and our Webmaster to update all new information and events. Even if there are no changes, I still require an updated form each October from you.

I am so looking forward to STEAM. It gives me a chance to personally meet our new Chapter Secretaries and enables me to give them direction to be successful. I strongly encourage all chapter officers, "new or not" to attend STEAM this year !!! Look for my flyer in this newsletter for more information on our Seminar to Educate and Motivate, STEAM ~ Thanks for your time ~



## Ambassador at Large "Dragoni" Dutch Phillips

Hello to all of ABATE of Washington:

It has been quite some time since I sent in a State Officer report!

As I was traveling on my Harley down Pacific Avenue in Parkland, WA I had a head on collision with a car as he pulled into my lane to make his left turn! The accident totaled the front end of my 2005 Harley and the front end of the car that hit me. The result was a badly damaged Harley. I have severe neck sprain plus bruises on my legs, hands and arm. I have been going to

doctors for medical treatments 3 times a week for 2 months now. They are trying acupuncture and electro-stimulation hoping to avoid neck surgery.

I have still been working with some of our chapters that have some minor problems. I travel to events and meetings in my SUV, it gets about 20 mpg. This has been a long 2 months for me without a motorcycle to ride! ♦





# ABATE of WASHINGTON



## PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL STEAM 2014 AWARDS DINNER & October's BOD MEETING

Saturday October 25, 11:00 AM & Sunday October 26, 10:00 AM

### Seminar To Educate And Motivate

To make your reservations...please call

Quality Inn

1700 S. Canyon Rd Ellensburg 98926

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State will 'reimburse with receipt' for **up** to 2 rooms on Saturday night for up to their 4 chapter officers who need to be present...Chapter coordinator, deputy coordinator, secretary & treasurer. Other chapter officers & members are invited & encouraged to attend.

**Questions ?????? contact Scott Robinson @ [scotth\\_robinson@yahoo.com](mailto:scotth_robinson@yahoo.com)**

Join us for a fun & educational weekend where everything is conveniently located on site. The hotel offers complimentary breakfast. Saturday's lunch will be catered in our banquet room for 'free' to attending chapter officers.

Kittitas chapter will be hosting the awards dinner again this year and there will be a 'No Host Bar'.

Sunday's menu lunch will be catered in the banquet room at your expense.

RSVP cards will be sent to the chapter coordinators so please communicate with them so we can insure everyone is well taken care of.



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PRODUCTS

After many meetings and LOTS of planning, North Kitsap Chapter's first Safety and Education Rodeo finally became a reality.

The event was held over Labor Day weekend at the Eagles Lodge in Poulsbo. We had about 40 participants, 8 vendors and 2 bands! Wish the weather had been a little more cooperative for us, but all in all, it was a great weekend. We kicked off Friday night with The Rearview Mirror playing classic rock in the lodge and a roaring bonfire outside. Saturday morning brought us a little liquid sunshine which made for some slippery bike games, especially the Keg Roll (thank you Valholl Brewery for the kegs). Many stuffed animals were scooped up in Road Kill and some found out it's not so easy to bite a hotdog while sitting on a moving bike. We also had Plank Ride and the Slow Ride. Saturday night music was provided by The Drive in the lodge and we had another bonfire outside.

A big thank you to the other chapters that came out and supported our event. If you didn't purchase a t-shirt and still want one, contact Lisa at [lisajbutler@comcast.net](mailto:lisajbutler@comcast.net). We have already started planning for next year, so mark your calendars.



Christian Varner, Chapter Coordinator, participating in the Keg Roll

Our next big event is our annual Toy Run, which will be held on December 7th. There will be two Wing Dings to help support the Toy Run. The first one is on November 6th at The Garage Bar and Grill in Bremerton. We are still ironing out the detail on the second one. There will be more info posted as we get closer to the events.

Hope to see you at the Wing Dings and Toy Run. ◇

## Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Here it is September already as I write this, and by the time you read this summer is just a memory. It has been a good one as several of our chapter runs have shown. Our inaugural "Chapters Run" was quite successful. With members and officers from five chapters, plus a few non-A.B.A.T.E. members, we enjoyed a beautiful day riding from the foothills of the Cascades down across the Narrows Bridge and beyond



Slo-Mo presents certificate to Senator Braun

before finally stopping in Lacey. I think that A.B.A.T.E. may be getting a couple of new members out of the run as well, so it was a very good day.

Our 20th District state Senator, John E. Braun, attended our meeting and was presented a certificate for his support of our issues in the Legislature. It was a pleasure having him attend and spend time discussing things with our membership. Both of our 20th District Representatives made it through the Primary election, which is good news for the motorcycling community of Washington State. Both have been key supporters of motorcyclist rights in the past and one, if reelected, will hopefully resume a key position on the House Transportation Committee.

One of our newest fundraising events is a Quilt Raffle that we'll be selling tickets for and drawing in October at our monthly meeting. You don't have to be present to win, and we'll be bringing some tickets to the BOD in October.

Looking forward to October and attending the STEAM in Ellensburg. It's a good time for newer members especially, but all members to learn more about the workings of A.B.A.T.E. and the duties involved with some of the positions members can hold. I hope to see many of you at STEAM as well as at the BOD in Ellensburg. I am just hoping it doesn't freeze again this year...Gypsy can be a real pain to start in the morning when she's been out in the cold all night long.

Ride Safe, Ride Free, and I hope to catch you on the road sometime...◇



## Inland Empire Chapter

From SETH MCINTOSH, COORDINATOR

Hello to all,

I am sure by this time we have new coordinators and other officers throughout our ABATE organization. Congratulations to all that have stepped up to the challenge to volunteer to join in the fight to fight for our rights! On the far East side we have been active in the fight with the COC in the campaign to SAVE THE PATCH!! Some of our members attended the COC Save The Patch fundraiser at the VNVLMC club house and had a great time with our brothers and sisters for a good cause. I want to include an email that was sent to me.

From: Lucky Les, Lt. Commander, US Defenders WA

Date: September 14, 2014 at 12:51:24 PM PDT

Subject: Save The Patch

Words cannot express how proud I am of everybody who showed up and made this such a great event.

Great job to the Buscadores WMC, Bandido Pete and Outsider Double D (our committee) who put this together.

Thanks to my assistants Terri, Sally, Debbie and Lisa who helped me during the Auction (voice is a little scratchy today hehe). Our combined efforts led to a grand total of \$9,847.00 raised to contribute to the "Save the Patch" fund.

Along with the previous \$6,600 already raised with our Call to Action, the Eastside COC's fundraisers, Donations from ABATE, and others, that makes a grand total of \$16,447.00 from the State of Washington motorcycling community.

I can never remember all of the names of clubs and individuals (they are numerous) who helped out, showed up, participated and donated, so suffice to say, Thanks to All!! Great F-ing Job!!

Thanks to all that have stepped up to support this great cause in our community.

Our annual Second Harvest Food Run will be on October 18th and if you can make it over we would love to see you.

I hope to see many of you at STEAM and the BOD. The riding season is getting shorter but don't be afraid to battle the elements and let them all know we are still out there and a voice to be reckoned with! See you on the road. ♦

## Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello ABATE members:

It has been a warm summer. I hope you all have been out riding and enjoying this weather. CGC has been on a couple of "date nights" with as many as 7 bikes in attendance. We just meet, ride to a location, have a bite to eat and enjoy the company.

CGC had its September meeting and all the positions were filled. I am the coordinator again, Frank Thompson is our Deputy Coordinator again and Scott has agreed to be the Secretary/Treasurer until someone else is willing to step up. Thank you all.

We (CGC) are still doing a lot of planning for the Festival of Wheels next August. We really hope you can make it over for this event. We will have some GREAT prizes.

Once again, we will be doing our 6th annual TRUNK-OR-TREAT in downtown G'dale for Halloween. You all are welcome to come hang out and give candy to all the lil' ones and some big too. It is a lot of fun.

Until next time. ♦

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## South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

On Monday September 8, 2014 the South King County Chapter of ABATE of Washington elected new officers. Coordinator is John Lawson; Deputy Coordinator is Geoff Glass; Membership Secretary is Colleen Mancino; and Treasurer is Karen Hansen. Our newly elected Secretary stepped down for personal reasons, but the position will be filled shortly. A big Thank You to Doug, Geoff, Barb, Jenny and Dawn for all of their hard work and efforts over the past year.

At our next chapter meeting, we will be preparing for the upcoming BOD Meeting by selecting our ride and run dates for 2015. We are trying out a new venue for the next chapter business meeting at Longhorn Barbecue, 635 C St. SW in Auburn, WA the first Monday of the month (October 6) at 7pm. Come join us.

Remember to ride safe during the fall riding season. The roads are going to be very slick with the onset of rain. ♦



## Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Elections are over and we have a new Deputy Coordinator, Tony White. Our chapter will do a shared Secretary position, Holly White and Frankie Mc Neal. Linda is still Treasurer and another year for me.

Have been out seeing old friends and making new ones. Hope to see ya' at STEAM soon.

Did a pre-run for our "Fall Run" and had turn back as there was a very bad motorcycle accident in front (5 mi.) of us. Always sad to loose a rider and this time it's extra so as they live close to home. Several bikes were involved.

Still some riding time left this year, so be extra careful. Hate to read on your headstone things like 'bad tire', 'too fast', 'drinking' or 'should of fixed that' and many more.

I'll be short this time as there is tons to do before our "Fall Run" and you can read about it next month. Be safe. ◇

## East Pierce County Chapter

From NOEL ORTIZ, OUTGOING COORDINATOR

*"Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive." ---Leah LaBelle*

EPCC, it has been a great ride these last three years as your Coordinator. To my special peeps, (you know who you are), THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT!

A special thank you goes out to Kate Scott as she steps down from the position of Deputy Coordinator and Ron Scott as he too steps down from Master Sergeant at Arms. Laura Cain and Peaches, thank you for all you both did and for continuing the push forward to another year. Again, THANK YOU to you four for standing by me through thick and thin.

I would like to congratulate Mic (Leprechaun) Cain as the new Coordinator, Rocky as he returns as Deputy Coordinator, Laura Cain will continue as secretary, Peaches will continue as Treasurer, and I would like to congratulate Joe Lindberg as our new Master Sergeant at Arms.

A group is only as strong as its supporters and leaders which is why our chapter will continue to move forward in a positive direction. EPCC, you Rock!!

*Sometimes you find yourself in the middle of nowhere, and sometimes in the middle of nowhere, you find yourself.* ◇

## Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

We Are Tacoma! This will be our Chapter sentiment in the coming year. It's an obvious truth that each chapter in ABATE of Washington has its own identity, its own personality, and of course Tacoma Chapter is no different. Tacoma Chapter has members that have been part of us for 35 years, and we have members who have been in the family for only a few months, yet all of us are Tacoma Chapter

Last month on September 6th we had our Lost Brothers & Sisters Memorial Ride. It was an amazing day. We had up to 80 bikes participate in the run. The weather was perfect and the company of our friends was even better. It was great to see our Brothers and Sisters from Elk Country and Spanaway Chapters. I would also like to express a shoutout to Tony Hosler our Road Captain for a great route and set of stops; to Sarah "Bopp" Staub our Chapter Secretary for the terrific flyers, scorecards and keeping the run going by running the tables; to Leon "Tread" Staub our Chapter Deputy Coordinator for being my "right hand of sanity." A big thank you is owed to Lee Boni, Pokey and Motorboatin' for stepping up to help Sarah. Most of all, we appreciate Donnie Ahola for the use of his property and good food for the ride after party, as well as being our former Coordinator who is around to be a mentor to me.

Next month on October 31st we will co-host a Halloween Party with the Spanaway Chapter at Uncle Sam's in Spanaway. Look for our flyer for more details.

An exciting addition to our Chapter this month is our "We Are Tacoma!" news and events electronic newsletter that will be sent to everyone by e-mail that signs up on our website. More coming soon.

Lastly, and most importantly, we would like to thank Donnie and Jimmy George for being our steadfast Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator for the last two years. We want them to know we appreciate their service to the Chapter! ◇



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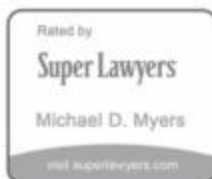


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## Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we have! The riding is spectacular here on the peninsula. Some of the trees are starting to change color and the evening gets dark way too quickly but the air smells delicious as we ride down the road. We smell the salt water, apples, blackberries, and a patch of grapes on the way to town besides the various evergreens and freshly mown lawns. Lovely! Lovely!

The Brewery Run is in the books for this year. Thank you, Randy and committee for organizing this fun run and beautiful weather. It was perfect! The small group was enjoyable because everyone got a chance to visit personally. Thank you South King County Chapter members for sharing the day with us. It was good to meet you and enjoy your company. We plan to make this an annual event but hope to find a weekend without as much competition.

We realize that the weather narrows the Riding Season for all of us in the area so cooperation is a key factor. Hopefully, all the Chapters will be able to mark their events on the State Calendar at the October Board of Directors meeting to avoid overlapping events. The Motorcycle Show @KeyFest is on the agenda but the date has changed—probably to June. And the May Run is on the book too. The KPC is working on finalizing the dates for the coming year. And, the Chapter is a year old now! We're learning and growing.

The Key Peninsula Chapter had officer nominations in August and elections at our last meeting. Since we couldn't convince anyone else to step up, all officers retain their positions for another year. Plus, new member Corey Crane has stepped up to be the Legislative Affairs Officer. Thank you, Corey.

Chapter members have been attending political meetings and visiting with the candidates in our area. Most of us are politically aware and VOTE. Some of us post signs and hand out election materials to help our preferred candidates. We have discussed initiatives because they are always more than they appear to be on the surface. For example, I-594 is *not* just about background checks for buying fire arms!—contrary to the commercials all over TV. Please read the whole thing. The Voter's Pamphlet is on-line and is fairly clear. If you have questions, talk about it with your friends or relatives who you trust. Our consensus is that NO is the only way to go on that one. If you are not registered to VOTE, do so today! You can do it and if you need help, give us a call!

Keep on keeping on.

Ride safe, Ride responsibly, Ride FREE! ♦



Photos above: Key Peninsula Brewery Run  
(top) Enjoying the back roads on the run, photo by Glenyce;  
(middle) lunch stop at Slaughter County Brewery,  
(bottom) riding through Port Orchard, photos by Tina



## Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEP. COORDINATOR

Well it's been one hell of a ride this summer with all the great weather and places to ride to. Our chapter just got through throwing our annual Bike Show Appreciation Party and once again...where were the other chapters??? What happened to the Amigos? Where was everyone??? So you all saw our full page ad showing *free* camping, *free* bike games, *free* band and a *full dinner for 5 bucks*, and *you still didn't show*. Are we all getting too old to party? Sorry you missed it! the band was killer and the bon-fire burned till the cows came home. Oh well maybe next year!

I just got back from riding the Cascade loop with Randy (our Legislative Officer, photo this page, top left) and we saw Oso (photo this page, bottom left) and the damage done by the fires near Twisp and Winthrop. Wow! It's a lot different in real life. The weather has once again become summer! It won't be long before we will be looking back wishing we were here in the sun again!

Our chapter is now starting to concentrate on the Bike Show for next year. We could use some help as it continues to grow larger. Check out our web site for more info. Stephen (the anomaly) has posted our help wanted and many other things you may want to check out! He has grabbed the bull by the horns and is doing a killer job for us.

Not much else to report on at this time.

All for now...See you "In the wind"...Highwayman ♦



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- **Initiative Measure No. 591 - concerns firearms**

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- **Initiative Measure No. 594 - concerns background checks for firearm sales and transfers**

Voting **NO** defeats the measure; voting **YES** would apply the existing background check system to all gun sales (gun shows, internet sales). Opponents say it will regulate transfers and loans of firearms, introducing bureaucracy, fees, taxes and registration. Proponents say there are clear exemptions. Opponents claim the exemptions are drafted so narrowly they're meaningless (source: Arguments For and Against, Voter's Guide).

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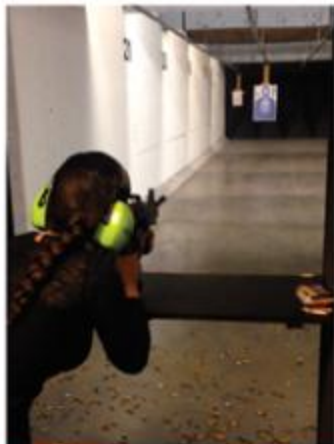
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I've been asked a lot lately what "Save the Patch" or "Trademark Defense" is all about. Well let's give it a shot at an explanation; but first some ground rules and definitions. I'm just a dumb biker; I am not a lawyer; so anything contained herein is not to be construed in any way as legal advice or indeed any in-depth legal knowledge. Next, let's talk about "trademark." A trademark is a symbol that is generally recognized to represent an individual or association, a trademark may be registered or merely recognized through common law usage (I've used it

## *Save the Patch*

by Irish McKinney

enough that the general public would recognize it as mine.) For our purposes registered or common law makes no difference.

Alright, ready? There is a Club in California that is being prosecuted by the Federal Government. This is not the first attempt by the Feds, their first attempt was found, by the court, to be improper and thrown out. The Feds had indicted individuals and attempted to confiscate property (read trademark) from unindicted club members. After their first case was thrown out, the Feds refiled and indicted the whole club as an association. An association doesn't have to be a legal organization it just has to be recognizable as a cohesive whole.

Now here is where it gets hinky. Part of what the Feds are trying to do is confiscate insignia or trademarks of the Association. The Government is attempting to destroy the identity and dismantle the Association by depriving them of their visible articles used to signify association. The Constitution of the United States guarantees

everyone the right of association and the right of free speech, which allows us to tell others who we associate with through visible symbols of that association.

The American Judicial system is based on the English system of common law. What this means is that previous cases are scrutinized to determine precedent; that which has happened before to determine what will happen in the future. As society changes so may the interpretation of past law. The Feds in this case are attempting to create precedent to allow them to pursue organizations, registered or common law, because of the actions of a few of the members of the organization. They can dismantle the group based on the precedent of previous court findings. If law enforcement was held to these standards, we would have few if any law enforcement organizations.

This is creation of law through judicial action; there is no one we can talk to about it, there is no one we can write to, there is no one we can phone, there is no one we can e-mail. The only thing we can do is support the defense with our dollars. If the Federal Government wins this case there is no association, organization, group, or club that will be outside the scrutiny and potential sanctions of the Federal Government (or other legal jurisdictions.)

This is not a hobby or a pastime for me; this is my life and the people who are reading this are my community. I believe that our community has never faced a threat as dire as this may be. It is time for us to recognize those things we have in common, not get hung up on minimal differences, and stand as one.

## SAVE THE PATCH





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### AGENDA - October 25, 2014

10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.	<u>FREEDOM OF THE ROAD THROUGHOUT THE NATION</u> Paul Landers - Chairman NCOM Legislative Task Force
11:00a.m. - 12 noon	<u>Other Legal Issues in our Region</u> Marty Fox - AIM Attorney - Washington Sam Hochberg - AIM Attorney - Oregon
12:00p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30p.m. - 2:30p.m.	<u>The US Defender Program</u> Paul Landers - Chairman NCOM Legislative Task Force <u>Profiling the Big Win in Washington</u> "Double D" & Twitch - Outsiders M/C, - Washington State COC
2:30p.m. - 2:45p.m.	BREAK
2:45p.m. - 3:30p.m.	<u>REGIONAL MEETING</u> Legislative Problems in our Region Moderators, Irish McKinney & Jeff Rabe - NCOM Board of Directors
3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.	<u>CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS MEETING</u> Moderator, Bruce Anakrbergs - Flying 15 MC & Oregon State COC- Chairman, Reports from Representative of each Confederation present
4:30p.m. - 4:45p.m.	BREAK
4:45p.m. - 6:30p.m.	<u>CHRISTIAN UNITY SEMINAR AND MEETING</u> Moderator Louie Nobs - NCOM Board of Director - SFJ MC

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# MRF REPORT

By JAY & GLENYCE JACKSON  
*MRF Reps for Washington State*

We are almost ready to leave for the Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City, MO. The latest news from the MRF is that the organization is struggling to stay in business. Membership is way below what it has been in previous years. We appreciate the work that the Volunteers do in all Motorcycle Rights Organizations but the base of any grass roots organization is its MEMBERS—You and Me. I work many hours supporting my Motorcycle Rights Organizations at the Chapter level, the State level, and the National level.

What do YOU do? \$30 a year to support an organization which is in Washington, D.C. to protect our right to ride is a small price to pay. It works out to \$2.50 a month, less than a single Starbucks or beer at your favorite joint. Isn't that "sacrifice" worth riding free? I know, our motorcycles aren't free but our right to ride is—so far. In Canada licensing motorcycles is so costly many can't ride at all. Is that where you want to go?

The following article is a little more food for thought from another state representative. This article goes the same here in Washington as it does in Pennsylvania.

Ride Safe, Ride Responsibly, Ride FREE!  
Glenyce Jackson  
MRF Rep for Washington

## An Ounce Of Prevention

Sometimes, we're our own worst enemies.

As I was browsing the local news over the Labor Day weekend, I came across three articles on collisions involving motorcycles.

In the first article, a motorcyclist was hit by a car that was entering traffic. The police reported that the motorcycle was traveling "at a high rate of speed."

The second article reported a motorcycle crash where a biker was taken to the hospital following "a single motorcycle crash" after he "struck a curb."

The third article was a follow-up to a fatal motorcycle collision, after a formal investigation, where an automobile was involved. The report concluded that the motorcyclist was riding a "Ninja motorcycle while under the influence of a controlled substance,





was exceeding the 35 mile per hour speed limit by at least 20 miles per hour, and did not have a license to operate a motorcycle." The police investigation also stated that the motorcyclist "also had little experience with the motorcycle that he was operating."

In each of the three collisions, I can be fairly certain that each of these riders have, or would have, regrets.

The easy response would be for society to accept that bikers become injured from their own poor judgment. After all, if they don't care about the empty seats they leave at the dinner table, why should I or anyone else?

As with most issues, society looks to the legislature to create a perfect world. That's not a realistic approach, since you typically end up with feel-good legislation, that has unintended consequences.

I'd suggest new laws, but laws only work if there is 100% enforcement and compliance. I'd suggest speed limits, but they were in place, and ignored. I'd suggest laws targeting impairment, but they're already in place.

EDUCATION is probably the best approach, but it takes time and patience. Think of it as a Social Engineering for motorcyclists. Just as a fifth grader automatically reaches for the seat belt when he or she gets in a car, or recycles the plastic water bottle rather than throwing it in the trash, motorcyclists need that repeated message of safety as they climb onto a bike, twist a throttle, or decide what to drink with dinner.

From a Public Relations standpoint, collisions such as the ones above sure don't help the motorcycle industry. The average reader will conclude and retain, "Motorcycles are dangerous." Once that perception is embedded in a parent's mind, I say 'Good

Luck' to the 18 year old that wants to buy a bike while living under Mom and Dad's roof. Better yet, could it influence others' opinion of you because of your perceived dangerous lifestyle?

Legislatively, put yourself in the shoes of the Representative that sometimes has to deal with a grieving parent or spouse, requesting that silver bullet law that in their minds would have influenced the outcome. Difficult situation.

As motorcyclists, we experience the world and the outdoors in a way most people don't get to see. As the saying goes, "If have to explain, you wouldn't understand." We also pay close attention to the collision reports and understand the contributing factors in motorcycle collisions. That's why we need to have an active role in educating legislators and influencing legislation!

We need to continue our work with the Legislature and PennDOT to move beyond CAUSES, and educate to achieve PREVENTION. As new laws are proposed, we need to ensure they're reasonable and effective, and work to the betterment of motorcycling.

In the meantime, the rest lies with the individual. When bikers get serious about their own safety, all these "accidents" will go away on their own, as will the legislative responses to them. It starts with each of us! Lead by example! There are many risks out there, even when you're doing everything right. Think about what you can do to reduce yours.

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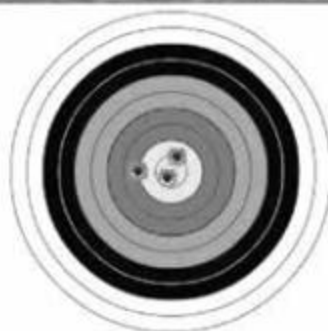


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