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*Photo this page: North Kitsap during the 14th annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Run. (photo: North Kitsap Chapter)
 Photo opposite page: Sky Valley Chapter member Rose Brown. (photo: Sky Valley Chapter)
 Cover: Seen during the 14th annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Run. (photo: Jenifer "Dimples" Mendenhall)*

This month's cover was by Jenifer "Dimples" Mendenhall. Rumors that it was rejected as the flyer art for the Teddy Bear Rally are unconfirmed.

Speaking of run flyers, a reminder when searching for clipart to filter your results. Several internet browsers can remove art that is not "free use with modification" certificate images. Hate having to reject flyer submissions because they contain copyright protected stuff. I work with graphics, so if you are having a hard time finding something that will work for your chapter, drop a line and I can send links to some free use image sites.

About it for this month, see you in September!



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AUGUST

- 22 **Brewery Run,**
Key Pen Chapter
- 28 **Teddy Bear Rally,**
East Pierce Co. Chptr - Buckley
August 28th, 29th and 30th

SEPTEMBER

- 05 **Run to the Desert,**
Grant Co. Chptr. - Soap Lake
September 5th and 6th
- 20 **Poker Run,**
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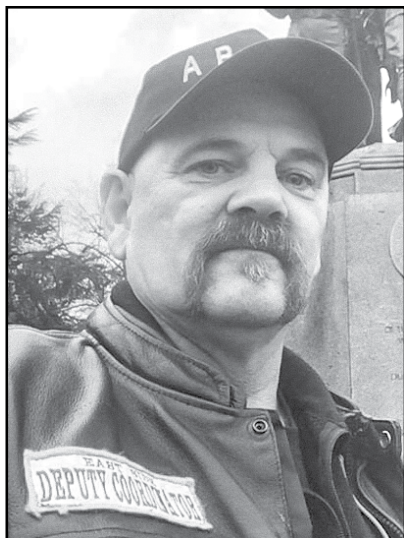
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From the State Coordinator

Scott Robinson

Members. We are in difficult times the virus information is so unreliable and comes from so many different resources it is hard to know what is the truth. Having a hard time believing anything the media puts out these days. ABATE OF WASHINGTON members we have to trust one another and depend on the people who we know ,we need to continue to hold meetings and communicate as chapters so that in the future we have people we can depend on and trust. Hopefully come November this will all settle down.

Time for us to focus on new officers for the coming elections most chapters nominate in August vote in September and the new officers are seated and ready to come to S.T.E.A.M. in October.

This year we will continue our fight for the helmet repeal and lane sharing we are working on a new bill which would allow us to ride the shoulder more on that as time goes on

Motorcycle Awareness Some folks ask why or what it is we are doing. The bottom line is we are trying to stop people from getting killed on our state highways. Last year it was nearly 100 riders . Their were only 500 deaths state wide we are 20% of the deaths and only 4% of the registered motor vehicles in the state.

How can we slow this trend? Motor vehicles drivers using cell phones . Running stop lights. Distracted drives all need to be aware we are on the road. The motorcycle riders have to bear the responsibility also. Excessive speed ,riding beyond ones ability ,distracted driving .Drug and alcohol use . All contributing factors in motorcycle deaths. We have make steps to slow this trend in our riding community.

As new state Coordinator I will continue to work for ABATE to be successful in all our events and our legislative work. Thank you for your support with membership and working at our events we could not be where we are without that.

Thanks.

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Ambassador at Large Dutch “Dragoni” Phillips

Hello to all. I have been Member of ABATE of Washington close to 35 years now! I have served three terms as the State Ambassador at large, two terms as the State West Side Deputy and two Terms as the Chapter Coordinator for ABATE of Washington East Pierce County Chapter.

I was going into my fourth term as the State Ambassador at large just before the Covid19 pandemic started. As I am sure you know everything shut down for months. My Job at ESD sent me home with pay for two months to protect me from Covid19. Because I am going on 70 years old, I chose to wear an RZ 99.9 protection mask anytime I was in public. My Job at ESD finally called me back to work in May and now I must wear an RZ 99.9 Mask all day on the job around other workers and students. So far, I am doing great no health problems at all. After talking with the new ABATE of Washington State Coordinator “Scott Robison” I found out that another ABATE member had asked about

becoming the State Ambassador for ABATE of Washington. When I called and talked with this ABATE member, I decided he was a good man for the job, and it was time for me to retire and relax.

I have followed this member’s progress in ABATE for years, watched him step up to and go to Olympia and fight for motorcycle rights many times. So this will be my last report to the newsletter and BOD as the State Ambassador at large.

I present to you “Alan Alder” of Spanaway Chapter the largest chapter in ABATE of Washington. I am proud to say I helped to start this chapter as the State Ambassador at large. I just had a Breakfast meeting with “Alan” and presented him with my Ambassadors Flag. “Alan Alder” will still have to be seated to this Office at the BOD to make it official. I have agreed to help “Alan Alder” as he grows into this important State Officer Position and think “Alan” will do a real job once he starts travelling and spreading the word about ABATE.

After our breakfast meeting “Alan Alder” was on his way this morning to Oak Harbor to talk to some riders about ABATE. I have enjoyed promoting and building ABATE of Washington for many years.

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Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange & Louise Bentley

August 2020 Legislative Report

Even though these mid-summer months are considered “legislative down time,” we’ve been spending time familiarizing ourselves with the list of candidates up for election, or re-election, at both the state level and congressional level. We are coming up on a very busy and important election session this year. Keep in mind that pushing our issues and our bills through the legislature is only half the battle - electing officials who support our causes and conduct themselves as our representatives is just as important for our legislative success. We would like to encourage everyone to spend a little time reviewing the candidates in their district who are up for election.

In the July edition of the Freedom, we presented a list of the Bills that were being considered for this biennium. Since then, another suggestion was brought forth for consideration. There is interest in creating a Bill that would address right lane shoulder riding for motorcyclists. This bill was suggested by Brian Lange (who will hopefully win the 20th district seat) so we will be giving it some consideration along with our other bills for this biennium:

- Helmet Pilot Bill
- Lane Sharing Bill
- Weight Fee - this one may be delayed due to it’s financial issues
- New one suggested - Handicap parking space allowance - this bill would allow more than one bike per handicap spot if at least one bike has a decal
- New one suggested - Awareness Bill - this bill would detail measures designed to increase motorcycle awareness on roadways.
- New one suggested - Right Lane Shoulder Riding .

How ABATE will proceed with our Legislative efforts has yet to be voted on as the July BOD has yet to take place at the time of writing this article. We will keep everyone posted on the outcome of the BOD voting results.

We would like to give a big “thumbs Up” to Missouri for the passage of their Helmet Choice Bill into Law! This new law will take effect August 2020!. Abate for Missouri certainly did a great job with this legislative effort!

We would also like to thank the MRF for all their hard work keeping motorcycle interests in the spotlight with the “Highway Bill,” H.R.2. This 2,000 plus page bill includes three important protections for motorcyclists. These protections are:

Sec 3011: Stop Motorcycle Check Point Funding, which helps protect motorcyclists from profiling by law enforcement because of their mode of transportation or clothing.

Sec. 3012: Motorcyclist Advisory Council would be reestablished, allowing motorcyclists a seat at the table when discussing federal infrastructure programs.

Section 5304: Study on Safe Interactions Between Automated Vehicles and Road Users ensures that motorcycles are included in any safety study on autonomous vehicles and that motorcyclists are involved in government working groups on these autonomous vehicle studies.

Remember - spend some time reviewing the Legislators and Candidates who cover your district!. Go to the state legislative web page (www.leg.wa.gov), find your district, and review your candidates (www.sos.wa.gov), I’ll be preparing a summary of Legislators who have favored our efforts but, I can’t do it alone - so step up, visit the state legislative web page and do a little investigating for the good of our favorite pastime and lifestyle.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Elk Country Chapter

From **CARRIE BREDY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

MORTON - Our chapter hosted our Mt St Helens run on July 12th. The start was a bit rainy and cool, but the day turned out really nice. There were upwards of 150 bikes, and a great time had by all. If you check out the Elk Country Facebook page, there are plenty of good photos and videos that folks shared from the ride.

I've been happy to see two electronic billboards reminding people to watch for motorcycles: one on I-5 just south of Chehalis, and one on Highway 12 near Morton.

I don't have much more to report, but I hope everyone is staying safe and well, enjoying the weather, and riding plenty! ◇

Pacific County Chapter

From **JOHN TSCHANNEN, COORDINATOR**

NASELLE - Pacific County Chapter is planning for our Labor Day Party. At the usual place behind Hunters Inn.

Our Fall Run is in the works, if we can get our Governor to stop acting like our Dictator. Summer is on and time for riding is in full swing! Yard sign season is coming soon. Remember to back the people who support us!

Ride safe and stay sharp. ◇

South King County Chapter

From **ADALINDA LUNDT, COORDINATOR**

AUBURN - Well I hope everyone is doing well.

South King County Chapter held our first meeting since COVID19 shut down. We held it in our shop. Lots of the members enjoyed having the meeting there.

Our chapter is looking forward to enjoying ABATE events and getting together while practicing social distancing. We have also temporarily put most of our rides on hold and going month by month to see how it goes.

It was good to see some folks enjoyed themselves at Silver Ridge Range this month. I know I'm looking forward to getting to see my brothers and sisters.

Welcome to Alan for being the new State Ambassador for ABATE of Washington.

Please be safe out there when riding. Remember to do a safety check for your motorcycle and ride skillfully. ◇

Sky Valley Chapter

From **ROGER "HIGHWAYMAN" HANSON, DEPUTY COORDINATOR**

SNOHOMISH - Well there is not much this month like a lot of you to report. Our chapter is doing phone meetings and that is going well. We are planing a ride for the end of the month for our chapter just to get the f*ck out of Dodge! Hope you all are getting out as the sun is now with us.

See you, "In the wind." ◇

What the Jury Doesn't Get to Hear

By Mike Myers



The rules of evidence have a big impact on what the jury gets to hear (and what it doesn't get to hear about the case). A lot of the rules are counterintuitive.

Here's what the jury doesn't get to hear in a motorcycle injury case:

1. The amount defendant offered to pay before trial. In most cases defendants make offers before trial. But at trial the jury never hears what the defendant was willing to pay and the last offer does not set a floor for the verdict.
2. The defendant has insurance. At trial defense lawyers love to insinuate their clients are going to have to pay the full amount of the verdict. Nothing could be further from the truth. But the jury never gets to hear that the insurance company will be paying the verdict.
3. When the defendant admitted fault. A lot of times defendants deny they were at fault from the day of the wreck all the way up to the night before trial. Then, almost magically, they admit fault on the courthouse steps. The jury never gets to hear that the earnest, accountable defendant denied that they caused the wreck for years.
4. The defendant caused 10 other wrecks. A lot of clients want the jury to hear that the defendant caused 10 other wrecks and is a menace to society. The rules of evidence don't allow the jury to hear about these kinds of "past bad acts."
5. The defendant was drunk or high. This is probably the most controversial. Many judges take the view that if the defendant admits he was at-fault for the wreck, the jury doesn't get to find out that he was drunk or stoned.

6. The defendant was texting. If liability is admitted, the jury never finds out that the defendant was texting.

7. The defendant was cited (or the injured person was not cited). Evidence about whether a citation was issued (or not issued) doesn't come into evidence—the jury never hears about it.

8. The defendant never checked on the injured person or asked what they could do to help. What's the best way to truly accept responsibility for hurting someone else? To try to make things right. But the jury isn't going to hear the defendant never checked on the injured person, never offered to drive them to the doctor, and never offered to pay for their medical bills.

9. What similar cases are worth. The jurors are appraisers. Their job is to figure out what the injured person's damages are worth. But the jury is never going to hear that in a very similar case the jury awarded \$1.45M. It's a little like an appraiser potentially saying a house is worth \$100,000 when the ones on either side sold for \$1.55M and \$1.4M.

10. Argument that the jury should put themselves in the shoes of the injured person. How do we typically "understand" things that happen to other people? How do we "empathize" with other people? We put ourselves in the other person's shoes. Unfortunately, the judge won't allow attorneys to encourage the jury to use this commonsense way of understanding what happened to the injured person.

11. Where the money goes after the verdict is paid. The jury isn't told the injured person has to pay back their insurance companies. Or that the injured person has to pay their attorney's fees and costs. The jury is never told that in the U.S. we don't have a "loser-pays" system and that even though defendant forced the injured person to go to trial, the defendant doesn't have to absorb the injured person's fees and costs.

These rules may not seem fair. But it's important to know about them.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Spanaway Chapter

From ANDY MCAFEE, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

SPANAWAY - Our first meeting since the shutdown occurred on June 30, 2020, at the 'Y' Sports Bar & Grill (Roy 'Y' Bar & Grill). We definitely needed it as there was business that needed to be discussed!

Rock & Libbie's Bash took place on the 18th of July. Its always great to see people enjoying themselves and raising money for our chapter. With no real get togethers since March, its was fantastic! Food, bikes and camaraderie also played a part.

We are hoping to hold our next meeting at its regular date and time (August 4th – 7pm) at Uncle Sam's. Make sure you check out our chapter Facebook page for any changes. Our agenda meetings are always the Sunday prior at 10am – again at Uncle Sam's.

We have a new event scheduled for July 24th – 26th at John Berg's place in Morton. This will be a camp-out party and again...check out our Facebook page for more information.

Has everyone seen the 'Watch for Motorcycles' on the lighted billboards on the major thoroughfares? I-5 had the signs lit, both north and southbound from Tacoma to Vancouver. Hoping this will open people's eyes to watch out for us who enjoy the ride. Thank our new State Coordinator, Scott Robinson, for getting this going and WA State for following through.

As riders we also need to be alert and responsible. Let's not piss people off because we are riding aggressively. We are trying to educate the public regarding motorcycles and when we have those who think its ok to ride wheelies down the interstate or pass on the right, it makes us all look bad. With that being said, watch out for the aggressive vehicle drivers also. If you see someone riding your tail, instead of getting angry about it, pull off or over and let them pass. I know, its not what we usually do but I would rather see us all alive than in the hospital, jail or dead.

I hope you are able to get out and put miles on your bikes during the shutdown. I'm not thinking the state is going to be opening up soon however it doesn't stop us from getting our freedom on the motorcycle.

Until next month, ride safe, respect those that need extra safety precautions due to their compromised immune system and wear your mask if asked. ◇



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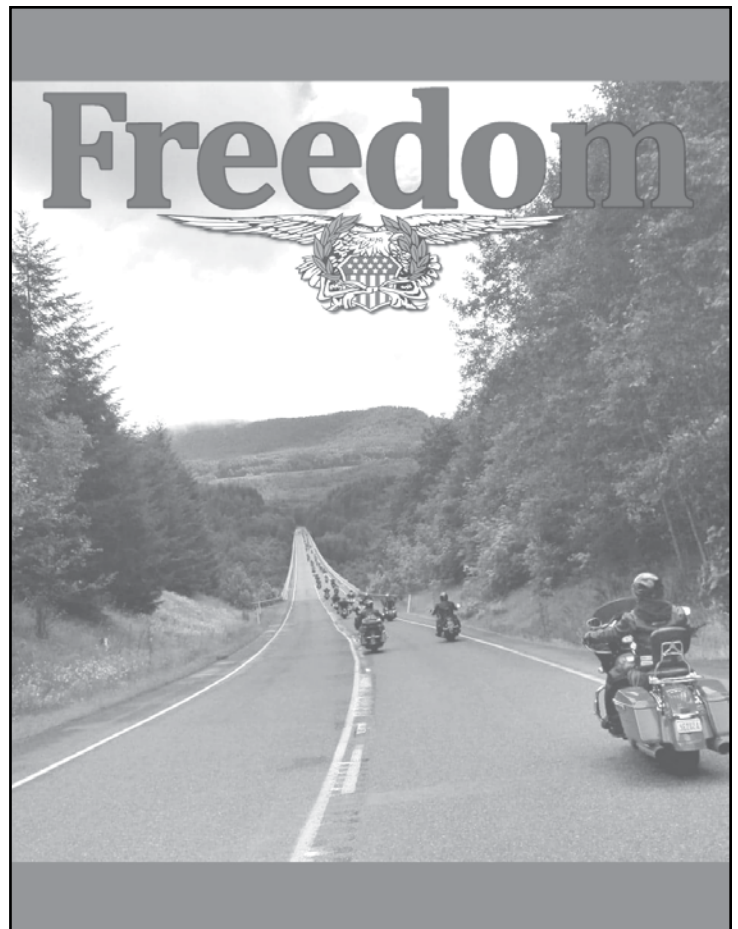
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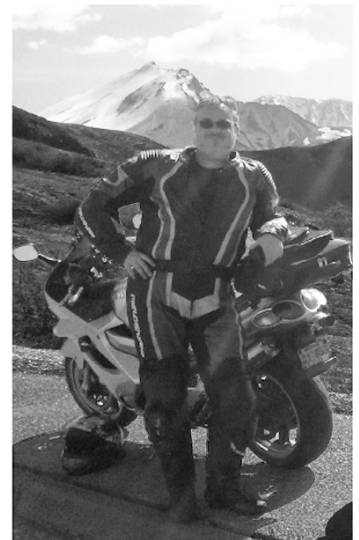
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CHAPTER REPORTS

Mason County Chapter

From GREG HANSEN, COORDINATOR

SHELTON - Well hasn't 2020 been fun so far? At least summer is finally here. Mason County Chapter held its first meeting since March and what a relief it was. I think everybody is excited to start planning rides and just getting outside and leaving life behind for a while.

We've started doing our Tuesday night rides. We begin at Bob's Tavern in Shelton. KSU at 6PM. If you are in the area, please join us.

We also have our Charter Run on September 12th. Stay tuned for the flyer in the newsletter.

I hope everybody is staying safe and sane through all this BS. Make sure you vote! ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From KEN BOSTICK, ROAD CAPTAIN

GOLDENDALE - Greetings from Goldendale!

Riding weather is getting better. Hope you all are getting in your wind therapy.

Things still are uncertain in this crazy COVID-19 situation almost changing daily. Strange times. Stay safe and healthy.

Congratulations to our new State Coordinator Scott Robinson. Give him all the support we can to keep our many chapters moving forward and active.

Ride safe and often! Remember there is freedom in the wind. ◇

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East Pierce County Chapter

From BILLI BOWEN, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

BUCKLEY - How's everyone holding up during these crazy covid days? Have you checked on your neighbors? Been of service to another? Depression and anxiety are high right now, be alert and watch out for your people.

EPCC has been busy. Thank you to our brothers and sisters of North Kitsap, South King, Tacoma, and Spanaway for joining us in celebrating our 40th anniversary. We met so many new faces. Thank you so much for dancing the night away with us. A huge shout out to our grill masters Bubba and Willy, dinner was amazing.

I would like to thank Gina Blanchard-Reed for joining us at our July chapter meeting. She answered alot of great questions. If you live in District 2, keep an eye out. She's running for State Senate. You might just see her on a ride and she is planning on joining Abate. Thank you to our Deputy Coordinator, Joe Cain for arranging her visit with us.

As we slide into August we are full steam ahead with planning the Teddy Bear Rally. We are roasting 2 hogs for Saturday night, bike games, vendors, kids bike games, kids ride, live music Friday night and Saturday night. So much going on. Load up your camping gear and join us August 28th - 30th in Buckley.

See y'all there. ◇



EPCC 40th anniversary party. (photo: Laura Cain)



Hand carved flag made and presented to EPCC by Doug Nielsen. (photo: Billi Bowen)



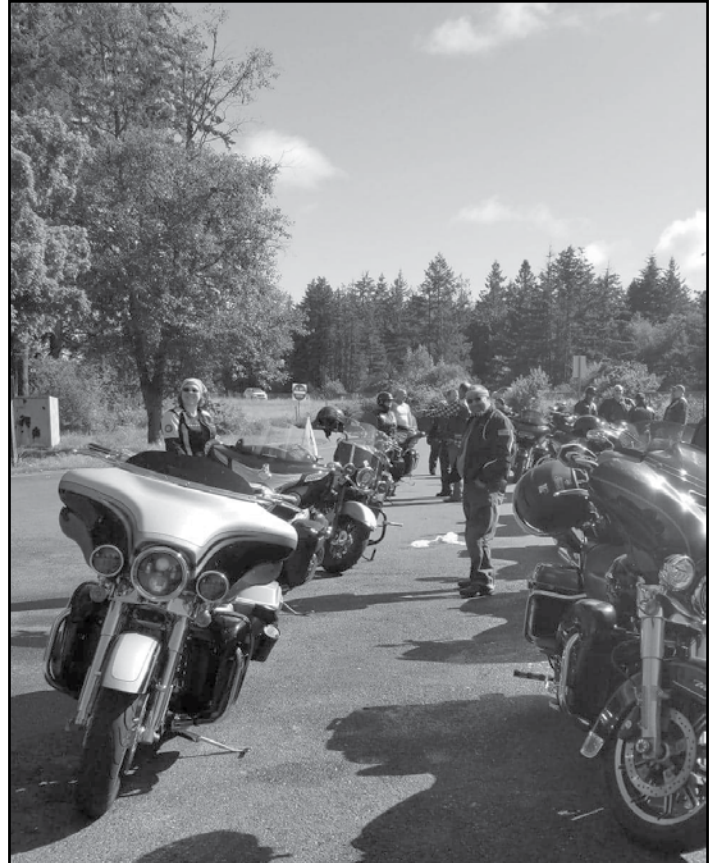
Past and Future State Ambassador at Large. (photo: Dragoni)



Past and Future State Coordinator. (photo: Micki Robinson)



EPCC 40th anniversary party. (photo: Billi Bowen)



North Kitsap Chapter at the 14th Annual Mt. St. Helens Run. (photo: NK Chptr)

Key Peninsula Chapter

From CHAD HOLTQUIST, COORDINATOR

PURDY - Greetings from “The Pen”! How about this nice weather? Now that we’re past the 4th, seems summer is here.

We have some events coming up, even in this time of the Covid. On August 22nd we will be doing a low key version of our annual Brewery Run. We’ll start at Wet Coast Brewery in Gig Harbor, registration at noon, KSU at 12:45. This will be raising funds we will be donating along with money raised from the sales of memorial patches we sold to honor Mary Hammelev. We still have some of those patches if you need one, email me, gr8fulchad@gmail.com, I’ll mail you one. The money will be donated to the Key Center youth group on September 12th at the end of our chapter ride that day.

The chapter has a BBQ planned for the end of this ride (editor’s note, only one ride was mentioned, check with the chapter on the other one). That ride starts at Hi Tides in Port Orchard at 10 KSU at 11. Both are low key with the intent on giving back to a few of our previous sponsors. Come join us for one or either of these rides.

We’ll see you out in the rode. Stay safe, ride free and as always, Stay Cool! ◇



No caption. (photo: Key Peninsula Chapter)



14th Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Run. (photo: North Kitsap Chapter)

North Kitsap Chapter

From THOMAS SHORT, DEPUTY COORDINATOR

POULSBO - Greetings from North Kitsap!

Another event due to covid has been canceled! The West Sound Steel Horse Rodeo Committee was unable to acquire the proper permits and paperwork from the City of Bremerton to have our event, so this year's antics will have to wait until next year. Keep practicing your skills for next year's bike games, there may yet be fame and glory and fabulous prizes for you! Well, prizes anyway.

On a positive note, a few rides have been able to happen. A few members of The North Kitsap ABATE Chapter participated in the "14th Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Run" on July 12th. We met up at the Gorst Gas stop to head South to Castle Rock. We stopped along the way to add the Key Peninsula ABATE riders and then the Star Lake ABATE when we arrived in Lakewood. We all had an excellent adventure with no unfortunate happenings and arrived in Castle Rock with plenty of time to spare. It was awesome to see so many ABATE members and Chapters in attendance! Special Thanks to Elk Country ABATE for hosting another fine ride for everyone.

There are still rides and events happening this summer, so keep an eye on Northkitsapabate.com for an updated list. Also, feel free to send pictures, videos, or event information for our website to our webmaster at nkabateriders@gmail.com

Keep the shiny side up! ◇



14th Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Run. (photo: North Kitsap Chapter)

Spokane Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, COORDINATOR

SPOKANE - It's the start of election season and other than a few radio ads you wouldn't be blamed if you didn't know it. Trying to find election websites and where these potential legislators stand on issues is an effort in futility. Not sure about you all out there but it doesn't seem to matter how many emails I send, in return so far I have nothing to show for it.

Here in the Spokane the last election we passed several issues that our local State Representatives personally oppose. As a representative these people are supposed to do just that, represent the will of the district they were elected in. Yet we have an awful lot of them around these parts that appear to not care what the majority of their constituents want. And their same old tired tactic is to shut up, hide and not answer any questions.

In an effort to at least bring light to this problem I've gotten myself an official press pass and will be writing articles on subjects that voters around here care about. Instead of sending an email asking these potential legislators where they stand on issues, I am instead going to write articles on where they stand based on prior votes or campaign promises and simply send the article ahead of publication asking their press contact for comment. We'll see if that gets some answers where other types of attempts have failed.

Because not all these topics are motorcycle related I'll point out as a reminder that this is done as an individual. When we speak with legislators on behalf of ABATE we have an agenda, concerns and safety issues we speak about. Outside of that we have lots of motorcycle related topics to speak about we discuss during our chapter meetings. When you meet with the same legislators outside of ABATE you don't mix the two and present yourself as an individual with your own topics and concerns. In my example I don't wear riding gear and I make clear to the legislative assistant or legislator that I am there as just me.

Our July 18th ride up to Canada was called off since the border was closed. I considered doing it anyway while calling ourselves refugees at the border so we'd get a check and paid for hotel room but decided not to. Instead we did a day ride around Lake Coeur d'Alene. Was perfect weather, hardly no wind off the lake, scenic and even most of the route was freshly paved. The 18 mile stretch other side of St. Maries is still rough but the rest of it was smooth gliding. The lunch stop was at One Shot Charlies in Harrison.

Our next official event is the Benefit Run at the end of September. If we have enough people still in town and not heading to Sturgis we can put together a social ride for August. Chapter meeting is August 8th, 10 am at Jackson St. Bar & Grill.

About it for this issue. As always give a wave when we see you on the road! ◇



Some of the riders during Spokane's July social ride. (photo: Reed Schmitt)

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