

# ABATE OF WASHINGTON

## A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS

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### March 2021 Updates

#### Legislative Report

As I sit and write this, we are working to get one of our bills out of the House Transportation Committee before the deadline on February 22nd. HB1254 (Right Shoulder Riding Bill) received a hearing, and had several people testify in support of the bill. Although, one person seemed more to want to dismantle the bill, or testify against it because it wasn't a lane-splitting bill like he wanted to be getting the hearing. It was a pleasant surprise when Rep. John Lovick, a former WSP Trooper actually said that he liked the bill. Rep. Lovick tends to be one of those legislators that usually opposes motorcycle bills in general. Several members of the committee were riders and asked direct questions about the bill in response to WSP and the Washington Sheriff's & Police Chiefs Union's opposition to the bill. We are working to gain support for an executive session on HB1254 by the deadline of the 22nd. By the time you are reading this, I am hopeful that it will have passed out of committee. If not, we will be changing focus to getting support for all of our bills during the interim between sessions. That means meeting with legislators and staff, sending them emails and phone calls, and providing them with studies and videos demonstrating the safety benefits of our bills. Yes, even our helmet bill. I've come across a study done by a renowned safety researcher that shows a higher rate of fatal injuries among helmeted motorcycle crash victims than unhelmeted ones. [Keep Reading>>>](#)



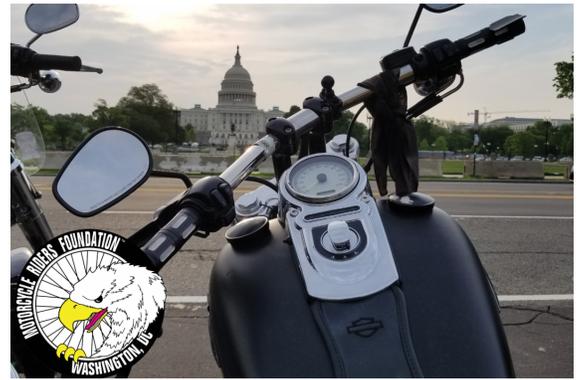
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#### Riding Free From DC: Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

Mr. Speaker...

Last month, Sherman "Sherm" Packard was elected Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Sherm has been a state legislator in New Hampshire since 1990 and a long-time champion for motorcyclists. In recognition of his longtime work on behalf of the New Hampshire Motorcyclist Rights Organization and all riders across the country, Sherm was inducted into the MRF Hall of Fame in 2018.



MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, said "As one of the original motorcyclist rights activists in our movement and a MRF Hall of Famer, Lifetime Achievement honoree and John "Farmer" Eggers award recipient I cannot think of a better individual to represent New Hampshire and all motorcyclists than Sherm." [Keep Reading >>>](#)

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## State Coordinator's Report

Members,

Looks like the Pandemic is slowly coming to an end. I hope it didn't cause too much unrest in your family. Prayers for the folks who suffered.

**The Swap Meet is officially moving to October 3rd, 2021.** Same price, start time, and location. We are working with the fairgrounds to iron out the details for another great event. I like the idea of a Fall Swap Meet get some parts and have time in the cold winter months to wrench. Keep an eye open for further updates.

Spring Opener, at last a bit of hope for the event. They have moved Kittitas County into phase two. Keep watching as the weeks go by. Need to get permits from county health officials - at this time we are not being allowed to file for a permit.

**Motor Cycle Awareness ride will be held May 22nd, 2021** this year we will start at Eagle Leather like last year. Look for the flyer in this issue. We need to bring awareness to the public about all the folks on motorcycles who are being killed on our highways every year. Will have some speakers and a lot of facts to present.



Zoom meetings. We had a practice zoom meeting on the 6th of February, John from Pacific County Chapter asked for a trial run, and I think it went very well. No voting, just

## State Officers & Committee Reports



With our State slowly opening up, I am hoping we will get back to our goals of educating the public of motorcycle issues and pushing Bills through that will benefit all Riders. We also need get out and share our mission of what ABATE stands for in the hopes of getting more like minded individuals to join us.

So not to forget we have our Motorcycle and Gun raffle tickets For Sale. Many people would love the chance to win one of these great prices.

Chapters, if you need help with creating events or writing press releases for your event, please feel to message me.

Stay Safe out there!  
Public Relations  
Susan "Stars" Carson

Well, the snow is falling and I know everyone wants to get out and ride. The Ecom board is still hard at work trying to get something going for Spring Opener and the Swap Meet. Times are tough trying to get anything done with all the shutdowns in place. I hope everyone is getting on their electronic devices and contacting our local

a good round table discussion. Communication is key to our success! **The next zoom meeting is set for March 6th at 6pm** if you are interested in attending check with your Coordinator. This will be voted on at the April B.O.D.

More state poker runs. We need more state-sanctioned poker runs looking for ideas on a couple of rides for this summer. Would like to see all the Chapters represented at these rides, more info coming.

We need more paid advertisers for our newsletter. We do not need any law firms, bike shops, or leather shops.

If you have any ideas, contact me or the newsletter editor.

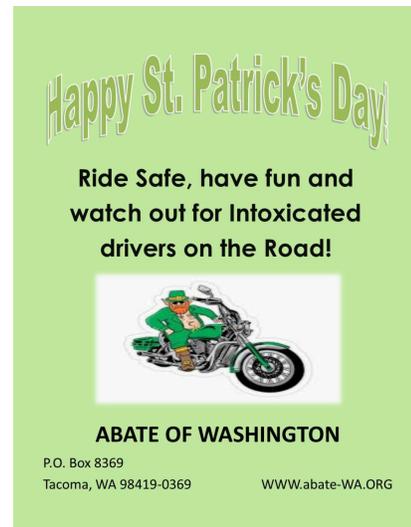
Scott Robinson  
State Coordinator  
ABATE of Washington  
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politicians, telling them we want to see progress on the bills that ABATE has submitted.

I hope all is well with everyone and their families, we aren't getting out and about as much these days but we will get through this. Hope to see you all soon. Take care and ride on, (when at all possible).

Ps, I found a way to get my ride on even in the worst snow conditions. If there's a will, there's a way!

-Chris Varner,  
Senior Deputy Coordinator



## NCOM Biker Newsbytes

### NEW YEAR, OLD BUSINESS

With the new 117th Congress now in session, and the Biden Administration proposing a \$2 trillion transportation and infrastructure plan to reauthorize federal funding for highways, vehicle safety, and public transit, before the September deadline, motorcyclists are once again tasked with including motorcycle-friendly provisions in the new highway bill.

Last session's Moving Forward Act (H.R.2), included a provision to: Increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25% (to \$5.8 million); Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints, and also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the DOT to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous



vehicle deployment; Extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers; and added an amendment during a floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transportation." [Keep Reading >>>](#)

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## Events and Runs

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. (*click image to see larger*)



**SATURDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**EPCC'S 1st ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN MEMORIAL RIDE**

**BENEFITING MARY BRIDGE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

**HIGH/LOW HAND 50/50**

**\$10 PER RIDER, \$15 PER COUPLE**

**CAGES WELCOME**

**STARTS AT:**  
FIREHOUSE PUB  
780 MAIN ST. BUCKLEY  
REGISTRATION @ 10  
KSU @ 11

**1<sup>ST</sup> STOP:**  
CITY HALL SALOON  
35317 314TH WAY S E.  
CUMBERLAND

**2<sup>ND</sup> STOP:**  
TANOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY  
(NO CAGES AT THIS STOP)  
18600 SE 240TH ST. KENT

**3<sup>RD</sup> STOP:**  
(LUNCH STOP)  
DRAFT CHOICE  
32201 KENT BLACK DIAMOND RD SE, AUBURN

**4<sup>TH</sup> STOP:**  
DAVE'S OF MILTON  
1502 11TH AVE. MILTON

**FINAL STOP:**  
BUCKLEY EAGLES  
29021 STATE ROUTE 410  
E. BUCKLEY



**ABATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**COLUMBIA GORGE CHAPTER FUND RAISER**

**3 RIVERS POKER RUN**  
**3/21/2021**

**MEET @ SINCLAIR STATION AT 9:30AM**

**KICKSTANDS UP @ 10:00AM**

**\$10.00 PER RIDER**  
**\$5.00 FOR PASSENGER (OR SECOND HAND)**



**ABATE OF WASHINGTON - ANNUAL RAFFLE BIKES & GUNS - ENTER TO WIN**

**5 DRAWINGS - 5 PRIZES ON 1 TICKET**

**TRAVEL VOUCHERS**

**ONE GUN PER TICKET**

**1** 2017 Harley Davidson Street Glide  
**2** CTR Harley  
**3** 750L Harley  
**4** 750L Harley  
**5** 750L Harley

**2** Rock Island 1911 .45 ACP Pistol  
**3** Remington-Union Arms  
**4** Remington-Union Arms  
**5** Remington-Union Arms  
**6** H&K  
**7** Gaucha Shotgun

**TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH - GET YOURS TODAY!**  
AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR LOCAL ABATE CHAPTER OR REP  
**DRAWING HELD JUNE 26, 2021 AT 10PM**  
ABATE OF WASHINGTON SPRING OPENER  
182 SILVER RIDGE RANCH RD, EASTON WA 98925

**WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!**

ABATE OF WASHINGTON will be having the drawing for the Bikes/Travel Vouchers and Guns in June on the 26th at 10pm at the Silver Ridge Ranch. (See ad above.) This is the same time and location where we have done this for the past five years.

What's different this year is that we most likely will not be having our Spring Opener event due to the restrictions being put on the state by the Governor of Washington. So, we are reaching out to all interested riders who may want to buy a ticket for either Bikes/Travel Vouchers or Guns.

Ticket sales are hard to come by this year, having no events to sell them at. However, this could be a benefit to people who buy the tickets, as it looks like the odds of winning are better than they have been in the past. If you wish to purchase a ticket, here is a link to people who have them for sale in our Chapters ([abate-wa.org](http://abate-wa.org)).

We appreciate your interest and encourage you to get a ticket or two. The monies from our ticket sales help put funds into the war chest, for us to keep the fight for our rights going at the Capitol in Olympia, Washington.

Ride free  
SCOTT ROBINSON  
STATE COORDINATOR  
ABATE OF WASHINGTON

**MAY is MOTORCYCLE Awareness Month**

**Awareness Ride**  
**May 22, 2021**

**MEET LOCATION**  
**EAGLE LEATHER**  
Gear for the Ride  
10222 South Tacoma Way

**Kickstands UP**  
**12:30 PM**

**OPEN TO ALL**

**LOOK TWICE. SAVE A LIFE.**



## Products

Greetings from Products,

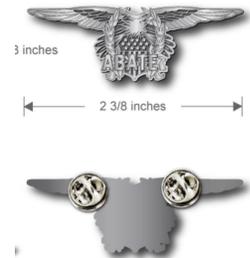


I would like to introduce myself to what will be a monthly contribution here in the ABATE of Washington Newsletter for Products. My name is Cheryl Holtquist and I am currently the State Products Coordinator having recently taken over the position from Jenny Rogers. I have big shoes to fill as she was a Rock star when it came to getting product out there to all of you. No easy task considering how large this state is and how many Chapters we have. My husband is Chad Holtquist Sr., and he is the Coordinator for our Key Peninsula Chapter as well as the State District 5 Chapter Representative and my right-hand man when it comes to Products. I am a transplant from Alaska and we purchased my first bike last spring, a beautiful 2007 Roadking so I hope to ride with you all at some point over the years to come.

I currently have on my schedule for Products the upcoming BOD in April, the Mt. St Helen's ride in May and the Swap Meet in October. As far as BOD goes, if there is anything you would like, please let your Coordinator know and they can hopefully pick an order up for you, otherwise, we will see you in May.

Please let me know of any events that you believe would welcome us as a vendor and I will be happy to take a look at it. We are also always open to attending your Chapter meeting, just let me know where and when. I am very excited to let you know that we will have new t-shirts, both short sleeve and long sleeve, and hoodies both pullover and zip-ups soon. The proofs have just been approved and it will be a couple of weeks for the set up and printing. Once the order is complete, paid for and picked up I will be able to put prices out there for you.

Also just ordered are ABATE custom made die struck soft-enamel 3D pins. Each pin will come with 2 clutches for secure attachment. These will be \$10 ea. We received our new ABATE earrings both in brass and nickel. They are super cute and I LOVE wearing mine as they are always a conversation starter. "What is ABATE?" Well, let me tell you...



We have 7 in 1 ABATE pens that include a ball point pen, a stylus, both a metric and a standard measuring area, a level and a flat head and Phillips screwdriver. They are pretty nifty! Those are \$3.75 ea.

We now have logo cell phone chargers. Suction cup electric chargers and solar chargers. We still have our beanies, ball caps, a limited number of what will be our old style logo shirts and sweatshirts, and just a few more Dickies. We have the metal reflective 'Share the Road' signs and various sizes of STR stickers.

Lastly, I have your Chapter pins and patches and am happy to order road name patches for you. We have historically sold those at cost, so \$5.00 each. I am excited to be of help to State and all of you in this new position. It's a great organization with many, many wonderful and dedicated volunteers that do a TON of good for this lifestyle, the family we all find ourselves a part of and our communities.

Please reach out to me with any ideas you may have for product.

Ride Free. Ride Safe.

Cheryl Holtquist

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## ABATE In The Wind

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## Local Chapter Reports

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## Key Peninsula Chapter Report

"Greetings from the Pen! Are all of us shoveled out yet!?! WTF was that all about! We chickened out and flew to Florida during snowmageddan 2021, but I know some of you like that nonsense, hope it was all you hoped for!"

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## Pacific County Chapter Report

"Here we go....we're into our second month of 2021..... Here to hoping we get back to a normal way of living prior to COVID19. And that everyone stays safe and healthy. Please remember about black ice, de-icer and other road hazards during winter motorcycle riding."

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## Star Lake Chapter Report

"Greetings to all from Star Lake Chapter  
As we start to move forward with the 2021 year, we are discussing and planning for many future Star Lake events and plan on joining in on events with other ABATE chapter brothers and sisters."



## Columbia Gorge Chapter Report

"Greetings from Goldendale! Hope you all had a great Valentine's Day. February has certainly brought some cold snowy weather our way and across the country. Our chapter is having meetings in an undisclosed

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location and doing our business, voting, and planning."

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### Elk Country Chapter Report

"We are holding our 15th Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Ride on May 16th at the same location as usual off of I-5 and exit 49 in Castle Rock. On July 10th, we are holding our 3 Pass Poker Run again, but also making it a memorial ride for fallen members."

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### Tacoma Chapter Report

"Hello from T-Town! Couple of quick reminders to Tacoma members: We are still looking for high visibility locations to place "Share the road" signs. Please let me know if you have a location in mind. The other thing is bike and gun raffle tickets. I have some to sell or check out so you can sell them"

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## East Pierce County Chapter Report

"The weather will hopefully be getting warmer sooner rather than later, so that everyone can get back on the road, and get that much-needed wind therapy. Hats off to those who have continued riding through the cold months. It's not for everyone, lol."

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## South King County Chapter Report

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## Grant County Chapter Report

Grant County Chapter,

Things are looking up, and we will be having our first meeting in months. We are preparing for our fireworks fundraising stand, and many other potential events including Run to the Desert. This event will be held the weekend before Labor Day, August 27.28 and 29. Details to follow. One of our goals is also to get our membership back up in the area.

We wish you all safe travels in the upcoming month with the weather getting better.

Susan "Stars" Carson

Grant County Coordinator



### MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT ATTORNEYS

When an accident happens, your number one priority is recovery we're here to lift the burdens during a catastrophe and are committed to providing support and peace of mind when you need it most.

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