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# CHAPTER DIRECTORY

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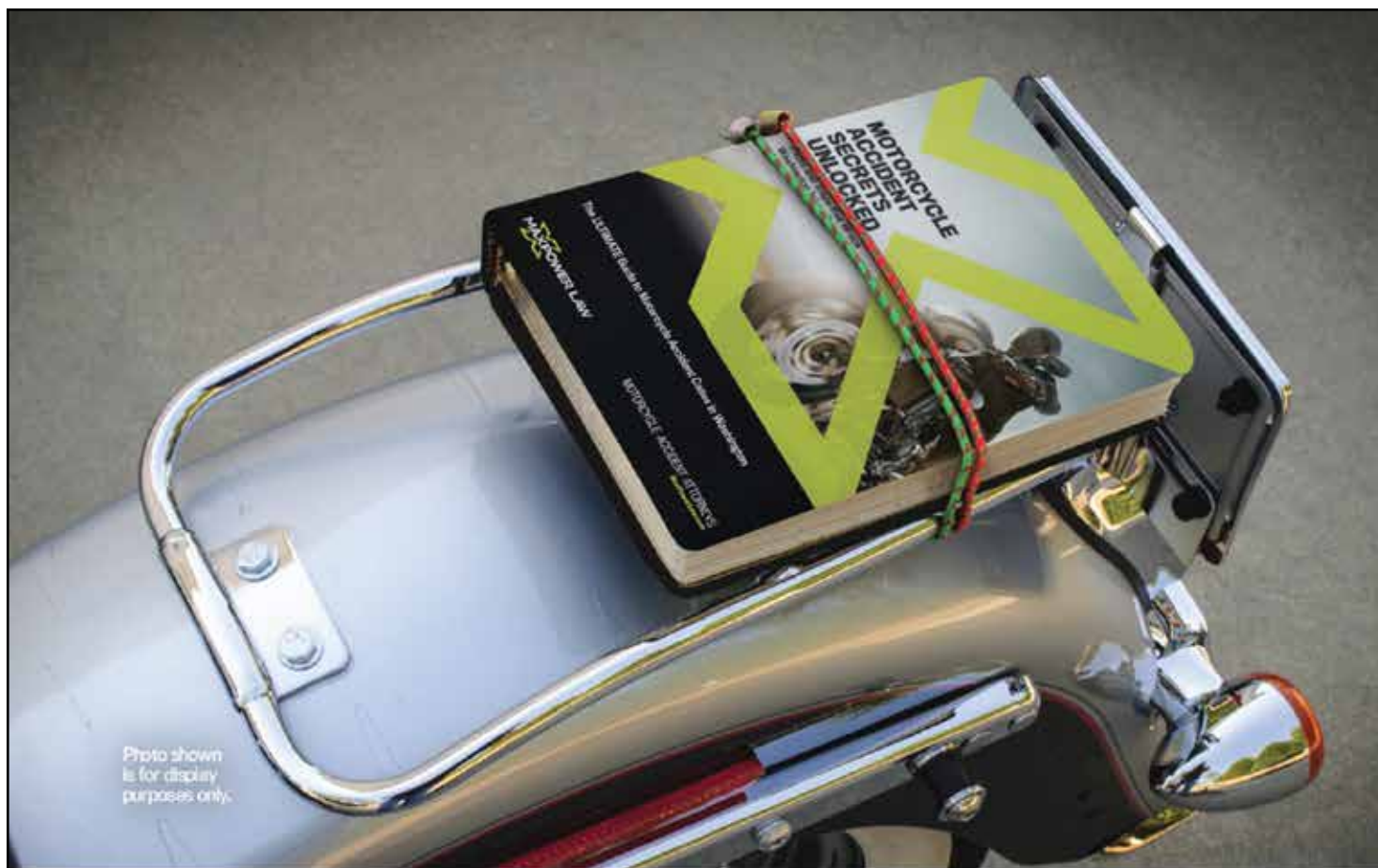
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Membership is open to anyone, 18 years  
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whether or not you own or ride a motorcycle.

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*Photo this page: Star Lake Run during the Elbe stop. (photo: Star Lake Chapter)*

*Photo opposite page top: Tony Luond with a Milkshake Bucket. (photos: Alice Brown)*

*Photo opposite page bottom: Jenny Rogers during Elk Chapter's Penrose Run. (photo: Elk County Chapter)*

*Cover: Pastor Rick passing of the torch to Sam Bonomo during BoD. (photo: Chris Varner)*



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### NOVEMBER

**09** Veterans Parade,  
*South King County Chpt - Auburn*

### DECEMBER

**01** Jumbo's Memorial Toy Run,  
*SWWMA - Kelso*

**07** Olympia Toy Run,  
*Olympia*

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## From the State Coordinator

### Lyle Coyle

Well it is that time of year again when we have voted in chapter officers for the next year or in many cases reelect the same ones as the prior year. These officers are now your voice in the running of your chapter, they are not and never should be the people who say what is going to happen, that is the member's job. If you took the job as coordinator so you could tell everyone what they are going to do you didn't read the job description, if you took the job as treasurer so you can control where and when money is spent you didn't read the job description, if you took any of the elected positions thinking your voice is going to mean more than the membership you didn't read the job description.

The coordinator is the voice of the chapter, not his or her voice but that of the chapter, the deputy coordinator is to oversee committees and take the place of the coordinator when the coordinator is unable to do so, the secretary is there to

record the chapter business and send those minutes to the state secretary, the treasurer is the person who will keep track of all monetary transactions, make and keep records of all event expenditures and incomes, turn in chapter treasurer and event reports to the state treasurer. These jobs are important in making your chapter a success so for those of you who have stepped up to take on these positions thank you and for those of you who have done these jobs thank you, I have heard that one of our chapter coordinators who I can safely say has been a chapter coordinator longer than any other chapter or state coordinator has stepped down as Pacific County chapter coordinator, Lenny Pletsch thank you, you are a great person and have done an excellent job. I hope all of the new officers attended STEAM last month to help them do their job in ABATE of Washington if you did not please contact me if you need help and I will steer you in the right direction if I am unable to help.

On another note I cannot remember a time when I have heard of so many accidents involving motorcycles, along with these accidents way too many fatalities. Some of these accidents were single vehicle accidents which were avoidable and we all know that some of these single motorcycle accidents were caused by someone else when the motorcyclist tried to avoid a collision with another vehicle, the record will never show these facts because they only tell who was involved in the accident. For many of us motorcycling is not a hobby it is a way of life, it is where we feel most comfortable and unfortunately sometimes we feel as though we are the only ones out there but we are not, there are a lot of people who are in such a hurry that they don't see a semi-truck let alone a motorcycle so we have to be even more vigilant when we are out there on our motorcycles because if we don't watch out for ourselves no one else will.

One more thing to remember is at the January BOD there will be nominations for State Coordinator (my position), Junior State Coordinator (Chris Varner's position), and State Ambassador (Dutch Phillips who is Ambassador Pro-tem). If you or someone you know is interested in these positions and meet the requirements make plans to be at the January BOD.

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough, we must do.

**ABATE of Washington**  
**Board of Directors & Executive Committee Meetings**  
**BOD**

January 11th, South King County

April 18th, Lewis County

July 18th, Columbia Gorge

October 20, Kittitas

**ECOM**

Paradise Lanes, 12505 Pacific Ave S, Tacoma 98444, 11am

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## **Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange & Louise Bentley**

### **April 2019 Legislative Report**

As you're reading this, STEAM is done and hopefully everyone who attended left with a better understanding of ABATE of WA and its causes.

At STEAM the two major topics we discussed were the Bills we will continue to push this 2nd half of the biennium and how to determine which Legislators are yours. We will support Helmet Bill 1125/5007, Lane Sharing Bill xxxx/5254, and our Parking Bill 1058/5653. Information on the supporters and sponsors of these bills was handed out at STEAM/BOD so Chapter Coordinators should have this information

for Chapter members. To determine which Legislators are yours, go to [www.leg.wa/gov](http://www.leg.wa/gov), click on Find Your District and plug in your address. This will identify your District No. and Legislators. Every District is governed by 2 Representatives and 1 Senator and it's important for everyone to be familiar with their District No. and Legislators.

Now we move on to our next big event: Black Thursday! This year, the start of the Legislative Calendar year is Jan 13th and Black Thursday is Jan 16th - that allows only 3 days between when the Legislators show up in Olympia and when we roll in to present our motorcycle issues. We will likely need to be persistent with our Legislators to get appointments to discuss our bills with them. Determining your District No. and Legislators are the first steps to getting appointments set up for Black Thursday. Below is an outline for speaking with your Legislators and/or Legislative Assistants (LA). Following the guideline below can help keep your phone calls quick and concise - exactly what LAs need from us when trying to get some meeting time scheduled.

#### **BLACK THURSDAY APPOINTMENTS**

(1) Determine what your District No. is and who your Legislators are (go to [www.leg.wa/gov](http://www.leg.wa/gov)). This website will also supply the Legislators' contact information.

(2) Call each of your 3 Legislators (you will likely get the Legislator's LA) and introduce yourself and the reason for the call. Here is a suggested call format:

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I would like to make an appointment with Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_. I am a member of ABATE of WA and we have a Legislative Day, Black Thursday, on January 16th. My Chapter has constituents in your district and we are hoping to set an appointment time for that day, Jan 16th. Before we schedule a time, will you please check the Senator's/Rep's schedule to make sure that we don't already have an appointment set for that day."

- IF an appointment is already scheduled then thank the LA and make yourself a note to attend that meeting with fellow ABATE members.

- IF an appointment is not scheduled, ask the LA to schedule a time to meet.

"Thank you for helping with our Legislative Day efforts. We look forward to seeing you and Senator/Rep \_\_\_\_\_ on Jan 16th"

- IF your Legislator's schedule is too crowded between 8am -5pm, feel free to offer an earlier or later appointment time and we will work with that time frame!

(3) Inform your Chapter Coordinator, Chapter LAO or State LAO of the scheduled appointment time.

When scheduling your appointment time, opt for a time other than when ABATE has scheduled speeches and photos on the Capitol steps (10:45-11:30) - keep in mind that avoiding these times may not always be possible.



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## Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

**SNOHOMISH** - Sky Valley ABATE is a not for profit organization that puts on the bike show in Snohomish on the third Sunday in May every year for the last 23 years. The profits from the show go to many charities in the community. On Tuesday the 8th Sky Valley chapter gave checks to the food bank, the senior center, Delta house, plus others who helped with the show. We also sponsor two or three families during the holidays that would not have a Thanksgiving or a Christmas without Sky Valley. The picture along with this also shows our police with the recipients from the show. Standing behind them is our chapter members who make this all possible. Giving back to the community makes it all worth while! ◇



Read the article. (photo: Roger Hanson)

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## Tacoma Chapter

From DAN BARKER, COORDINATOR

**TACOMA** - October has been a busy time. We jumped right in with our biannual road clean up, great weather and no hawks game made for a great turn out of 23 volunteers. We picked up 102 bags of trash. Big thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy life schedules to help. Thank you to Rob LaVergne who for many years sets everything up. He is recovering from an injury and was doing everything he was not supposed to do. Set up the signs, picked up trash, made sure we had supplies to do our job and drove his personal van.

Then October 12th several Tacoma chapter members showed support to B.A.S.H. with their Tukey Run. I counted about 50 bikes and a few cars. This is a great non-Profit check them out.

Also by the time you read this STEAM / BOD meeting has come and gone. Also I hope you attended the “Halloween Bash” put on by Spanaway and Tacoma chapters always a good time.

November we start putting out toy collection boxes. If you have good place to put a box please let us know. Toys collected go to our (John” Porch Monkey “Scapes Toy Run). 12/21/2019. This year we will support the VFW Tacoma. We will start at Uncle Sams with Buffet Breakfast. KSU 10:30am. Look for more details next months issue.

November we have our Tattered Flag run which will have already been done by the time you read this. Also members of Tacoma ABATE will be helping B.A.S.H. with the putting together and handing out the turkey meal baskets. I know Spanaway chapter volunteers will be there. Start putting baskets together 7:00am, hand out the baskets about 10:00am.

As you know its that time of year when everyone is looking for donations. Well so am I. We are always looking for items to raffle and auctions. Supplies for senior centers and for school kids. New socks, underwear, Blankets, Jackets, ect. We even have fund a raiser selling bags of clothing and house wares by weight. Thanks Connie Scapes for getting us started with this great idea. If you have anything in good shape lets know.

Last Month Leon introduced the new Tacoma board. This month myself and members of Tacoma Chapter want to thank Leon and Sara Staub who stepped down from the board but not out. They have put many volunteer hours, days, years into helping this chapter succeed. I am happy Sara will still do Products and flyer design, Leon will do our in the wind stuff and Help Tony with some road captain stuff. And as usual you can count on them to be their when you need them.

Remember when you can get out there support other chapter events. Support the supporters. ◇

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## Mason County Chapter

From GREG HANSEN, COORDINATOR

**SHELTON** - Our best riding weather is behind us so it is time to put on another layer and ride when you can.

As the new (and old) Chapter Coordinator, I am going to make it my mission in the next year to boost our membership numbers. I’ve got some ideas, but always looking for more. The Chapter Officers this year have all done this before. We love our chapter, but it would sure be great to see some new blood in the leadership positions. I think this is my 3rd or 4th time around as Coordinator. It gets really hard not to feel just a little “burned out”. None of these positions are difficult and anybody who has been an officer is always more than willing to help the new folks along. That’s how I learned. I know other chapters have lots of new butts in the chairs up front and that is great. New people. New ideas. New enthusiasm. It should be a fun year.

From the Mason County Chapter, I want to wish you all a very safe and happy Thanksgiving! ◇

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## South King County Chapter

From ADALINDA LUNDT, COORDINATOR

**AUBURN** - Summer is over and here comes winter. Please be careful riding in rainy weather. Make sure you’re seen on the early dark days.

SKCC will be participating in the Auburn Veterans Day parade November 9th. Please come join us and show our support for our Veterans. (see page 20) Buffet breakfast special at Iron Hours Casino (333 15th St NE, Auburn, WA 98002) starting 8/8:30. KSU at 10:15 to head over to the parade staging area. We will be having a warm beverage booth for donation. Location to be announced. Warm buffet special after the parade at our meeting spot Spunky Monkey (124 2nd St SE, Auburn, WA 98002).

Our Outta Control night is coming up in January. Date to be determined. ◇

## North Kitsap Chapter

From AMY DOYLE, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

**POULSBO** - Toys, Toys, Toys! Gathering Toys for the annual Harrison Hospital toy drive is this chapters focus right now and as chairperson I and the committee are on hyper drive. Key Peninsula chapter has also taken their support to the next level and have been working on the planning of this multifaceted event with us. While our chapters may have parameters, there are no borders among brothers! Thank you, brothers and sisters, this is all about the children.

By the time this reaches you our Wing Ding event and the toy barrel drop off dates will have passed. I hope you were able to make it and I survive. If I did, I'll see you at Walmart 6797 State Highway 303 NE Bremerton, Washington 98311 on Nov 30th, 8am-4pm and Dec 1st, 8am-4pm. We need ALL hands on deck! This is a large part of our toy gathering and we need people at these doors.

There are Facebook event pages up for Walmart toy collection and the toy barrel pick up dates and the Harrison Hospital Drop off date on Dec 15th. You should be able to find these readily if you visit the North Kitsap ABATE Facebook page. Also, come to a meeting, talk to another member. Get updates, get involved!

In closing, beloved member Todd Snyder was in an accident in N. Kitsap and hospitalized at Harborview on 10/14/19. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family for continued healing and progress.

See ya down the road. ♦



*Toys, toys toys! (photo: Amy Doyle)*



## Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

**SPANAWAY** - We were all saddened by the loss of yet another member with the passing of Garry Yacconi a strong member since 2013. Gary fought a long battle with cancer. Garry you will be missed. Gone But Never Forgotten. GBNF.

Our combined Halloween Party with Tacoma members was another great night of fun and fellowship.

Nov 22nd is the Bash Turkey Day giveaway. We hand out over 500 meals to the needy If you can help in any way please be at BASH behind the liquore store 140th and Pacific Ave at 7:00 AM. You can make a difference.

STEAM was another big success. Big tipoff of the helmet to all who put it together for us.

We are getting ready for holiday parades, Christmas party's and lastly supporting all our senior citizens this Christmas Season. We at Spanaway Abate want to wish everyone a Happy Holidays.

Look Twice for cars they will not for us. ◇



*Spanaway Chapter road cleanup crew. (photo: Billy De Hunter)*



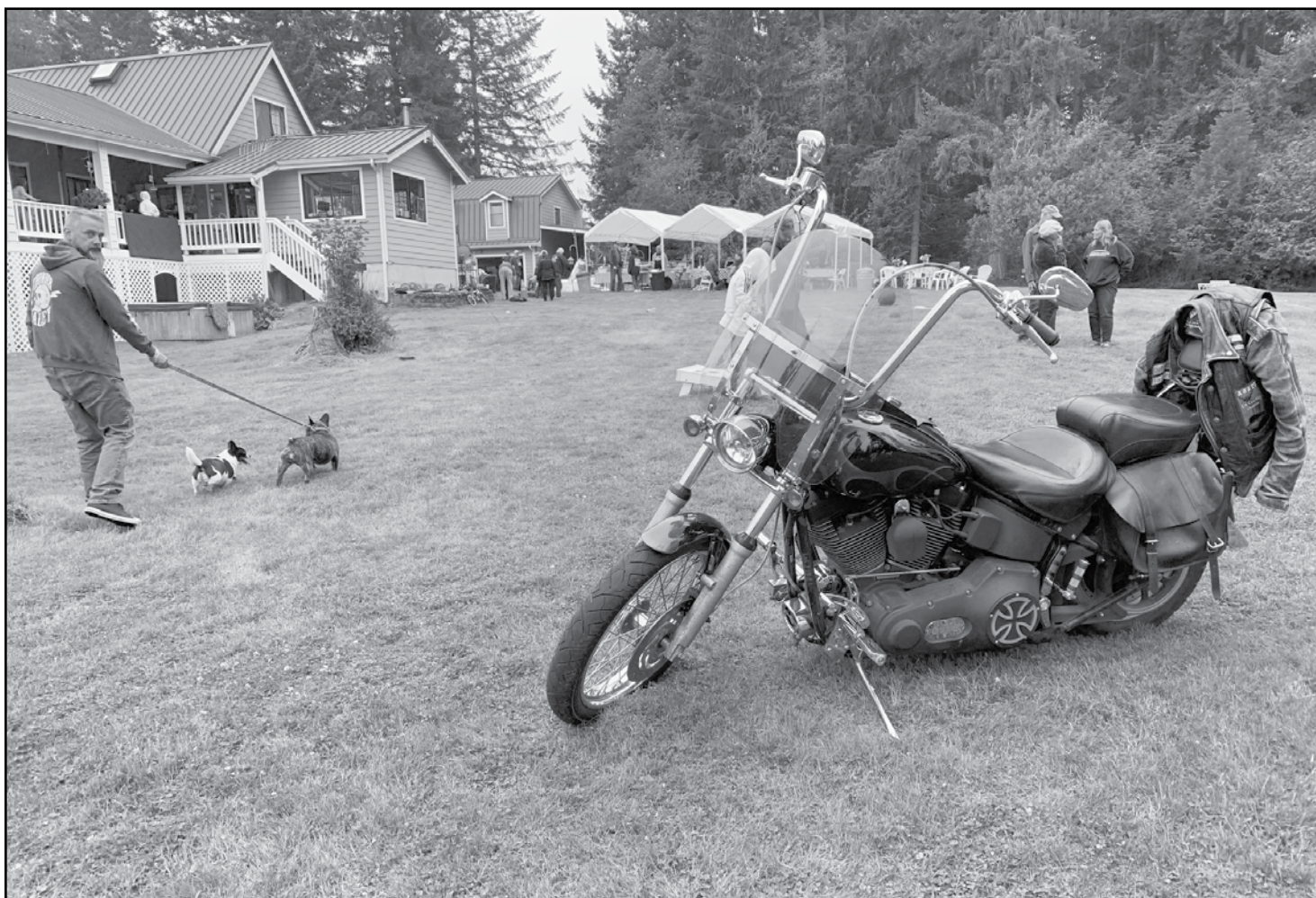
## Elk Country Chapter

From CARRIE BREDY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

**MORTON** - Even with an early chill in the air, we are going strong! Our chapter is growing, and we have used this as an opportunity for more involvement internally. With a large chapter, the demands on the elected officers becomes higher. We have implemented assistant roles to support each of those positions which not only alleviates the growing demand on these officers, but also grooms other members into future readiness for elected positions. Our new non-official positions include an Assistant Deputy Coordinator, a Renewal Coordinator, an Assistant Secretary, an Assistant Parliamentarian, and a Product Assistant, which were all approved by vote. If this idea might be helpful in your chapter, think about discussing it at your next business meeting.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Halloween potluck and costume party, and hope some of you joined us from neighboring areas and chapters. Hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween, and looking forward to more upcoming holiday events to keep us active together through the icky season.

Stay warm! ◇



*Blackett Party. (photo: Carrie Bredy)*



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## East Pierce County Chapter

From JOE CAIN, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

**BUCKLEY** - Greetings from EPCC! As some of you may know, our Teddy Bear Rally was a ROARING success! Thank you to all who helped make it possible, and such a great time. We have a new Coordinator this year. Congratulations to Jeff "Bubba" Bowen.

As the weather gets cooler, and many put their bikes away for the winter, please remember to STILL keep an eye out for the year round riders, and be careful out there. Keep the rubber side down, and we will see you on the road! ◇



*Passing of the flag in EPCC. (credits: Joe Cain)*

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## Pacific County Chapter

From JOHN TSCHANNEN, COORDINATOR

**NASELLE** - Our warm weather riding season is winding down. Toy Runs and the political season are coming up.

Pacific County Chapter, and I'm sure the rest of ABATE of WA, would like to extend a sincere thank you to Lenny Pletsch. After 2 1/2 decades of leadership, Lenny has decided to step down from his Coordinator role. While he will remain active, it is a well earned downshift.

Stay sharp and ride safe. ◇

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## Key Peninsula Chapter

From CHERYL BLAYLOCK

**PURDY** - Coming into the slow, wet time of the year we shift our focus from riding to honoring and helping others. This year we will again be partnering with the Veteran's Allegiance VMC and participating in Wreaths Across America in laying wreaths on Veteran's headstones at Retsil Veteran's Cemetery in Port Orchard on December 14th.

This year we will also be partnering with N. Kitsap in their annual toy run benefitting Harrison Children's Hospital. Look for toy donation barrels throughout Kitsap County and please give generously. Make plans to support both chapters in our rides on December 14th and 15th as we pick up and deliver the toy barrels. Both Chapters will make the delivery to the hospital on December 15th. Look for ride details on each Chapter's respective FB pages.

As always Stay Cool ◇



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### **REAL MONEY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURIES**

We recently tried a case for a client who was involved in a three-vehicle wreck. Our client sustained soft-tissue neck and back injuries. He had about \$12,000 in treatment expenses. (Treatment expenses are often used as a yard stick to measure how seriously someone has been hurt.)

Our client’s physical injuries impacted his life but they paled in comparison to the psychological impact of the wreck. We explained to the jury that our client no longer feels the freedom he had before the wreck because of his newfound fear of driving. He’s now forced to rely on his wife for transportation. We emphasized what a big deal this is and explained that our client now isolates himself socially and rarely leaves his house.

The insurance carrier’s last offer before trial was \$25,000. We tried the case and received a verdict of \$155,335.

### **SIX-FIGURE VERDICT DESPITE PRIOR INJURIES AND MINIMAL PROPERTY DAMAGE**

We recently tried a case for a client who was rear-ended on his way to pick up his grandkids from daycare.

Our client was driving an SUV. The point of impact was at his trailer hitch. There wasn’t very much visible property damage. Our client sustained injuries to his neck, back and knees in the wreck.

Unfortunately, our client had been in five wrecks before this one and had a pretty extensive history of injuries to his neck, back and knees. He had a lot of the same symptoms before the wreck that he experienced after the wreck.

We argued to the jury that the extent of property damage doesn’t predict damage to people inside a vehicle. We explained when a vehicle gets hit at the trailer hitch the energy transfers through the frame rail. The frame rail is not designed with a crumple zone to absorb the energy of the impact. Having the trailer hitch the point of impact made it a much more jarring wreck with much less visible damage than if the impact had been anywhere else on our client’s vehicle.

We were honest with the jury about our client’s prior injuries. We explained that pre-existing conditions make people easier to hurt and harder to fix.

The insurance carrier’s last offer before trial was \$13,325. We tried the case and received a jury verdict of \$107,000 for our client.

### **JURY RETURNS VERDICT 15X HIGHER THAN CARRIER’S LAST OFFER**

We tried a case last year for a man who was rear-ended on the freeway.

Our client went to urgent care after the wreck and was diagnosed with a neck strain.

Our client had an extensive history of neck and back injuries. He fractured his neck in 1976 and underwent a cervical spine fusion. He had been receiving intermittent treatment for his neck and back injuries over the past 40 years. He treated with a chiropractor just two months before the wreck.

The insurance carrier took the position that our client’s continuing neck and back pain was caused by his cervical spine fusion and not by the wreck. It offered our client \$5,000.

At trial we had our client, his wife and his co-worker testify. They explained that even though our client experienced pain before the wreck he remained pretty functional. He was able to do physically demanding work, hike, fish and golf. He wasn’t able to do any of these things after the wreck.

We argued to the jury that our client is entitled to recover because the wreck aggravated his preexisting symptoms. The jury agreed and returned a verdict of \$75,000 for our client.

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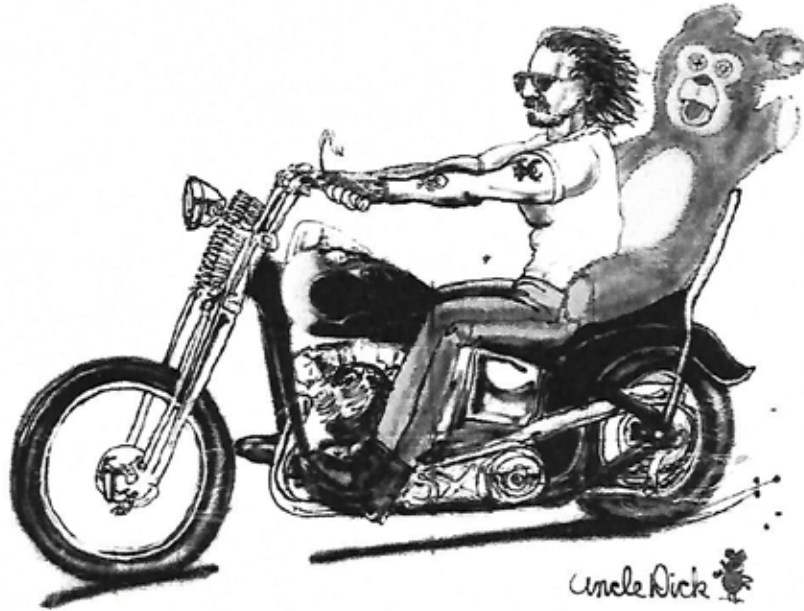
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