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ABATE OF WASHINGTON



March 2022 Updates

State Coordinator's Report

Hello Members!

Here comes the riding season again. Be sure and check out the bike real good so you're ready to roll without any issues.

SWAPMEET

Looking forward to this year's event it has been **two years since we have held the SWAPMEET** miss seeing all the folks and talking to motorcycle people. **Eric Lundt** has been doing all the work to get everyone registered get a chance tell him thanks for all the hard work.



Looks like the Lane Sharing bill will be picked up next year. Big thanks to Brian Lang for all his work this year. We will continue to look for what the next issue is that we need to bring to the Legislature. **Motorcycle safety needs our attention to many riders continue to have accidents.**

NEWSLETTER

At this time, we need to start looking for the next **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**. **Shari Carlsberg** is stepping down. Many thanks to her for taking on the responsibility for well over a year, and doing a fantastic job. She will be missed.

If you are interested in this position, please contact me or Shari for the details.

SPRING OPENER

Were Back! Really looking forward to the new location **Cascade Peaks Campground** is big and has lots of RV Sites 135. This year there will be **no charge for RV sites**. The tradeoff is we will **raise the cost of tickets by \$5.00 for everyone**.

The ground is flat so getting around should be easy on the legs and back. The Gates open on Thursday. We are working on vendors at this time; **want to be a vendor contact Lyle**. This year we will be a great year. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Scott Robinson
State Coordinator
ABATE of Washington
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State Coordinator Nominees

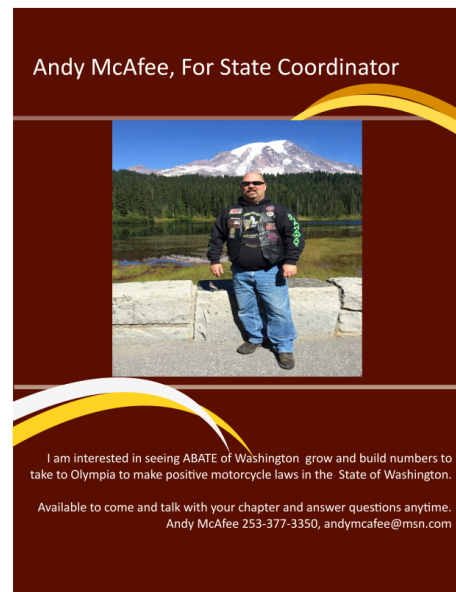
Nominees shall submit a statement of qualifications to the State Office within two weeks of nomination to be printed in each issue of the State publication prior to ballot mailing.

6.3.1 STATE COORDINATOR A candidate for this position must have been a member in good standing for a minimum of two (2) years continuously and have held one (1) of the following positions for at least one year: State Executive Officer, one (1) of the four (4) elected Chapter Officers, or State Officer position as defined in these bylaws.

Statement Of Qualification Susan Carlson



Statement Of Qualification Andy McAfee



Legislative Report

Even with the sponsorship of several members of the leadership of both parties in the Senate, and amazing support from the motorcycling community, SB5622 died at the end of February 7, 2022. I was truly impressed when Vice-Chair of the Committee, Sen. Saldana stated that 476 people had registered in support of the bill, versus only 25 opposed at the end of the hearing that day. We had better testimony from the people giving their one-minute speeches than the opponents did, and there were more of them as well. However, it was all for nothing due to the political games played by Senator Marko Lias, the Committee Chair of the 21st district (Edmonds, North Lynnwood, Mukilteo area).

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NCOM Biker Newsbytes

*Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)*

NEW YEAR = NEW LEGISLATION

With 2021 in the rearview, New Year 2022 has hit the ground running in several states considering pro- and anti-biker laws, including some helmet legislation, profiling, noise, motorcycle safety, lane splitting, bike parking, and lighting issues.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: *"We, too, born to freedom, and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."*

~ Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), 32nd President of the United States

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Public Relations

Hello Everyone!

Hope everyone is enjoying our first signs of Spring. I am starting to receive all the great event flyers for the start of the riding season. I appreciate everyone sending me these so I can get them to our webmaster, newsletter, and communication officer so we can share and help publicize your event.

PR1@Abate-wa.org is the **public relations email** in case you want to send me flyers, or any other information about your Chapter.

Due to a vehicle accident, I was unable to attend **Black Friday** but I did reach out to every media outlet in the hopes that we might get some attention on our Bill and received some feedback. **If you happened to see anything or read anything through the media, I appreciate a lead to get a copy or video.**

Please remember to carry some of **our tri-folds with you when you are out** and about because you are the best advertising we have.

**Safe Travels,
Susan "Stars" Carson**



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

National Roadway Safety Strategy Announced

Thursday afternoon, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg announced a new national road safety campaign. The plan, known as the “National Roadway Safety Strategy,” comes in response to increased year-over-year fatalities on our nation’s roadways. In 2020, an estimated 38,680 people died as a result of a motor vehicle crash. Of those, approximately 9% were motorcyclists’ fatalities.

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Nominees Wanted - Class of 2022 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame (MRFHOF) was introduced at the Meeting of the Minds in Denver, Colorado. This institution was created to recognize individuals that have worked through the MRF to positively impact motorcycling.

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Threats from Europe

The last few months have seen troublesome news for the motorcyclist community in Europe. Yesterday, the website *motorious.com* reported on a new threat to motorcyclists in Paris, France. Officials, there are taking aim at motorcycles and using sound pollution as the justification. According to the report, “Paris authorities have been experimenting with sound radars as a way to fight excessive noise pollution in the city. Such devices allow police to pinpoint which motorcycle is emitting more decibels than is allowed, then fine the rider.”

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Safety & Education Report

Out of Hibernation

Author Bio

“Texas” Larry Walker is a nationally certified Rider Coach for the novice, intermediate, and advanced training. He is the Senior Instructor for Navy Region Northwest, a long-time motorcyclist rights advocate, with well over 40 years of riding experience.

Now that “riding season” is around the corner we need to bring our bikes out of hibernation. We also need to bring our brains up to snuff after spending more time than we would like under a steering wheel and not behind the handlebars.

First, let’s consider the bike.

Of course, the tires are some low-hanging fruits, but it is more than just the air pressure. **What is the overall condition of the tires? Sidewalls? Tread? Traction capabilities?** Sidewalls and tread are pretty easy, but what about that traction portion. Very important, because as tires age they get harder, ergo less grippy, and what might have worked well on Chinook Pass last year might not be as effective this year. It is also good to remember that cold tires do not grip as well as warm ones do. My preferred method to warm my tires up is to get on a straight stretch of road and do some repeated hard



braking to load and unload the tires, hence warming them up. Now you are ready to test the grip of those tires in some moderate corners to see how they hook up. [Click here to read the full story](#)

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In the Wind



Runs & Upcomming Events

Rat City Chapter Presents: FREEZE YOUR BUTT OFF POKER RUN

Join us as we leave from Elmer's Pub in Burien, WA. All proceeds will benefit White Center Food Bank. We hope you will join us.

DATE: Saturday, March 5th

LOCATION: Elmers Pub located at 1
50727 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Burien, WA 98166

PROCEEDS BENEFIT WHITE CENTER FOOD BANK

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East Pierce County Chapter Presents: 2nd ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN RUN

The second annual Leprechaun Memorial Run is coming up on March 19th, Starting at Log Cabin Pub in Sumner. Breakfast is available beginning at 9 AM, Kickstands up at 11 AM. This year's proceeds will go to Helping Hand House, a Homeless Shelter in Puyallup.

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DATE: March 19, 2022, KSU 11:00 am
LOCATION: Log Cabin Pub located at 4321 2nd St, SW Puyallup
 Low/High Hand \$10.00



SPANWAY CHAPTER PRESENTS WING DING COOKOFF

Get your best wing recipe, cook them up, let's see who makes the best!
 Or come eat and judge some great food.

DATE: March 20, 2022, Starts at 3 pm
LOCATION: Rumors 16003 Pacific Ave S Spanaway WA

\$ 5.00 per person
 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prizes Awarded

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MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET

This Large indoor motorcycle swap meet is open to the public, hosted by ABATE of Washington. Come buy, sell or trade bikes. Everyone is welcome

DATE: Sunday, March 27, 2022
LOCATION: Evergreen State Fairgrounds
INFORMATION: [Facebook Event Page](#)

Indoors - Two Buildings
Event Center and Pavilion

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Elk County Chapter Presents: 16th ANNUAL MT ST HELENS MEMORIAL RIDE

It's the 16th Annual Mount St Helens Memorial Ride in memory of the 57 men, women, and children who lost their lives in the May 18th, 1980 eruption of Mount Saint Helen. This is a family-friendly ride. Passenger vehicles are welcome to follow along behind the motorcycles.

DATE: May 15th, 2022
LOCATION: Gateway Food & Fuel Station in Castle Rock, WA
 for more information email elkcountyabate@yahoo.com

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SKY VALLY 25TH ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW

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The Show is a community event run by Sky Valley Chapter; ABATE of Washington on behalf of the citizens of Snohomish and the motorcyclists of Washington. The Show Bikes are often mechanical marvels that still perform decades after their first ride. We aim to provide a working history of transportation modes and demonstrate an environmental alternative to automobiles.

DATE: SUNDAY MAY 15, 2022
LOCATION: SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON

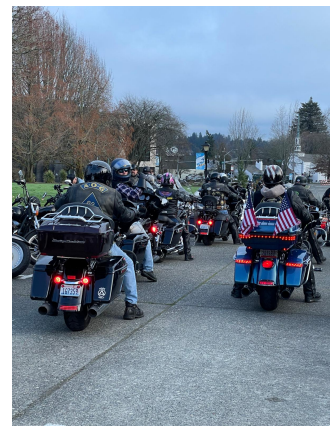
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Black Friday

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Chapter Reports

EPCC

Greetings from EPCC!

As the weather gets better, more events will be happening. Keep your eyes out for other chapters' events, and support them. They will show you support in return! **That's what life is all about folks, love, honor, respect, fellowship, and fun. When they finally bury us, let's be able to say "What a ride!!"**

The second annual Leprechaun Memorial Run is coming up on March 19th, Starting at Log Cabin Pub in Sumner. Breakfast is available beginning at **9 AM**, Kickstands up at **11 AM**. This one is particularly important to me. As most of you know, Leprechaun was my father. This year's proceeds will go to **Helping Hand House in Puyallup**. They are a homeless shelter that does great things. **Hope to see you all on the run.**

-Joe Cain, Deputy Coordinator EPCC

Foothills



Greetings from Foothills! We are so excited for all the upcoming events & our growing family. **Our next chapter run is April 10th, following our monthly business meeting, Foothills Easter Run, benefiting Terry Homes.** More details to follow.

The planning for our 1st annual chapter fundraiser has started, **please join us Saturday, May 28th for our Memorial Day Run & Cookout.** We will ride to Tahoma National Cemetery, ending at the Bowen Property in Buckley. We will have live music, pig roast, auction, 50/50, etc. **Watch Facebook for the next location for our weekly socials.**

The next business meeting is Sunday, March 13th @ 10 am, Buckley Eagles.

Grant County

ABATE of Grant County Chapter

The sun is beginning to shine and members are out and about. **We just had our Hearts N Paws event and had an amazing attendance and raised a great amount of money for the Rescue.** We are gearing up for our monthly rides in the hopes that we are hopefully past any snow in the future. Increasing our membership and expanding the area our members are participating from is part of our goals this year. **We are excited in participating in the Spring Opener raffle sales this year and are hoping for a winner from our area.**

Safe travels!

Susan Carson
GC Coordinator



North Kitsap



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Greetings From North Kitsap!

We have had an interesting time since the Holidays. We totally **rocked our Toy Run this year, breaking old records for donations and filling multiple pallets full of toys and books for the St. Michael Medical Network.** We've had some amazing support from our Chapter and our Community. **Special Thanks to Key Peninsula ABATE, Bremerton Walmart, The Cloverleaf Bar/Grill, and our Membership.** We couldn't have done this without you.

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Star Lake



We had our **monthly chapter meeting on February 6th, 2022, at Purdy's Public House in Sumner.** The chapter discussed old business, upcoming 2022 rides, and event participation. We would like to thank the **Tacoma Chapter Coordinator (Dan)** for being our guest at the meeting. Star Lake hosted a **surprise retirement night out at the Rail Hopn in Auburn for two of our members (Bob and Cindi Howard)** on January 29th before leaving on their travel ventures. Some of our Star Lake members attended the **Tacoma Chapter Valentine evening event on February 12th.**

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Spanway

First, I would like to start by saying **thank you**. Spanaway held our **annual Chili cook-off and it was very well attended**. We had a number of our chapter members that stepped up to help and due to their help, it went over very well.

We got a lot of support from **Tacoma, Foothills, and Key Peninsula chapters** and I can not tell you how much we appreciated the support and attendance. **It was awesome to see so many people having a great time** and all getting along. Hopefully, we are turning the corner from COVID and we will all be able to enjoy each other's company. One last thing I would like to give an honorable...

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Sky Valley

Greetings from Sky Valley chapter in Snohomish!

Have I mentioned that this year is the **25th Anniversary of the Sky Valley Bike Show***? The Sky Valley chapter members are all very excited about this year's show. It's amazing how much work goes into putting on an event like this well before the day of the actual show. Coordinating with many different agencies, organizations, and volunteers to make sure that things go off as smoothly as possible on the big day.

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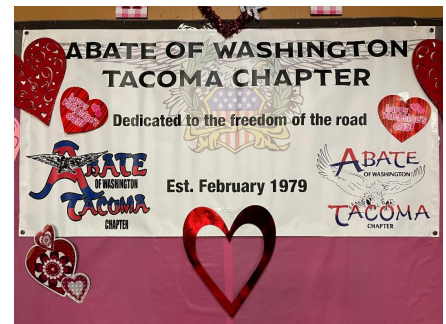
Tacoma

We just held our chapter's **"43rd Anniversary/Valentines Party"**.

What a great turnout. Lots of positive feedback. **With several ABATE of Washington chapters in attendance.** Including **"Old Coots"**; and most of them are members of ABATE. It was good to see everyone having a **good time, socializing, laughing, and dancing to "RockTide"**.

Big thank you to the setup and clean-up crew. Without you, we wouldn't have these events. I also want to thank everyone who brought auction donations or baked goods.

Your support does not go unnoticed.



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Pacific County

We aren't skiing in the Olympics, **but we are all on a slippery slope**. Our Government is starting to view people expressing a different opinion as sowers of **mis- dis- and mal-information (MDM)**. It isn't a stretch to see where saying **"helmets increase the severity of neck injury and paralysis while providing little protection"**, could be deemed potentially harmful misinformation.

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Myers & Company Success Story: Squeezing \$923,000 from a \$25,000 Policy

Washington has a minimum insurance requirement. Drivers have to carry at least \$25,000 in coverage. That minimum amount dates back to the early 1980s.

To give some context: In 1980 gas cost \$1 a gallon. The Dow Jones peaked at 1,000. Jimmy Carter was in the White House and his brother Billy was selling beer.

Minimum limits—set in the early 1980s—are not going to cover most personal injury claims in 2022.

In a recent case, our motorcycle client had really bad injuries. He spent a couple of months in the hospital. Medical expenses were huge.

We sent a letter asking the at-fault driver's insurance carrier how much coverage she had at the time of the wreck. Radio silence. So we had to file suit to find out how much coverage she carried. Inevitably she had \$25,000.

And here's where it gets interesting... [Click here to read the full story](#)



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Who We Are

We've been helping people for almost 30 years. We're smart, efficient, and sophisticated. We measure success by the results achieved for our clients. Most of our cases involve a motorcycle, bicycle, and auto collisions. We work on a contingent fee basis. We only get paid if there's a recovery. Not only do we do all the work, we also advance all the costs necessary to prepare the case for trial. Clients don't have to pay any money upfront.



Resources for Bikers

Filling in the Blanks

Most people have a pretty clear memory of how they got hurt. Frequently their memories are punctuated with very specific details. "That son of a bitch looked me right in the eye before turning left." "The front door mat was a bright pastel color." "The impact made a sound just like an M-80 going off." But when you go through something traumatic, like a motorcycle wreck, the brain isn't focused on making memories—it's focused on survival. The same mechanisms that keep the brain sharp enough to escape immediate danger may also make it harder to accurately recall the event.

[Read About The Chemistry Of Memory](#)

Public Health and Relations Crisis

The concept of public health has really expanded. It used to focus on disease. Now it includes things like gun deaths. New York's Governor recently declared a gun violence disaster emergency. This new strategy treats gun violence as a public health crisis. We have a public health crisis of our own in Washington. It doesn't have anything to do with guns. Or COVID-19. It has to do with motorcycles.

[Learn To Play Offense](#)

He Passed Me Going 90 MPH

In just about every motorcycle case we have there are allegations that our client was speeding. There are a couple of important things to know about the issue of motorcycle speed. The first relates to the reliability of witness observations. The second deals with the way courts deal with favored drivers exceeding the speed limit. Witnesses are almost always wrong about motorcycle speed. It may be based on the relatively small size of motorcycles compared to other vehicles. Or it may be based on witness bias.

[Learn More About Witness Bias](#)

What the Jury Doesn't Hear

The evidence rules have a big impact on what the jury gets to hear (and what it doesn't get to hear). Evidence can seem a lot like an iceberg: 10 percent visible, 90 percent below the surface.

A lot of the evidence rules are counter-intuitive. Here's what the jury doesn't get to hear in a personal injury case:

Know About The Rules

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