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EDITOR'S CORNER

What is ABATE? On the cover of this newsletter is what the acronym stands for:

*A Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments*

So what does that mean? A **Brotherhood** is a group of people who gather together to accomplish goals that they believe in.



Against means opposed to. That leaves Totalitarian Enactments. According to the dictionary, this is the definition of **totalitarian**: to•tal•i•tar•i•an, adjective: 1. of or relating to a system of government that is centralized and dictatorial and requires complete subservience to the state.

The term **enactment** has this meaning in the Oxford English Dictionary: en•act•ment noun \-'nak(t)-mənt\ Definition of ENACTMENT, 1: the act of enacting : the state of being enacted 2: something (as a law) that has been enacted. To paraphrase, a totalitarian enactment is a law that has been passed by a dictatorial government.

So as ABATE members we have gathered together to oppose laws that are passed by a dictatorial government. I believe in this wholeheartedly, as I believe that the majority of ABATE members do as well.

The way the ABATE organization is set up is that the leadership is governed by the members. Each member has a vote and can exercise that vote on various issues that determine the policies and bylaws of ABATE. These

votes are collected at Chapter meetings and the consensus is then brought to the BOD meeting by the Chapter Coordinator who then casts the Chapter vote on behalf of the chapter members.

There are others appointed to specific committees and duties, like Newsletter Editor or Products Committee Chair. Each of the committees is responsible to perform certain tasks for ABATE and answers to the Deputy Coordinator that oversees that committee. Typically there is a budget requested for each committee that you as a member will get to vote on in your chapter meeting once a year.

With all the people in place, ABATE should run like a well oiled machine, providing that everyone performs their duties in a timely manner. We on the Newsletter Committee have to meet certain deadlines for getting the finished product to the printer on time so that it gets mailed out to you and arrives around the 1st of the month. That is why it is so important to get the reports into the newsletter by the 15th. Other committees have criteria that they must meet as well so that ABATE runs smoothly.

I truly enjoy the work that I have done in the past as well as the work that I am currently doing for ABATE. I encourage every member to take upon themselves a task for their Chapter or for the State. You will feel more a part of ABATE and the work is rewarding.

Best Regards,

Ron

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FROM THE STATE COORDINATOR Lyle Coyle

Hi Everyone,

I would like you to welcome the newest chapter in ABATE of Washington, the *Columbia River Chapter*. They are located in the Wenatchee area. Keith and his group of members came to the April BOD where they were voted in after meeting all requirements. So, if you are ever in the Wenatchee area, stop in and say hi and if you know someone in the area tell them to join them, we can always use more members. At the same time, I would like to thank Dutch for all his hard work in getting these new chapters up to speed and through the initial process of start up. Four chapters in the last two years is nothing to sneeze at.

Now as you read this, please realize that the greatest event in Washington State is only six weeks away. This year the ABATE of Washington Spring Opener is going to be the best event we have ever done. Jimmy George and his committee have worked very hard to make sure everyone that attends will have something to do, they will have great music to listen to, bike raffle, bike games, bike show, tattoo contest, scavenger hunt, poker run, vendors, and the list just keeps on going. So if you have not

purchased your tickets for the bike raffle (need not be present to win) there is no time like the present. Also Spring Opener tickets are available from most Coordinators and off the website. You really do not want to miss this Spring Opener.

We are growing and making progress but we still need people to step up and fill some of the open positions we have. We need people to serve on:

- a products development committee;
- a PR person; and
- Chapter Reps for Position 1 (Central Washington, Columbia Gorge, Inland Empire, Kittitas County, N.E. Washington, and Tri-Cities chapters)
- and Position 4 (N. Snohomish and Sky Valley)

We may be separating some of these to see where we can put the Columbia River Chapter. Until we get a chapter rep for these areas, if one of these chapters has a concern or something that needs to go into the BOD packet, have the Chapter Coordinator send it to the State Secretary or one of the Deputy Coordinators.

I would like to leave you with something to think about. Are you a member that never has anything good to say, complains about the way things are done but refuses to step up? Or, do you step up but get mad when people won't do it your way? Do you look at the small picture when you should be looking at the big picture? I know members like this and I know they have a lot of energy. They just have to channel that energy in a positive manner where we can continue to grow.

You cannot have a proud and chivalrous spirit if your conduct is mean and paltry; for whatever a man's actions are, such must be his spirit. ◇

The ABATE of Washington **Public Relations Officer** position is open. If interested in this position please contact the State Coordinator or West Deputy Coordinator.

According to Bylaws Article XIII - Public Relations, the State Coordinator shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, a State Public Relations Officer who shall handle all press releases & other communications on State organizational matters.

The STEAM manual further explains that the PR Officer will work with chapter public relations to develop and establish working relations with the local community and their businesses, advertising with the local media and coordinating events with other ABATE chapters. The State PR Officer will also be prepared to speak publicly to recognize and thank hosts, sponsors, attending clubs, other organizations and everyone who helped make the event a success, always giving recognition where due. The PR Officer seeks out new and interesting venues to promote ABATE of Washington and always updates and promotes the achievements of ABATE of Washington be it State or chapter functions.

ABATE of Washington 2014 Meeting Schedule

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July 12 - Tri Cities

October 25-26 STEAM / BOD Kittitas

ECOM MEETINGS

11:00 AM Johnnie's in Fife

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June 1, September 14, November 30

WESTSIDE DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Michael "Critter" Campbell

ABATE of Washington has an important election coming up this month for State Coordinator. The candidates are Lyle Coyle, incumbent and Ron Fryer, Clark County Chapter Coordinator.

All members of record in good standing as of April 1st will be mailed a ballot on May 1st. It is very important that you return your ballot to the address on the ballot to be received prior to Saturday, June 7th when the Post Office Box will be closed and ballots counted.

Any member not receiving a ballot by May 15, please contact the membership secretary at: Greg Hansen 360-229-6653 or at: membership@abate-wa.org.

When you receive your ballot, mark your vote choice and fold so ABATE of Washington, PO Box 5189, Lacey, WA 98509 is on the outside, tape closed and provide postage. Do not remove your name, member number and address as this is used by the election committee to validate your ballot.

The Teller Committee (i.e. Election committee) for this election consists of the following Chapter Deputy Coordinators: South King County, Olympia, and Mason with Sky Valley as an alternate. The teller committee is chaired by the State Sgt at Arms: Tim Wilkins.

ABATE of Washington Bylaws covering Elections are: Article VII, 7.1 thru 7.9. ◇

EASTSIDE DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Scott Robinson

Lots of good runs and events planned for this summer. We need to focus on making it out to the other chapter runs. I know it is hard enough to get people at our own runs, but if only 6 people from a chapter show up, it will show support. The nice thing is it is only a ride. LOL, we all love to roll. So meet some like-minded folks and help support their run. You may be surprised at who shows up at your next event in return.

The election ballots should be coming out first of May. VOTE ! VOTE ! VOTE ! It is your turn to pick the State Coordinator. Being straight up about my feelings, I will stay

with Lyle. He has done a great job and I can tell you he works around the clock. Enough said.

Spring Opener is coming like a freight train. You better have your spots picked out and your game plan on. This will be a hell of a big party this year. Make the ride. Enjoy the benefits of being a member of a group that is not only a legislative hammer in the state, but we put on a hell of a party...sweet.

Sorry I was not at BOD. I like the choice the board made about the patch. It is red, white and blue--looking good. That's all folks. See you on the road. ◇

ABATE of Washington members attended the signing by Governor Jay Inslee of SB 5141 Red Light Bill and Proclamation of the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month, 3/31/14





My name is Lyle Coyle, I am the current State Coordinator for ABATE of Washington. I am now running for a second term in this position, I have been a continuous member for a little over 30 years with a good portion of these years being an officer in one position or the other. I believe very strongly in ABATE of Washington, the work we do, and the people that make this organization a success. I believe this is and should be a membership run organization. We have a very diverse group of people that make up ABATE of Washington and think that our diverseness is a positive we have to embrace and work with to make this organization grow even more. Over the past year and half we have been moving in the right direction and I would like to continue to lead our organization to more success's. Please help me help us vote for me for ABATE of Washington State Coordinator.

Lyle Coyle

Hello. I am Ron Fryer, your newsletter editor for 6 years, a Chapter Coordinator for 5 years, and a chapter rep for the past three years, and I am running for State Coordinator. I have over 40 years experience running successful businesses, have organized and run three non-profit charities, and have ridden motorcycles for most of my life.



I will make sure that your individual vote on ABATE issues is not ignored and that your chapter vote is heard at the BOD meetings. Your vote is important to me.

I am a good listener and welcome ideas that will help ABATE grow and improve.

I would like to see ABATE become more politically successful than they have been and increase our voice at the Capitol. I would like to have every member trained on how to become politically active and how to approach legislators, both during session and off-session.

I would like to see joint and multi chapter events as well as chapter rides to other chapter events. I feel that camaraderie among chapters is important to help ABATE grow.

Together we can make ABATE of Washington into what it should be and can be. Vote smart; vote for me for State Coordinator.



Ron Fryer

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ABATE of Washington

Legislative Press Release April 10th, 2014

Donnie 'Mr.Breeze' Landsman – State Legislative Officer

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!

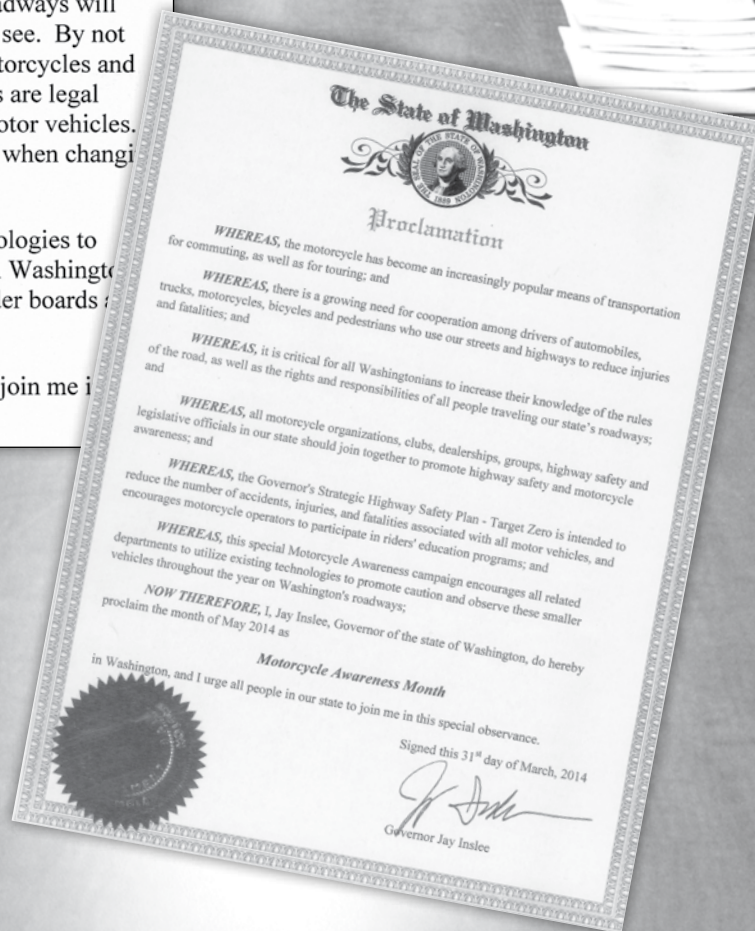
Olympia WA - Washington joined other States around the nation On March 31st as Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation that makes the month of "May 2014 Motorcycle Awareness Month".

The proclamation fortifies a resolution that unanimously passed the State Senate in January of this year. The resolution, SR8671, was prime sponsored and presented to the voting body by State Senator Sharon Brown (8th LD), and was co-sponsored by Senators Jan Angel (26th LD), Mike Padden (4th LD), John Braun (20th LD), Michael Baumgartner (6th LD), Pam Roach (31st LD), and Bruce Dammeier (25th LD).

ABATE of Washington is very proud to have worked with our elected officials to commemorate the entire month of MAY 2014 as a time to ask that drivers remember that as Spring turns to Summer, the number of motorcycles on Washington roadways will increase, drivers need to be mindful that motorcycles are often difficult to see. By not driving distracted, drivers can focus on the road and be more aware of motorcycles and other traffic situations. Also, it is important to remember that motorcycles are legal vehicles, and have the same rights and responsibilities as other types of motor vehicles. By allowing motorcycles a full lane length, and by remembering to signal when changing lanes or making turns, drivers can help to keep these riders safe.

The proclamation encourages all related state departments to utilize technologies to promote caution and observe these smaller vehicles throughout the year in Washington. ABATE is working with WSDOT to get the message out on highway reader boards and Public Service Announcements.

As stated in the Governors proclamation, "I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observation".



CHAPTER REPORTS

North Kitsap Chapter

From CHRIS VARNER, COORDINATOR

Hello All from North Kitsap:

On Saturday May 31st, we will have a Memorial Ride to Hurricane Ridge in honor of Michael Lynn Hammitt (Kitsap Mike). There is no ride fee, but the Park has an entrance fee. It is just a get-together to remember our friend. We are meeting at Allstar Lanes in Silverdale. KSU at 10:00 a.m. If you go early you can enjoy breakfast. When we arrive at Port Angeles, we will stop at the Safeway store and purchase sandwiches or Deli food to put in our saddle bags to take up to the top of the Mountain to picnic. If you can, please come join us. It is a beautiful ride for a beautiful reason.

We will be riding in the Viking Fest Parade on May 17th. All entrants must be in Viking Apparel...sooo we are all wearing the plastic-type Viking Helmets with the horns. Some have long braids attached, in case you don't have your own. We will probably be leaders of the Parade as we were last year. We will be meeting at the Destination Harley Shop in Silverdale at 11:00. Please contact us at 360-307-9736 and leave a message for us to call you back or let us know if you can join us. You can purchase your Helmets at party costume stores. The Viking Fest is a weekend Party in Poulsbo. Lots to do and see. And of course, Poulsbo is quaint and scenic.

We hope to see you at our May Events. Until then Be Safe, Be Happy, Be Ridin' ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From "MILES" MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello from Central WA:

Columbia Gorge Chapter will be having a Poker run in July. This year it is dedicated to our late secretary Lori Baranovich who passed away unexpectedly in January. This will be the 1st annual...more info to come later. Hope to see you all there.

According to our fill-in Coordinator Frank Thompson, the BOD meeting was long but very informative and had the most attendance of any other BOD. Congratulation to all that showed up.

The weather is warming up and many chapters are starting to get their runs going again. Let's all support each other's events when possible.

The Spring Opener is just around the corner. Scott and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone again, being that we missed it last year.

It is with a great big THANK YOU to our Treasurer Tina Krause for all her hard work getting our By-Laws updated and passed at the BOD. Ya'll ride safe...◇

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEP. COORDINATOR

Wow! Can you believe it's time for the 18th Annual Sky Valley Classic and Antique Motorcycle Show? This is it!!!! So pack up your bags, put a wax job on your machine and head to Snohomish on the third Sunday this month (May).

The full page flyer is in this month's newsletter so check it out. This year is going to be better than ever with a beer garden!!! More vendors and more room for vendors on the main street. Don't be afraid to enter your machine as we have many categories that you can win in. Also since the parking on First will be limited to one block due to our new layout, remember for only 15 bucks you can park in the show area right in front of all the action and have a chance at one of the huge trophies for your category. So we will see you on the main drag!!!!

As a side note on this year's show, I would like to send a personal thank you to our own Rose for spending so much time and effort into making this show the best so far.

For those of you who attended the BOD you know by now that our original patch is now the one and only!! So order your large patch today and show your RED WHITE and BLUE so finally people will know who we are.

Also a quick thanks to all who showed at our Shakin' the Winter Blues party. It was a lot of fun and great to see some old and new friends. Music, food, silent auction and all the laughs made for a great time.

This month also kicks off our end-of-the-month run the last Sunday of the month. We start at the Buzz Inn at the Snohomish airport. This month our new road captain "Eagle Ray" says don't eat breakfast, just have coffee as we are headed to Skokomish for lunch! So show up at 11 am and ride with our chapter for some back road fun. Well I guess that is all for now so...See you in the wind ◇

Grays Harbor Chapter

From DON FLOREK, COORDINATOR

It's getting closer to our Spring Opener, the weather is getting warmer and for longer periods of time. Soon it will be on us and the fun will be in full swing.

After Spring Opener, the following weekend is our Flat Mattress run. This year we are taking it to North River right next door to the historic Brooklyn Tavern. We are still doing all the fun stuff that we've done in the past and we are adding some things too. So, if you haven't been to this run or to the Brooklyn, then take this opportunity to enjoy a scenic ride with lots of good times and friends.

I want to thank Pacific County Chapter for their help. I hope we will be neighbors at Spring Opener, we had a great time last year. Till next time, G.H.C. ◇

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Greetings from the heart of Elk Country!! It's been busy to be sure. As I write this, it is only a week after the Monroe Swap Meet. I was really impressed and pleased to see nearly half our membership make the two-plus hour trip from Elk Country to Monroe. Yesterday was the American Steel MC's Rain or Shine Run which came down through our neck of the woods. It was good to see so many bikes rolling down the road in such nasty weather to support the Spring Opener. Next week will be the BOD up in Pacific, and you all will no doubt be reading about that in more detail elsewhere.

At our last meeting, it was voted to sponsor the Rally At Morton, but postpone it until August of 2015 to give a bit more time for planning and organization, as well as finding additional sponsors. Also, three of our members volunteered to ride to the Lewis County Head Start center in Randle and give the kids there a treat of checking out the bikes and to talk about motorcycle/tricycle safety and rules of the road.

A special congratulations to all the members around the state who supported A.B.A.T.E.'s efforts in getting SB5141 (The Red Light Bill) passed into law. The "Bikers" showed in strength

and appreciation at the signing ceremony when the Governor signed the bill into law. As well as having both the Senate and the Governor proclaim May as "Motorcycle Awareness Month." Now let's focus on making Washington a "Pro-Choice" state by getting the law passed giving all riders the CHOICE of whether to wear a helmet or not.

OK, I'll climb down off my soapbox and finish this up with an invitation. By the time you are reading this, the Elk Country Chapter's Mt St Helens Memorial Ride will be approaching. Come join us in remembering the 57 men, women and children lost when the mountain blew. We'll be meeting at the Gateway Food & Fuel Shell at exit 49 and I-5 in Castle Rock. Then, riding up through the blast zone and onto Johnston's Ridge to gaze into the crater of the mountain. All bikes and yes, cages too, are welcome. If you haven't ridden on this road, you'll be sorry you missed it. We ride, rain or shine.

Ride Free, and we'll catch you on the road sometime...◇

*Elk Country Chapter members at the 2014 ABATE Spring Swap Meet, Monroe, WA
L to R: Ryan Blackett, Jim Blackett, Maurice "Mo" Thomas, Rick Jenkins (seated),
Melissa Jenkins (seated), Brian Lange, Duward Brown*



CHAPTER REPORTS

Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

Am I the only one that got bored to death at the state meeting? I thought they should be fun to go to and informative. This one was not for me. I hope this is not a trend to come. Enough venting on that.

The weather is giving us a hint of our Summer to come I hope. I'm sure loving the sun we have had so far.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month signed into effect by our Governor at the signing of the Red Light bill. This should also remind us all to be aware of other motorcycles and them cars that don't. Always look twice.

April was a very busy month for the Spanaway chapter. On Easter we had our Bike Blessing by Band of Brothers Preacher and a small Easter service, then an adult Easter egg hunt. It was a fun day for all.

We had our End of Winter run with all our Brothers and Sisters from Elk Country Chapter and all our other Chapter members who showed up to support this fun yearly run. All who supported it was appreciated.

We also had our road clean up on the 19th even with a ton of runs that weekend. We still had a good showing and got it done. We are also supporting a diabetes run for some of our members. Very busy month for us indeed.

Not to early to get your Spring Opener plans in swing. Get your tickets early and save money. Please help sell the bike raffle tickets. We need to sell a lot more yet. The Spring Opener Poker run is all planned out. We have a great looking t-shirt for it as well. We will be selling them right up to the run. If you want one contact any Spanaway member.

Our meetings are now on the 1st Tuesday of every month, social is on the 4th Tuesday.

We at the Spanaway chapter wish all our Brothers and Sisters a safe summer of riding and partying. ◇

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCHE, COORDINATOR

Been a full month and it's not even ½ over, hope you got your taxes in. Our Pig Out Run will be over by the time you read this and our 101 Run will be in my face. The monies from the Pig Out will go to Jessy. She's a very lucky lil' lady. She got hung up in the tack in the horse barn and almost passed away. This hit all too close to home as I've known her g-pa for 18-20 years and this lil' lady only lives about 150 yards away from my house.

Ballots are in the mail—vote or shame on you. ◇

Mason County Chapter

From DLO & NAN BRIDGES, MASON CTY NEWSLTR TEAM

Greetings everyone, the Mason County Chapter has been busy having fun and planning for more fun. The weekend before Easter Sunday our Chapter held our Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Party at the home of Rick and Darlene, members of our Mason County Chapter. They were great hosts and we can't thank them enough for their hospitality. No doubt about it, we couldn't have picked a more perfect day for our party; it was gorgeous, warm and sunny! This year, with such great weather, we had a fantastic turnout of adults, children and grandchildren.

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Tri-Cities Chapter

From CATHERINE "CHATTY" SALOMONE, SECRETARY

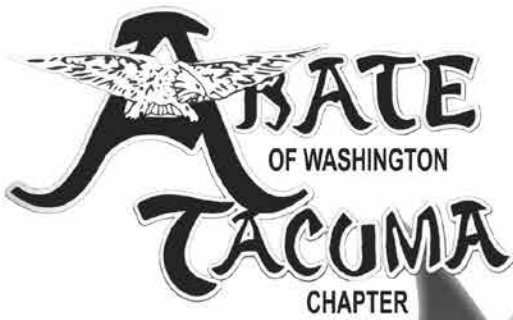
By the time you read this our Liberty Ride will have happened. As I am writing this, last minute plans and details are in place. We hope it was as successful as anticipated and that everyone had a great time! We would like to thank all who sponsored our t-shirts and helped us to help the NRA in their fight for our second amendment rights. Thank you Ron Fryer for sponsoring our t-shirts and all the work you have done to help our chapter with this event, including your attendance! Much thanks to the Long Branch for their hospitality and to the Tri Cities Metallic Silhouette Gun Range.

Glad we now have time to start enjoying the summer and riding season. Looking forward to going on many rides and events. Many of us are going to the Fossil Run in Oregon on Memorial Day weekend. We are looking forward to the Spring Opener as well

Not much else to report other than to tell you that our June meeting has been moved up to the first Thursday in June, due to the Spring Opener the following week. Please mark this on your calendar. ◇

Photo: Ron Fryer and Joni Hamann at TCC Liberty Ride 2013





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If I am elected State Coordinator, I will make sure that every issue that members vote on will be voted at the BOD meeting, and not tabled.

The last election for State Coordinator was won by just six votes. Your vote counts, so please vote when you receive your ballot. Your vote can make the difference whether ABATE will grow and flourish or continue to shrink into oblivion. Please vote smart, and vote for me.



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Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Spring has finally sprung! YAY!! The flowers are blooming, the pollen is flying, the nose is running, the eyes are watery. JOY! Because it is warm enough to enjoy the Freedom of Riding!

The grass has riz,
Should be mowed, but
On the Road King
Is where we is!

The Chapter is busy putting the final touches to the Poker Run details so we'll be ready for you to come enjoy the beautiful scenery on this side of the Puget Sound. Our curvy, two lane roads are more laid back than the rush of city streets and madness of the freeways. It's a good ride!

Chapter members have also started work on the preparations for the Motorcycle Show @ Key Fest. We are putting our full effort into this community service project that will benefit everyone in the Key Peninsula area. It is a Family Friendly event with enough adult interest thrown in so that everyone can have a relaxing time in the fresh air listening to some good music, sampling treats, and exploring the area.

Plans are in the works for riding to other Chapter's events during the summer too. We want to help promote "Unity in the Community." We look forward to rides, rides, rides...too bad they won't be with "the top down" here. In other states we enjoy the wind blowing over our heads because THAT is the way we CHOOSE to ride—FREE!

The Board of Directors meeting was loooooong on Saturday. UNITED WE RIDE, DIVIDED WE DRIVE

In conclusion, enjoy all you do. Do your best. Be happy with all you do.

See you on May 4 for a ride around the Key Peninsula. Ride safe, Ride free. ♦

South King County Chapter

From DOUG "CURLY" HUBBARD, COORDINATOR

Hello from SKCC,

Looks like the weather is getting nice. Time to get the ride serviced for the summer. Last month, SKCC Dart Run was a success. Glad to see all the support from other chapters and clubs. The weather was sunny and it was good day all around.

Many thanks to our chapter members who worked hard putting together the BOD meeting location and lunch. Thank you to all the Chapters that attended, it was a good turnout.

Events for May are Jim Adams Memorial Ride on May 10. Registration is 9-10 am at the Iron Horse Casino. Our next meeting will be May 5th at Performance Grill in Auburn at 7pm. Shiny side up. ♦

Photo at left: SKCC (Jeremy, Colleen, Cynthia & Daryl) and TCC on Dart Run, March 2014

ABATE of Washington

Key Peninsula Chapter

Poker Run

May 4, 2014

Sign-in 10 to 11 AM

Kickstands up at 11:15

\$10 Donation Couple \$15

See everyone

At The Float Bar & Grill in Purdy

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Ethanol in fuel like E-10 or E-15 can cause a great number of problems for your motorcycle. Beyond just running poorly, using ethanol fuels can actually shorten the life expectancy of rubber seals and fuel lines, and seriously damage your engine. Fuel economy will also suffer; by as much as 12% for carbureted bikes and up to about 4% for fuel injected bikes. The following is just a short overview of some of the problems that ethanol fuels can cause you and your motorcycle.

Carburetion Issues

Ethanol can cause carburetor jets to become clogged. Also, the floats can soften, which means they don't function properly. Leaving the bike difficult to idle, and running rough.

Fuel Tanks

The alcohol in ethanol attracts water like crazy. This can lead to rust forming in your fuel tanks. Even to the point of causing leaks within a relatively short period of time. Since most fuel treatments to remove water from fuel contain alcohol as well, adding them does little to help the problem, and can exacerbate it. When the ethanol separates into gas and alcohol in your fuel tank, it can really speed up the rust process. As well as causing other issues with performance.

Fuel Economy

With carbureted motorcycles, fuel economy can be reduced by as much as 12%. Fuel injection has a somewhat lower loss rate, but it is still in the 3-4% range. This is in part due to the fuel injection system being able to adjust to the lower BTU of the ethanol fuel.

Horse Power

Ethanol reduces horsepower, partly due to its lower BTU level. Partly due to the fact that to average the final octane rating, a much lower octane level gasoline is mixed with the much higher octane ethanol. When the two separate in your fuel tank, you first burn through the lower octane gasoline. This can lead to pinging, and even detonation in your motor. Then, when the gasoline is used up, the now nearly pure alcohol is fed into your motor. This sudden change can cause damage and performance issues.

Fuel Lines

You should make sure that the fuel lines you are using will not deteriorate when using ethanol fuel. Some rubber fuel lines can become brittle and crack. They can also begin to decompose and bits break off from the inside and flow with the fuel. This can cause clogs in your fuel injection or carburetor jets. Either way, whether your fuel line becomes brittle and cracks (leaking fuel over your hot motor or you as you ride), or breaks down and clogs your fuel system it can lead to costly repairs in the shop later. So be sure your fuel lines are approved for use with ethanol.

Here is an experiment you can do for yourself that will show you just how quickly ethanol fuel will breakdown

Take a pair of pint Mason jars and fill them about three quarters of the way with ethanol. Drop a small, but clean new nut and bolt into each jar. Then, to one jar add a little bit of fuel preservative (Sta-bil, or an equivalent). Mark both jars with a sharpie to show the fuel level. Seal both jars and put them in a covered area and forget about them for a few weeks or a month.

After the month has passed, take a look, and you should see that quite a bit of the fuel has evaporated (in your fuel tank this evaporation will help promote rust). Also, check out and compare the two jars of fuel to each other. Do they look the same? And how does the bolt look inside of each one? Now put them back on the shelf for another couple of months. Imagine these jars as your fuel tanks sitting over winter when you don't get to ride as much.

When you check back on the jars after two or three months, I have a feeling you will be amazed at how downright nasty the fuel looks. Especially the untreated jar of fuel. Can you imagine how that would burn in your engine? And how does that nice shiny new nut and bolt look? That is how the metal parts of your fuel tank, and fuel system will begin to look. If you are like many riders and take your bike to the shop for repairs, how much does a carburetor rebuild, or an injector replacement cost? Or even worse, if it should clog or even close off a carburetor jet, leaning out your fuel way too much. That can cause some serious (and costly) damage to your motor.

If at all possible, I would advise using non-ethanol gasoline. Yes, I know it can be difficult to find. Personally, I know of only one gas station here in east Lewis County that has it, but luckily it is close to where I work, so I use it as often as I can. If you can't find non-ethanol fuel, then I would suggest a treatment that stabilizes ethanol. Some of the better ones that I (or friends of mine) have had good experience with are Lucas and Spectro brands.

As long as the government is so intent on forcing us to use ethanol fuels, we need to be smart about it and protect our motors and fuel systems. One of the things ABATE members can do is to contact your Congressman and Senator in Washington, DC and ask them to support our efforts to force the EPA to remove the requirement for ethanol fuels. It isn't really a 'Green' solution since it lowers fuel mileage, which then means we are using more of it. But then, it is really all about control, and not really about the environment. Catch you on the road sometime. ◇

EDITOR'S NOTE: For additional non-ethanol fuel sources, see our Spring Opener sponsor "Centex Fuel" ad on page 8 of this issue

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FREEZE Your Ass Off Ride

By BERYL KELLEY, *Kittitas Chapter*

We had a mild, dry winter, but it's that time of year again. Time to pull the bike out of storage, check the battery, put air in the tires, put in fresh fuel, and shake the cobwebs out of the exhaust pipes with a run to Upper Kittitas County. Kittitas County Chapter's annual *Freeze Your Ass Off Ride* always starts in Ellensburg and ends at The Inn Between bed and breakfast in Roslyn, elevation about 2100 feet.

This year, the rides started at Red Horse Diner, a favorite meeting place for many riders. Some of us arrived early and ordered from the menu, and a few arrived just as we were ready to head west and north into the Cascade foothills. Road Captain Phil Haga went to fuel up while the rest of us waited for the stragglers to show up. Seven bikes started the ride and two four-wheeled vehicles followed at different times.

Deputy Coordinator Brian Gordon lead the ride on the first leg to Cle Elum, along 27 miles of curvy, hilly, twisting back roads. From University Way, we headed east through one four-way stop and out Thorp Highway. For about 16 miles, we rode parallel to I-90, past the golf course, hay fields, and ranches. Then we crossed over the freeway at Taneum Rd and took a sharp left at Thorp Prairie Rd and started climbing. The grasslands gave way to pine forest. After 3 miles and the first snow on the ground, we crossed back over to the south side of the freeway and followed Upper Peoh Point Road and Lower Peoh Point Road another 6 miles into South Cle Elum.

Our first stop was Mike's Tavern on First Street in Cle Elum, across from the Cle Elum Bakery and Owen's Meats. Owner David Bowen was not in, but we dropped off flyers for the Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show. After a long break and a couple of cold ones, we rode about 4 blocks to Keg Cellar to drop off more flyers and tell more stories. Beryl and Christopher walked 2 blocks to Caboose Bar and Grill to leave more flyers and ask about a sponsorship for the poker run on May 3.

With business in Cle Elum out of the way, we saddled up and headed north 6 miles to Ronald. While our ultimate destination is Roslyn, we went all the way to the Old #3 to drop off flyers and chat with Clay Wickstrom, the owner, about sponsorship. Nachos and cold drinks handled, we headed back the 3 miles to Roslyn, with some people sidestepping at The Pastime and The Brick to leave flyers before ending up at The Inn Between. The roads were all clear, but there was still over a foot of compact snow on the ground in Roslyn and Ronald. Some riders headed back home Saturday afternoon, but several stayed for a night of fun. What actually transpired is known only to those who stayed the night. ♦



Top: Snow on the roof of The Pastime in Roslyn
Bottom: Christopher, Phil, Karla, Joe, Linda, Mike, Laura, Laurie and Jim at The Inn Between, Roslyn



ABATE OF WASHINGTON

SOUTH KING COUNTY CHAPTER

Jim Adams Memorial Ride

2014

Saturday, May 10th

Registration from 9am—10 am

LBO 10:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet Available

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**To remember a Great Man, Veteran, Motorcycle Enthusiast, Founder of Cruisin
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From the latest News releases from the MRF:

CDC Task Force Pushes Universal Mandatory Helmet Law

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that a task force that is funded by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued its findings statement for motorcycle safety, with the singular solution being universal mandatory helmet laws.

The CDC asserts that fatalities have nearly doubled since 2000 while failing to take into account the increase in registered motorcycles. In fact, in 2000 there were 2,862 fatal crashes for 4.9 million registered motorcycles. That means in 2000 .058% of all registered motorcycles were involved in a fatal crash. In 2010 there were 4,502 fatalities for 8.4 million registered motorcycles, which puts just .053% of registered motorcycles, a slight decrease in the ratio of registered motorcycles to fatalities with 3.5 million more motorcycles on the road. These are just some of the facts about the CDC research that have been presented in all four MRF conferences going back to fall of 2012. "It is deeply troubling that some of our brightest researchers refuse to acknowledge rider education and awareness campaigns as effective means to saving lives," said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relation and Public Affairs for the MRF. The MRF worked with the House of Representatives to send a letter to the CDC asking them to not focus on motorcycle safety, but rather leave that to the relevant transportation agencies. The CDC's response was that they needed to be involved in all preventable injuries, because they have the newest research available.

Use the MRF's latest "Fact or Fiction" piece, which was made public at this past year's "Bikers Inside the Beltway" event in D.C. in May of 2013 to educate your legislators. The one page

document has information about the CDC and the misconception related to the effectiveness of helmet laws.

You can view the "Fact or Fiction" piece here:

http://www.mrf.org/pdf/MRF_FactOrFiction2013.pdf

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Community Preventative Services Task Force Recommends Universal Helmet Laws Nationwide

Before we get to the subject matter at hand, let me address two important preliminary matters. The first is **explaining what the Community Preventative Services Task Force (CPSTF) is**. The second is to explain the purpose of this article. The CPSTF is a task force whose members are appointed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the purpose of providing studies which recommend programs and policies to improve health. Their latest report focuses on motorcycle fatalities and injuries. The study recommends universal motorcycle helmet laws as the sole method to reduce fatalities and injuries. The report fails to address ways to prevent or reduce motorcycle crashes. There is no mention of motorcycle training and education. The recommendation instead focuses on surviving the inevitable crash.

Now for the **purpose of this article**. **First and foremost let me explain what the purpose is not. I am neither attacking nor defending universal motorcycle helmet laws.** As of this writing, 19 states have made the decision to keep them in place while 31 states have elected to allow motorcycle riders to make their own decision about wearing helmets. It is a topic which sparks much debate and disagreement within the riding community as a whole. **The purpose of this article is to suggest that we motorcyclists should not simply accept what we are told by official sounding entities. Before we accept restrictions being placed upon us, perhaps we should ask some hard questions rather than accept the opinions of those who want to convince us that motorcycling is inherently dangerous, and that we are all destined for a terrible**

crash. Trust me; it is not just governmental entities that want to convince us of this. Each one of us have been at a social gathering where someone, upon finding out that we ride a motorcycle, has felt the need to tell us about their family member or friend who died in a horrific motorcycle accident. I have never had that happen when someone found out that I purchased a car. I guess people don't die in car crashes. But I digress. Let's get back to the CPSTF.

The CPSTF's latest recommendation comes on the heels of the CDC study that came to the same conclusion, which is that all states should have universal motorcycle helmet laws. The CPSTF points to several factors in making its recommendation. They point to increased motorcycle fatalities. They claim that states with universal motorcycle helmet laws experience less motorcycle related fatalities while states that allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a helmet experience more motorcycle related fatalities. The CPSTF claims that wearing a motorcycle helmet reduces the risk of a fatal injury by 42%. Finally the CPSTF claims that states which implement universal motorcycle helmet laws experience an economic benefit, while states that repeal universal helmet laws experience increased costs. Let's take each of these assertions and ask some questions based upon data provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Both websites are below should you wish to look this up for yourself.

<http://www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/USA%20WEB%20REPORT.HTM>

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/abstracts/2011/>

First let's look at rising motorcycle fatalities. One thing that NHTSA looks at with overall motor vehicle fatalities is motor vehicles fatalities per 100,000 registered motor vehicles. That gives the raw number some context. What happens when we do the same with motorcycle related fatalities? The most recent numbers provided by the federal government give us motorcycle related fatalities and motorcycle registrations for the years 2008 to 2011. In 2008 there were 5,312 motorcycle related fatalities nationwide. In 2011 there were 4,612. In 2008, the number of motorcycle related fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles was 68.93. By 2011 that number had steadily declined to 56.44. It would appear that motorcyclists are moving the numbers in the right direction. Being that there was no change in the number of states that had universal motorcycle helmet laws during that time period, it is hard to conclude that universal helmet laws are responsible for the decrease in motorcycle related fatalities. Could it be that increased focus on training and education is having a positive effect? It is impossible to tell with any certainty. **However, learning how to avoid a crash is a more appealing strategy in my book than merely trying to survive one.**

Next let's look at the claim that that states with universal motorcycle helmet laws experience less motorcycle related

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fatalities than states which allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a helmet. If we were to look at motorcycle related fatalities in all of the states which have universal helmet laws and compare them to motorcycle related fatalities in states which allow choice, shouldn't we see a disparity between the two groups of states? If wearing a motorcycle helmet reduces the risk of a fatal injury by 42%, shouldn't we see a rather large disparity between the two groups of states? Interestingly, that is not the case. Between 2008 and 2011, jurisdictions with mandatory motorcycle helmet laws averaged 60.26 motorcycle related fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles. States with laws allowing adults to choose whether or not to wear a helmet averaged 57.90 motorcycle related fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles during that same period. Given those numbers, **I am left with no choice but to seriously question the claims made by the CPSTF.**

Finally let's look at the CPSTF's conclusion with regard to the economic impact of universal helmet laws. The CPSTF claims that 12 studies looked at the economic benefit after implementation of universal helmet laws, and that four directly comparable studies reported benefits ranging from \$29.3

million dollars to \$96.1 million dollars per 100,000 registered motorcycles per year. They further assert that five studies looked at the economic impact of repealing universal helmet laws and that three directly comparable studies reported increased costs ranging from \$1.8 million dollars to \$27.2 million dollars per 100,000 registered motorcycles per year. At face value, that would cause one to conclude that universal helmet laws save money, while laws allowing choice cost money. **However, let's ask a few important questions. First, how did these studies come to these conclusions?** The first claim is that the implementation of universal helmet laws resulted in benefits ranging from 29.3 million dollars to 96.1 million dollars per 100,000 registered motorcycles. Why is there a gap of 67 million dollars between these estimates? That seems rather large. How were these estimates calculated? How old are these studies? Other than Louisiana, no state has implemented a universal helmet law in over twenty years. Additionally, why is it that the costs suffered from repealing a universal helmet law is anywhere between 1.8 million dollars and 27.2 million dollars, but the benefit of implementing one is anywhere between 29.3 million dollars to 96.1 million dollars?

Shouldn't the numbers be the same? Shouldn't the cost of repealing a universal helmet law be comparable to the benefit of implementing one? Finally, if the CPSTF's claims are true, why don't we see higher health and motor vehicle insurance premiums in states which allow choice while seeing lower premiums in states with universal helmet laws? I highly doubt that the insurance industry would simply absorb such costs without passing them on to the consumer. Yet there is no evidence that states which allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a motorcycle helmet experience higher premiums than states which have universal helmet laws.

In the end, every rider must decide for themselves whether they believe that universal motorcycle helmet laws are a reasonable restriction on riders, or an unwarranted intrusion upon personal choice. I would merely suggest that in making that decision we not simply accept as true recommendations and conclusions merely because they come from official sounding entities. Groups can have agendas, and a study can be a tool for advocacy rather than an objective analysis of accurate data. Speaking for myself, I find the latest recommendation of the CPSTF to be the former and not the latter. ◇



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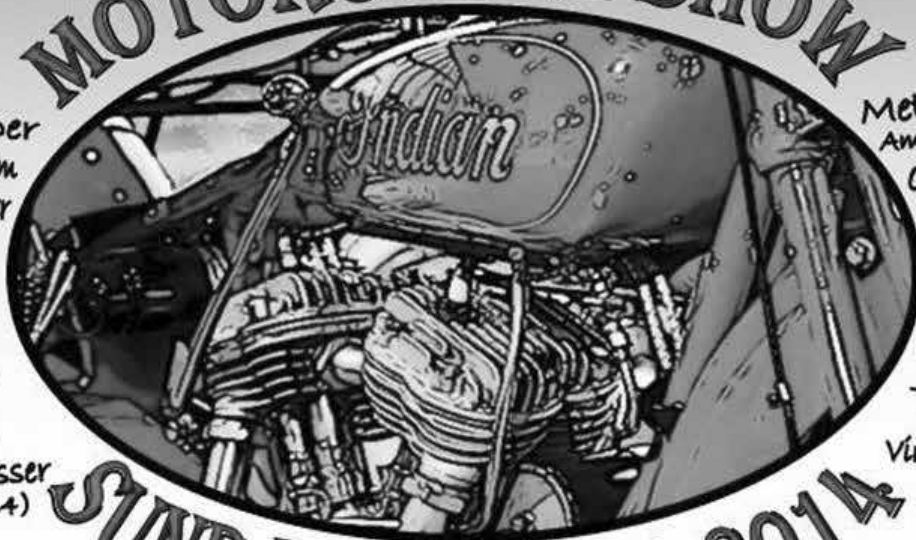
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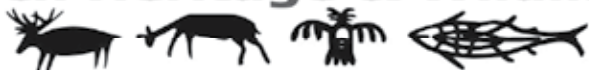
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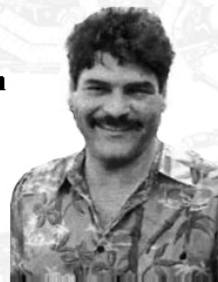
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The afternoon started off with a lively Easter egg hunt for the kids, from tots to teens. Afterwards each child received an Easter goodie bag packed with stuffed bunnies, candy and toys.

After the hunt it was time to eat! The barbecue grill was sizzling with hotdogs and hamburgers, and a huge table was filled with a great assortment of potluck side dishes that our members brought.

The kids' portion of our party ended about 2pm or when all of the kids were tuckered out from running around in the sun. After the kids left, it was time for the adult Easter bottle hunt! This was a complete kick in the pants and brought out the kid in all of us. After we rounded up our well hidden booze bottles we all kicked back in the sunshine, swapped stories and laughed ourselves silly.

Besides having fun our Chapter has been busy planning several rides. We'd like to thank our committee members who work hard planning all of our events and rides. It really takes teamwork to make it all happen. Because our Chapter is truly like family and we all care about each other we have created a new position, the Chapter Member Liaison; Thank you Gary for stepping up to take on this task.

On another note it is always heartbreaking when we learn of the passing of someone in our midst. Our Mason County Chapter would like to express our condolences and send our love and prayers to East Pierce County who lost member Little Joe and to Wayne and Darcy Mugartegui in the Olympia Chapter who lost their 23 year old son due to a fall.

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