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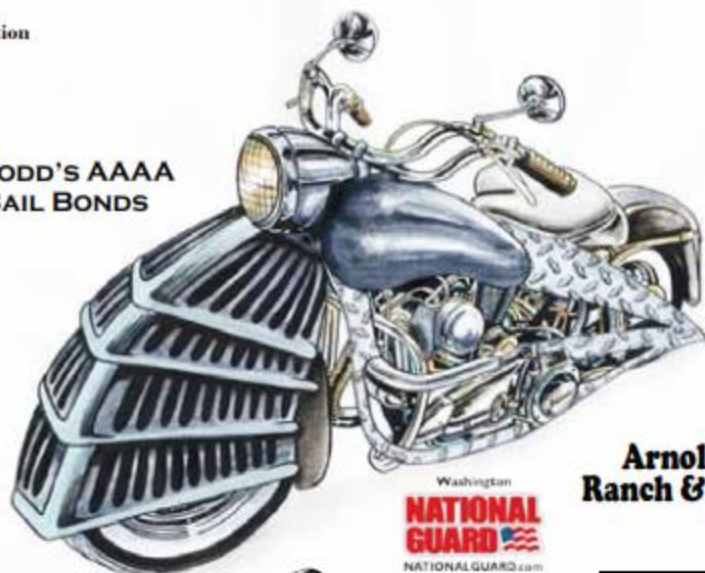
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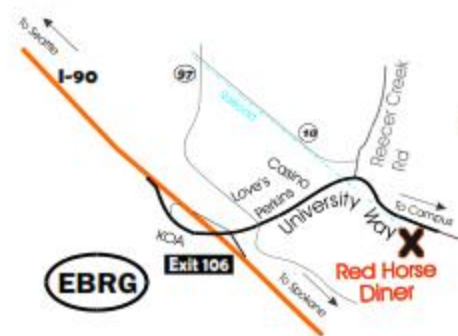
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4:00 pm First bikes return to Red Horse.
4:30 pm Live music - Roadfever.
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12:30 pm Rode City Rollergirls demo.
1:30 pm Best of Show Balloting Ends.
1:45 pm Category winners announced (judged).
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- ◇ People's Choice ◇
- ◇ ◇ ◇ Best of Show ◇ ◇ ◇

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Metric Full Dresser
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*Large photo this page:
Spanaway Chapter supporting
Tacoma Chapter's Anniversary/Valentines party
February 2015*

UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

The Washington State Senate recently declared May as **Motorcycle Awareness Month** (see page 11). It's a good reminder to all that safety on the roadway should be everyone's priority. Remind the public we are out there and to please be aware. Our state products committee carries "Share the Road" branded items (see page 34) and Key Peninsula Secretary Glenyce kicks off our chapter reports this month with some ideas for spreading the message (page 12). Speaking of chapter reports, we have 15 in this issue which tops the record for the past few years. Thank you contributors for all you do to make *Freedom* interesting and enjoyable for members and potential members alike.

In closing, be sure to catch Brian's legislative update starting on page 10. Give some serious thought to his proposal. It sounds like an excellent way to make a difference.

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Motorcycle Awareness Month

JUNE

14 ECOM Meeting
Johnny's at Fife, 11am

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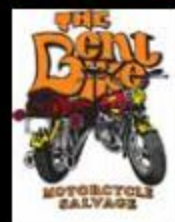
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From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

Well our helmet bill and lane filtering bill did not go as far as we hoped, but we did have a hearing on both in the Senate which was quite an accomplishment. Many thought it unlikely that we'd get a hearing on either one.

I want to thank Brian Lange for all his hard work, Double D and Donnie Landsman for some excellent testimony, all of the ABATE members, the U S Defenders, COC, Larry Walker and all of the independents for all the calls, emails, and personal meetings with our legislators. One thing I would like everyone to remember is WE WILL NOT GIVE UP.

Our Spring Swap Meet was a tremendous success. Rona Smith and Scott Robinson worked very hard to make sure it would be a great event and they did not let us down. It was nice to see no empty vendor spots inside and we had excellent participation

from the general public. It would be nice to see a few more ABATE members show up but it's all good. There will probably be a Fall swap meet but it won't be a state event. We will have to wait and see.

Now here is an event that I hope everyone is waiting for: SPRING OPENER 2015. This year's event we hope will be even better than last year's. Jimmy and the committee have been working hard to make sure everything falls into place. We have the location, the music, and enough things to do to keep you as busy as you want to be. There will be a couple of new items this year you won't want to miss and all of the usual things we always enjoy. And don't forget the raffle bike and the certificate for the pair of Ruger 45's, I know there will be some extremely happy winners. Hope to see everyone there.

"There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." ♦

Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

The Swap meet in Monroe was again a success. Many thanks to our STATE Secretary Rona Smith. I would like to thank all the Vendors for their participation. Also, thanks to all the folks who helped out with the set up. For the folks who do this work, we all know how much time and effort is put out year after year... Good Job.

Let's not forget the importance of the purpose of this event, fundraising for our Legislative work. Remember, your support from just being a member and attending these events continues to contribute funds to our fight for our rights on the Political battlefield. We are the Motorcycle Patriots of the State of Washington and we have gained recognition from the entire country with our efforts. We need to be proud of this and continue to inform the other riders of their missed opportunity to be in the fight during these Historic years for ABATE OF WASHINGTON. There is change in OLYMPIA. They see the legitimate stand we are making as Motorcycle Rights fighters. Do not stop the Ride to victory. Be proud members, Join the fight.

For the fun stuff ahead here comes the SPRING OPENER, our chance to all join for a great camp out. Another opportunity to see old friends and maybe see some of them for the last year. For that reason make plans to be there. We have made this event into a very well run Motorcycle Party. SHOW UP! It is the best place you can go for the price for the entire weekend. Cool games, bike show, Poker Run, Live music, GIVING AWAY A BRAND NEW Harley!!! and lots of other prizes. Pack your frinking bags and be there. SEE YA THERE!! ♦





Legislative Affairs Officer

Brian Lange

By now most, if not all of you have learned that SB5198 (the helmet bill) missed getting voted out of committee by one vote. We are now faced with the tough uphill battle of starting from scratch in January of 2016. Have no doubt,

ABATE is not going to sit back and not push a helmet bill. It is the top priority for the next session. Just as it has been since the Head Injury Prevention Act was foisted upon us in 1990.

However, we must not sit back until next Black Thursday and hope to be able to convince those in the legislature to support us in our efforts to restore Liberty to the helmet issue. That being said, here is what I would like to see happen this summer; ABATE members, both chapter members and independents, schedule meetings with your legislators in their home district offices. This has a couple of benefits. One is that it gives us another opportunity to have a face to face meeting with our legislators, and provide them with reasons to support our issues. Another is that the more we actually interact with the legislators, the more they can put a face to our needs and desires.

I know that I for one am planning on meeting with as many members of the House and Senate Transportation Committees as possible this summer. This is important to keep the pressure on. Not only for the helmet bill we will be introducing in January, but also to get our lane-sharing bills language restored. The language it had when it left the Senate is so abhorrent to the Chair of the House Transportation Committee that it won't even get a hearing as it is. However, the Vice Chair, Rep. Moscoso has agreed to introduce an amendment to restore the earlier more effective language to the bill. It will still need support from the members of the Committee to get a hearing. So we need to ensure that the Committee members understand we agree with Chairwoman Cliburn that the language is bad, and it needs to be fixed.

So, how are we going to keep our message united and on point? By speaking with the legislators and giving them all the same message. When you, or your Chapter is getting ready to make your appointments, email me at legislative1@abate-wa.org and I will send you a reply with a few documents attached.

These documents will be a slightly edited version of the 2014

Black Thursday packet, as well as documentation to support our position on the helmet law, and lane sharing/filtering bill. These should put everyone on the same page, and allow us to present a uniform message to the legislators.

Since these appointments will have to be during the work week, I do not expect every ABATE member to be able to have the time to visit their legislators. However, if enough Chapters make the effort, including our biggest "Chapter," the independents, we should be able to get a good coverage of the state. Hey, we're bikers, right? So do something to make the meetings fun...if you can, make it a run to see your legislators. A group of ABATE members riding to the district offices of their legislators on a nice summer day will do a great deal to keep our issues in the minds of the legislators. Plus, it will be much easier for many of you on the east side of the Cascades to visit your district office than it is for you to come to Olympia on Black Thursday. I really can't think of anything more important to create a run for than to help fight for your Liberty to exercise your Rights.

Imagine how a legislator like Rep. Matt Shea from Spokane for example, would be much more effectively reached by a group of his constituents in his district office than by non-constituent ABATE members in Olympia on Black Thursday. Legislators are much more likely to listen when it is their own constituents giving them the information than someone who isn't from their district and therefore has no real impact on the legislator's career. The main goal here is to get ABATE members at home to show their concerns about ABATE issues in a uniform and concerted effort during the off session period.

One of the best ways may be to simply (if there is enough time) show your legislator the testimony of ABATE and our allies in the COC and BOLT during the hearing for SB5198. The video should only be about ten minutes long. Remember, this was the hearing where after we testified virtually all the WSP could come up with in opposition to our testimony was the statement that helmets protect motorcyclists from "flying lug nuts" and other debris. Stay with the facts in the documents I'll supply via return email, and don't be afraid to say "I don't know" if the legislator asks a question you don't have the answer to. But try to always follow up that "I don't know" with something like; "I'll get that information to you as soon as possible." It helps to reinforce the fact we are working with the legislators to get the job done properly, and not just making up, or distorting facts to suit our own wishes.

I may run into some of you as I spend a good portion of this summer traveling around the state to meet with key legislators about our helmet law struggle, as well as trying to gain

Measure adopted by Senate declaring May Motorcycle Awareness Month; thank you Senator Jan Angel, 26th Legislative District for sponsoring along with other Senators

support for the restoration of effective language to our lane sharing/filtering bill. Together this Summer we may be able to have an effect that could ripple all the way back to Olympia next January. Get out and ride, and visit your legislators. Isn't that what we do anyway, ride and enjoy ourselves on the road?

Make this Summer the time to ride, enjoy yourself, and get something worthwhile accomplished.

Catch you on the road sometime... ◇

SENATE RESOLUTION 8627

By Senators Angel, Bailey, Brown, Warnick, Roach, Miloscia, Sheldon, Hasegawa, Padden, O'Ban, Rivers, Dammeier, Rolfes, and Conway

WHEREAS, Washington State is committed to the promotion of safety programs, policies, and actions; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of motorcyclists travel the roads, streets, highways, and interstate systems of Washington State every day; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycles are fuel-efficient vehicles that have access to Washington State High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, promoting a less congested travel way; and

WHEREAS, Motorcyclists help to provide funds for the transportation infrastructure of Washington State that they and others use; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the motorcycling community is committed to motorcycle safety and awareness and promotes policies and procedures for themselves and other motorists in order to create a safe roadway for all; and

WHEREAS, The motorcycling community is filled with people dedicated to charitable organizations and activities; and

WHEREAS, Hundreds of motorcyclists, like those of Bikers Against Child Abuse, band together to support kids and other vulnerable communities all around the state; and

WHEREAS, The month of May is recognized nationally and throughout the state as Motorcyclist Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate celebrate the month of May as

Motorcycle Awareness Month

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the AAA Washington office, the ABATE of Washington office, the Washington Road Riders Association office, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and the headquarters of the Washington State Patrol and the Washington State Department of Transportation.

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8627,
adopted by the Senate

March 24, 2015
HUNTER G. GOODMAN
Secretary of the Senate

Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

The Tax Man took it all away or at least all he could. I think we should ALL pay a set percentage of all income over \$1000.00 period. If everyone paid the same the computers can/will be able to tell at any point in time exactly what we owe. And we would all pay our share. Get rid of the IRS completely and replace it with a computer and the necessary techs to support it. The government wants to get us all under its control; tell us where to go, when to go, what job we can have, how much we can work, what to eat, what to wear... You get the picture! And if you don't, the government probably has taken your rights already...

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We, the People, must NEVER give up our rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America.

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Enough of that!!!

It is May. The sun is shining and the flowers are blooming—achoo!

May is the month set aside nationwide to concentrate on Motorcycle Awareness. It is a month set aside to emphasize the importance of increased numbers of motorcycles on the nation's roadways and the paramount action of SHARING THE ROAD!!!

All vehicles on the roads have an equal right to roadway usage with the reasonable expectation of being physically safe from harm from other users of the roadway. There is a multitude of laws spelling out the ways this should be accomplished. In some cases the

laws are more stringent than necessary and infringe on our rights as citizens to enjoy the freedoms given to us by the Constitution. That is why we keep trying to get rid of the law that says we as motorcycle riders MUST wear helmets when we ride. I think we should have the FREEDOM to choose whether we wear one or not. Otherwise, if we MUST wear a helmet when operating our vehicle, ALL vehicle operators should wear a helmet too at all times when in their vehicles. Come on now—Let's be FAIR about this. There are way more disabling injuries suffered in automobile accidents every year than there are motorcycles on the road. Just think about how many lives would be saved by everyone in cars wearing helmets!!!

MAYbe MAY has caused MAYhem in my mind.

MAYbe madness is close behind!

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH in Washington state. Let's ALL get the word out. The ABATE yard signs are a small step in our neighborhoods. Hopefully, the highway reader boards will flash the message numerous times. How about if each one of us went to a local business and asked them to use their reader board for a "look for Motorcycles" message for a week or even one day? Is there a bumper sticker on YOUR car that says watch for motorcycles? Have you posted a message to your Facebook page? Have you visited a driver's ed class on your bike to say "Hi" and let the new drivers know how important it is to watch out for motorcycles? Have you talked with your children and

grandchildren and their friends about how much more motorcycle riders get hurt on a motorcycle than people in cars? These are all just little things we can do on our own or with our friends or the Chapter. Let's step up and make EVERYONE aware of motorcycles!

Senator Jan Angel from District 26 presented the Resolution to the Washington state Senate to make May Motorcycle Awareness month in Washington. The official proclamation arrived in the mail and is on file with the state and state ABATE with an extra copy for use by others. Use it as a Public Relations door opener if you have the opportunity.

Key Peninsula Chapter hosted a Swap Meet in April and the Annual Chapter Run is May 2. June will be very busy for everyone and we realize there are many events every weekend but hopefully, there will be some who want a family friendly fun day for Father's Day on June 21. Fathers get half-price admission to the KeyFest on Father's Day with another paid admission OR you can enter your motorcycle in the Motorcycle Show@KeyFest for \$10 this month which includes your admission. The Carnival is bigger and better, there are many vendors, good food, and lots of entertainment on the stage right next to the beer garden. Visit the web page www.keyfest.org for all the details and entry forms for the Motorcycle Show or Car Show or to be a vendor. See you there. ♦

East Pierce County Chapter

From MIC "LEPRECHAUN" CAIN, COORDINATOR

Well, here it comes ... May, the month of all things spring: Mayday, Mother's Day, and the start of what passes for good weather in this neck of the woods. We had a typical Bunny Hop Run back in March – rained when we fired up the bikes and stopped when we shut them down. Could it be the vibration from the bikes shaking raindrops out of the clouds? Even so, we had a great time, and got to meet some truly spectacular people. This year's recipient was Valley Cities Counseling Wraparound Project, which serves families in Pierce and King Counties. We were able to furnish them with over 180 filled Easter baskets, plus the cash donation raised from entry fees, raffles and 50/50 sales. The 50/50 winner (John Stoll) donated his winnings back to the fund, as well as holding true to his tradition of providing transport for the baskets, when he could have been riding. The man is a hero, no doubt. Others to mention are Linda Peters and Della Bell, the co-founders of this ride, and our Secretary, Laura Cain, who coordinated with the Valley Cities folk to insure that we got to meet those kids, and hand

them baskets in person. I don't care how tough a biker you may be, we all felt the tug on the heartstrings when we saw those kids' faces as we rode in. They are young enough – and innocent enough – to take us at face value. The rest of society could learn a lot from them!

April included our Support the Supporters Run – to say thank you to those establishments that take care of us throughout the year. Can't comment on the ride, as it hasn't happened as of this writing, but for those who wish to find out what riding with EPCC is like, we do have the Mystery Run coming up on May 23rd, starting out at Wayne's in Puyallup (see flyer for details). Can't tell you much more about it (MYSTERY IN THE TITLE) but there will be 50/50, raffles, and possibly a silent auction (if they find a way to gag the Leprechaun). Looking forward to looking back on it with all who come out! ♦



Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

Over the last several months the Tacoma Chapter has been trying some new things. I mentioned in the Freedom Newsletter a few months ago that we were riding in Chapter sponsored Impromptu Rides – rides that are put together suddenly when the idea hits someone. These rides don't have ride fees, games, or even predetermined destinations! Now we are mixing up our monthly Social to include biker friendly businesses other than our regular haunt The Right Spot. Last month we went to the Flying Boots in Tacoma and had a blast singing karaoke, roaming tables and booths catching up with other members, chatting in groups and coming up with "Bamboo" a unique road name for Ricky, one of our regular members. You will have to visit one of our meetings or Socials to find out how he got his road name. ♦



Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

It is hard to believe another month has passed already. We finally got hit with the rain and snow we haven't gotten all winter now that April rolled around. Everyone has been getting out whenever possible and enjoying the riding whenever they can. Members have spread out and been seen at events in Tacoma, Spanaway, and elsewhere over the past month.

I even received word that at least one Elk Country Chapter member was at the gun show in Tacoma today. While a couple of others were in Tenino helping the Olympia Chapter with a fund raiser following their Blessing of the Bikes. It is really good to be able to work together with other Chapters to help the organization and get things accomplished.

Our Sgt at Arms, T has been busy selling bike raffle tickets. I am not sure yet of his final count, but he has clearly sold the vast majority of Elk Country Chapters tickets. Way to go T, keep up the good work!

Also this past month, we got things nailed down for the September run/campout with Elk Country and Spanaway Chapters. We'll be camping at the Cascade Peaks Campground & Resort on the nights of September 11th & 12th. This campground is right on US-12, about halfway between Randle and Packwood. It also sits right on the Cowlitz River. This ought to be a really good time for all who attend. With some really spectacular roads to ride in the area, it will be a pleasure to show them to our Brothers & Sisters from other Chapters.

Until next month, Ride Free, and I'll catch you on the road sometime... ♦

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Wow, where is the time going?? We are already a 1/4 of the way into this new year and the Opener is not that far away. As you read this, our first run of the year will be over and we will be into our second run of the year. See some of the runs and events have changed dates as well as places, just a sign of the times I guess. Hope everyone is selling tons of tickets for Spring Opener. Sure hope I could win any of the raffles.

Hey folks, lets be more careful out there. Heard some folks have already crashed or fell over. I read the "MRF" rag last week and can't believe what some states are doing or up against – just wonder where the brains are. Just because it's thought up [us or them] does not make it a good idea. Please think of all the different sides and how it can be twisted. Learn to read between the lines, the law does. Hope to see ya down the road somewhere. ♦

Rat City Chapter

From TIM MCCALL, COORDINATOR

Greetings from Rat City,

I want to personally thank those who didn't freeze on our annual Freeze Your Butt Off Run. Raising \$1,000 for Rat City's Legislative fund, it was a success since turnout was great thanks to help from those who got the word out. Big shout-outs go to the businesses that hosted us on our run; Irish and Marjorie for their dedication to the cause; and the weather for cooperating.

In the coming months, we'll be preparing for our annual Rat Roast which will be held at James Hemmingsen's house in Kent. The event is scheduled for August 29th, so keep your calendars clear! Donations are requested at the event raising funds for Rat City's Downed Rider Fund. We'll be posting updates to the Rat City Chapter Facebook page as the date approaches.

Unfortunately, those that have to fight traffic to reach our events won't be able to legally "split" traffic. While I can't speculate as to why the lane splitting bill fell on tough times, after passing the State Senate with a horrible amendment, the biennial session allows us to revisit this issue and the helmet bill next year. At that time, we can push those bills and address the "HOT" issue that has recently arisen next session. I look forward to the challenge. ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello members,

It has been a very mild winter & spring is looking pretty promising. (I love warm weather. ☺)

Things over here are good. Members keep showing up for meetings and we just got a new member. Welcome Ken.

Due to Scott and I being out of town last month, we didn't have enough chair people to hold a meeting so it was canceled. But we are back on track this month. Come on over and say hi.

Our chapter is still planning for the Festival Of Wheels in August and we will be selling raffle tickets for a travel package (tickets available soon).

Our date night is coming right up. Let's plan a good one, maybe to the casino??

Keep riding and supporting the other chapters when you can. Looking forward to the BOD...

Until next time. ◇

Columbia River Chapter

From ANGELA PARKISON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Spring is here! Spring is here!

Hello from the Beautiful Wenatchee Valley!

Columbia River Chapter has been busy busy planning the 11th Annual Best Run by a Dam Site, sponsored by Bikerstown USA. This is taking place on Sunday May 3rd, leaving Bikerstown USA, 611 S. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee. Registration starts at 8am, KSU at 9am. There will be 5 stops and will end at the Red Horse Diner in Ellensburg to support our Kittitas Abate Chapter! This run is FREE and open to any street legal motorcycle! This is a sponsored Poker Run with stops at Quincy Rest Area, Dusty's in Ephrata, MarDon Resort which will also be our lunch stop then on to Vantage for the last poker hand and prizes!! Grand prize is a \$200 Gift Certificate to Bikerstown USA! We will leave Vantage and ride onto the Red Horse Diner! Please join us and lets have some fun!

Spring Swap Meet was awesome! Always a good time seeing other Chapters and saying hello. Not to mention coming some with some awesome stuff at a great price! Our members thought it was better having everything in the Pavilion.

Our chapter is growing!! We may not be big but we are mighty and believe in fighting for our Motorcycle Rights! Our Sgt. at Arms Surely (pronounced Shirley) was involved in an accident where a driver did not see him and broad sided him coming off of an accident. The driver decided too late to take the exit and Surely ended up laying his bike down. Coordinator Roundabout advised him to look in the back of the Freedom and talk to one of the attorneys that supports ABATE. I want to take a moment and say...Surely who is new to ABATE, was very glad that we have people on our side. The drivers reason for hitting him... "I did not see you." We are wishing Surely a speedy recovery!! Remember even when we ride, we need to ride with caution and always be prepared!

Our Chapter is also very excited for Spring Opener! Hoping for less rain and more sunshine but we still will have a great time!

As always, keep it shiny side up and the rubber on the ground! ◇

Kittitas County Chapter

From BERYL KELLEY, KITTITAS CHAPTER

Our Annual Easter Basket Ride was 4/4. We met at Ellensburg Powersports for coffee and doughnuts, then rode out to Olmstead State park to join the Moose Lodge Easter Egg Hunt. We took about 120 bags of candy this time, and it was not enough. We ran out of candy after the first 2 age groups. The younger kids got their share, and they had fun sitting on the bikes. We will bring more next year.

We are making progress on the bike show plans for May 2 and 3. The fancy 11x17 posters are ready, and the t-shirts are ordered. The entertainment is booked, and the music licensing issue has been handled. Road Captains have agreed on the final run route for the Saturday Poker Run. This year we are offering 2 small escorted groups in addition to our traditional "choose your own route" plan. The trophy team is finishing up the welding and decorating for the trophies. Raffle tickets are in for both the shotgun raffle and the pistol raffle. The pistol is on display at Brothers N Arms, and the shotgun has been ordered. Columbia River Chapter has scheduled their Dam Run to end up at Red Horse on Sunday. The bike show committee is meeting weekly through the end of the month to handle the final details for the show. Hope to see you there!

The Wine Tour Ride on 4/18 is being postponed to a later date to allow us to concentrate on the bike show. Road Captains will keep us posted. Rides are listed on the chapter website and posted on our Facebook page. We discussed changing the wording on the notice for our monthly chapter rides. In 2013, we announced that we have a run after each chapter meeting (weather permitting), and this is on our meeting page on the website. We have not yet started monthly rides, and we agreed to change the wording to say that the monthly ride is announced at the meeting one month before. Our first ride for 2015 will be after the May meeting.

Phil and Sherri have volunteered to work with Central Washington Chapter for planning Fall Down Bash. They will report back when there is news.

Happy April Birthday to Faye and Kristin. ♦

Olympia Chapter

From LOUISE BENTLEY, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Well, our 17th Annual Bike Blessing is in the books! Despite Mother Nature making an appearance with some rain and a little hail, we carried out a great event for 56 bikes. All of us here at the Olympia Chapter would like to sincerely thank all who supported our event including: Northwest Harley-Davidson for a wonderful breakfast and group ride to the Abbey; Christian Crusaders for providing refreshments; Elk Country Chapter for participating and running our auction (Brian and Robin Lange, you did a great, comedic job!); Powder Keg for an awesome buffet lunch and after-blessing accommodations; all the riders who participated; and all the Chapter members who helped prepare, clean up and run the Blessing. Great Job! A lot of time, dedication and effort went into pulling off this event and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves.



(photo: l to r, Brian and Robin Lange, Elk Country Chp, Carole Apple and Angela Hyatt, Olympia Chp)

We kept ourselves busy with other things as well. On March 26th, we presented a motorcycle safety class to the local high school.

We responded to the national CTA (put out by LAO Brian Lange) on behalf of US Defenders in Maryland in support of their anti-profiling efforts – let's hope we were able to help them!

I also made it to the Tacoma Chapter's meeting and gained some insight on the upcoming BOD and our Sergeant At Arms and I made it to the Elk Country chapter's meeting this month.

Hope everyone is getting a chance to ride and attend some of the events going on around here. Ride Safe, Ride Often! ♦

Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

Boy, hope everyone is enjoying our weather. One of the warmest winters in history. Hope it carries over for our summer. There are lots of rides on our busy calendar. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Sad that our efforts fell short to get our lane filtering and helmet bill passed this year. But we will be back harder and faster next year.

Spanaway Chapter held its first raffle this year. We raffled off a \$500 gift card for the Tulalip Indian Casino with only 306 tickets. Winner of the gift card was Rebecca Donaldson. 2nd place winner receiving two Spring Opener tickets was Travis Mackner (ABT Towing owner). Congratulations to our winners. And thanks to all who supported us in our first raffle.

Some of us got together in April for a Bloody Mary ride at The Garage Bar and Grill in Bremerton. There was about



thirty of us. They make a Bloody Mary like you have never seen.

American Steel MC had its annual Rain or Shine run in April. With proceeds going to BASH, I heard they donated about \$1,300 to a most worthy group. A big tip of the helmet to the American Steel MC guys and gals. Well done. Tacoma Chapter's Tammy Nelson got injured on this ride. We all hope for a fast recovery to her.

By the time this comes out ABATE of Spanaway will of had its first bike ride under its belt. I hope for good things to report next month on our annual End of Winter Run. It is always a good ride for all.

Spanaway Chapter has just put the final touches on our Spring Opener poker run. If you didn't go last year try to make plans for this year. It was good last year even with the rain. This year will be bigger and better. With all proceeds from the run going to Spring Opener committee.

Be safe out there and good to each other. ♦

Tri-Cities Chapter

From **KATHI "KAT" BOLTON, COORDINATOR**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

By the time you read this, the Tri Cities chapter will have just completed our largest annual event, the LIBERTY RIDE!! Over last weekend, we did the dry run. It reminded me of this glorious country we live in. Where else can you: ride 130 miles, shoot your own gun, see beautiful green rolling hills of wheat, go thru twisty windies, see Izzy the camel, drop in on several breweries and wine tastings, and win 3 guns, and camp if you want.

Having said that, let me THANK Joni and her committee, who have worked nonstop on the event.

With the ending of the legislative session, let me remind you of a few things.

- Keep those relationships with the legislators that have furthered our cause.
- When you have events, invite them to speak.
- When they have town halls, charity events, political party events, go to them.
- Please know who is up for re-election. If you feel strongly about a candidate, be a resource for them.

Keep up the work, always look for the opportunities, to further our cause. ML&R ♦

South King County Chapter

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

As of today I note that the Great Weather Riding Season is upon us. The SKCC Jim Adams Memorial Ride (JAMR) is our next event on May 9. The JAMR proceeds will support our Legislative War Chest and the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting. Thanks to our volunteers who stepped up to put together a fun event for all. See flyer in this newsletter.

The ABATE of Washington Swap Meet in Monroe was a huge success with around 1,900 paid admissions. I did find a Bendix Carburetor Float for my 1973 Superglide. Several members from the SKCC chapter made the trip to Monroe and purchased needed items to complete projects.

The April BOD is a week away with very few agenda items slated for discussion. BOD meetings are open for all members to attend, the next one's in July hosted by EPCC.

We gained a new member, Ann. Welcome.

Ride safe and use due caution at all times. ♦

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEP. COORDINATOR

The bike show is here!!! Yep it's this month on the third Sunday in May. So mark your calendars and bring your bike down and enter it in the show! This should be the biggest and best so far. Many vendors, lots of music, a beer garden in the street out front of Stewart's and trophies for every category of motorcycle. So come on down to Snohomish on the 17th and join in the fun!

As Spring approaches remember to give to your local food bank, as this is the time of year they seem to run short. Sky Valley just dropped a truckload of food from our Shakin' the Winter Blues party. I have included a news spot in the Tribune we got coverage in. Can't believe I'm already thinking about the Spring Opener, but it's sneaking up on us fast. Last year was a blast and it looks like this year could top it!!

Don't have much more news at this time as we are up to our eyes in the bike show so I will keep it short. See you in the wind (and at the bike show). ◇

North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

We have a couple of rides coming up, one in May and another in June. Our May ride is on May 30th and it's a Memorial Ride for Kitsap Mike and all our departed friends. KSU at All Star Lanes in Silverdale at 9:00am (come early for breakfast). We will ride up to Hurricane Ridge and have a picnic lunch. We will stop at Safeway in Port Angeles to grab lunch. This ride is open to all and a no fee ride.

We are also having a Scavenger Hunt on June 6th. Signups start at The Garage Bar and Grill in Bremerton at 9:00am. Last year's hunt was a blast despite the weather. This is a team event of 2 – 6 people per team. You will need a digital camera or camera phone. At the end of the hunt we will have a slide show of all the photos taken. For more info on either one of these rides leave message for Margie at 360-307-9736. ◇

ABATE gives back to the community

Once again Sky Valley Chapter of ABATE of Washington gives back to the community. The folks responsible for the Sky Valley ABATE Motorcycle Show every year in Snohomish on First Street, donated a truck load of food for the Sky Valley Food Bank. Every year the Sky Valley Chapter gives a large check from the proceeds of the bike show (held the third Sunday in May) to the Snohomish Food Bank and to the Snohomish Senior Center. This time, with the proceeds of their Shakin' the Winter Blues Party in Monroe, they donated to the Sky Valley Food Bank in a big way.

So when you hear the roar of a group of Harley's coming down the street with the ABATE flag flying off the back of Rod's bike, remember they are not just on a ride but out working for a charity.

Pictured with (center) one of the folks from Monroe is Rod Hobelman (Coordinator for the chapter) and Roger Hanson (Deputy coordinator).



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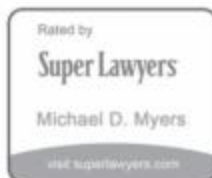


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MRF REPORT

By JAY & GLENYCE JACKSON
MRF Reps for Washington State

May—Motorcycle Awareness Month all across the United States of America. There is lots going on in Washington, D.C. but the most important to us at the moment is the **Bikers Inside the Beltway**, the **7th Annual Michael “Boz” Kerr Memorial Lobby Day**. And, more important to us, we will be there! I am waiting to hear about appointment times with the Washington state Legislators but if I don’t get specific times, we’ll just drop in. This will be the first time in a number of years that Washington will have motorcycle representatives there. We’re praying for a stretch of good weather for the week before and after the 14th of May so we have an enjoyable ride. What a great way to celebrate May! More important news:

Keep Our Interstates Toll-Free

How would you like to see the number of tolls on America’s interstates multiply like rabbits? That’s just around the corner unless we make our voices heard.

You may think the interstate in your backyard is safe from having tolls slapped on it by politicians and bureaucrats, but the interstate tolling murmur is growing in Washington DC, and it’s coming from both sides of the aisle.

Under current law, States are prohibited from tolling any roads that were built since the inception of the Federal Interstate Highway System in 1956.

Last spring, President Obama proposed eliminating the longstanding ban on tolling existing interstates and giving every state the option of tolling them to raise transportation revenue. That means continuing to pay for roads with the current gas tax and then tacking on an additional toll for each interstate you use.

How bad can it get? Have you ever traveled through New Jersey and New York? Imagine suffering that tolling nightmare everywhere across the country. We’re talking about the possibility of hundreds of dollars in tolls for a single long trip.

But it’s not just Democrats who want to toll our existing interstates. Powerful Republican Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) recently voiced strong support for letting states toll any interstate they’d like. If this idea continues to get traction and the interstate tolling levee breaks, expect riding on interstates to get a lot more expensive, unsafe, and inconvenient.

The new highway bill could be up for debate at the end of May, and we need to fight hard against interstate tolls. One step the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has taken is joining the Alliance for Toll-Free Interstates, a broad coalition of interstate users and businesses who want to see our interstates protected from new tolls.

ATFI is building momentum through a national petition to keep our interstates toll-free. **Please take 30 seconds to sign the petition today. You can also spread the word and help make tolling impossible for politicians by liking ATFI on Facebook and following them on Twitter.** They put out a lot of good content, and the wider it gets circulated, the more public opposition there will be.

It is important to visit **www.TollFreeInterstates.com** to learn more about ATFI and sign the petition today. Help spread the word by directing your riding friends to also sign the petition.

Privacy

The United States Senate has addressed the event data recorder (EDR) data ownership issue. Currently the ownership of the information captured on an EDR is not clear. This **S. 766**, sponsored by Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Hoeven (R-ND), would make the data the property of the vehicle owner or lessee. Not many motorcycles have EDRs currently, but some do, and certainly more are coming as technology creeps into motorcycling. The MRF asks that you contact your senators and ask them to cosponsor this legislation. Similar legislation is forthcoming in the House of Representatives.

Transportation

President Obama released his ideal transportation bill this week, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). Known as the GROW AMERICA 2.0 act, this blueprint is essentially the same draft he has circulated before that has fallen on deaf ears in Congress. It's widely accepted that this bill is dead on arrival in Congress. Obama's bill idea would spend \$478 billion over six years, which is where we need to be. However, he never suggests how to pay for the legislation, a major sticking point in the highway funding process. Certainly we do need a long term bill, just not this one.

The President's bill idea again contains the language to circumnavigate the lobby ban placed on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Currently, the administration is banned from using taxpayer money to lobby state legislatures. President Obama's bill would "allow the Secretary (of Transportation) or his designee to engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet laws."

This ambiguous language dissolves the ban and allows for President Obama to not come out for helmet laws. According to a high ranking Department of Transportation (DOT) official, as told to the MRF, the language may be interpreted by the DOT to "work with states to relax helmet use laws, because it doesn't say that the designee would work to enact laws, just proposals. Perhaps some of those proposals could be to allow for adult choice of helmet use; you never know."

The fact is we do know. Never in the history of the MRF has an official from DOT ever even considered relaxing helmet laws. It doesn't stop there; the draft also has a provision to fund states that want to have graduated licensing standards. This bill is unlikely to gather any support on Capitol Hill, but it is telling of what the President really wants.

NTSB New Board Members

The Senate recently confirmed two National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) members this week: Chris Hart, and Dr. Bella Dihn-Zarr. Hart will serve as chairman of the board, while Dihn-Zarr will serve as a board member. Hart has currently been the acting chair for almost a year. Hart is a natural choice as he has served on and off the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) since 1990. Dihn-Zarr, a public health and transportation scientist, has served at NHTSA, AAA, and her last post was heading up the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA Foundation). The Motorcycle Riders Foundation looks forward to working with the new NTSB members on motorcycle safety where we can agree.

Bikers Inside The Beltway

If you have not already done so, save the date for the 7th Annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside The Beltway. This year's event will be held in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, May 14th, 2015. Come to D.C. and participate in the only national motorcycle lobby day. You likely do this at your own state capitol so why not come to D.C.? The laws made in D.C. can affect you just as much as the ones that come from your state capitol. The MRF will provide free secure motorcycle parking close to the Capitol building, lobby materials and anything you need to effectively lobby your federal elected officials. Do contact the MRF office if you plan on attending or if you have questions about the event. Ride safe, Ride free, Ride responsibly.

Glenyce Jackson
MRF Rep for Washington

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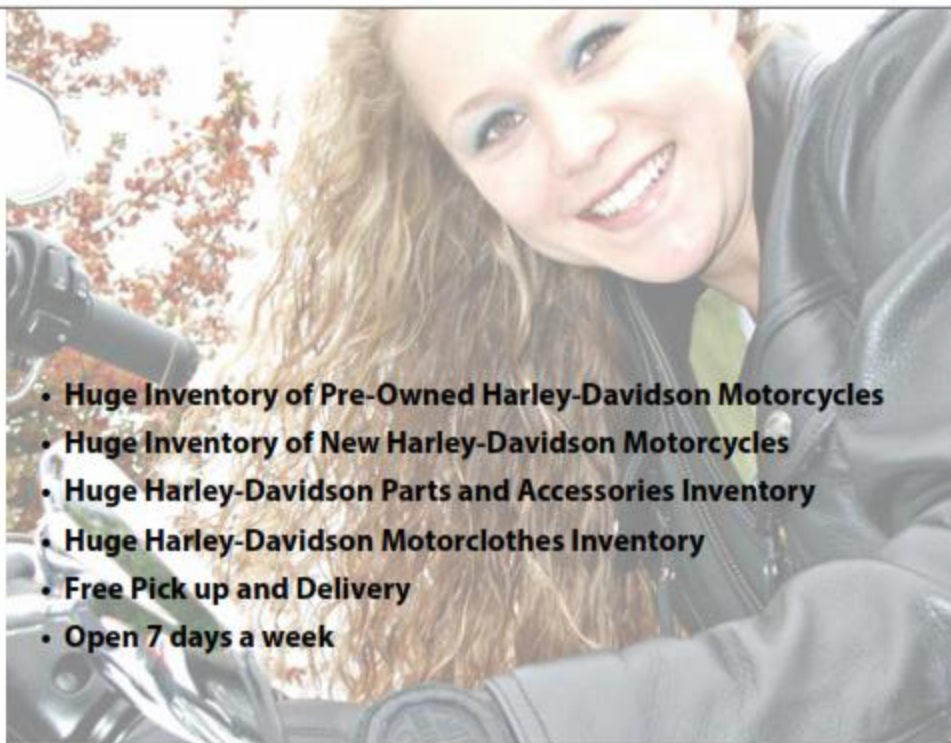
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