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STEAM 2014 in Ellensburg; photo by Tina Lawson

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UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

Congratulations to newly elected chapter officers and committee chairs who will serve for the 2015-2016 year. For those returning to leadership positions, thank you for your continuing commitment. Outgoing officers, a big shout out for your service the past year.

STEAM in Ellensburg is the place to be October 24. Open to all in ABATE of Washington, come have fun with your fellow members, enjoy a day of training and the awards banquet afterwards. There is a venue change from last month so be sure to check the flyer on page 7.

A few additional dates to keep in mind this month:

- Chapter LAO's (or Coordinators for those chapters without LAO's), please contact Brian Lange prior to Oct. 24 (see pg 9)
- Washington State General Elections in November for local county and city representation – time to register to vote if you're not already

October 5 – Deadline for voter registration, address change and other updates

October 16 – Start of 18-day voting period (through Election Day). Ballots are mailed out and Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are available at voting centers

October 26 – Deadline for new WA State voter registration (in person only)

November 3 – General Election

- ABATE of Washington will not have a booth at the International Motorcycle Show this year – it's moved to Portland, held the weekend of Oct. 31–Nov. 1
- Deadline for Spring Opener artwork contest is November 1 (see page 19)

Until next month, ride safe and often!

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OCTOBER

24 STEAM, hosted by
Kittitas County Chapter

25 BOD Meeting, hosted by
Kittitas County Chapter

NOVEMBER

29 ECOM Meeting, 11am
Johnny's at Fife

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For a list of Motorcycle Rights Organizations
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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



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ABATE of Southern Idaho will have a hospitality room Saturday night!

ABATE of WASHINGTON



PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL STEAM 2015 AWARDS DINNER & October's BOD MEETING

Saturday October 24, 11:00 AM & Sunday October 25, 10:00 AM

Seminar To Educate And Motivate

Join us for a fun & educational weekend where everything is conveniently located on site. The hotel offers complimentary breakfast.

Saturday's lunch will be catered in our banquet room for 'free' for the 4 below listed chapter officers.

Kittitas chapter will be hosting the awards dinner again this year.

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

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

To make your reservations...please call

Days Inn

901 Berry Road, Ellensburg, WA, 98926

I-90 Exit 109 - ph # 509 933 1500

State will *"reimburse with receipt"* up to two rooms per chapter based on *"double officer occupancy"* for these 4 Chapter officers; coordinator, deputy coordinator, secretary & treasurer. Other chapter officers & members are invited & encouraged to attend at their own expense.

Questions ?????? contact Scott Robinson @ scotth_robinson@yahoo.com



From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

your chapter and not the chapter carrying out your wishes. As deputy coordinator, you are there to help the coordinator with duties they may need help with. The treasurer will be responsible for keeping track of the chapter financials, paying chapter bills, sending quarterly reports to the state treasurer along with any event reports and levies. The secretary will keep the minutes of the meeting, making sure that any motions are written out as stated and if they pass or fail. Your minutes are the history of the meetings and may have to be reviewed if questions should arise so it is important that minutes are always accurate. If you are a new officer or someone who is contemplating being a chapter or state officer or just someone who is curious about the workings of ABATE of Washington, we are having our yearly

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the last little bit of warm weather before the rain starts in. With chapter elections already taken place, I would like to welcome all new and returning chapter officers. Stepping up to become a chapter officer is a very important thing to do. As chapter coordinators, your job is to carry out the wishes of

STEAM seminar in Ellensburg on October 24th and the BOD on the 25th. We encourage anyone and everyone to attend.

Well just so everyone knows, Jimmy George and Scott Robinson have been working very hard in negotiating the terms of our Spring Opener at the Silver Ridge Ranch. I think we are in for some big changes. I'm not saying what changes right now but stay tuned for more info.

In case I have not told you, I would like to thank each and every one of you that make ABATE of Washington an organization I am proud to be a part of.

"The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable" ◇

PLEASE READ:

I hate it when people tell me something and then change their mind. In regards to this year's plans for STEAM, that's exactly what happened and so now we are changing our plans to suit us not them. Original plan was to hold the event at the Quality Inn. They agreed that Kittitas Chapter would handle the food because there was no one hired to run their kitchen. That all changed when they hired a crew for the kitchen and told me we had to use them...I say PACK SAND. We are now going to the Days Inn at Ellensburg and Kittitas Chapter will be cooking. Their rate is \$60.00 per night. For more details see the flyer in this month's FREEDOM MAG.

Went to the DOL Motorcycle Safety Meeting in Union Gap. Their focus is on

Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

more training to help stop the fatalities. With the increase in the number of riders, the death rate continues to rise. I like the training idea. The trouble with the folks who are running the DOL is they are using data from the WSP, who also influences their thinking. I do not want to wear a green vest or a yellow flashing light on my bike.

Back to training, according to the numbers, the DOL shows 75% of the fatalities involved one or more of these factors: rider has less than two years experience; unendorsed rider, or unknown experience level.

We as leaders in the community have to encourage younger folks to get the



proper training and show the young folks how to stay alive on the road. Look forward to seeing the folks at STEAM...◇

Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange



Over the past few weeks I have been speaking with legislators about what they believe is the most effective means of testifying during Committee hearings. Beyond the usual – politeness, clarity, conciseness, knowledge, etc. – there is one other point that gets forgotten, personal experience with the matter at hand. Virtually everyone brings knowledge and data to support their position. However this can lead to a battle of statistics, which either confuses the Committee members, or allows them to “tune-out.” When that happens, we have lost our effectiveness.

To use the helmet issue as an example, it has been suggested by some Committee members that witnesses stating the personal issues they have with being forced to wear a helmet is more effective. With the information being conveyed in a concise and intelligent manner, the personal focus sinks in more deeply into the minds of the legislators.

Let’s say that a person with neck issues testifies how the added weight of the helmet on their head causes fatigue and pain while riding. This fatigue and pain can lead to distraction and inattention while on the road. We all know the added risk of an accident that fatigue and distracted driving can create, yet we have no option in Washington State other than to wear what causes that fatigue, pain and distraction. This same person testifying how wearing a helmet while riding can lead to days of neck pain brings a more personal note that the Committee members can relate to.

In a Committee hearing, ABATE will continue to provide the best information we can. If we can bring forward one or two individuals who can relate the personally detrimental effects of helmets to the Committee in coordination with other testimony, we will continue our progress towards making Washington the 32nd state in the Union to have a Freedom of Choice helmet law.

If you have personal experience with the detrimental effects of being forced

to wear a helmet and would be willing to testify during a Committee hearing, contact me at legislative1@abate-wa.org to discuss any options for you to help.

Also, I would like to address the Chapter LAO’s directly, especially those closest to Olympia. It will help ABATE become even more effective in Olympia if we can maintain a presence at the capitol. To do this, we will need the cooperation of all the LAO’s in maintaining at least email contact with me. In that way, we can more efficiently and effectively keep our message being heard in Olympia. If all the LAO’s are on the same page with what ABATE is trying to accomplish we can present a much more united front to the legislature during the upcoming short session.

For those chapters within about a 90-minute ride of the capitol (farther if you are willing to spend the time), I would like to create a sort of “rapid response” team of LAO’s and Chapter Coordinators who would be able to spend time at the capitol actually meeting with legislators during the session. All going by the same playbook and having the same goals in mind. With a little coordination, we should be able to have people available on different days to meet with legislators and discuss our issues. It is because I realize the difficulties involved in having time to travel to the capitol, that I am proposing this team concept. My own job only allows me a few hours one day per week to be able to spend in Olympia, as well as the sporadic assistance of one or two other members volunteering during the session. As was proven last session, that simply isn’t enough. We simply need the Chapter LAO’s to step up as much as possible, and make ABATE an even more effective legislative organization than it is.

The Chapter LAO’s across the state can help in this process by networking

with each other, acting as a clearing house for local district calls to action involving specific legislators, and helping keep the Chapters up to date on the latest details of our progress in the legislature.

The details will have to be worked out prior to the start of the legislative session. **That is why I am asking all LAO’s and any Chapter Coordinators who do not have an LAO to participate. Contact me via email at the legislative address legislative1@abate-wa.org and we can begin to have a cohesive plan, if not by the October BOD and STEAM, then at least before the January BOD.** Together, we can maintain a cohesive and unified front before the legislators. Keeping the pressure on to get our Bills passed like we have only dreamed before. It can be done. Be a part of it, share in the success by coming together and building a strong team to keep ABATE of Washington a leader among the Motorcycle Rights Organizations.

I’m looking forward to hearing from you, and working together. ♦

CHAPTER REPORTS

Columbia River Chapter

From ANGELA (TROUBLEMAKER) PARKISON, SECRETARY

Greetings from Columbia River Chapter,

The fires have subsided, thank goodness. Our air quality was so bad. Made it pretty unpleasant to ride at times. We have one of our members, Anthony "PW," fighting on the fire lines. Our chapter wants to personally recognize him for his hard work. Understandably it isn't easy work and being away from family and friends, not to mention the small things that make life comfortable have been replaced with a sleeping bag and tent, no cell phone service and extremely long meal lines. You make us proud PW! Thank you for your hard work!

STEAM and BOD are fast approaching and we are excited to attend both! It's always great catching up with everyone.

Elections were held and we would like to thank our previous Treasurer Nicole "Machete" Walker for the fine job she did and for all the hours she put in making sure everything added up and congratulate Tim "Stalker" as our new Treasurer. The rest of our positions are being held by the same people: Coordinator—Keith "Roundabout," Deputy Coordinator—David "Buzzard," Secretary—Angela "Troublemaker." Those involved know that it takes time out of our busy schedules to be an officer and I want to thank each and every person who steps up to help makes ABATE the great Organization it is!

I want to mention Donnie Breeze Landsman and thank him for all the updates on the McKinney Family and being one of the first to be at Marjorie's side. This has been a devastating loss for those who knew Irish. Condolences for the family and our positive vibes and good thoughts for Marjorie's recovery. Irish was a great man, many of us have wonderful memories and will never forget him. Keep on Keepin on. ◇



SAVE THE DATE
BLACK THURSDAY
JANUARY 21, 2016

Olympia Chapter

From RON "CROWBAR" CROWE II, COORDINATOR

Hello Friends and Fellow Riders,

Some new changes have taken place within the Olympia Chapter and I am glad to share them with you. First of all, there was a big discussion about alcohol being served/consumed during the business meetings. Alcohol has the ability to affect people's behavior and sets a bad precedent for our younger generations of riders. There is a place, a time, and a limit for the consumption of alcohol and during a business meeting is not the answer. Secondly, I would like to publicly welcome the chapter's new officers: Robbie Thompson—Deputy Coordinator, and Steve Scott—Sgt at Arms. Our Secretary position is currently open, but I'm hoping to fill that pretty soon.

Riding season is starting to wind down here in the Pacific Northwest and kids are back in school. As a school bus driver, I would like to remind everyone to watch for kids crossing the roads and the flashing red lights on a school bus. Please also keep in mind that this means extra drivers, some that are still new at it, are going to be on the roadways as they commute to and from school.

Shifting gears...STEAM is this month and if you have never been to one, I highly encourage everyone to go. I went last year for the first time and learned several new things about my role as Coordinator and about the ABATE organization itself. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about our organization and the different ways to help make it grow. If you have ever thought about becoming a chapter officer or a state officer, this is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about the different officer positions and a chance for you to grow as well.

My final thought is on the Olympia Toy Run. It is the first weekend in December and again, if you have never been to the Toy Run you are missing out on a fantastic opportunity to do something great for the kids in the community. The camaraderie is amazing. If you are not, or cannot ride in this year's Toy Run but would still like to help, please contact me ASAP. Until next time, ride safe and keep the chrome side up. ◇

South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

Our September meeting was later in the month than usual due to the Labor Day holiday, but we had a good turnout. Election results are: John Lawson—Coordinator; Pete Fox—Deputy Coordinator; Tina Lawson—Treasurer; Lisa Barron—Membership Secretary; and Charles Frost (Lunchbox)—Sergeant at Arms. A big thank you to all volunteers, past and present.

Several from our chapter attended Tacoma's Lost Brothers & Sisters Run, honoring the memory of those we've lost. Thank you Tacoma Chapter for hosting an excellent event.

Mark your calendars for November 7 – the 50th Annual Veterans Day Parade in Auburn. SKCC's application to participate was approved by the city, so we'll be planning the details of our meet-up before the parade at our next business meeting. This is something our chapter looks forward to every year, with participation from surrounding area chapters. If you can't ride in the parade, come on out to cheer us on. ◇

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

We had our Fall membership event over Labor Day. It was a little wet but all who showed had a blast. By the time you read this our "Fall Run" will be over and as it looks now it should be nice.

Right now we are gearing up for STEAM and the BOD. Linda and Lenny are in it for another year but we are still looking for the other 2 officers to step up. Remember there are many different ways to run this organization, both at the state and chapter level. There is no single way to do it as it must bend to work – step up and try. Thank you Hollie and Tony for a year's worth of help as well as the changes you made happen. Well, till later, ride safely. ◇

Kittitas County Chapter

From BERYL KELLEY, KITTITAS CHAPTER

At our September meeting, we elected officers. Our team must be doing a good job because we only had one position change this year. Officers are:

Coordinator, Joe Hill
Dep. Coordinator, Brian Gordon
Secretary, Kari Briscoe
Treasurer, Faye Gordon
Sgt. at Arms, Mike Perry

We are getting ready to host the STEAM & BOD meeting October 24 and 25 in Ellensburg. Join us for some excellent training on ABATE goals, mission, and processes, along with the annual awards banquet on Saturday. This is your chance to learn the responsibilities and duties of each elected position. If you are a newly elected ABATE board member for your chapter, be sure to attend. The training is also useful for non-officers. The hotel is offering complimentary breakfast, and lunch and dinner on Saturday are catered. Glenn is cooking up something special, so don't miss it! There is also lunch during the Board meeting on Sunday. See the official STEAM flyer for details.

The Annual Fall Bash in Selah was a success. Saturday was warm and sunny, with Sunday turning cool. Live music, camping, bike games, and a few vendors rounded out the weekend. Unfortunately, I had a schedule conflict so I don't have pictures.

We are heading into cooler weather, but there is still plenty of riding time. Hope to see you on the road! ◇



CHAPTER REPORTS

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Ho, well our bike show appreciation party was a blast! Thanks for all who showed up and helped us party till we passed out. Our band Kickin' Dust was great until the cops showed up and shut us down for being too loud and rowdy! That's why they call it a party isn't it?

Well hard to believe it's time to start thinking about our holiday families but it is going into Fall and time does fly. This has been a busy year for Sky Valley with both the regular bike show and then taking on the Kla-ha-ya Days car and bike show. I would like to thank all our members for helping out with all the planning and all the vendors and donators we had. If you missed our bike show party on the 12th of September, I am including some pictures to lure you in next year. Well all for now, I have the leftover food to prepare for the meeting tonight. See you "in the wind." ♦

All photos this page Bike Show Appreciation Party; photos Roger Hanson



Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

Greetings from Elk Country. It has been a month full of highs and lows. As you all know, we lost Irish McKinney this past month. It was with pride and honor that Robin and I were able to participate in escorting his bike and trailer back from eastern Washington. The sight of all those motorcycles in procession with their hazard lights on through the mountains and over Chinook and Cayuse Passes was something I'll not soon forget. It was a privilege to be a part of it.

Several members of Elk Country took part in Tacoma Chapter's Lost Brothers & Sisters Run. We would like to thank Tacoma Chapter for putting on such a wonderfully well organized and fun ride. It was especially nice to be able to show off at least a little of Elk Country to our fellow ABATE members. To those who dropped everything and came to my aid when I had my little issue during the run, I want to extend my personal and heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

On Sunday we had our September Business meeting. Our Chapter Rep. Terry Butler was in attendance as were members from Cowlitz County ABATE and BACA. It was a good meeting and we came out of it with a slightly different board. I would like to congratulate Alice and Robin for being re-elected to their respective positions of Secretary and Treasurer, and welcome our new Dep. Coordinator Terry Rehn. Terry was our Sgt At Arms, but that now vacant position is being filled by Gary Charles. Also, we now have two "official" Road Captains: Rick "Turdle" Jenkins and Rob "Peg Leg" Nelson. I have faith in our team and am sure we will keep on growing here in Elk Country.

We are currently in the final stages of preparation for our combination campout with Spanaway Chapter this coming weekend at Cascade Peaks Resort here in Elk Country. Hopefully we will have several photos to share of the campout, and poker run in the next issue.

Hope to catch you on the road sometime...♦

Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

What a wonderful summer we have been blessed to have. Other than the fires, we have had excellent weather. Some of us just got back from our trip to Rapid City, South Dakota. Rock, myself, Barb and Libbie went together. Other members road with their riding partners. We rode to Yellowstone for a few days then on to Sturgis then Rapid City for a big ass party. Two Spanaway ABATE members rode back on Sunday morning and rode straight through. WTG Brothers. We got back just in time to go to our family campout with the Elk Country chapter. Another 289 miles – my rear says enough. LOL.

Our elections are not over yet so nothing to report on it. Most of our Board is nominated to help out again this year. Our Secretary John is still very sick. Please keep him in your prayers.

We are getting ready for our combined chapter's Halloween party with our friends in the Tacoma chapter. This will be the third year we have done it with Tacoma. This year it is at their meeting place: VFW post #969, 3510 McKinley Ave E, Tacoma. We have the band "Straight Classic" to play good sounds for us.

We are also looking forward to our yearly trip to the Puyallup Fairgrounds for Oktoberfest on October 10th. It's always a great time. Please feel free to come join the fun.

The BOD and STEAM is also in October. I think everyone enjoys STEAM and I for one want to thank all the people who work on it to make it a learning and fun experience.

Keep in mind that Black Thursday will be here before you know it. Please set time aside to be there and support it. Let's see if we can make it one of the biggest ever. This might be the only way we will ever get our bills passed.

Make someone smile each day – it's a good feeling and it makes the day for some people. Be safe and look twice. ◇



Mike Campbell & Brian Lange signing Irish's memorial; photo B Lange



Lost Brothers & Sisters Ride; photo B Lange



Dan Dudan & Rachel Ahola – Lost Brothers & Sisters Ride; photo B Lange



Billy DE & Rock in Yellowstone; photo Billy DE

North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

August was a busy month for North Kitsap. About a third of the chapter went to Sturgis and had a great time. The first event we participated in during August was Cruz'n for Kids at the Garage Bar and Grill. The proceeds from this event benefitted Harrison Medical Center Pediatric Rehab Center. We handed out information about ABATE and answered lots of questions. We even signed up a new member! We also had the privilege of meeting ABATE of Washington member #16, Lou Madison.

On August 28th – 30th we had our Motorcycle Rodeo. As we set things up on Friday we were preparing for rain, and boy did we get some! Saturday morning brought LOTS of rain and wind. We even lost power for the day. Good thing we put the blue tarps out early! Unfortunately the wind and rain had most of our vendors packing up early on Saturday and heading home, after all, it's hard to tattoo with no power! A huge shout out to the Tacoma Chapter for staying all weekend! You guys ROCK!

Now it's time to plan our Toy Run, so save the date of December 12th!! Our first Wing Ding will be held at The Garage Bar and Grill November 5th, around 5:00pm.

At our September meeting we elected our Officers for 2016: Coordinator – Christian Varner, Deputy Coordinator – Jim McVey, Secretary – Anna Drews, and Treasurer – Evonne Landes.

Keep the shiny side up and enjoy what's left of the riding season. ◇

Key Peninsula Chapter

From JAY JACKSON, COORDINATOR

Ah, looks to me like fall has fell.
Summer has gone, what the he__!

The Newsletter deadline almost flew by while I was thinking of other things.

We were knocked for a loop by the loss of Irish. Rest in Peace, dear Friend. Our biker world will not be the same without your smile, knowledge, and love. We pray for Marjorie's good healing from her physical injuries and heart ache from the loss of her beloved husband.

The Chapter really liked the long hot dry summer for riding whenever we wanted. The lack of rain was no concern until the water bill came. Then the lawn turned brown! Now the green is back and most of the moss is gone. How about that!

The Chapter will have its second Swap Meet on Saturday. We have a trailer full of parts and stuff for your bike–motorcycle. ('Bike' is a dirty word around here since Randy's wife had a bike, with pedals, accident that broke her arm at the shoulder recently.) There are several vendors bringing a variety of goods. We are just hoping the forecasted rain is done by then.

The Key Peninsula Chapter is stuck with the same officers for the next year. No one stepped up to take over so we will try again. Got any ideas for waking the Members up? We are open to suggestions.

I have been in a personal fog since I got the word that my grandson Mason lost his battle with cancer. Even if it was expected, it still hit hard. It is a big relief that he has no more pain but he was just a baby. Rest in peace, my little Man. Grandpa is sorry you never got your motorcycle ride with me.

Don't wait for the right time—it doesn't come. Just do it today whatever it is. ◇

Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

Our Lost Brothers & Sisters Memorial Ride was a tremendous success! We had more than 100 motorcycles participate and even more riders. Many WA ABATE state officials were in attendance and many Chapters were also represented: North Kitsap, Elk Country, SKCC, EPCC, Spanaway, Lewis County, Mason County and even Tri-Cities was at the ride! One rider said to me at Elbe, "This is not a ride, it's an adventure" and he was right! Sunshine, pouring rain, hail, and a line of bikes as far as you could see looking back from the front of the pack. Many of our members were there and for those who could help I want to thank them for making this event work: Tread, Sarah, Rachel, Shari, Tammie, CJ, Duckie, Bamboo, Pammie & Jay, Sybil & Jason, Buddy, Chopper Bob, Mr. James, Lee, Joyce, Tony & Tammy. Before KSU, a list of those we lost was read aloud and we honored them with a moment of silence – and riding with our back rider pegs down. We then rode 161 miles to four more stops. We ended at the Kapowsin Tavern and raised \$652.50 for Marjorie McKinney's medical fund. A hearty thank you! to Leprechaun donating back his \$200 as the high score winner and Pammie Frazier for donating back her \$100 for the low score winner. And both 50/50 winners gave their winnings back as well! All four winners showed how bikers feel about each other and that we care for one another. The after-party at Donnie Ahola and Diane's was incredibly amazing as well. Some of us camped overnight enjoying a fire pit and conversation late into the night. Looking back our Chapter can celebrate a ride well done for members of our regional motorcycle community. We Are Tacoma! ◇

Tri-Cities Chapter

From KAT BOLTON, COORDINATOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Today we find ourselves needing to be UNITED in our brotherhood and sisterhood as a motorcycle community.



With the 9/11 holiday behind us, I reflect on the term, UNITY, as so eloquently put recently by Donnie Mr. Breeze Landsman and Senator Sharon Brown. Tri-Cities ABATE hosted a Red Bandana ride on Friday 9/11. We brought together the patched and independent motorcycle community.

Their words reminded us of our rights as riders. And, we are seeing the effects of WACO in Pasco, Kennewick, and Richland.

There are 9 establishments in our area where "flying colors" are prohibited. Our Tri-Cities chapter has chosen not to meet at those locations.

Now that the Federal case has been won in our favor in California, we need to be vigilant on our cause of being able to wear a cut of our choosing. Whether it be Independent, Christian or not, we need to preserve those rights. Stay the good fight, MLH&R. ◇

Background photo credit Tina Lawson

Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Seems like we were just griping about the heat and now we're freezing our asses off during the morning ride to work round these parts. At least the ride home after is still pleasant, traffic notwithstanding. Our 2nd Harvest Run last month was the chapter's last scheduled for this year. If you know of runs coming up from other groups in the area come on down to the meeting and let us know. Now is the time to hop on in with the riding season this side of the Cascades quickly coming to a close.

Chapter elections were held for the required officer positions last month that keep us within the good graces of State Bylaws. We still have a few officer positions to sort out such as Ambassador at Large, Legislative Affairs and so forth. Those will be addressed during future meetings but remember that any member can still come down to the monthly and pitch runs, events and activities that forward our chapter goals. And the off season is the perfect time to chat about all the things we are going to do next summer. Without that list we'll have nothing to put off because the we're too busy riding during all that great weather.

This month our chapter will discuss topics to bring up during the October BOD. This is the meeting that sets our state legislative agenda for the coming year so if there's a topic you think we should be discussing but don't have on the table yet come on down to the meeting and get your voice heard. We'll also be finalizing preparations for members to attend this year's STEAM conference. If you haven't been to one yet then here's a reminder that you should make an effort to go. Of all the things ABATE does during the year no other event educates our members on the workings, organization and processes involved in doing what we do at both the local and state level.

This month's chapter report ends with a heads up to our members that the next legislative session is a short one. With the legislative agenda set at the end of this month we don't always have to wait for Black Thursday to speak with our legislators. Here in the 3rd District during the off season ours held a coffee shop town hall type meeting to speak with the voters they represent. Without set agenda topics to bring up we instead had a member go down on behalf of our chapter to thank in person, particularly our Representatives, for the previous ABATE bills they have sponsored or co-sponsored. So chapter members, keep your ears to the ground for something similar heading into the new year and let our officers know so we can keep the dialog going. Black Thursday in Spokane isn't just a one day event but an all year effort.

And that is as they say that. Give a wave when we see you on the road! ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello everyone, hope ya'll are enjoying all the great weather we're having.

Since our Festival of Wheels has come and gone, we are just taking it easy over here. By the time this Freedom magazine comes out, we will have voted our new board members in. Welcome Michele Latimer and newly appointed Chaplain Frank Hodges.

Our next event will be the Trunk-Or-Treat. Hope ya'll have a happy and safe Halloween.

Look forward to seeing ya'll at STEAM and the BOD. ◇

Grays Harbor Chapter

From DON FLOREK, COORDINATOR

Well hello everyone,

I have to say I am sorry to my chapter, it has been a long time since I have done one of these reports. I have been dropping the ball on getting things done.

Last meeting was a good one. We talked about making a ride calendar and voted on sending our leftover Flat Mattress foods to a great cause where it was really needed. We talked about our Turkey Run that is coming up. Seen some new faces – hope to see them again and just bounce some good ideas around.

I haven't been on too many rides this year so I have not seen a lot of my friends from other chapters. I just want them to know I miss them and hope to see them soon. Oh, but what a great year for riding. Well, that's all I have. ◇



United States House of Representatives Subcommittee Improves Motorcycle Safety with Amendments to Highway Bill

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015—The Science Committee, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, approved two amendments that both greatly benefit motorcyclists. The first amendment halts the federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints and then assigns a study to the National Academy of Sciences to determine the best methods of preventing motorcycle crashes.

The amendment sponsor, Representative Randy Hultgren (R-IL) had this to say: “If the federal government is providing grants to improve motorcycle safety, these grants should be focused on ways that actually improve the safety of motorcycle riders.”

The second amendment would prohibit the Federal Department of Transportation from lobbying for actions at the federal, state or local levels of government. Currently the lobby ban is only applicable at the state level.

Hultgren added, “I do believe that we can be doing more to improve the safety of motorcyclists on the road, and there are reasonable laws that motorcyclists should all follow. But before the federal government casts down another top-down mandate on local law enforcement officers, we should be sure that we are not wasting valuable police time, while singling out and infringing on the rights of law abiding motorcycle riders, unless there is a compelling

safety related reason for doing so.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank Mr. Hultgren for his dedication to motorcyclists. We also cannot thank enough the Chairman Emeritus, the Honorable James F. Sensenbrenner, for his tireless work improving the lives of motorcyclists across the country. #

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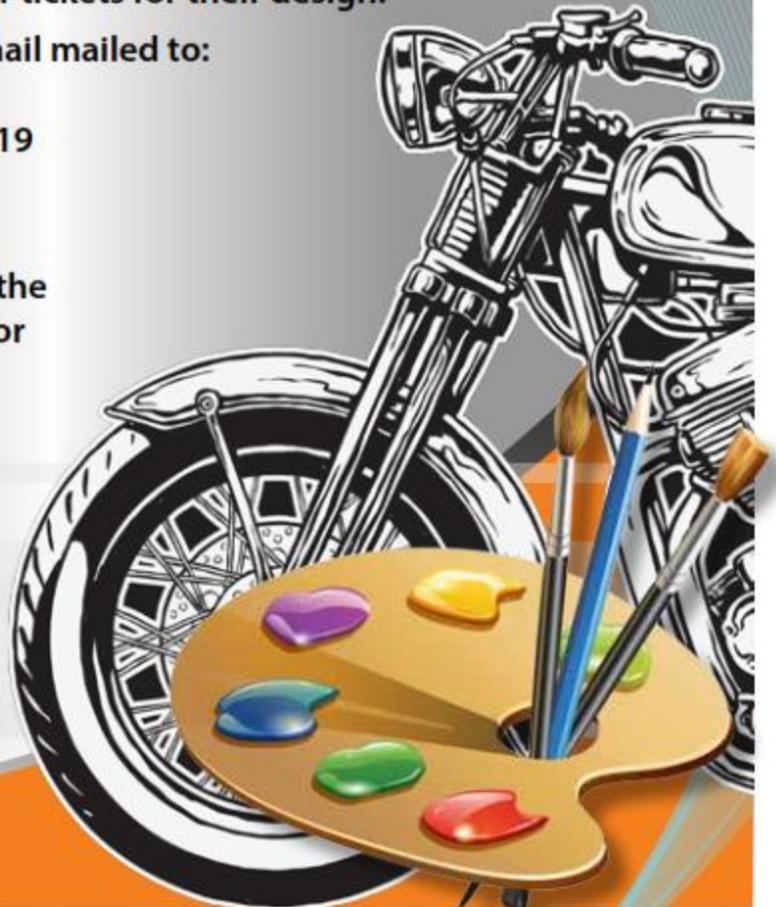
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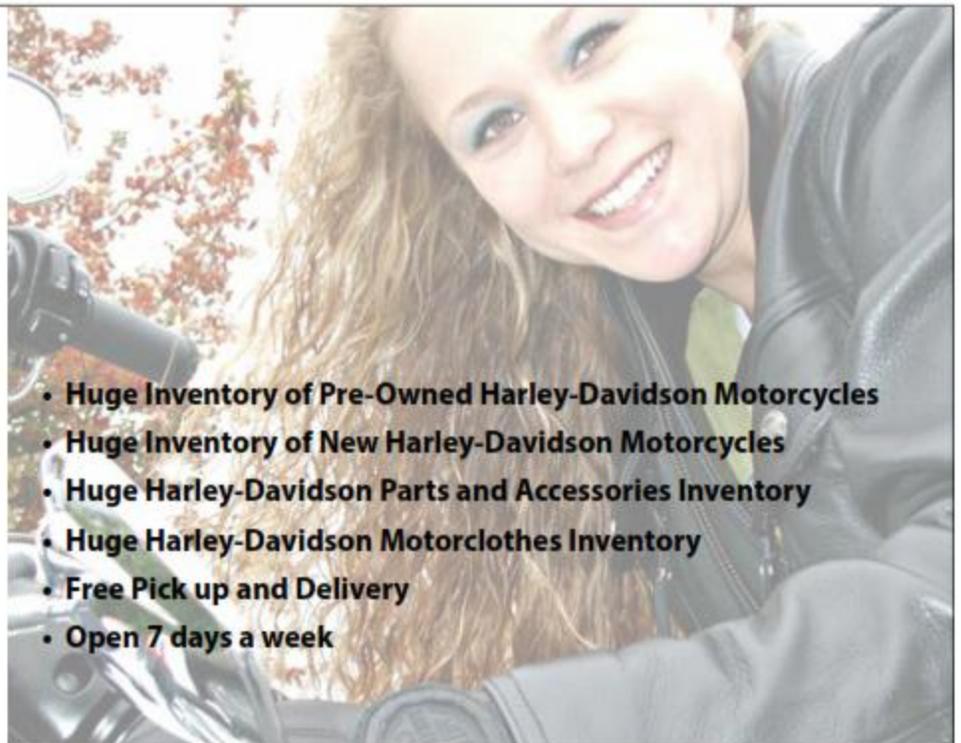
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