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## Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone.

Well, Black Thursday may be over, but the work we need to accomplish is still at hand. The session is still open for the rest of the month and we should all let our legislators know how we want them to vote on the issues. We can write, phone or email them and reenforce our position on the issues, or we can visit them again at the capitol before session ends. After that, we can see them in our own home towns and review and discuss these issues with them. After session is an excellent time to get to know your representatives and senator. We all need to get more involved. The legislature may be part time, but our causes are full time. You can make a difference. We can make a difference. Together.



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## From the State Coordinator



Hi Everyone,

Well I just returned from the BOD and I realized we need to have our meetings on days that there is a football game (it just has to be scheduled a little later than 1:30) because people will do almost anything to get out of there in a speedy fashion. Some of the issues that were covered were the moving of the Spring Opener date from Father's Day weekend to the following weekend. This proposal passed so Spring Opener 2015 will be the weekend after Father's Day. 2014 Spring Opener will remain on the scheduled dates June 12-15. Another item was the back patch, this proposal was tabled until the next BOD due to confusion so we will try and make sure there is no confusion next time.

It has been brought to my attention that information is not reaching everyone even though we have a number of avenues to make sure it gets out. We have a newsletter that has every State and Chapter officer listed and most of the info that a person needs to get started. We have a web site that has all this info with a little more room to expand on the information. Both of these are an excellent avenue to get the information. You need to know what is going on in our organization but you have one avenue that is even a better way yet and that is the ability to ask questions and attend your chapter meeting where the decisions are made. Now none of these are perfect but the more we work together the better we will get.

We will be having an election for the office of state coordinator, along with myself running for re-election Ron Fryer decided he would like to run for the position. Ballots will be mailed by May 1, 2014 and have to be at the P.O. Box by June 7, 2014 this is a week earlier than normal because of Spring Opener falling on the second Saturday of June. The other positions that were up for election was West Side Deputy Coordinator Mike Campbell and Ambassador At Large Dutch Phillips, they were seated in their officer position running unopposed.

Just a couple more things, we send out informational emails from time to time. If you are not receiving these we either do not have your correct email address or we do not have one at all either way please let us know so you can stay up on what is going on and as always if you ever have any questions, concerns, or constructive criticism you can contact me at [coordinator@abate-wa.org](mailto:coordinator@abate-wa.org) or call 253-326-5201.

Lyle Coyle  
State Coordinator  
ABATE of Washington

### **ABATE of Washington 2013 Meeting Schedule**

### **ABATE of Washington 2014 Meeting Schedule**

#### **Board of Directors Meetings**

April 12 - SKCC,  
July 12 - Tri Cities,  
October 25-26 STEAM / BOD Kittitas

#### **ECOM Meetings**

11:00 AM Johnnie's in Fife unless otherwise posted  
March 2, June 1, September 14, November 30

### **Senior Deputy Coordinator**

Michael Campbell



Thank you to the Board of Directors for the vote of confidence. For those that don't know yet, I have been seated by the Board of Directors for another 2 years from this July.

Any questions, suggestions, problems

with any ABATE standing committees be sure to contact me. Contact me to work with any committee. We do need help with Newsletter and Products committees. Your expertise or desire to learn would be appreciated and help make our organization operate smoothly. All committees are listed in the newsletter as well as online. Also be sure to contact me about open ABATE committee chair positions that are open: Public Relations: The voice and face of ABATE of Washington.

ABATE needs someone to step up and make State Products a viable source of profitable income to support ABATE. We need a Products Development committee chair: Be computer literate to promote products online/newsletter/catalog.

The International Motorcycle Show is Feb 14-16 at the Convention Center in Seattle. ABATE of Washington will have a membership booth at this event. You will be able to join or renew your membership online. If interested in working the booth for ABATE of Washington contact Donnie Ahola, coordinator of Tacoma chapter.

By the time you read this we will have had a successful Black Thursday event and thank you for helping to support ABATE of Washington to fight for our motorcycling rights and freedoms of the road. The event was just the kick off and we need to be vigilant in the coming weeks of this "short" session. Please be sure to "jump" right on any call to actions received. Be sure to send in letters, emails and phone calls to keep your relationship with you legislators at the top of their constituent list.

The next big event for ABATE will be Spring Swap meet scheduled for March 30th in Monroe and then start planning for your weekend at Spring Opener June 12th-15. There is a great program scheduled for this annual event: Bands, game, bike show, poker run just to mention of few. Be sure to get your Bike Raffle ticket and spring opener tickets. Check the flyer on: [WWW.ABATE-WA.ORG](http://WWW.ABATE-WA.ORG) under EVENTS and spring opener.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael "Critter" Campbell  
West Deputy Coordinator

### **Junior Deputy Coordinator**

Scott Robinson

Members,

The East side of the mountains and the Chapters that make up the East are moving forward. We have growth in our chapters and plans for the future. Our Coordinators are a good group of folks who have a lot to offer. As time goes on we are all getting to know one another and will continue to support the Brothers in our neighboring Chapters. To continue the fight for our Rights and Freedoms that is where we are headed. I believe this and will always ride full throttle to meet that goal.

At the time of writing this we are still looking for the State Products Chair Person. We need someone to head up this Committee. If you have an interest, Contact one of the State officers for an interview...

Next we are in need of a Public Relations Person, This is a very important position and needs filled to further our growth in numbers and strength in our political battles ahead. Again contact us if you feel your the one.

At this time I would like to say hello to our Senators and state legislative Reps. It was brought to my attention that they are now receiving our FREEDOM newsletter. I think they will find it interesting to see how much charity we do in a years time. We are also a large number of voters and cover the entire state.

Start making plans to attend the International Motorcycle show in Seattle we will be hosting a booth there. Weekend of February 14th.

later Scott



**Tacoma Chapter**  
Meets 1st Wednesday - 7:00PM  
VFW Post #969  
3510 McKinley Ave. Tacoma

Hi there ABATE,

Well the BOD is over and we'll have a race for state coordinator. Lyle Coyle and Ron Fryer.

The ballots will be out soon so please vote and get them sent in ASAP. The new patch design was tabled till the Next BOD so if you want to design a new ABATE of Washington patch please do so and get it submitted to Rona soon. Just to clarify, the old patch is grandfathered in and will always be available. I would like to thank all the Tacoma members that took time on Seahawks Saturday to prepare and serve lunch at the BOD. Go Seahawks.

Mike Campbell and I will be hosting the ABATE booth at the International Motorcycle show on the 14th 15th and 16th of February at the convention center in Seattle. If you have never been to one of these you should make an effort to come out and see all the great new bikes and accessory's that are offered. It will be well worth it. In the past I have seen some things that I had no idea were even available. Its a great show. I will be looking for volunteer's to help with the booth for the three days, so if your interested, give me a call.

Tacoma chapters 35th Valentines/Anniversary party is February 15th at the VFW post #969 3510 McKinley Ave. Tacoma Wa. 98404 starting at 6:30 for pot luck and live music by Steve and the Good Times at 7:30. \$5 bucks at the door gets you in plus a 35th year pin. All proceeds made will go to 2014 Spring Opener. Come on out and have some fun and enjoy 35 years of history.

That's all for now.

Ride Safe  
Donnie Ahola  
Tacoma ABATE Coordinator  
cadhd67@yahoo.com

**Sky Valley**  
Meets 2nd Tuesday -7 PM  
Snohomish Eagles FOE195  
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Well our chapter is now deep into the holiday family's. We made our appearance with turkey dinners for all the family's, and the shopping and wrapping of the gifts for Christmas is now over! Wheew! Lots of presents thanks to the expert shopper Cheryl, and help from Janet. Thanks girls it's a big job and it was much appreciated!

Next is our delivery on Sunday the 22nd, but by the reading of this it's already history. If you haven't figured by now our chapter picks a few family's in our area that wouldn't have a thanksgiving or Christmas and we adopt them for the holiday's and make dinners, and presents for the kids happen. This act of kindness warms everyone's heart that is involved, and makes me proud to be part of this chapter. I would like to thank everyone involved so I will start with our fearless leader and chapter coordinator Rod Hobleman and his wife Michelle, Vic and his wife Cheryl, Dazzlin' Dave, Randy and his wife Mary Jane, Dave Martin, and Janet (my wife) for all jumping in with me on the wrapping party, as well as the shopping and money. There are others that were behind the scene like Pat and his wife for their generous donations. Also the whole rest of the chapter for showing up for the delivery of our gifts. I am attaching a few pictures of the wrapping party I hope you will like. Thanks again to everyone!!!! Not much more to report this month, and I'm sure Black Friday will get all the attention it needs. So see you there .....and in the wind. Highwayman



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### Key Peninsula Chapter

Meets 3rd Wednesday 7:00PM  
The Float Pub & Grill  
14511 Sherman Dr. NW,  
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#### Key Peninsula Chapter

The long grey winter is still with us...bah. The down time gives the Chapter time to organize and plan.

The Chapter changed its meeting time. We now have the business meeting on the second Thursday of each month at The Floatation Device in Purdy (aka The Float). And the Social meeting will be the third Thursday with the location to be set at the business meeting. The social will give members more opportunity to get better acquainted in a more personal atmosphere.

Deputy Coordinator, Randy Mynatt, and Secretary, Glenyce Jackson, attended the ABATE of Washington Board of Directors meeting in place of Coordinator, Jay Jackson because he was ill. The Chapter is delighted to get the Chapter flag, official gavel, and the book of Robert's Rules (in case we have troubles running our meetings). We're almost complete! Hooray!!

Randy Mynatt receiving Chapter flag, etc. from State Coordinator Lyle Coyle at the January BOD.

Key Peninsula Chapter members were in Olympia for Black Thursday visiting with the Legislators from our District. They enjoyed meeting old friends to discuss issues and good times.

In ending, Key Peninsula Chapter says farewell to Charter member Tracey Clark. She died of heart disease at OHSU. We will miss her and her smile.

RIP Tracey until we meet again.

Note: Please let Irish, Jay, or Glenyce know of any of our Biker Family passing during the past year so they can be honored with the Ringing of



### Pacific County Chapter

1st Sunday 10:00 AM  
Hunter's Inn - Naselle

As I write the new year is only a day or two old but as you read this Black Thursday and the BOD will be over. Well it's that time of the year when we need to fix our bikes and get ready for the spring. Hate to lose one day of riding over a small break down that I could have fixed now in the rain. We are already getting our runs ready for the spring and summer. To reflect on 2013, I lost friends to death, watched friends get married and got to see many young ones born. All in all it was a good year, just went to fast--guess that means I'm getting old, where did the years go. Just the other day it was 1965 and I was cutting my teeth for the first time on a motorcycle. Where did the grey hair, limp and belly come from and better yet when did it happen?? Don't feel older, just move slower, and somewhere along the way mellowed a bite. Remember packing tools for a ride and now it's meds. Just something to chew on during these wet dark nights and drerry days. See ya down the road--be safe.

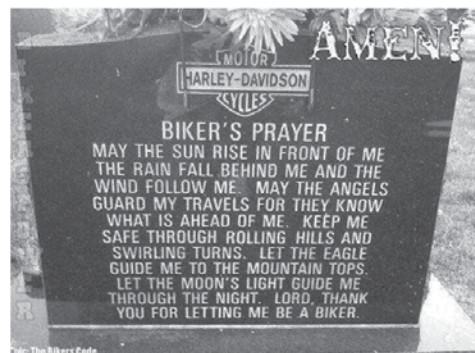
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### **Tri-Cities Chapter**

Meets: 2nd Thursday at 6:30 PM

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(4th floor - next to the Crows Nest Lounge)

As we roll into February, our chapter looks forward to a very busy Spring 2014. Our Coordinator Frank, is out of town as I write this, so I will update you to what we have done and what is coming up soon. Frank represented us all at the BOD meeting in Tacoma and voted for us on several issues. Our state newsletter editor, Ron Fryer has been nominated to run for state coordinator along with present state coordinator, Lyle Coyle. We urge you all to send in your ballot and vote when you receive them in May. The state seated Mike Cambell as Deputy Coordinator for another two years, as he ran unopposed.

By the time you receive this newsletter, many of us will have been to our capitol in Olympia, to represent our Chapter and Tri Cities motorcyclists, at the annual Black Thursday event. Keep your fingers crossed that we were effective in convincing our legislators to pass our bills we have presented. Announcements will be made as soon as we found out the outcome.

We are proud to announce that the Tri Cities Chapter has paired up with the Clark County Freedom Riders Chapter in Vancouver, for an upcoming 'Patriots Rally, to be held on April 26, 2014. This is to be a weekend event from April 25 thru the 27th and we have reserved the River Bend Campgrounds in Olympia. Will be a purposeful and fun weekend, which includes a ride to the Capitol where there will be speakers regarding our Constitution and how it relates to our motorcycling rights in Washington State. We already have our permit in place and several Senators have agreed to meet with us at the capitol, to speak. After the event at the capitol which will last about 2 hours, we return to the campgrounds where there will be a celebration with food, music and bonfires. Look for advertising on our website and in the newsletter.

TCC member Dick Austin has requested we help out a little girl named Abigale who is only 5 years old and is under going chemotherapy type treatments for an auto immune blood disease, that this dear little girl has to endure each month. Abby's parents have to take her all the way to Seattle for the treatments and the expense is very hard on them. The Long Branch Bar and Grill has agreed to hold a spaghetti feed benefit for Abby on Saturday, March 8th. We are asking for auction items and donations to help this little girl and her family. We hope you will come to the benefit. There will be live music and fun, as always, at the Long Branch! (see flyer for Abby in this issue)

The Tri Cities Chapter is happy to help in our community when we can. We are proud of our efforts each month in assisting the less fortunate children at the Jefferson School in Richland. We provided lots of great Christmas toys and gifts for them this past holiday season. and we continue to fill up their food pantry each month, as well as much needed clothing. We have very generous members and thank you so much to all of you that help out these children. Our meeting continues to be every second Thursday of each month at the Clover Island Inn, in Kennewick at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Catherine 'Chatty' Salomone

TCC Secretary

### **Spanaway Chapter**

Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 7pm.

Uncle Sam's American Bar & Grill

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Well Black Thursday is coming fast a lot of Spanaway chapter has their times set for meeting our representative's. Most of us it's our first time so we are excited about it. We are looking forward to the meet and greet at the Governor's hotel on Wednesday the 22nd.

Some of us made it up to Elk Country's monthly meeting and Christmas party. All had a great time.

I for one was glad to see the Spring opener get moved off of Fathers day weekend for next year. And I hope our Spring opener will grow in size because of it. We have gotten the OK to have a poker run at the spring opener this year. And I believe we have a great route picked out for it. We will try to make it special for everyone. All proceeds will go to the Spring opener committee. Congrats to Mike Campbell and Dutch Phillips for agreeing to sever Abate for another two years in their respected positions. I know they will do their best as always.

Sorry to see the second patch design get tabled. I think we have some very good designs for Brothers and Sisters that don't want the other one. I feel all should have a choice on what they want to wear. The main thing is that we let others know who we are and what we do.

We hope to get our web site up soon. We will of had annual chili chook off before this news letter comes out and maybe crowned a new chili champ.

February we will have our annual soup cook off with a live auction for our chapter great music on Feb 22. Flyer in this issue of Freedom. Its another fun night and all are welcome to bring their best soup recipes and join in the fun. and also get some good buys at our auction.

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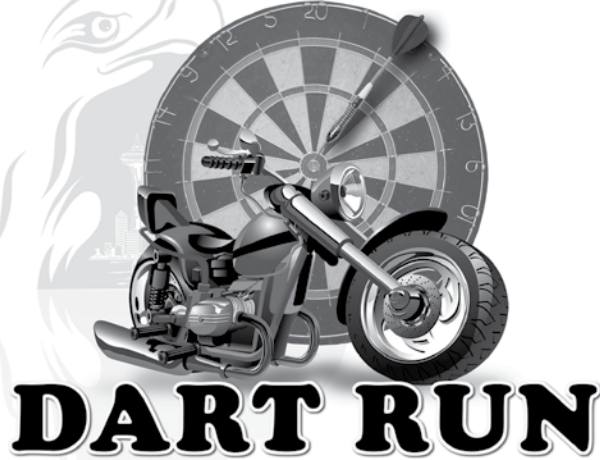
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Spokane, WA

Hi all

I wanted to start off by thanking BOD and all the chapters that voted to fund a booth at the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show in Spokane. We have a lot of bikers on the East side of the state and not many ABATE members. I think this will be a great opportunity to let them know how much we do in the fight for their rights and hopefully get more people involved and join in with us. I have a few ideas on how I am going to run the booth and what I will be presenting but am open to ideas that any of you might have. I will also be putting a sign-up sheet together for anyone that would like to help out. I would like to have at least two people at a time for at least two hour blocks. I plan on putting it on Facebook. Check it out at [www.facebook.com/Inland.Empire.Abate.Wa](http://www.facebook.com/Inland.Empire.Abate.Wa).

It's better late than never to report on our Second Harvest Food Drive. This year we did a pup crawl in the Garland District in Spokane. We had a good turnout and raised \$667 and 345lbs of food. Thanks to everyone that showed up and donated.

Last year we rode as a chapter in the Spokane St. Paddy's Day Parade. I gave us a chance to practice one of the laws ABATE helped pass – The Parade Bill – that lets you ride in a parade without a lid. We plan on doing it again this year. If anybody would like to join us let me know and I will get you the details. Last year was a blast and we would be happy to have you.

By the time you read this we will have another Black Thursday in the books. I have booked my hotel and have at least one other member going. I hope we make a big impact on our legislators. See you on the road

Seth McIntosh,  
IEC Coordinator  
[sethmc@hotmail.com](mailto:sethmc@hotmail.com)

**Mason County**

Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 7pm  
Taylor Station Restaurant  
62 SE Lynch Rd.  
Shelton, WA

Greetings Everyone,

The Mason County Chapter has been busy the past 2 months having fun, giving back to those in need during the holidays and planning new rides and activities for 2014.

In November, our Chapter adopted a local family for Thanksgiving. The family we chose was going through a very difficult time. They have 3 young children – a 1 year old girl, 2 year old boy and a 3 old year girl who is fighting cancer. They spend a large amount time driving to and from Children's Hospital and money has been tight for them. Our Chapter members got together and donated a gas card, a grocery gift card and we brought a turkey, miscellaneous groceries and some baby/toddler items. The family was extremely

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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

grateful. We'll keep them in our prayers in the coming year. We started out December with the 36th Annual Olympia Toy Run. The Mason County Chapter are members of the Olympia Toy Run Coalition and we volunteer our services by handling parking at the end of the parade route at Marathon Park. This year the temps were well below freezing. Due to the frigid weather the bike count was down but riders stepped up big time and they actually beat last year's toy donation count! Thankfully due to everyone's generosity and holiday spirit we enabled the Salvation Army "Toy n' Joy" Shop to give out toys and food vouchers to 700 local families (which was a record number of families in need). No child should go without any time of year, let alone during the holidays. We are proud to be a part of such a worthwhile charity event.

On Dec 14th our chapter partied down during our Annual Christmas Party! Our party was held at a local grange. A couple of our members had decked the place out with lots of holiday decorations and lights. They even created a biker themed

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 see a lot of good things in ABATE, as well as a lot of potential. I would like to see ABATE membership grow instead of decline. I have many innovative ideas that can help make that happen.

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

Christmas tree decorated with a variety of biker items straight of their garages! The party was a BYOB potluck party! There were lots of Jell-O shots and plenty of cocktails! The spread of food was amazing and quite delicious; we definitely have some great cooks in our group!

Every Christmas our Chapter adopts a family and this year we chose to help one of our own, Bunny, a loyal Chapter member. Bunny 's 31 year old daughter died over a year ago and now Bunny is raising her 3 small grandchildren – Dakota 8, Chad 7, and Chevy 3. No doubt about it, Christmas shopping for this year's family was extra special to all of us. After Christmas, Bunny shared with us that she and the kids enjoyed an outstanding Christmas holiday together.

At our January meeting we started planning some fun Chapter events that we feel will build deeper connections within our ever-expanding Chapter in 2014.

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# **ABATE of Washington**



**Tri Cities Chapter**

**'SPAGHETTI FEED BENEFIT for Little ABBY'**

**SATURDAY, March 8th, 2014 ~ Starts 4:00 PM**

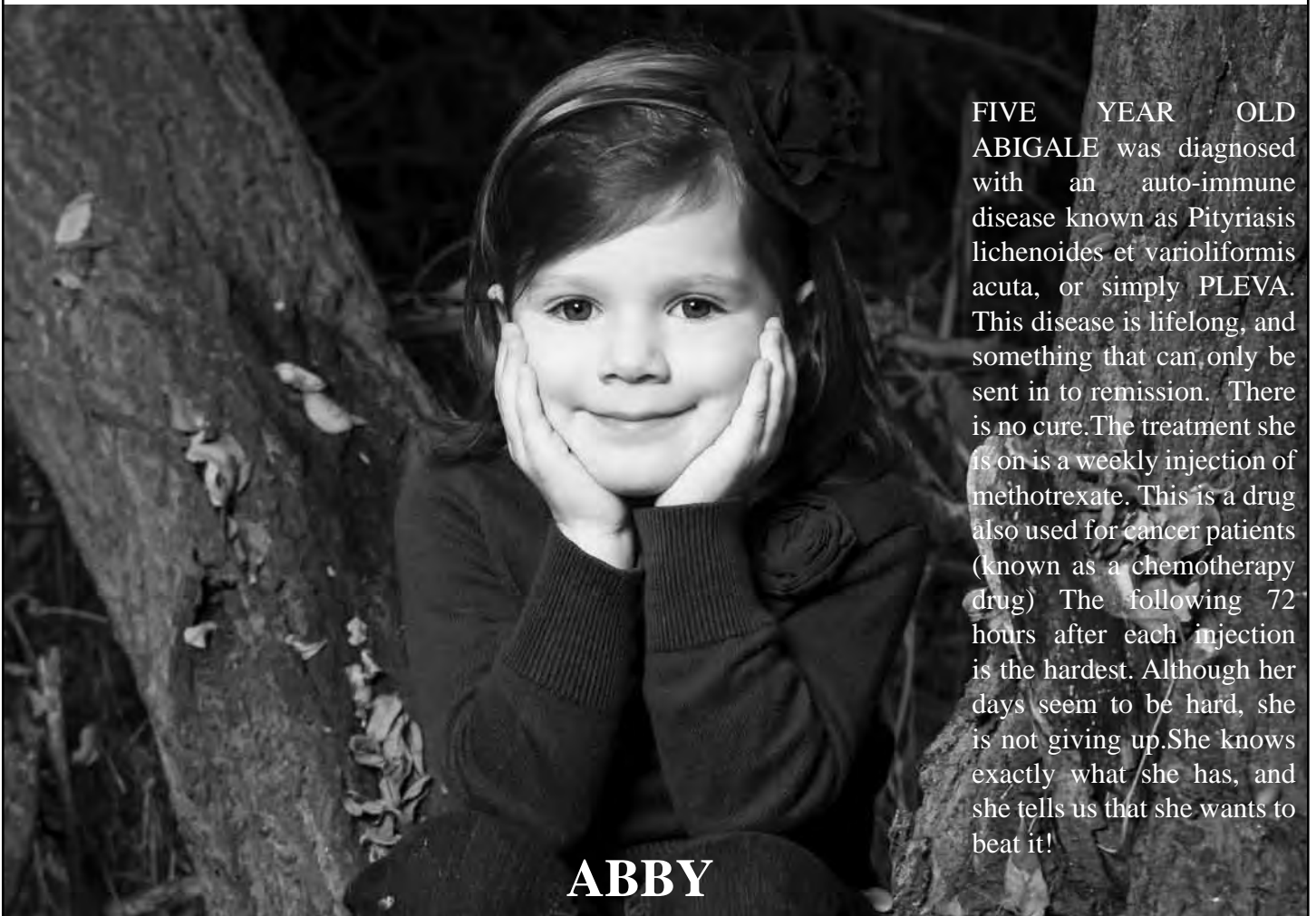
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**ABBY**

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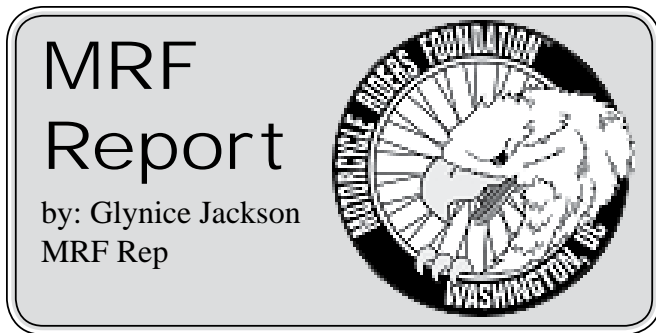
Mail to: NCOM- 7334 Topanga Canyon Blvd. Ste 200, Canoga Park, CA 91303

**PRE - REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE APRIL 25, 2014**

Note: your Convention packet WILL NOT be mailed to you. Upon arrival at the NCOM Convention check in at the  
Pre-registration booth in the hotel lobby to pick up your wristband and convention information.

THIS WRISTBAND MUST BE WORN for admittance into all workshops and seminars. No one will be admitted without it.

You will also receive you Banquet ticket(s) if your pre - registration included the Silver Spoke Award Banquet on  
Saturday evening. You will need your banquet ticket to be admitted into the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet.



## **Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)**

“We’re in the freedom business.”—Karen Bolin

### **What is the MRF?**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with State Motorcyclists’ Rights Organizations (SMROs), assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization (WHO). We have an historic partnership with the American Motorcyclist Association and work with the AMA on a host of issues.

The MRF’s primary goals at this time are:

1. Promote safety on American roads for ALL road users.
2. Fight for motorcycle exemptions from Environmental Protection Agency regulatory restrictions.
3. End the discrimination of motorcyclists when it comes to health insurance.
4. Monitor federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large.

MRF’s Mission Statement To continue developing an aggressive, independent national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle which is financially stable and exceeds the needs of motorcycling enthusiasts.

### **Mission Goals**

Maintain and improve our ability to act as an advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

Maintain and improve our financial base and ensure financial stability.

Maintain and improve our capability to meet and exceed the needs of our membership base and all state motorcyclists’ rights organizations.

Maintain and improve our capability to be the national information center for motorcyclists’ rights information. Enhance training of national, state, and local motorcyclists’ rights activists.

Ride with the leaders.

Here at home in Washington state....ABATE of Washington State Coordinator, Lyle Coyle, asked for volunteers for the position of MRF Representative for Washington. Glynice Jackson held up her hand for Jay Jackson (who was home sick). She said they would love to do the job together. There were no other volunteers so Glynice was appointed to the

position for the coming year. When you have questions about the MRF give us a call at 253-884-1909. Both Jay and Glynice will gladly help you with any matters pertaining to national motorcycling issues. The webpage [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) is also a good resource with details of the national issues the MRF works. Expect a visit or phone call from us to renew your membership or send it in NOW.

The Best of the West Conference will be in Denver this year June 6 – 8. The next Best of the West will be in 2016. The Beast of the East Conference will be in 2015. The Meeting of the Minds will be hosted by Missouri this year in September. Try to attend on of these events to learn from other riders from around the country.

When we were at the Meeting of the Minds Conference in September we sat down with the MRF Reps from Idaho and Oregon to start planning for a 3-state STEAM. Right now we are all looking for common needs we share to focus attention on. When we get a firm grasp on a common goal we will plan the details of the actual event. More on this will come as it happens. Take a minute to send an email to your Senators and Representatives in the U.S. Congress to let them know your concerns about E-15, the CDC, or any of the issues that affect motorcyclists and our freedoms. If we can stop things in Washington, D.C. we won’t have to fight them here at home.

United we ride, divided we drive.

RIDE safe.

Glynice Jackson



# MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT?

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*After becoming a victim on my motorcycle by yet another careless driver, I was severely injured with broken bones and permanent nerve damage. In the wake of this traumatic experience, I was confused with more questions and than injuries. To complicate matters, the opposing insurance company tried to blame me for the collision. After interviews with several attorneys, I was very skeptical of their motives. Finally, I received a personal reference to contact Wesley McLaughlin, and ultimately contracted him to defend me. His selfless and compassionate style was apparent early on, and was also matched by his staff. He was truly an aggressive advocate for my well-being, and I never doubted his commitment to serve me. His sound advice and ability to offer perspectives and answer questions enabled me to make critical decisions. Although no dollar amount could ever equate to the physical and emotional pain I suffered, the settlement far exceeded my expectations. I owe my gratitude to the entire team of professionals at McLaughlin & Associates who built a strong personal relationship in the process of successfully making forceful demands to the defendant.*

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Dealing with Law Enforcement and Deciding How to Handle Helmet Tickets. Materials are written by Mike Myers, Ed Allen and Paul Arnold. The Trooper Lights you up—what to Do When You Get Pulled Over?

Jay-Z, a rapper, doesn't have a lot of fans in the biker community. But he delivers a good course in how to handle law enforcement in his song 99 Problems: *The year is '94 and in my trunk is raw, In my rear view mirror is the mother f\*\*\*ing law, I got two choices yawl pull over the car or, bounce on the double put the pedal to the floor, Now I ain't trying to see no highway chase with Jake, Plus I got a few dollars I can fight the case, So I...pull over to the side of the road, And I heard "Son do you know why I'm stopping you for?", Cause I'm young and I'm black and my hat's real low , Do I look like a mind reader sir, I don't know, Am I under arrest or should I guess some MO?", Well you was doing fifty five in a fifty four", "License and registration and step out of the car", "Are you carrying a weapon on you I know a lot of you are", I ain't stepping out of shit all my papers legit, "Do you mind if I look round the car a little bit?", Well my glove compartment is locked so is the trunk and the back, And I know my rights so you gon' need a warrant for that, "Aren't you sharp as a tack are some type of lawyer or something?", "Or somebody important or something?", Nah I ain't passed the bar but I know a little bit, Enough that you won't illegally search my shit, "Well see how smart you are when the K-9's come", I got 99 problems but a bitch ain't one, Hit me...*

Translating Jay-Z's advice, here's what you should and should not do:

DO: Pull over and stop at the nearest safe spot.

DO: Act in a polite manner and be respectful, keep your hands visible and do not make sudden movements. (Police are always on hyper alert for what they think may be "officer safety." Threats to them increase during traffic stops, especially if they are on duty alone, at night, or isolated. They are trained that threats come from a person's hands, so they always watch the hands closely.

DO: ask permission before reaching for your wallet etc because generally speaking, under the Fifth Amendment, you are never required to speak to police. However, if you are stopped while driving, you are required to produce your driver's license (and motorcycle endorsement), vehicle registration and proof of insurance (though liability insurance is not required in Washington State for motorcycles under (RCW46.30.020).

DO NOT: answer any other questions. (It is a crime to lie or give false information to a police officer.)

DO NOT: admit guilt, not even going one mile an hour over the speed limit. An admission to speeding is often the hardest thing to overcome you may later wish to contest the ticket. Reveal only a valid driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.

DO NOT: give the officer consent to 1b) \*search your person, saddle bags or compartments on your bike. If the officer suspects you have been drinking or may be under the influence of some drug, he will likely ask you about it and want you to perform roadside agility tests. You should decline to answer any questions about alcohol or drugs. You should also decline to perform any tests, including the portable breath test on



the side of the road. These tests are designed to allow the officer to gather evidence against you to build his case and justify his arrest of you. If you are arrested for DUI, you are generally best advised to take the breath test (or blood test) at the station. Before doing so however, demand to speak with an attorney, and get legal advice before making your decision about taking the test. Announce that you wish to remain silent. You should also request an independent blood test.

**Deciding Whether to Fight the Helmet Ticket—What Do You Need to Consider?** An infraction for no helmet or an improper helmet is a moving violation that will go on your driving record and potentially affect your insurance. The State has the burden of proving, through competent admissible evidence, that it is more likely than not that you committed the infraction. The rules of evidence apply to this violation, meaning that hearsay, opinion, speculation, and unverified test results will be excluded from the Court's consideration if properly objected to. There are basically three issues you need to think about when deciding whether to fight a helmet ticket:

1. was the stop good? If the stop was improper you have a chance to beat the ticket.

2. Was the helmet good? If the helmet was good you have a chance to beat the ticket.

3. Any Collateral Issues? The first two issues are "small picture". This is a "big picture" question. If there are collateral issues involved you need to weigh the pros and cons of fighting the ticket.

1a) Was the Stop Good or \*Pretextual? Whether or not a stop is "good" can take up an entire semester of law school. There is far too much information to cover here. But there's one interesting subset that most of you know about and is worth discussing.

RCW 43.101.419 outlaws motorcycle profiling. According to the statute: "[M]otorcycle profiling" means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without a legal basis under the United States Constitution or Washington State Constitution.

What's the take-away? If you get pulled over just because you're riding a motorcycle or have on a cut you might be able to beat the ticket on that basis alone. Sometimes law enforcement includes reference to MCs in the ticket—that's strong evidence that you got pulled over because of what you were wearing rather than what you did. Is the Helmet Good? Here's the key part of the helmet statute: RCW 46.37.530(c): For any person to operate or ride upon a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped on a state highway, county road, or city street unless wearing upon his or her head a motorcycle helmet. For purposes of this section, "motorcycle helmet" means a protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell, and a neck or chin strap type retention system, with the manufacturer's certification applied in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Sec. 571.218. Here's what the law says about the "DOT" label: Each helmet shall be labeled permanently and legibly, in a manner such that the label(s) can be read easily without removing padding or any other permanent part, with the following:

(a) Manufacturer's name or identification.

(b) Precise model designation.

(c) Size. (d) Month and year of manufacture.

(e) The symbol "DOT", constituting the manufacturer's certification that the helmet conforms to the applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. This symbol shall appear on the outer surface, in a color that contrasts with

the background, in letters at least 3/8 inch (1 cm) high, centered laterally with the horizontal centerline of the symbol located a minimum of 1 1/8th inches (2.9 cm) and a maximum of 1 3/8th inches (3.5 cm) from the bottom edge of the posterior portion of the helmet. If your helmet meets those requirements you're good. If not, you have a problem.

Are there Any Collateral Issues? There are all sorts of other things you need to take into consideration when deciding whether to fight a helmet ticket. One of the most frequent collateral issues is a personal injury claim. Just because you got hurt doesn't mean the responding officer will not cite you. You have to decide—on a big picture basis—whether it makes sense to fight the helmet ticket. In most cases I think it makes sense not to fight the ticket. Here's why: The fact you received a ticket or beat a ticket cannot be introduced in a personal injury case. You don't gain anything—in terms of the personal injury case by fighting it. But you do stand to lose something. The testimony you give at the ticket hearing can be used against you in your personal injury case. Is saying something at the ticket hearing worth potentially screwing up your personal injury case? Probably not...

**Pulling the Trigger—What to Do First** You have three choices:

- (1) pay,
- (2) contest or
- (3) explain.

Make sure you send in your ticket on time (and as soon as possible) regardless which option you pick. If you choose to contest some of your choices are:

**Sending Discovery;** the court rules both allow and require discovery if you decided to contest the ticket you should send discovery requests.

Discovery requests allow you to ask questions and for information. You should not send out boilerplate requests. They should directly address the key issues in your case. In order to make sure you comply with all discovery requirements and take advantage of the discovery rules you should probably consult with an attorney.

**Whether to Subpoena the Officer;** if you request the officer's presence at the hearing and he does not appear you will generally win. But they often do appear and love to collect the overtime pay. And let's face it: police officers are professional witnesses. They typically do a good job in court. If they appear, the judge is less likely to throw out the case, as the officer can fill in any holes in his report, and the judges often do not like to rule against the police if they are present in the courtroom.

**Technicalities;** most of the successful challenges to tickets are either technical in nature or are the result of an insufficiency in the officer's report. Sometimes the ticket does not get filed within five days of its issuance, as required by court rule. Sometimes the officer will not properly sign it, or will write down the wrong code number. Sometimes the court will not set the hearing within the proper time limits as required by court rule. Frequently the officer will not articulate sufficient facts in his report to prove everything required at the hearing. They also like to make conclusory statements without stating what observations they are basing their assumption upon (i.e. Chris's helmet was improper) that statement has to be supported in court. Again, it makes sense to have an attorney review to see whether there's a "technicality" that you can exploit. This isn't a (Do It Yourself) project.

**The Day in Court** if you're serious about your helmet ticket you should hire a lawyer. If you decide to handle it yourself, remember the following: Be on time, Dress nicely, Do not wear

any leather, do not wear a vest, and do not wear your colors, Listen to the judge's questions, Make sure you answer the question asked, and keep your cool.

Rights and Remedies if the Judge Rules against you, if the judge determines you committed the infraction, you still can appeal to the Superior Court. In almost all cases the Superior Court will decide whether or not you committed the infraction based on the record below. The appeal is not a clean slate. If you get an attorney involved at this point he or she will probably have to work with the record from the original hearing.

\*1a) Pretextual traffic stops are often used by law enforcement as a method to initiate a stop and search of automobiles suspected to involve criminal activity. A Pretextual traffic stop involves a police officer stopping a driver for a traffic violation, minor or otherwise, to allow the officer to then investigate a separate and unrelated, suspected criminal offense. Pretextual traffic stops allow police officers wide discretion in whom they choose to stop, and for what reasons they use to justify the traffic stop. By law, police officers must observe a legitimate traffic violation in order to stop an automobile...

\*1b) in regards to the search the SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, 392 U.S. 1, Terry v. Ohio; THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO, No. 67 Argued: December 12, 1967 --- Decided: June 10, 1968. The court distinguished between an investigatory "stop" and an arrest, and between a "frisk" of the outer clothing for weapons and a full-blown search for evidence of crime. The State Supreme Court dismissed the appeal on the ground that "no substantial constitutional question" was involved. Where a reasonably sensible officer is justified in the circumstances of a given situation in believing that his safety or that of others is endangered, he may make a reasonable search for weapons of the person believed by him to be armed and

dangerous regardless of whether he has probable cause to arrest that individual for crime or the absolute certainty that the individual is armed. Though the police must, whenever applicable, secure a warrant to make a search and seizure, that process cannot be followed where swift action based upon on-the-spot observations of the officer on the "beat" is required. A search for weapons in the absence of probable cause to arrest must be strictly limited by the needs of the situation. In a nut shell the law dog can pat you down "only for weapons" based on his evaluation of the immediate circumstances.

In light of the law of the land a necessary evil at times most of us have called upon this complex beast to find resolve for circumstances out of our control or wrongs infringed upon us. Resolve, no matter how idealistic the values are for each side of an argument, lies in the facts discovered, the impact of those facts upon each side of the argument and or the impact on society then ultimately the court and its rules. The very system that we oppose is also where the solution lies. The courts provide us a fair media to settle our differences to seek out and right the wrongs involuntarily forced on us. In one form or another to utilize this system to regress our grievances will cost. The price could be countless hours researching laws, arguments set forth in other courts, or money. Time is the one currency you will never get back. Always consider the reward, the loss, the impact, there are so many variables and such is the Judicial Twist. After the initial onslaught of hyper- emotion, and then the dust settles; the fight, the journey, the reward, or loss has to be worthy of the destination. Choose the battles wisely.

Good Day My Brother... and thank you Attorneys, Mike Myers, Ed Allen, also Paul Arnold a Lobbyist, Columnist, and biker at heart!



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| North Snohomish                                        | <a href="http://www.northsnohomishcountyabate.com">www.northsnohomishcountyabate.com</a>                             |
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| Rat City Chapter                                       | <a href="http://ratcityabate.com">http://ratcityabate.com</a>                                                        |
| Renton ABATE                                           | <a href="http://www.rentonabate.cjb.net">www.rentonabate.cjb.net</a>                                                 |
| Sky Valley Chapter                                     | <a href="http://www.skyvalleyabate.com">www.skyvalleyabate.com</a>                                                   |
| Sno- King Chapter                                      | <a href="http://www.Snoking-abate.org">www.Snoking-abate.org</a>                                                     |
| South King County Chapter                              | <a href="http://www.abate-wa-skcc.org">www.abate-wa-skcc.org</a>                                                     |
| Tacoma Chapter                                         | <a href="http://www.tacomaabate.org">www.tacomaabate.org</a>                                                         |
| Thomas - Info on Federal Bills                         | <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a>                                                            |
| Christian Crusaders                                    | <a href="http://www.goccm.org">www.goccm.org</a>                                                                     |
| Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)                     | <a href="http://www.mrf.org">www.mrf.org</a>                                                                         |
| National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)             | <a href="http://www.aimncom.com">www.aimncom.com</a>                                                                 |
| DOL-WMSP Board Minutes                                 | <a href="http://www.wa.gov/dol/drivers/wmspmin.htm">www.wa.gov/dol/drivers/wmspmin.htm</a>                           |
| Museum of Motorcycling                                 | <a href="http://www.micapeak.com/VME">www.micapeak.com/VME</a>                                                       |
| BC Coalition of Motorcyclists                          | <a href="http://www.bccom-bc.com">www.bccom-bc.com</a>                                                               |
| Olympia Toy Run Coalition                              | <a href="http://www.olytoyrun.com">www.olytoyrun.com</a>                                                             |
| Love Leathers Outpost                                  | <a href="http://www.lovesoutpost.com">www.lovesoutpost.com</a>                                                       |
| Sons of Liberty Riders                                 | <a href="http://sonsoflibertyriders.com">http://sonsoflibertyriders.com</a>                                          |
| Tri-Cities Chapter                                     | <a href="http://www.tccabate.org">www.tccabate.org</a>                                                               |
| Washington Road Riders Assn.                           | <a href="http://www.wrraleg@aol.com">www.wrraleg@aol.com</a>                                                         |
| <a href="http://www.abate-wa.org">www.abate-wa.org</a> |                                                                                                                      |

## Policies for the ABATE Newsletter

The deadline for submissions to the ABATE Newsletter is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Chapter reports must be submitted by the Chapter Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator or a person authorized by the Chapter Coordinator in writing.

Chapter announcements and flyers are free with the following restrictions:

Chapters are limited to one full page ad per month

If the event is during the first week of the month, then a full page ad is allowed in the previous month's issue.

If the event is not in the first week of the month, the full page ad is limited to the issue published in the month of the event.

Chapters may place ¼ page ads for up to two months prior to the event except for the issue that the full page ad is inserted. Chapters may not have a ¼ page ad and a full page ad for the same event in the same issue. Full page ads may be allowed if there is space available in months prior to the month of the event at the sole discretion of the Newsletter Team.

All flyers submitted for publication for Chapter events must have "ABATE of Washington" and the Chapter name at the top of the flyer. Use of the ABATE logo is optional. Any flyers submitted without this information will not be considered Chapter events and will be subject to policies contained in these rules. This may require payment before the flyer can be published.

Charities with 501 (c) (3) status must submit a copy of their IRS status letter to the Newsletter Team before their ad can be published. All events must be motorcycle related. There is no charge for charities to place ads under these conditions on a space available basis. If there is no space available, the charity has the option to pay for the ad at current published rates.

No other discounts or free ads will be allowed.

Commissions: Any ABATE member or Chapter may earn 10% on any ads sold for the newsletter.

# Rides and Events

**Feb. 15**

Valentine's Day Party Tacoma Chapter  
(see page 16)

**Feb 22**

Soup cook off and live auction.  
Spanaway Chapter (see page 25)

**March 9, 2014**

**Freeze Your Butt Off**  
Rat City (See page 19)

**March 15**

March Madness Clark County Chapter  
(see page 9)

**March 22**

Dart Run SKCC  
(see page 18)

**June 12-15**

**ABATE Spring Opener** (See page 21)

**May 8-11**

**NCOM Convention** (See page 22)

15th Annual Mississippi Charlie Memorial party  
**Saturday, May 3rd** Royal Bear tavern, 35731 West  
Valley Highway; Algona, WA Doors open at 7 pm  
\$10 per person 21 and over Sponsored by South  
Seattle Bandidos.


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

The 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 and other communications on State Organizational matters.

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

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