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CORRECTIONS

Tammi Plum was incorrectly listed as the contact person for Tri Cities Chapter in the last issue

Elk Country and Olympia chapter reports were inadvertently omitted from the last issue

*Photos this page provided by Elk Country Chapter
Large photo of Rep. Ed Orcutt (20th District) receiving a
Legislative Appreciation Award from
Chapter Coordinator Brian Lange and Chapter Secretary Alice Brown*

UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON

Welcome to the August issue of Freedom. Hope you're finding ways to stay cool during the dog days of summer.

July brought the departure of two Newsletter team members, Ron Fryer and "Chatty" Cathy Salomone. A big round of applause for Ron, who as editor for over 6 years could be counted on to single-handedly turn out the newsletter month, after month, after month. His passion for motorcyclist rights and dedication to ABATE is commendable. And thank you to Chatty, news ad rep for the past couple of years, responsible for selling a good portion of the ads in this newsletter bringing in much needed revenue. Wishing both all the best in future endeavors.

Inside you'll find 11 chapter reports from around the state (beginning on pg. 11); a recap of Spring Opener by Lyle (pg. 20); and information on the Upcoming Meeting of the Minds and the benefits of joining the MRF (pg. 22). Flip to page 31 for a list of runs and events guaranteed to provide a little relief from the summer heat. While you're out and about, please stop by and patronize our sponsors and advertisers found throughout this newsletter. They are vital to our success. Until next month. *JL*



Spring Opener crowd, Hell's Belles on stage; photo by Beth Sanderson

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From the State Coordinator

Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

Just returned from the July BOD that was hosted by the Tri Cities Chapter. I would like to thank them for stepping up, however some cooler weather would have been nice — they said it was 106 degrees but I think it was at least 120. A couple of changes that you will notice is we have a new newsletter editor, Tina Lawson from South King County Chapter, who has been helping with the newsletter for a few months now. I would like to thank Ron Fryer for all his years of doing the newsletter and bringing it to where it is now. With the membership's help, we will continue to put out a better newsletter.

It was voted down at the July BOD to add eight more pages of color which would have greatly improved the looks by adding pages of color for chapter flyers, pictures and more paid color ads. Don't be surprised if you see this proposal again (democracy at work).

We also have a new webmaster, Leon Staub, after Derek VanSpoor stepped down. Derek brought our inactive and non-working website into a working website where we could get information out to the membership and the public. However, the site has been corrupted (not by Derek) over the years and is somewhat antiquated so Leon will be creating a new and easier to use site. A big thanks to Derek for all his help.

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Brian Lange stepped up for the Public Relations position and after years of doing Parliamentarian and State Auditor, Darcy Mugartegui has stepped down and we need to fill these positions. The Parliamentarian needs to know our state bylaws and the basics of Roberts Rules of Order. If you are interested let me know.

Our next state event is STEAM (SEMINAR TO EDUCATE AND MOTIVATE) held on the 25th of October in Ellensburg. The purpose of this is to have members attend and become motivated to learn and make our organization more successful, and for all of us to learn how to be on the same page to work together as one. I know some people find the last comment too "bull," but no matter what anyone says, this is a membership-run organization. In the past I have put things out there for the membership to vote on and I feel as good about the ones that got voted down as I do about the ones that passed. Well, maybe not as good, but it is the way it should be with you the membership saying how it will be so be there for STEAM.

As always, if you have any concerns, constructive criticism, ideas or whatever you can email me at coordinator@abate-wa.org or leave a message at 253-326-5201 and I will get back with you. There have been times when I have forgotten to respond — if that happens, send me a reminder.

The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for. ◇

Eastside Deputy Coordinator

Scott Robinson

This has got to be the best place in the country to live and ride. There are more people out riding here than any other place I have traveled. We're lucky to be here where the heat is not scorching and the humidity is nonexistent. Let's hope they never figure it out.

SPRING OPENER was again a premier event in the Northwest motorcycle community. I want to say thanks to all the Chapters that contributed: Tacoma Chapter as always, Bike Games; Mason County for the Scavenger Hunt; North Kitsap Bike Show; East Pierce County for the Open Invitation BBQ; Central Washington Chapter Tattoo contest; Spanaway Chapter for the Poker Run; and the Freedom Seekers for the Bike Wash. This is what sets us apart from the rest of the world and brings us together. Fantastic job and a big THANK YOU!

Jimmy George, thanks for all the sponsors. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Already making plans for our STEAM training in October. The dates are October 25-26. STEAM is Saturday, B.O.D. is Sunday. More later. ◇



2nd Stop Destination HD in Tacoma; photo by "Dragoni" Dutch Phillips



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While I was recruiting ABATE members in the Spanaway area on July 6th, I decided to ride in a big bike event to support our wounded veterans. The sun was shining and the bikes were rolling for the First Annual Benefit Ride and Live Concert for Veterans of Ward 57. The ride started at Uncle Sam's American Bar & Grill in Spanaway. It sounded like thunder as close to 150 bikes all rolled out heading to the new Lawless Harley Davidson in Renton.

The next stop was Destination Harley Davidson in Tacoma. Our third stop led us to Northwest Harley Davidson in Lacey. Then it was time to head back to Uncle Sam's for a special concert with all the bands.

The live concert headliner was Commander Cody and The New Planet Airmen with special guest the RazorBack Ryders opening the show. It was good to see all the support for this event from ABATE members and non-ABATE members. Everyone had a good time and supported a very worthy cause.

It was an honor to cover this story and ride in the event while I passed out ABATE Tri-folds! The benefit was sponsored by Tacoma Centro, Lawless Harley Davidson of Renton, Destination Harley Davidson of Tacoma, Northwest Harley Davidson of Lacey, Ward 57 and more. ♦

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Olympia Chapter

From RON "CROWBAR" CROWE II, COORDINATOR

Greetings from the Capitol,

On the 5th of June I became the Olympia Chapter's newest coordinator and probably the youngest ever. Having been the Sgt. at Arms for the last 5 years, I have learned a lot and have had the opportunity to meet many fantastic people. Speaking of fantastic people, the officers that I serve with are a terrific group and up to the many challenges ahead of us this riding season, which includes bettering ourselves through training and leading our chapter through our next stages of growth. Robbie Thompson has replaced me as Sgt. of Arms, Angela Hyatt is our new Treasurer, and Paul Timmerman is the chapter's new Secretary. Cindy Harris is still the chapter's Deputy Coordinator, and in the months to come, I'm sure I'll be bending her ear quite a bit. We have one additional officer that helps to complete our group of officers, and that is Milt Bastian, our Asst. Deputy Coordinator. This riding season should be especially eventful, as Steve Scott is our chapter's new Road Captain.

We have an awesome group of officers and I'm really looking forward to seeing what we as a chapter can achieve. As the chapter's new Coordinator, I have some pretty big shoes to fill (I'm a small guy compared to John Calabrese and Wayne Mugartegui) and I still have a lot to learn. My immediate focus for our chapter is *1) get back on track*. Somehow we've slowly gotten behind on some things and with a little teamwork, I'm hoping that we can become a model chapter for the state. *2) I'm putting an extra emphasis on training*. None of us are experts in fulfilling our roles within ABATE, and ALL of us could use a little extra training. *3) Membership is vital*. It is the backbone of this organization, and when you consider the number of riders out there that are not part of us, it's embarrassing. Without the support of membership, everything will fall into the hands of "Nobody" because "Somebody," "Everybody," and "Anybody" weren't there with their support. My last emphasis is *4) RIDE!* Let people know we are here and what ABATE does for ALL motorcycle riders. I am both proud and honored to have the opportunity to represent the Olympia Chapter as their new Coordinator, and I want to thank everyone in advance for the support I'm going to need.

The BOD on 7/11 in Tri-Cities was one of the best ones I have ever had the privilege of attending. A great meeting, fantastic meeting place and a lot of good fun. Although it was really hot, we all survived and had the opportunity to share ideas and talk about issues that each chapter faces. I closed out my weekend with an enjoyable ride back through White Pass in the company of Lewis County's Coordinator, Pat Payne. There are a lot of great rides still to come this season and I hope that many of you will get out there and ride. Keeping the chrome side up. ◇

Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

June was a very busy month, and as this is written, July looks to be equally so. On the last weekend of June, Elk Country had our annual Dan George Memorial Ride. Poor weather diminished participation, but a good ride was still enjoyed by those in attendance. We were still able to enjoy some of the quiet, curving two lane country roads in our area.

The following day, at our monthly business meeting, 20th District Representative Ed Orcutt received a Legislative Appreciation Certificate for his support of motorcyclists rights within our state. Representative Orcutt also participated in the discussions during the remainder of the meeting. As the current ranking minority member of the Transportation Committee, it would be a benefit to all motorcyclists in the state to have him win re-election this year. While he personally thinks a motorcyclist is better off wearing a helmet, Rep. Orcutt believes its use should not be mandated as not wearing a helmet endangers no one other than the rider themselves.

Elk Country Chapter's "3 Pass Run" will be history by the time you read this. Since it is on the same day as the Tri-Cities B.O.D. meeting, I hope the weather cooperates. Riding over three mountain passes, the lowest of which is 4,500 ft., makes for some spectacular riding.

Elk Country Chapter's inaugural "ABATE Chapters Run" will be coming up in a few weeks as you read this. Starting in Morton and riding to the homes of the Spanaway, Key Peninsula, Mason County and Olympia Chapters. This poker run will end in Lacey at the Tea Leaf 2 so that any ABATE members who attend will be able to ride a reasonable distance home. Riding over Mountain Hwy, Tacoma Narrows Bridge, Hwy 16, Hwy 302, & Hwy 3, before riding through Shelton to end in Lacey. For those who haven't been, those are some very fun roads to ride on a bike. We hope to share them with you on the 23rd of August.

Finally, our monthly business meeting will be on the 24th of August this month to avoid being on Labor Day weekend. Same time and location, just a week earlier. Catch you on the road sometime. ◇

Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Well, the days are already getting shorter, damn. Opener was great, had a blast even if it was on canes. Like to thank everyone who helped get me around and waited on me. Have been going to events and having a ton of fun—may see ya' somewhere down the road. Our "Fall Run" is on September 20th, see the flyer in this mag. Most of the construction will be over by then, except for the 2 Rock Creek bridges. I'll make the run a week in advance to be sure of "what's up" to help minimize any problems. See ya' soon. ◇

Inland Empire Chapter

From KRISTINA "PICKLES" SIDWELL, CHAPTER MEMBER

Hi everyone. Kristina here, also known as Pickles. I am going to attempt to send in something to the newsletter for Inland Empire Chapter that I am currently with. Hope everyone is doing great and having a wonderful start to summer fun. Summer is here in full swing and everyone is scattering in all directions to enjoy as many functions and rallies as they can. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer and staying safe.

In the past couple of months, Russel and I have gone to North Idaho ABATE's M/C Awareness Run, Inland Empire Chapter M/C Awareness Run, and North Idaho ABATE Spring Opener, where I got to enter my trike in a couple of the games. I didn't win but I still had a lot of fun. At our ABATE of Washington Spring Opener, I entered my trike in the bike show and took 1st in Trikes/Sidecar and then onto the Old Town Run Whatcha Brung Run (below is a few pics of that run). We handed out a few registration forms and let people know what ABATE is about. Our next planned run is going to be the Republic M/C Rally.

Inland Empire is trying to get up and going (still) and we are hoping to get this chapter going in a more positive direction. Those of you that have signed up with or through the Inland Empire Chapter, we hope to see more faces at our meetings which is held at Sweet Ol' Bob's on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm. The more the merrier. Remember, it takes more than one person to get something accomplished. ABATE is trying to fight for your rights and we could use EVERYONE in that fight. Remember to keep the shiny side up and the rubber down. Hope to see some of you down the road. ◇



Rat City Chapter

From TIM MCCALL, COORDINATOR

Greetings!

Here in Rat City, things are heating up! The Rat Roast is coming soon. No, we aren't cooking vermin, but if you are looking to meet those of us in the Central King County area, feel free to meet us in Kent. The details of the event will be posted on our Rat City Facebook Page. Look us up and "friend" our page! We plan on cooking up a delicious feast. Donations will go to our downed rider fund!

On a side note, I see more and more signs across town popping up saying: "No Motorcycle Parking." Proof-positive that motorcycles and scooters are increasing in popularity in the City. Perhaps it's time that the City provides us motorcyclists the same kind of parking opportunities as it does the bicycle community? As gas prices hover around \$4.19 in the Seattle area, more and more folks opt to ride motorcycles and scooters to work, play and shop. People are searching for ways to pinch pennies...and not everyone wants to pay to park or pedal up and down hills. ◇



Columbia Gorge Chapter

From "MILES" MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello ABATE members:

This summer is just flying by, already middle of July and the BOD has come and gone. Great meeting by the way. Making plans for the next one and STEAM.

CGC had our 1st annual Lori Baranovich Poker Run, which turned out very nice. A big thank you to all that showed up and for those that didn't, well you missed out on a lot of great prizes and fun, so mark your calendars for next year.

Looking forward to a nice ride around North Cascade with some friends and hopefully making it to Kickback. ☺

It's time to start thinking about joining the BOD of your chapter, all nominations will be accepted and appreciated. It is time for a new group of members to be nominated as our chapter BOD. Hopefully we get enough members to step up.

We are still planning a motorcycle show for next August, so any ideas are welcome.

The Spring Opener was a great time, I just love seeing all the peeps and camping out. Thanks to all that helped. Ride safe and enjoy the weather. ◇

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NE Washington Chapter

From LEA' PORTER, CHAPTER HISTORIAN

Hello ABATE Brothers and Sisters!

This summer has gotten off to a late start, but we are all finally back on the road and enjoying the 90 degree heat! Our Fishing Derby went off without a hitch in May. We made a lot of kids happy with new fishing rods and reels and lots of prizes and goodies and we all had a great time. Thank you to the Diamond Lake Boat Launch Restaurant for providing us the space and food for the event and thank you to Camp Cowels Boy Scout camp for the use of their fishing dock.

This August 23rd we will be supporting our local Crisis Network, Pend Oreille Crime Victim Services, with their 1st Annual Poker Run. All proceeds will be going to support victims of Crime, Domestic Violence, Homelessness, and Sexual Assault within the Pend Oreille County community. If any of you are in the area that weekend please feel free to join us! Everyone will be meeting at Panhead Hill Cycle Supply 303 W. 3rd St in Newport, WA 99156 at 9:00am Saturday August 23rd. The ride will take us up towards the Washington/Canadian border along the west side of the Pend Oreille River and then back down the east bank back into Newport. It's one beautiful ride, so come join us if you can. \$20 buy in with \$5 off plus a second hand with two canned food donations. Extra hands cost \$10 and prizes will be awarded to the top three best hands. Hope that you all have a safe summer! ◇

Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

Well, our summer is flying by. I hope everyone gets out to enjoy our beautiful weather. We get so little of it I hate to waste any of it.

Our chapter has taken over the honor of having the largest chapter in the state and we are very proud of this feat. We work hard to keep our members busy and try to make everything we do fun for everyone. We do consider it a honor to have accomplished it in our short existence in ABATE.

By the time the newsletter comes out we will of had our birthday party for Rock and Libbie. I know it will have been a very good time. So, if you are one of the many who are tired of the same o, same o that goes on at Sun and Surf, I hope you supported our party.

Things to look forward to in August are Tacoma Centro's 6th Birthday party at Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill Aug 2nd. With bike games, dunk tank, car bash, oysters, corn on the cobb, a magic show and great music. Spanaway Chapter's 2nd Annual Luau on August 23rd. Lots of good food and music and fire dancers. EPCC Teddy Bear run is always a good one. And, Tacoma has Lost Brothers and Sisters Run. Elk Country has a good run planned to go to different chapters. Sorry, I can't find the dates.

I attended the BOD in Tri Cities and want to congratulate Tri Cities Chapter for the job they did hosting the BOD. Good motel and great meeting room. I was disappointed to see the proposal to have 8 more color pages get voted down. At the cost of only \$160 more a month, it was minimal for the good we could of gotten out of it. My opinion it was a mistake to not pass it. I do hope it gets brought back up some time with some more info on it.

For all our Brothers and Sisters going to Sturgis, please be careful. Have way too much fun and come back home safe and sound.

I have heard there is some talk about trying to get bridge tolls reduced on bridges. I will do whatever I can to help with this if someone would let me know how I can help. If you have someone running for office you would like to see get elected this year, get a hold of their campaign headquarters, get some signs and help support them by putting some up in your area.

So glad to hear Dutch Phillips was not hurt bad in his accident. Be safe out there and remember it is our responsibility to look twice also. Respects ◇

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Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEP. COORDINATOR

Just got back from a trip to the ocean, and wow what a difference in the temps! It was 60 and drizzling in Grayland. Now back into the sun and ready to ride in a t-shirt! Speaking of rides, our Delta house will be history on the reading of this issue. I hope everyone had a great time, as Eagle Ray and Jim have planned a fun route to take after visiting the folks at Delta. Then back to the Eagles 195 in Snohomish for a bar-b-que and live music.

Speaking of runs, you might want to mark your calendar for the "Bike Show Appreciation Party." That's in September and I will post a flyer in that month's newsletter. We have a live band, free camping, bike games, bon-fire, and a full dinner for around five bucks! Did I mention the whole thing is FREE! Except the food and for five bucks you can't get a fish sandwich at Mc...you know what, for that! The party is at the Sultan Eagles club so I will fill you in on the exact date in that month's letter, or you can check it out at Sky Valley ABATE online.

Just got word that Ron Fryer may not be doing the newsletter anymore. Sorry to hear that as he did a great job and will

Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Hooray! The Motorcycle Show @KeyFest is over and done for 2014. Thank you to the thirteen bikers who brought their motorcycles to show. We had a first place winner in each category, a couple second place winners, and a Best of Show winner. Well done, Brothers and Sister!! The families who came enjoyed the vendors, music, Carnival, and food as well as the Motorcycle Show and Car Show. The HOT weather was not as much fun as the rest of the KeyFest. Next year maybe it will be perfect. The local people who visited the fair said it is bigger and better every year.

The Chapter is growing. We gained three new members in the past week and renewal notices are going out this week to some of our charter members.

We are learning a lot as a chapter. Some of us have been members for awhile, some are brand new, and some are returning to give ABATE another shot. We are doing our best to make sure they all consider the Chapter worthwhile and fun. At the last meeting Jay reminded everyone to consider running for an office. Nominations and elections are just around the corner. We would love for our new members to become fully active and make our group the kind of group that makes all of us happy. Plans are set for the Brewery Run September 6th. (See the flyer in this issue.) Plans are in the works for a Charter Party in October. The past year has flown by. A weekend ride and camp-out may need to be tabled until next year—unless we do it in the rainy, dark fall. Ride safe, ride free! ◇

be missed. Maybe it's just a bad rumor but I did get an email on it. This is a volunteer organization and many people try and do too much for too long and get burned out. This has been the case with ABATE forever and the only way to stop it is for more folks to jump in and...yep! Volunteer!!!! We also need new blood and I have to say Jim Blower's patch is working to get people asking who we are and what we do. Another great tool is our card. Sky Valley chapter has made up business cards that tell who we are and when and where we meet. Then on the back we put the red light bill info and tell people to put them into their wallets in case they get pulled over for running the red light as most of the police out there don't know about the law yet. Later they look at the card and show up at our meetings!!! It works!!!! You might do the same with your chapter. It's a cheap way to advertise. Don't have much else to report this month so I will make this one short. See you in the wind...Highwayman ◇

East Pierce County Chapter

From NOEL ORTIZ, COORDINATOR

When you meet a group of people with a similar passion to ride, not only does it build camaraderie but also adds lifelong friendships.

ABATE is a stepping stone to an extended family within our riding community. Whether it's through legislation or fundraising for an important cause, it's the adventure of following the front wheel wherever it may go.

I ask that you make an attempt to attend another chapter's social, general meeting or ride. How else will you ever meet that brother or sister that will one day ride peg to peg with amazing stories to share or laugh at.

How are we expected to come together for the purpose of passing laws when we ourselves can be at each other's throat.

"LEAVE THE DRAMA AT HOME."

Don't fear failure so much that you refuse to try new things. *The saddest summary of a life contains three descriptions: could have, might have, and should have.* Author Louis E. Boone.

Reminder:

*General Meeting: 8/3, 10am Buckley Eagles. Board Nominations in progress, please show your support to continue our chapter in a positive direction.

*Teddy Bear Run: 8/22-8/24 ◇

SPRING OPENER

By LYLE COYLE

Well, Spring Opener 2014 is just a memory now, with dreams of Spring Opener 2015. There are so many people to thank, I hope I don't forget anyone. If I do, believe me, it is not intentional. I would like to start with Jimmy George for finding us a place other than the fairgrounds to have our event. Along with Jimmy, the Spring Opener Committee Scott Robinson, Mike Campbell, Koeta Imhof, Rona Smith, Donnie Ahola, Ron Fryer and Mike Perry created an event that will be talked about for years to come. But, I really believe the most important people to thank would be you the people that came to enjoy Spring Opener.

We would like to thank American Steele M/C for doing their Rain or Shine Run and donating the proceeds to our Spring Opener. Spanaway Chapter made a generous donation to help with the sound system. Shawn Parker from Cascade Playtime Rentals in Ronald with procuring the golf carts, bringing a trailer so our treasurer could have a secure place to work, the water trailer, a load of firewood for the band area and for every year that he has helped us out at the ranch.

Then we had some generous sponsors that definitely made a difference at Spring Opener. Destination Harley

Davidson, who helped us get a 2014 Road King for our bike raffle won by Mike McCarthy of Shelton; Roads Paving donated a 4,000 square foot driveway auctioned off to Koeta Imhoff; Bull's Eye Shooter Supply donated a .22 cal. Rifle engraved with ABATE of Washington 36th Annual 2014 Spring Opener auctioned off to Kevin Davis and a purple .380 LCP auctioned off to Donna Cook AKA Purple; Quick Throttle Magazine going the extra mile reporting and promoting Spring Opener, Fox Knives out of Puyallup donated three engraved and signed knives (sorry, I do not have the names of the people who had the high bid on these); Cenex Propane delivered a tank of propane to run the generator brought by the Christian Crusaders to run the sound and lighting for the stage; the Turtle Lounge donated items for auction; Jimmy George donated a bottle of Crystal Skull Head vodka engraved with ABATE of Washington 2014 Spring Opener; Bent Bike made a generous donation and Cycle Tire Wholesale also donated cash. Jimmy George work very hard to get these sponsors so when you need anything they sell, try and use them and if they are anywhere near you, stop in and say hi and thank you.

The weekend started early when we showed up on Wednesday to get things set up as people were already there. But Mike Campbell and his volunteers started setting up the gate and product

tents; Jimmy was already setting up vendors; Christian Crusaders, a very essential part of our Spring Opener, were showing up to take care of all they do. A lot more people worked with us—just too many to name—you know who you

are. The first weekend activities started with Mason County Chapter hosting the Scavenger Hunt. This is a good way for chapters to meet other chapters and get to know some fellow ABATE members, and this was won by South King County Chapter. This year we had music on Thursday night with the band Mindz Eye rocking the stage.

Friday morning we woke up to some less than desirable weather but it still looked as though everyone was enjoying themselves, checking out vendors and sitting around campfires. Late morning with a good group of people braving the elements started the first Spring Opener poker run hosted by Spanaway Chapter. The run went up over Blewett Pass and towards Cashmere and back to the Ranch. Friday afternoon Central Washington Chapter hosted the **Tattoo Contest** with the following winners:

Women's category

Most Wicked Tattoo –
Sharon Cutter from Cowlitz ABATE

Best Concept Tattoo –
Angela Hyatt from Olympia Chapter

Best Artistic Tattoo –
Jen Wilson of the Imperial Riders

Men's category

Best Color Sleeve goes to
Mike Fletcher of Cowlitz ABATE

Best Black Ink –
Jose Perez, Kittitas Chapter

The Best Patriotic –
Pete Fox, South King Co. Chapter

Friday night live music brought two bands to the stage with Liquor Switch starting the evening and Sub Vinyl Juke Box closing the night out. Saturday morning started a little early for some people with N. Kitsap Chapter hosting the bike show starting at 9:00 AM (sorry everyone, but with so much going on we had to move the times up a little) but we had a good showing people bringing their rides to the bowl to be judged, in the following categories:



Antique Category

- 1st David Mann – S. King Co.
- 2nd Dawn Downer – Independent
- 3rd Dave Bartell – Columbia River Chapter

Chopper

- 1st Jeff Knudson – Independent

Cruiser

- 1st Dickie Adams – Mason Co.
- 2nd Forrest – Independent
- 3rd Chris Drews – N. Kitsap

Trike / Sidecar

- 1st Pickles – Inland Empire
- 2nd Curly – Tacoma
- 3rd Chucky – S. King Co.

Rat

- 1st Chops – Oregon/Tacoma
- 2nd Shamas – E. Pierce Co.

Customized

- 1st Joe Hozuan – Independent
- 2nd Adam Woodbury – E. Pierce Co.
- 3rd Tim Culver – N. Kitsap

Touring

- 1st Russ Hallock - Independent
- 2nd Sean Butler – N. Kitsap
- 3rd Jake LaVergne – Tacoma

Sport

- 1st Neil Lute – Independent
- 2nd Amigo Michael Clark
- 3rd Jennifer Adams – Mason Co.

Best of Show

- Joe Hozuan

A big thanks to all that participated. Then there were the bike games put on by Tacoma Chapter starting with:

Plank Ride

- 1st Chris Varner – N. Kitsap
- 2nd Maury Roper – Independent
- 3rd Marc Boni – Tacoma

Tire Toss

- 1st Tony Hosler – Tacoma

- 2nd Chops – Tacoma/Oregon
- 3rd Len Anderson – Nebraska

Weenie Bite

- 1st Springer and Girls – Independent
- 2nd Vernon and Carla Madison – Mason Co.
- 3rd Dickie and Jenna Adams – Mason Co.

Women's Slow Race

- 1st Big Red – Tacoma
- 2nd Rachel Ahola – Tacoma
- 3rd Chelsey – Independent

Men's Slow Race

- 1st Chris Varner – N. Kitsap
- 2nd Grazer – American Steele
- 3rd Marc Boni – Tacoma

For music on Saturday night it started out with the all-girl AC/DC tribute band Hell's Belles, just flat out no doubt about it rocked the place and I think everyone enjoyed the show. We finished the night out with some southern rock by Whiskey Creek.

We have winners for the categories of Longest Distance Rider that went to Len & Katie Anderson of Chadron NE., Oldest Rider went to Amigo Santa Bob with the age of 78, and both of these categories are those who rode a motorcycle to get to the event. Then we had The Largest Chapter that went to Spanaway chapter and the Largest Group went to the Freedom Seekers. I am sorry I did not advertise these probably as much as I should have so if you did not sign in and would have got the plaque, I apologize.

The next day everyone still seemed excited about the 2014 Spring Opener and that's when I realized we had been successful with this year's event. But

with Sunday came my only complaint, "the garbage." It is a lot of work picking up the garbage and if everyone would just make sure it is bagged up and not overflowing where we have to transfer some to another bag, then put out by the road for easy pick up, it would make our job a lot easier. I would like to thank Donnie Ahola, Shawn Parker from Cascade Playtime rentals, and the crew from the City Hall Saloon who are a tremendous help every year with the picking up of the garbage. But even with all this help, we worked from 7:00 AM to about 1:30 PM just picking up garbage. So next year please, do your part and make it a little easier for us.

If I forgot to thank anyone, I apologize. Just give me a holler and I will make it right.

Just a little side note as I was driving home on Sunday in my cage because of all the stuff I had to get there, I would see a bike go by and get a little irritated because I'm not riding. It all changed when I reached Hwy 18 and the rain was coming down in every direction possible. I thought well, maybe, this cage isn't so bad.

Once again *THANK YOU EACH AND EVERYONE* for making this a success and if you ever have a question or comment you can always contact me at coordinator@abate-wa.org or leave a message at 253-326-5201 and I will get back with you. ♦



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By JAY & GLENYCE JACKSON
MRF Reps for Washington State

The coloring book from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education (MRFA&E) was well received by the patrons of the KeyFest last weekend. Both parents (and Grandparents) liked the idea and the Kids really thought it was cool. One young lady colored the entire book the first day and came back for another. I think it is a successful way to stimulate awareness of motorcycles for both the young and the grown-ups. The coloring book will be available from the MRFA&E for a small fee after its official roll-out at the Meeting of the Minds in September. We ABATE members could use them at any event that has kids around. Maybe each of our Chapters will make appointments with our local schools as part of May Motorcycle Awareness month and distribute them to 1st or 2nd Grade students as part of a presentation? Everyone loves pretty motorcycles and if we can make that appreciation a personal connection, we will raise awareness tremendously!

As Jay and I continue our preparations for the ride to Kansas City, MO for the Meeting of the Minds (MOTM), we ask that you all give serious consideration to your Chapter becoming Sustaining members of the MRF. The \$100 is money well spent when you think of all the MRF does for ALL motorcycle riders in the United States of America. Jeff Hennie, Government Relations & Public Affairs, (our Lobbyist in Washington, D.C.) has a sharp look out for any national matters that affect us. He works year around as our watch dog protecting our freedoms as riders. The Reps from across the country decide what we think are the most important issues for him to follow each year at the MOTM. The benefits of belonging to the MRF include the Accident Insurance (same as ABATE), the "MRF Reports" newsletter, an inside track on national issues, a voice at the capitol of our country, and the knowledge that YOU are doing your part in the fight to protect our motorcycling freedoms. The Key Peninsula Chapter is a sustaining member of the MRF and we challenge the rest of you to join us. Thank you to those who already support the MRF with your memberships. Isn't it great that you don't have to go to any meetings? We are also collecting great items for the Auction to add to the quilt that we donate. Many states write checks or donate money raised to the MRF to help support the MRF's work. Call us at 253-884-1909 if you want us to pick up your donation. Thank you.

From Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, President of the MRF:

"In 1998, the bikers of this nation wrapped up a two-year lobbying effort with the signing of the TEA 21 (Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act reauthorization bill which became Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century). In this bill was the work of the collective "we." A ban on NHTSA lobbying states to enact laws. The prohibition of motorcycle bans on highways and roads that use federal monies. A change in NHTSA's mission statement to include "accident PREVENTION." Also, the inclusion of motorcycles in the development of the Intelligent Transportation System.

Each time some of this hard-gained ground has been threatened, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has rallied constitutionally-minded motorcyclists to contact their legislators.

The MRF issued a Call to Action on Saturday, June 7 regarding an imminent vote on an appropriations bill, Monday, June 9. With not even 48 hours with which to work, we saw a swift surgical strike by the bikers of our nation once again.

Thank you - to the constituent bikers who called U.S. Congressional House members and let them know that Section 102 of HR 4745 was inappropriate; that you considered it a violation of previous agreements, and an infringement upon the 10th Amendment of our U.S. Constitution.

Thank you - to U.S. Congressmen Walberg (MI) and Sensenbrenner (WI) for offering up an amendment to the bill language.

Thank you - to the bikers of Michigan and Wisconsin for cultivating and maintaining relationships with your U.S. Congressional Reps and Senators so that quick resolution, when needed, is possible.

We are small, but we are mighty. You are why. Thank you."

Check out the web page for more information or better yet give us a call. We'd love to visit with You. Until next month, Ride safe, Ride free. ♦



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Alcohol and 2-Wheels Don't Mix

By CAROLE APPLE, OLYMPIA ABATE

This is the summer for solo/group rides, event weekends, fundraisers and memorials. If we have no other goal then to just ride "in the wind" and be free then so be it. We are a unique mix of "bad ass" and socially conscious riders with many tastes in bikes, friends and refreshments. But the taste for alcohol and two-wheels just don't mix. I have yet to see an ABATE article regarding alcohol-related accidents with riders and passengers. Yes, I've read the Hurt Report and National rider statistics. But we are not preaching to the choir because we ARE the choir!

If we are to promote sensible awareness programs, ie; traffic lights, helmet laws, shared lanes, roadside checkpoints, ethanol blends at the pump, then what about alcohol blends at roadside taverns? My friends and I choose ice tea, carbonated sodas or plain ice water when we ride, that's our mantra. But I silently watch fellow riders guzzle 2 or more beers, Bloody Mary's or mixed drinks during poker runs and group rides. If alcohol impairs your reaction time and decision-making why risk it? As a rider, I am inherently responsible for my choices, actions and behaviors, sometimes unforeseen. "Functioning" alcoholics and social drinkers are equally responsible for their actions and my well-being too.

As members of ABATE, let's take more responsibility to protect the rights of everyone on the road and off-the-road. Isn't that why we joined this State ABATE organization, to make a difference? Drink all you want at your final destination but don't endanger me on the road. Respectfully submitted, Carole ♦

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