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50 S	Spokane, WA 99220	sethmc@hotmail.com		
REP	Kittitas County	Joe Hill	1st Tuesday 6:00 PM Business meeting	5:30 PM social prior to business
공	P.O. Box 1724	509-929-0729	Buzz Inn Steakhouse	meeting
	Ellensburg, WA 98926	papahill.66@gmail.com	2202 South Canyon Road, Ellensburg, WA	2-21-21
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VA VA	Lewis County	Terry Butler	2nd & 4th Wed 7:00 PM	
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R ORG	PO Box 46033 Seattle, WA 98146	704-400-0556 tcmccall@comcast.net	The White Center Pizza & Spaghetti House 10231 16th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146	meeting
A.O.A.	South King County	Pete Fox	1st Monday 7:00 PM	
₹ 33	P.O. Box 1931	253-632-0173	The Longhorn BBQ	
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				3rd Thursday 7:00 PM
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· ·	Burley, WA 98322	jayj1251@gmail.com	1250 SW Clubhouse Ct, Port Orchard, WA 98367	
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2	Olympia	Robbie Thompson	1st Thurs 6PM Social hour, 7pm Business Mtg	3rd Thurs Time/Place TBD
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Large photo this page: 2016 STEAM attendees; photo B. Lange
Photo right: ABATE Officers at STEAM, (L to R) L. Coyle, R. Smith, C. Varner, K. Imhof, S. Robinson; photo B. Lange

UPFRONT by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

'Tis the season for holiday merriment. Inside the December issue, you'll find plenty of opportunities to bring joy and good cheer to rides and events benefiting worthy causes. Whether it's toy runs or visits with seniors, making the holidays a little brighter for those in need is one of the best ways to celebrate the true spirit of the season.

January brings our main event front and center. Black Thursday is January 19, 2017. We need you there if you care anything about freedom of the road. For details and updates, check out the officer reports and flyers inside.

Since joining the Newsletter Team nearly three years ago, I've been fortunate to get to know and work with the ABATE community across the state. Thank you for your friendship and support. As I turn over the reins to Shawn, I know your newsletter will be in good hands.

Best wishes for a festive holiday season! See you in the new year. IL



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JANUARY

A BOD Meeting, hosted by Spanaway Chapter, held at: American Legion Hall 11204 Park Ave S

Tacoma, WA 98444 Ham Lunch available for purchase BOD meeting starts at noon

Black Thursday Olympia, WA

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MEMBER NOTICE

Nominations for Deputy State Coordinator (Senior), State Secretary, State Treasurer and NCOM Ambassador will be taken at the January Board of Director's meeting.

Qualifications for these positions can be found in the Bylaws 6.3.2, 6.3.3, 6.3.4 and 6.4.5. If you are qualified and would like to run for one of these elected State Officer positions, please attend the BOD meeting in January and have someone nominate you.

From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

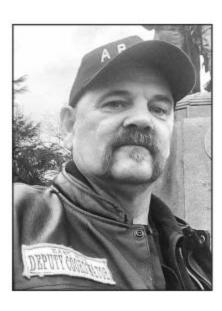
For everyone that missed STEAM I think you missed probably the best one ever. Everyone seemed to take it very seriously and asked a lot of questions, which in my mind means they truly wanted the knowledge that would help everyone succeed in whatever job they are doing or plan to in the future. Scott Robinson and his committee did a phenomenal job in making the event a success from start to finish. The only thing in my opinion that would have made it better is if we had more participation from more of the membership. Maybe next year we will get more. One thing I would like to say about this organization is we can always learn more from all levels in our membership. I have been lucky in the fact that we have some of the best there is holding officer and committee positions. As of late, we found out that we need to rely on each other's knowledge more and more as times are changing and just because we have always done something a certain way doesn't mean that's the right way. STEAM 2017 is something you will want to put on your agenda.

One of the things every member needs to know is how to make your voice heard. The best way is to attend chapter meetings. At chapter meetings everything should be discussed that has anything to do with the organization from chapter level to state level. Your chapter coordinator should have an agenda in which he will run the meeting. If the concern or idea you have is not on the agenda, ask for it to be placed on it for discussion. Remember that the coordinator (either state or chapter) is not there to tell you what to do, they are there to coordinate. You the membership are the people that say yay or nay to proposals, bylaws, policies, or anything else concerning the running of the organization. Another important item is having your chapter represented at the Board of Director's meetings. If your coordinator doesn't attend, your chapter's voice does not get heard. Now sometimes a chapter coordinator cannot attend a BOD but that doesn't mean you cannot have representation at the BOD. Your chapter deputy is the person that normally will take the coordinator's place when situations arise where he/she cannot make it but any member in good standing may fill in for a coordinator who cannot make it to the BOD. Another way to get answers is to just email me coordinator@abate-wa.org and ask any question you want. If you have a complaint, email me but please have a viable solution. If you want to volunteer, email me. This is our organization, the only limitations are more or less the ones we impose on ourselves so whatever you the majority of the membership feels is best, that is what we will do.

Remember Black Thursday, January 19, 2017 is the place you want to be if you care about motorcycle rights. Until then you need to get in touch with your newly elected legislators and see where they stand on our issues. If you have any questions about what direction we are going, contact legislative1@abate-wa.org.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

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Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

Members.

We now know who has won the election in our home districts so it's time to move ahead and make contact with your legislative Representatives and Senators. Take the time to get with them at their home office. Ask them to support our bills while you build up that all important relationship.

I want to take this time to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Hope you all get to keep riding and representing ABATE OF WASHINGTON. Be safe out there ... \(\rightarrow

Westside Deputy Coordinator Chris Varner

What can I say, Kittitas County Chapter did a great job on the Steam/BOD. Special thanks to Scott Robinson and everyone helping with the event. The band was awesome, not only did they do a great job covering Johnny Cash they also had a variety of other songs to play. The awards ceremony was a great touch like always to acknowledge those who go the extra mile for ABATE day after day.

The Board of Directors is compiled of strong willed and dedicated individuals who want to see ABATE of Washington succeed and improve in every way possible. It was Pat Payne that brought to light the fact that when someone has a difference in opinion with one another it's not



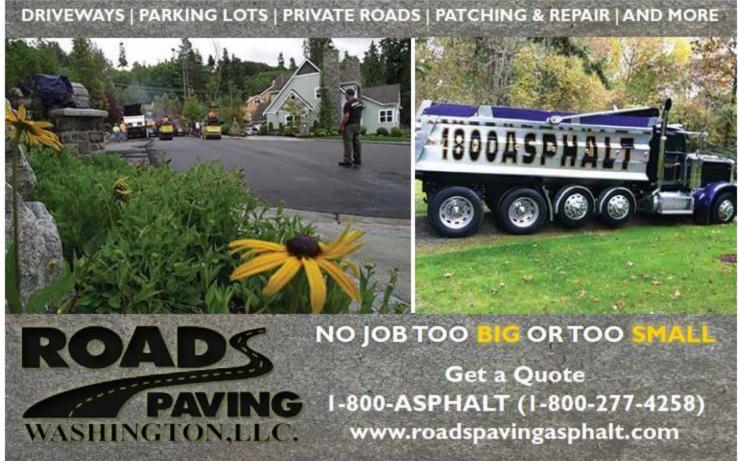
a personal attack, it's just a difference in opinion. Keep it professional. That is something we should all remember when doing business. Thanks Pat.

Black Thursday is coming up, get your appointments in now. Talk with the other chapters in your area and if they need help filling the seats during their meetings with their legislators, let's give them that help. There are always a few legislators that get missed so this year we are sending the packets directly to them. We still need able bodies to talk with them. There is a meet and greet and after party set up. Let's pack that room so they know we mean business.

The weather is starting to turn on us so be safe out there. Don't forget to do your pre-ride checks on your scoots. Tires, lights, etc. The COC is doing their ride in from Hawks Prairie at 10am, spread the word and give them some support as well. Thank you everyone for your hard work.

See you all in January. ◊





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Getting rear-ended on a motorcycle while stopped at a crosswalk was a pretty ugly experience, but the legal end of it doesn't have to be noxious. Wrife down this pro tip for settling auto (and especially motorcycle) road accident cases: just phone Max.

I was referred to Max Meyers Law by a trusted friend, fellow rider and writer Dave Preston. Pretty sure I owe Dave dinner for that. Dave wrote the book ("Motorcycle 101") on basic street motorcycle skills, and Max wrote the book on getting through an accident recovery with your body repaired and your wallet intact. It's called "Motorcycle Accident Secrets Unlocked."

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Legislative Affairs Officer **Brian Lange**

Even as the nation's safety experts begin to focus on a national goal of zero highway fatalities by the year 2030, it brings into question what sort of practices can be brought to bear that would effectively lower the risk of fatality among motorcyclists. One of these may be the technique of "lane sharing" or "lane filtering" as it is called in some of the other industrialized countries of the world. For example, from Europe, throughout Asia and Australia, motorcyclists are able to "lane filter" through heavily congested traffic. This technique allows for motorcyclists to travel forward between lanes of stopped or slow moving traffic. This greatly reduces the risks of a direct impact of being struck from behind, or impacting another vehicle from behind, which tends to lead to severe injuries and death of motorcyclists. This technique also places motorcyclists in the much safer area between other vehicles where, if there is an impact, it is most likely to be a glancing blow while moving in the same direction without being compressed by a sudden direct impact as in the rear-end collision. While it may not seem to be a "safer" place for a motorcyclist to be, ask yourself this question; "How likely is it that a motorcyclist lane sharing will be struck without that vehicle first striking another vehicle, thus reducing the direct force of the impact?" The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has information that strongly suggests that rear-end collisions are the most common type of collisions in America. Allowing motorcyclists to take advantage of a safety technique widely encouraged in the rest of the world would greatly enhance the survivability of any resulting crashing by greatly reducing the risk of the crushing impact of a rear-end collision.

Currently, only California allows "lane sharing" or "lane splitting." However studies have shown a definite correlation between California's motorcyclists to "lane share" and a lower risk of injury and death. With California having one of the largest populations of motorcyclists in the country, a well as some of the worst traffic congestion, it may be wise to examine their safety results compared to other states with similar demographics. By using a standard of quantity of deaths per 100,000 motorcycle registrations, we can see significant results by comparison. For example, comparing California to the states of Arizona, Texas, and Florida shows a much lower fatality rate due to rear end collisions in California than the other states. All these states have similar rider demographics, populations, and riding seasons. Even the number of collision where a motorcycle rear-ends another vehicle is significantly lower in California.

Two recent studies performed for the Safe Transportation Research & Education Center of the University of California Berkeley, strongly suggest that allowing

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motorcyclists to "lane share" significantly lowers the risk of accidental collisions, as well as the severity of those that do occur. For example, motorcyclists who "lane shared" were markedly less likely to suffer head injuries (9% compared vs. 17%), torso injuries (19% vs. 29%), or fatal injury (1.2% vs. 3,0%) when compared to motorcyclists who did not make use of the technique. This is quite probably due to the fact that the motorcycle and other vehicle are traveling in the same direction, with only a slight difference in velocity. This changes the impact force from a direct full force impact to one with a much more "brushing" or "glancing" force to the impact. This often allows the motorcyclist to remain upright, and on the motorcycle. This alone can greatly lower the severity of a collision and its effect on the rider.

Another advantage to "lane sharing" is the proven effect it has on reducing traffic congestion. By allowing motorcycles to travel in the gap between traffic lanes, they are no longer taking up space that could be filled with larger vehicles. Studies done in Europe in 2012 have suggested as much as a 25 minute reduction in overall commute times can be had for all highway users when motorcycles are allowed to travel between the lanes of congested, slow, or stationary traffic. Think about it for a moment. Doesn't allowing motorcyclists the ability to travel between lanes of congested traffic in a "safe and prudent" manner sound acceptable? Especially if it reduces the overall commute congestion for all of the road users, and is also safer for motorcyclists? Fewer motorcycle accidents relates to even

lower congestion because of crashes, and fewer injuries. Which is after all, the real goal of Washington State's "Target Zero" highway fatality reduction program isn't it?

There will be a bill in the Legislature during the upcoming session that will promote a pilot program to do just these things. All of which will improve highway safety, reduce fatalities, ease traffic congestion, and reduce emissions caused by congested commute traffic. Together we can all share the highways, and make Washington a better, safer place to travel.

Contact your legislators before and during the session. Tell them that you want their support for ABATE's effort to bring a technique that is proven to be inexpensive and successful the world over to ease congestion and protect the lives of motorcyclists in Washington State. Let them know that this technique is called lane sharing, and that you as a constituent support it. This technique will reduce congestion across the state, and will not cost billions of dollars to institute. Then remind them again when you attend Black Thursday on January 19th. The more they realize we are serious and not going to give up the fight, the more we will grind down their resistance. The legislature is like a steel part, and we are the grinder that needs to grind away the rough parts so this part fits and works properly. That can only happen when we apply pressure. So let's join together and get some grinding done.

Catch you on the road sometime ... \(\rightarrow

Chapter Rep Region 5

From JAY JACKSON, CHAPTER REP 5

First on the list: I hope ALL the Toy Runs, helping Christmas events and Celebrations of the Season are successful, safe and satisfying. Satisfying, to fill the needs of those facing hardships and to fill the hearts of those who give their time, money and energy to help others.

Second on the list: thank you for the brotherhood we share as people who love to ride motorcycles. Thank you for the fun, good discussions, shared laughter and consolation when I'm feeling down. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and good will. Thanks for the kick in the pants when needed.

Third: it is all of this and more that makes our ABATE family strong. This is what ties us together and gives our voice unity and strength when we do our Legislative work. When we join together we are strong, like the cable that holds up a bridge. One or two strands may break but all together it will hold if they're bound together in a single direction. Disaster happens when those single strands are all going in different directions!

Fourth: now is the time that we must focus on our common goals and mission. It is time that we join our voices in one song of Freedom. We must keep our eyes on the prize, the Prize of Freedom. To ride safely, wear what fits our needs as individual riders, ride what we want and where we want, buy good fuel that keeps our bikes running well, gather in peaceful assembly and to exercise all the rights guaranteed to us as citizens of the United States of America. All together this is the right to decide for ourselves.

We must practice "Unity in the Community." As bikers our community is all riders who share the love of riding with the sun and wind in their face. It doesn't matter if they are lone riders, ABATE members, Patch holders or Gold Wingers, all ride and share the healing of Wind Therapy. We're all Brothers and Sisters. We are Family. Like any family we have our differences but God help anyone who tries to harm one of our own. We can work our differences out and/or agree to disagree as long as we all work towards our common goal. We can go out behind the shed and duke it out and when we're done we can shake hands and get back to work.

Like all the political leaders are saying, "It is time to let the past go and work together for a good future." (My words but that's the basic message.)

My soap box broke so I'm done.

Wishing you all Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, a Joy filled Holiday, and Happy New Year. Ride safe and sane. Ride Free. O

Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

This is the part of every year when the Tacoma Chapter kicks it into high gear with runs and events. We just had our Halloween Party with Spanaway Chapter and then our Tattered Flag run. Next up is the Santa for Seniors and Toy Run events. Look for both of our flyers in this edition of the Freedom newsletter. Throw in the Veterans Day holiday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and you can see what I mean. We are going non-stop until our Start The Year Off Right ride on January 1st!

We also want to recognize the awesome work some of our members performed volunteering to clean up the Fallen Rider Memorial Park in Tacoma on October 9th. Thank you goes out to Dan & Terry, Jay & Pam, Slow Charlie, James & Linda, Lee Boni, Wilbur plus Leon & Sarah. Our group cleared five truckloads worth of overgrown trees, leaves, grass and needles as a way to honor our fallen comrades as well as giving back to the community.

As with all other chapters Tacoma is nothing without its members, especially those that get involved and stay involved helping put on our runs and events as well as attend meetings. As we approach the end of 2016 I want to give a shout-out to the best group of dedicated members I have ever had the pleasure to lead.

We are Tacoma! ◊



Some of the Tacoma Chapter clean-up volunteers; by S. Carlsberg

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

What a blast STEAM was!! Four of our members made it to STEAM, and we had a good time learning more about the way ABATE is suppose to function, and what the duties of the various officers are. Then came the after party, and the band was a Johnny Cash cover band called "Rusty Cage." Pretty good, and they were good to get up and dance to, took requests, and in general made it a real fun night.

Our agenda meeting turned out to be at the same time as game 7 of the World Series. So we hurried up and got the agenda hammered out pretty quickly, so we could sit back and watch history being made. Although I have to admit, when Cleveland tied it up in the bottom of the 8th inning, I had a few minutes of fear that the curse was going to kick in, and my Cubs were going to lose. When the Cubs won the World Series in the bottom of the 10th inning, I think everybody in Elk Country could hear me cheering! Yes, I am proud to admit I have been a Cubs fan all my life, and watching them win their first World Series in 108 years was something I doubt I'll forget. Especially getting to share it with several of my ABATE brothers and sisters.

Then last Friday, the 4th of November, a couple of us took advantage of the nice weather and rode to Eatonville to take care of some business. While there, we spoke to another member, Jim on the phone. He was getting off work and heading home and we set up a quick meet-up at the Elbe Bar & Grill. While we were there, our Jr. Road Captain Peg Leg showed up, then Mo happened by. After a nice visit, Jim headed home to get some sleep, and the rest of us rode down to Morton and stopped at the Moose. We learned the Mayor of Morton was going to be running the karaoke that night, so we figured we'd meet back up at 7:00 PM and have some fun. It turned out to be a pretty good time. We had two of our members and even one member from Rat City show up and sing in the karaoke show.

On Sunday, the 6th, we had our business meeting. The weather was beautiful, and it was hunting season, so I think that explained why Elk Country's attendance was down to nine members. But we did have one from Tacoma, two from Rat City, and six from Spanaway so it was still a fun meeting!

By the time you read this, it'll only be a few days until Elk Country's annual scholarship fundraiser and pot luck on Dec. 4th. That's the day AFTER the Olympia Toy Run. We'll be auctioning off a bunch of stuff, and holding the drawing for our two big custom steel fire pits. So don't be too burned out from the Toy Run, and come on down to Elk Country. Just ask Koeta, us folks down here know how to party!!

Catch ya on the road sometime! ◊

East Pierce County Chapter

From KARIN CLOUD, CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Hello all brothers and sisters, I have never written a newsletter before, so here is my try. I have always been around people that were in ABATE and have lots of friends in it. I think the most important focus is the legislative part representing all of us bikers and our rights in Olympia. ABATE or not, in a club or independent, this benefits us All. It took me a long time to see this. Actually now comes our group in play. Here is the other reason why you want to join. GREAT PEOPLE who over time become your family that you can rely on even if you are different. A lot has been made of lately of the differences in people. I find EPCC a place to come together, have a beer and a great talk no matter where you come from. Even with a weird accent, lol.

Love you all my brothers and sisters from EPCC. ◊

Olympia Chapter

From ROBBIE THOMPSON, COORDINATOR

The votes are in and now we start. Get to know your legislators and legislative assistants. This is what the whole thing is about. January is coming quick as Black Thursday is our big "Bowl" game. Let's make sure it counts, and in numbers.

For Olympia members that didn't make last month's meet, we are meeting at the Toy Run meeting. Get in touch with me or others in the chapter if you need directions and time.

The 39th Olympia Toy Run is December 3rd and starts at the Sears parking lot at South Sound Center in Lacey. There will be plenty of food, entertainment and other vendors for your motorcycle needs. Kickstands up at 1pm. I will see you there! \Diamond



Elk Country's Jr Road Captain Peg Leg; photo Brian Lange

Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

December's short days bring the year's end.
The Chapter has worked to make new friends.
We all count our blessings
And what we've learned through life's lessons.
We've shared beautiful days
And sweet trips down the highways.

The brotherhood and friends

Have brought joy at days' ends.

When we hear our bikes rumble It makes us laugh and our hearts tumble.

Our successes we celebrate.
Our missteps we make straight.

Our shared visions
We'll work for with no divisions.
The New Year

Brings good cheer

To All we hold dear,

Both far and near.

All of us here out on the Peninsula send our Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas season, Happy celebrations of every kind, and a blessed New Year. ◊

Columbia River Chapter

From ANGELA PARKISON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Hello from the Wenatchee Valley,

BOD and STEAM in October was great and it was awesome to see everyone! Our Chapter is finally creating our bylaws and it hasn't been an easy feat. It has taken much time and thought! This might just be the time for each chapter to do a run through of what their bylaws are. Columbia River Chapter has gone over bylaws from a few of the other chapters and have adopted some of them to our needs.

The Chapter would like to welcome our new Deputy Coordinator Randy Koshiol and thank the previous Deputy Coordinator David "Buzzard" Bussert for all his hard work and time he put in! Another big Welcome to Shawn from the Inland Empire Chapter to the newsletter team!

Some are still riding as weather permits. A reminder that some bikers wear dark colored leathers and with the sun not always shining it can make us less visible while people are busy with the hustle and bustle of the approaching holidays. Please remember to ride cautiously and be observant! This also is a great time of year to come visit Leavenworth. I know it's touristy, however, the lights are amazing and it is a lot of fun. Maybe we could have a few different Chapters all meet up and have one big Holiday get together!

Be safe out there! ◊

Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Well it's that time of the year again when our chapter picks a few families in need and brings them a full Thanksgiving dinner! Then we take down the Christmas list for the kids and go shopping. Then, with Santa (Jim Blowers) all dressed in the suit and beard, we return with a full Christmas dinner and all the toys for the kids. This is all from the proceeds of Sky Valley Chapter's bike show on the third Sunday in May. So for all of you who have attended in the past and plan on in the future, we say thanks! So when you come and enter your bike in the show this year you will know your \$15 is going to a very worthy cause. Without us there would be no Christmas for these families. With that said our chapter is already working on the show for next May. We start tie dying the shirts for the show this winter, and arrange for all the permits, insurance, police protection and much, much more. We are always happy to have your help for the show, so feel free to contact our chapter and volunteer for a great time and a great

Not a whole lot more to report except for a new man in our White House, President Trump! Wow was that exciting or what! So to show my support for Trump and the 2nd amendment I'm posting my picture shooting a 50 cal. rifle in celebration!

See you in the wind. ◊



Highwayman with a .50 cal; photo Roger Hanson

Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY

This month's meeting in Spokane is Dec. 12th at 6pm. We've tried three meeting locations over the last three months and this one we'll be deciding on which works best. Check your email for updates and please make sure the Inland Empire Chapter has your current email address. With 2017 around the corner our updated chapter; officer contact list, bylaws, policies, meeting locals and event calendar will be sent to all current members.

Black Thursday is only two meetings away. We need to get reservations and appointment availability outlined so we can hit the ground running on Jan. 19th. We'll go over tips on how to meet, speak and present our bills with your legislators during our Dec. & Jan. meetings.

Last on the list is the Spokane Motorcycle Show. March might seem like a long ride down the road but in committee years it is only three meetings away. We've already started the planning but would like to hear your ideas on how we can improve our booth, sign up new members and who has time to pitch in at the show.

As always give a wave when we see you on the road. ◊

Mason County Chapter

From GREG HANSEN, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

Thank goodness the elections are over and we can just be annoyed by Christmas commercials. The holiday season is upon us. While many of us don't get out and ride as much this time of year, we use this time to give back to our community. Each Thanksgiving we feed a family in need a complete meal for the holiday. Then comes the Olympia Toy Run. Our chapter has been a part of the Toy Run Coalition for many years. Thousands of bikes and riders turn out every year rain or shine for this fantastic event. We help with the parking at the end of the run at the park so we'll be the ones wearing the bright orange gloves. Say "hi" as you ride by.

At Christmas, we adopt another family and provide them a complete Christmas. After getting the details regarding the family (ages, wants, sizes, etc.), we get together for a night of shopping. While the shopping is fun, the real joy is in the delivery. The looks and smiles on the kids' faces when we come riding in with all the gifts is priceless. We also have our annual Christmas party in December. It starts off with the kids getting to meet Santa and receive their gifts. Then we feast! The real fun comes after dinner. The adults have their white elephant gift exchange, which is always a blast.

Once the new year hits, it is all about Black Thursday. We are lucky that we are so close to Olympia. It also helps that our representatives are members of our chapter. Hope to see everybody in Olympia on January 19th. ◊

South King County Chapter

From PETE FOX, COORDINATOR

Hello everyone,

Well, since our last report done by our Deputy Coordinator Karen, we have participated once again in the City of Auburn's Veterans Day parade with a total of 33 bikes, which I think is pretty amazing considering the crappy weather we had that day. I want to thank Tacoma, EPCC, Star Lake Chapter and the other folks who braved the weather to participate with us in honoring our U.S. Vets. I hope everyone had as good of a time as I did.

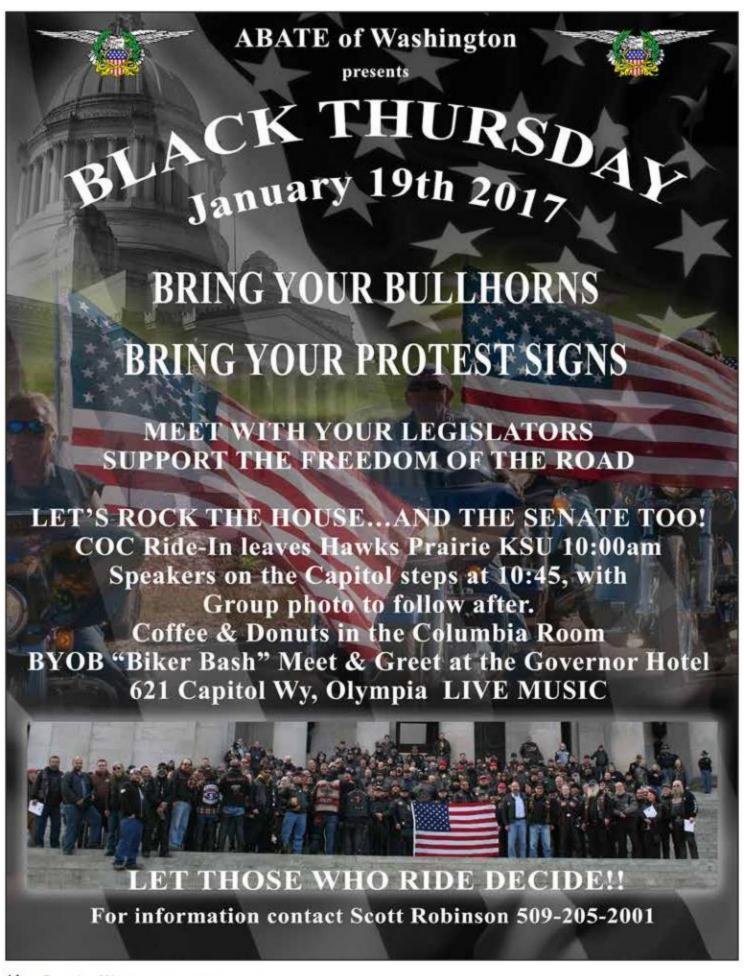
Coming up this month there are different holiday toy runs put on by the other chapters and I hope some of our members can show support for them like they do for us. We will be having our chapter Christmas party on the 19th, 6pm at Longhorn BBQ. That is when we also do our annual group photo so we hope everyone can make it down and have some fun.

I want to also thank my fellow chapter members and other chapter members for the support and help you all showed me the last couple months leading up to and after my mom's passing. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to Christmas and New Years. We have our annual Outta Control Night coming up in January after Black Thursday so stay tuned for more information on that next month.

Be safe out on the roads, it's starting to get slick in spots, and have a great month. \Diamond



South King County Chapter in the Auburn Veterans Day Parade; photo Pete Fox



To benefit the children of Harrison Medical Center, Silverdale

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TOY RUN Schedule

We will be picking up the toys on Saturday andSunday, December 3rd and 4th.

Saturday, December 3rd will start at "The Hideaway in Belfair" about 9:15 a.m. Breakfast will be available for purchase. Kick stands up at 10:15 a.m.



Sunday, December 4th will start at "The Garage Bar & Grill" in Bremerton about 8:15 a.m. Breakfast will be available for purchase. Kick stands up at 9:15 a.m. The ride will end at "Putters at Rolling Hills" at 2:00 p.m. This will be a good chance to buy some lunch and warm. At 3:10 p.m we willhave a briefing before being escorted to Harrison Medical Center, Silverdale, arriving at approximately 3:30 p.m where we will be unloading the toys.

Route: The Garage Bar & Grill; 19th Hole Bar & Grill; Cash Brewing Co.; Our Place Pub & Eatery; Fiesta's; Kitsap Mall; Tracyton Public House; Putters at Rolling Hills.



For questions call either: Lena (425) 870-1616 Jason (360)536-1085 Debbie (360) 593-9626

TOY RUN

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello ABATE members.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. I want to thank all the new board members for stepping up and keeping the Chapters going. We could not do this without y'alls support. I want to thank the members of Columbia Gorge Chapter for all your efforts, support and encouragement. It makes my position easier when y'all are involved. So thanks again.

It has been a very busy Fall for the chapter and our personal life. We all are leading very busy lives, I see it on Facebook and here in the Freedom magazine. I can't wait for Tuesday the 8th to be over. LOL.

I want to welcome Shawn to the newsletter and send out a thank you to Tina for all you've done. We will miss you.

I hope everyone had a great Veterans Day. I know over here we had our 2nd Veterans Day parade. The Masonic Lodge and Scott Robinson puts this on with a marching band.

I have to say congratulations to Trump. It is not a WIN WIN but it's a WIN.

Well, that's it from here. Until next time y'all take care and be safe. 0



Columbia Gorge Chapter at Trunk-or-Treat; photo Micki Robinson

North Kitsap Chapter

From DEBBIE MCVEY, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

We worked very hard preparing for our Wing Ding fund raiser event that was held November 3, 2016. This event supports our Toy Run for the children of Harrison Medical Center where we raised over \$3,000 to go towards the purchase of new toys. 100% of the proceeds generated and/or donated from our various fund raising events supports this worthy cause. We all had a great time dancing to The Drive's music and eating delicious chicken wings donated by The Garage Bar and Grill.

Our next event will be November 26th and 27th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be standing outside the doors of Walmart in Bremerton to collect toys and/or cash donations. 100% of the cash donation will be spent in Walmart purchasing more toys for the kids.

December 3rd the run starts at "The Hideaway in Belfair" (22540 NE State Route 3, Belfair) about 9:15 a.m. and December 4th the run starts at The Garage Bar & Grill (6812 Kitsap Way, Bremerton 98312) about 8:15 a.m. to collect the toys from the barrel locations. On December 4th, we will depart "Putters at Rolling Hills" (2485 NE McWilliams Rd., Bremerton) about 3:15 p.m. to ride to Harrison Medical Center in Silverdale and plan on arriving about 3:30 p.m. We hope that you can ride with us on one or both days or meet at Harrison Medical Center (9927 Mickelberry Rd., N.W., Silverdale). Hold onto your Santa hat, it's going to be a fun

We would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to the following supporters:

Barrels are located at these establishments:

19th Hole Bar & Grill, A&C Sports Bar, Brothers Powersports, Cash Brewing Co., Cliff's Cycle Center, Cloverleaf Sports Bar & Grill, Fiesta's Restaurant, The Garage Bar & Grill, The Hideaway, The Kitsap Mall, Our Place Pub & Eatery, Putters at Rolling Hills Golf Course, Red Dog Saloon, South Pacific Sports Bar, Tracyton Public House, Wig Wam Pub, Gorst

Door prizes and auction items were donated by:

Centering Massage, Cliff's Cycle, Liberty Bay Auto Center, Lowes of Bremerton, The Detailer Autobody Shop, Allstar Lanes, Round Table Pizza, The Garage Bar & Grill, Northwest Paintball Park, Rottweiler Bikes, The Filling Station, The Grub Hut, Auto Glass Plus, Walk in Comfort Shoes, Hard Rock Barber Shop, Spiro's Pizza, Hood Canal Brewery, Downpour Brewing, Slippery Pig Brewery, Sound Brewery, Silver City Brewery, Destination Harley Davidson, The Dragon's Hoard, Rich's Custom Motorcycle Seats, The Kingston Ale House and The Drive

Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

Well just when I thought I could hibernate for the winter December starts to come around. I was looking over our schedule of events and we have something going everyday of the four weekends in December.

I hope we can all live with the new people in elected offices. It was quite the election to say the least. I for one will stand with my country's choice and hope for the best.

November was something else—record rain fall and record high temps. Go figure.

Our STEAM this year was good, a lot better then last year to me. I think a lot of people that went with the intent to learn how our organization runs got the information they desired. The awards could of been better. The idea of keeping every one at the motel after dinner and having a band and drinks was a great idea. The band Rusty Cage was off the hook good. I have ask Jimmy George to try to have them at Spring Opener this coming year. Everyone seemed to like them. BOD was OK but some members have to stop this bickering at the BOD. Nobody likes to hear it, nobody thinks it's cool.

We went over to Bremerton to The Garage for some Bloody Mary's and breakfast. Just anyone who wanted to go. We all had a great time.

December events include: December 1, put out our Toy Boxes; December 3, Olympia Toy run; December 4, Elk Country's Christmas party (it's always a great time); December 6 our general meeting; December 10 is our Santa for Seniors at Orchard Park Health and Rehabilitation Center in Tacoma (always a heart warming experience); December 11 wrap children's toys for our clean and sober houses; and December 17 is our bake sale and auction, followed by our chapter Christmas party while elephant gift exchange, followed by a benefit for the Erwin family. Like I said, we have a full plate of events.

I want to welcome our new newsletter editor and wish him the best.

Spanaway has passed a motion to buy protest signs for Black Thursday that will say "Helmet laws suck," "Let us decide," "Freedom of choice," etc. I also have a couple of bullhorns to get our message out. Make plans to be there for Black Thursday, it's the most important event we do as a group.

I want to wish and hope each and everyone has a blessed Holiday season. ◊

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Well, as you read this the election will be over so hang on, I feel we are in for one hell of a ride. Sure been wet at my house and the best thing I can say is the bike is clean and ready for sunshine. Our last chapter meeting was, I believe, our longest ever. The owner of Hunters Inn was given a plaque from us for all his help as well as that of his staff.

Just read the MRF mag and almost everything started with "Meeting of The Minds." This is a great thing to protect our rights at the federal level. If you have no clue, learn, it's good. At one time the state pushed this-not sure why we went a different way but it happened. I do know they think differently than most of us but we are on the same page. Motorcyclist rights come first. Pacific County Chapter has been on board for 18-20 years with the MRF. Do we hunt down everyone who doesn't agree 100% with us and pick their bones apart, I sure hope not. I'd love to chose what to wear on my head, split traffic and just enjoy life. Big brother is getting stronger each year. Got to get our/my life back. Hey, Double D is getting lots of mileage from what happened here in the state of Washington, with our help. Not DC but here. We were part of that and it is growing-you should be on the train like us and not in front of it and get run over.

Like to thank Scott and his crew on "STEAM" this year, head and shoulders above past years. We will try and keep doing it better. This is very important, good people are hard to find and educated people are even harder to find. After being in this job too long, it would be nice to find someone who had an idea what is up. Linda wants out and I need a rest.

Guess I'll close for now and wish you MERRY CHRISTMAS and any other holiday happiness that comes your way. See you in '17 and many more. ◊

NEWS FROM THE HILL – THE LAMEST LAME DUCK?

NOVEMBER 18, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, lawmakers returned from a long break that started mid-September. And officially, they returned to what's referred to as a "lame duck." This means that, though replacements for both parties have already been elected, their term officially hasn't started yet (nor will it until inauguration in January). So much of what is done between now and December 31st will be considered to be lame duck activities as we bide time until the 115th Congress is sworn in. There were a number of expectations that a laundry list of items could get checked off the list during lame duck, but Trump's surprising victory means expectations have been lowered as Republicans will wait to try and get a 'better deal' come January when they are in control of the House, the Senate and the Administration. The only must pass?

Lawmakers face a Dec. 9 deadline for keeping the government running, but senior leaders plan to move a continuing resolution (CR) in the lame duck that will fund the government into early next year, perhaps March or April. Doing a CR would give Trump and the GOP-led Congress maximum control in the government funding fight come next year.

Another area that's been picking up steam? Talk over what to do about ethanol. With Republicans gaining complete control of the federal government, anti-ethanol groups are reinvigorating their efforts to convince Congress to kill at least the corn ethanol portion of the Renewable Fuel Standard (if not the entire program). Specifically, Smarter Fuel Future, a coalition that the MRF is a part of, has started running ads and making more noise about how RFS's ethanol mandates are bad for the environment. Though it's highly unlikely that either the pro- or anti-ethanol movement will advance before the end of the year, it's already priming up to be a big issue come 2017. #

EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC – Though Congress has been out during recess, work hasn't stopped for our federal agencies. The Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have been toiling away and a large focus has been what to do about driverless vehicles. Last week, NHTSA held its first public workshop on the issue of automated vehicles, soliciting input from the public on the guidance document that was published in September. Your MRF was represented at the NHTSA meeting and will be present as the Agency continues to move forward with a number of public meetings in 2017 on the issue. Generally speaking, automakers and manufacturers of autonomous vehicles have encouraged NHSTA to move forward, clearing any obstacles to getting these vehicles on

the road and cautioned NHTSA to not do anything that would delay technology development. The MRF's comments aligned closest with that of many safety advocacy groups; a strange bedfellow for us! Like these groups, the MRF has urged the Agency to move forward cautiously in order to ensure robust, rigorous and enforceable regulations are in effect surrounding these self-driving vehicles with particular emphasis as to the effects on other road users, i.e. bikers.

Your MRF has picked up rumblings that EPA may soon release the 2017 volume requirements for the Renewable Fuel Standard which concerns the amount of ethanol in the nation's fuel supply. The final volumes are expected to increase to more than the 14.8 billion gallons proposed in May, roughly in line with increased U.S. gasoline consumption. However, the big question is whether the requirement for conventional biofuels like ethanol hits the 15-billion-gallon figure required by Congress and much desired by ethanol groups. Your MRF will be watching closely and will provide analysis when this is announced. #

NHTSA, Congressional Committees Solicit Feedback & Examine Future of Autonomous Vehicles

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Congressional Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade examined the issue of selfdriving vehicles. Members of the Committee used the hearing to explore the potential impact of automated vehicles on the nation's roadways. Chairman Michael Burgess (R-TX) who chairs the Committee stated in his opening remarks that holding the hearing would allow Congress to better understand the safety and economic opportunities these vehicles present. The hearing was also used as a forum to discuss the Department of Transportation's recently issued guidance on automated vehicles, which is currently under review.

Witnesses at the hearing spoke about the many positive attributes that self-driving vehicles hold including the future potential to eliminate human error from car crashes thus reducing the overall crash statistics in the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator Mark Rosekind was quick to point out that overall crash rates in 2016 were likely to increase by 10% and that typically, 94% of these are due to human error. There was hope by many on the Committee that this figure could be greatly reduced or eliminated with the eventual emergence of fully automated vehicles; still expected to be some years away.

However, detractors and safety advocates who also spoke as expert witnesses cautioned Congress and NHTSA not to rush forward with attempts to get fully automated vehicles on the road quickly. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) agreed, saying that while autonomous vehicles had the potential to be great for safety, they also had the potential to be a disaster. The outcome of which greatly depended on how these vehicles are regulated and guaranteed safe, she added.

Another area that was of focus during the hearing was the role of federal versus state authorities when it comes to regulating selfdriving vehicles. Administrator Rosekind emphasized the language in the recently issued guidance which discouraged states from advancing on regulating these types of vehicles in a manner inconsistent with DoT and instead, encouraged states to focus on their role of licensing and liability. Members of Congress were quick to point out that a number of states including Michigan, Pennsylvania, Florida and California were already making moves to attempt to regulate testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles despite NHTSA strongly discouraging this.

Regarding the issue of liability, there was wide-spread recognition that this is largely an area of the 'unknown.' NHTSA's reaction to the concern over responsibility in crashes involving autonomous vehicles resulted in a recommendation that a Commission should be established to examine this issue specifically and work through some of the questions surrounding liability. The Commission would likely include a number of stakeholders including representatives from various State Departments of Motor Vehicles as well as state authorities.

NHTSA SOLICITS FEEDBACK

Though not directly related, last week NHTSA held its first public workshop on the issue of automated vehicles, soliciting input from the public on the guidance document. At the beginning of the public meeting, NHTSA expressed its desire to continue with a series of meetings focused on some of the proactive approaches to regulating self-driving vehicles outlined in the guidance. For NHTSA, who was in 'listen only' mode, the forum allowed them to hear directly from manufacturers of automated vehicles, insurance representatives, public safety groups and other advocates, such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation who submitted written comments. The feedback centered around challenges with the emergence of these vehicles, possible improvements to the guidance, as well as served as an opportunity to seek clarification on the framework laid out by NHSTA.

Generally speaking, similar to the Congressional hearing, automakers and manufacturers of autonomous vehicles encouraged NHSTA to move forward, clearing any obstacles to getting these vehicles on the road and cautioned NHTSA to not do anything that would delay technology development. Contrarily, public safety advocates like "Consumer Watchdog" urged caution and their comments argued for NHTSA to slow down and ensure robust and rigorous enforceable regulations surrounding these vehicles including performance standards and a premarket approval process.

As the issue of autonomous vehicles moves forward, the lines in the sand are beginning to be drawn between automakers and safety groups. It's clear that government authorities like the Committee and NHSTA will be pulled in different directions as to how to grapple with this area of uncharted territory. The MRF has and will continue to remain vigilant offering suggestions for improvements ensuring that motorcycle safety is a priority as the government continues to grapple with how to deal with these types of vehicles. #

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.



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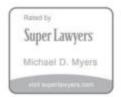
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FROM DOCTORS AND CHIROPRACTORS

- "Since you were in an accident, you aren't allowed to bill your health insurance company-you must use your PIP or give us cash."
- "We've got a treatment plan just for accident victims and we've signed you up for it."

FROM INSURANCE ADJUSTERS

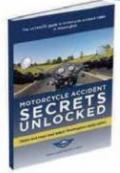
- "Just sign these forms and give us a statement and we'll take care of you."
- "If you don't settle with us soon, we'll just close our file and you won't be able to make a claim."

HERE'S SOME ADVICE YOU CAN TAKE TO THE BANK

If you have been injured in a motorcycle accident, then before you

- (1) talk to the adjuster,
- (2) hire an attorney,
- (3) or sign any forms,

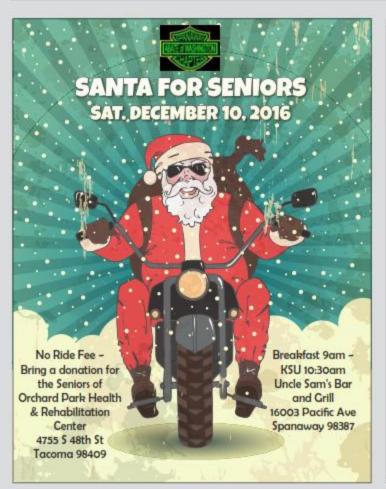




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YEAR IN REVIEW

Annual Report from your State Coordinator

By LYLE COYLE

I am going to put this very bluntly, this year-in-review article is kind of ridiculous. Everyone knows what has transpired over the past year but they say I have to write one.

We started off with Mike Campbell wanting to retire as state Deputy Coordinator so Chris Varner and Ron Crowe were nominated, both were very qualified candidates but in the end Chris Varner won the election. Our legislative session wasn't great but it wasn't a disaster either. We knew going in that with a short session we were probably not going to get very far but we still did everything in our power to make sure our legislators knew that we were not going away. Our Swap Meet and Spring Opener were a success thanks to a lot of great people. We lost Central Washington Chapter but we gained Grant County and Star Lake Chapters.

One thing I would like to say is this organization has a lot of great people that put a lot of work into making ABATE of Washington an organization to be proud of. Each chapter, each member, every person here can be proud because I believe what we do does make a difference when it comes to motorcycle rights. I also think we make a difference in our communities with our events and fundraisers that benefit a wide array of people and charities. So I think we can do even more this next year. We can get more members. We can get more members to step up and help out. We can work together. We can succeed.

STEAM Award Recipients

Recognizing those who have made outstanding contributions in 2016

Bike Raffle Ticket Sales at Spring Opener

Billy De Hunter, Spanaway Chapter Barb Hunter, Spanaway Chapter Steve Carlsberg, Tacoma Chapter James George, Tacoma Chapter

Barb Culpepper, Inland Empire Chapter Micki Robinson, Columbia Gorge Chapter

In Appreciation - Spring Opener Work

Scott Robinson

Donnie Ahola

In Appreciation – State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

In Appreciation - Sr. Deputy Coordinator Mike Campbell

In Appreciation - Secretary (10 years)
Rona Smith

In Appreciation - Webmaster Leon Staub

Twelve Months of Continuous Newsletter Chapter Reports John Lawson, So. King County Chapter Micki Robinson, Columbia Gorge Chapter

Treasurer Reports Complete & On-time in the Last Year Linda Holm, Pacific County Chapter Barb Hunter, Spanaway Chapter Micki Robinson, Columbia Gorge Chapter

Fastest Growing Chapter (by Percentage of Growth)
Columbia Gorge Chapter (60% increase)

Longest Distance Traveled to STEAM
Pacific County Chapter

In Remembrance

Brothers and sisters lost in 2016 but not forgotten

- Alan Mooney, Tacoma Chapter, Jan. 2, 1951–July 8, 2016
- · Warren Cable, Spanaway Chapter, -March 2, 2016

2016 Membership Anniversary Milestones

Please congratulate the following members* who celebrated a milestone anniversary of either 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years in 2016.

10 Years (joined 2006)

Dave Barr Todd Beckwith Evan Clayton Gary S Coyne Glen Davis Jerry DeBruler Jim Douglass Neil Eckerson Gale Evanson Katrina Evanson Jeanne Gilbert Warner Gilbert Alexander Greco Arnie Horath Glenyce A Jackson Jack L Jackson Frank Jones Annie McCarthy Chad A Monaghan Sr LeRoy R Porter Donald Pratt Paul Reblin Les Richardson Rene Sims Steve Steelsmith Bob Still Chuck Tracer

Tyler C Tracer Ronald S Wiediger Mike Zowada

15 Years (joined 2001)

Trena Arthur
Gypsy
Randy Haynes
James W Kirkpatrick
William G Kontos
Kevin A Larson
Tina Lawson
Rusty Marsh
Charles McNeal
Nikki Patrick
Robert Valline
Larry White
Tom Wortman

20 Years (joined 1996)

John Cochenour
Mick Gillispie
Mike Greany
Rod Hobelman
Bob Hutchinson
M C "Bear" McClellan
Michael Raven
J C Reece
Willie T Showalter
Jeanette D Sterling
Brian Stovall
Rodney L. Tubbs

25 Years (joined 1991)

James J Blowers
Robert Gary Butler
Thomas R Frick
Jerry Gerten
Roger Hanson
Ron Karlsten
Robert W S 'Santa Bob' Lee
Tim A Marl
Walter McQuillen

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30 years (joined 1986)

Stephen K Chapman Rufus Kain Kent 'Prof' Kreger Dutch Phillips

35 years (joined 1981)

"Limp Lee" Ashbach David J Belles Zoe Anne Chapman Frank Pearson James Reglin

*Dues current as of November 5. Lapsed memberships are not shown.

Top 5 Largest chapters

(as of November 5, 2016)

- Spanaway 305 members
- 2. Tacoma 134 members
- 3. East Pierce County 82 members
- 4. Lewis County 74 members
- 5. Mason County 65 members



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39TH OLYMPIA TOY RUN

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PUBLIC WELCOME TO ATTEND

December 6, 2016 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Department of Licensing 405 Black Lake Blvd Bldg 2, Rm 2209 Olympia, WA 98502

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Janu	ary	
	1	Tacoma Start the New Year Off Right
	14	ABATE of Washington BOD (Spanaway host)
	19	ABATE of Washington Black Thursday
	21	Spanaway Patti Nelson Chili Cookoff
	28	South King County Outta Control Night
Febru	uary	A
	11	Tacoma Anniversary & Valentines Party
	18	Spanaway Soup Cookoff
- 5	25	East Pierce County A Night Out with EPCC
Marc	h	
10-	12	Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show (ABATE booth)
	11	Spanaway Wing Ding
	18	South King County Luck of the Biker Run
	26	ABATE of Washington Spring Swap Meet - Monroe
April		
	8	East Pierce County Bunny Hop Run
	8	Spanaway John Kunecke Memorial Run
	15	Pacific County Pig Out Run
14-	15	Spanaway Senior Easter Baskets
	22	ABATE of Washington BOD (Elk Country host)
	22	Key Peninsula Spring Swap Meet
	22	East Pierce County Support the Supporters Run
	22	Olympia Bike Blessing
May		
	6	Tacoma Roll 'Em Out
	13	Pacific County 101 Run
	13	South King County Jim Adams Memorial Ride
	14	Elk Country 11th Annual Mt St Helens Memorial Run
	14	Sky Valley Classic & Antique Motorcycle Show Snohomish
	20	Key Peninsula Chapter Ride
	20	Spanaway Pig Out Run
	27	East Pierce County Mystery Run
June		
	10	Star Lake Brewery Run
22-	25	ABATE of Washington Spring Opener
	23	Spanaway Spring Opener Poker Run

July	
15-16	East Pierce County Independence Run
15	South King County 'Round the Mountain
15	Spanaway Rock & Libbies Birthday Bash
22	ABATE of Washington BOD (Columbia River host)
23	Star Lake Run for the Hills

August	
11-13	Spanaway Chapter Campout
12	Key Peninsula Summer Swap Meet
12	South King County Fun Run
18-20	Tacoma Lost Brothers & Sisters Campout
19-20	Columbia Gorge Festival of Wheels
25-27	East Pierce County Teddy Bear Run & Campout
26	Key Peninsula Brewery Run
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September

Pacific County Fall Run

October

21-22	ABATE of Washington STEAM and BOD (Kittitas host)
28	Tacoma/Spanaway Halloween Party

November

Spanaway Toasty Toes Kickoff

December

9	Tacoma Toy Run
16	Tacoma Santa for Seniors
16	Spanaway Bake Sale/Auction

Note: Dates are subject to change. This planner does not list all 2017 ABATE of Washington events. Thank you to the chapters and individuals who submitted information. Be sure to check the newsletter monthly for updates in the Rides and Events section and the website at abate-wa.org.

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19 Black Thursday, ABATE of Washington, (pg 16)

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28 Outta Control Night, South King County Chapter

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