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*Large photo this page: South King County Chapter and friends
Cover: Black Thursday 2014
Large photo opposite page: Legislative Strategy Session, Nov 2014, Olympia
Photos by Tina Lawson*

UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

A new year, a fresh start. Do you follow tradition and make new year's resolutions? Even if you don't, how about setting a goal to accomplish the one activity our State Coordinator challenged each of us to achieve. Don't remember what it is? You can find it in Lyle's report on page 6.

Equally important, consider a commitment in 2015 to one or more of these worthy activities:

- attend Black Thursday and meet with your Legislators
- make this the year you register to Vote
- volunteer at the ABATE state or chapter level
- share your knowledge by writing articles for the Freedom newsletter
- make a point to attend another Chapter's events or meetings

Just a few ideas to get you started. The chapter reports and articles in this issue are filled with opportunities for participation. Come to the Board of Director's meeting on January 10th, held in Parkland (Tacoma) starting at 11am—it's your organization, find out how to get involved. Good things are in store for 2015. *JL*



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JANUARY

10 BOD Meeting
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Parkland (Tacoma), WA 98444

22 Black Thursday
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March 15, June 14,
September 20, December 6

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From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

Hi everyone,

It is hard to believe that 2014 is now history and 2015 is here for us to see what we can accomplish. In just a short time, Black Thursday will be here. I hope to see us fill the capitol with people fighting for motorcycle rights. Brian Lange, our state Legislative Affairs Officer, brought a plan to the Board of Directors and we decided to concentrate on two issues: our helmet repeal and lane filtering. Brian has sent out via email specific facts concerning these items so when you go to visit your legislators, it is very important that you stick to the facts and don't go into a bar room rant. If you have not received these emails and are interested in the facts, please contact Brian.

Remember in March we have our Spring Swap Meet. All the work that Rona and Scott put into this event is for naught if you don't show up. I know you say, "I don't need anything," but you just might find that undiscovered treasure or long-lost item from your wish list at the Swap Meet.

Jimmy George and the Spring Opener committee have already been working hard on Spring Opener 2015 and things seem to be falling into place. Spring Opener will be June 18, 19, 20, and 21 at the Silver Ridge Ranch in Easton, WA. It

is hard to think that we could top last year's but I believe this one will. First of all, Jimmy has worked with Ed Wallace of Destination Harley Davidson and got us a 2015 Harley Davidson Street Glide Special ("Special" means all the bells and whistles). Let me tell you this is one beautiful bike and just \$10 a ticket (need not be present to win). We are adding another raffle—a certificate for two, that's right I said "two" 1911 Ruger 45's; details on this one are still being worked out. Jimmy has the music almost done and it looks like Hell's Belles will be the featured band, plus all the usual fun and games that bikers play. One thing that would really help out is if every chapter would get something donated that we could auction off at the opener.

Remember what I asked you last month? For every member to get one more person to join ABATE of Washington—well, it is time to start.

Discontent is the first step in progress. No one knows what is in him till he tries, and many would never try if they were not forced to. ♦

Member Notice

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

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

Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson



BLACK THURSDAY be ready. This is when we do our work for the entire Motorcycle community. Make your appointments and be prepared to speak with a bit of knowledge on the two goals we set: Helmet repeal and lane filtering. We only get a short time to get our point across—do not miss this opportunity to be the Motorcycle Patriots' voice of Washington State.

State LAO Brian Lange put together some very good info sheets that will be in this issue of the Freedom rag. Take these to your appointments and use them as a reference sheet. Let these people know we are here to make a difference. Continue the fight.

We continue to grow as a statewide organization, with the Inland Empire

Chapter doing their part in the northeast. ABATE is reaching out to all Motorcycle Organizations across the state. Be part of the growth. Encourage your fellow riders to join ABATE. They do not need to be active to help support the fight. Joining helps support our events and gives us credibility as a MRO. We need the numbers to make the difference. Show the elected officials we have the voters who can change the results at the polls and we have the power.

Glad everyone is still making rides this time of year with Toy Runs and other charitable events. ◇

Remember...

Make your appointments for Black Thursday

WHO: All ABATE of Washington members

WHEN: Now

1. You have three legislators in your legislative district (2 representatives, 1 senator)
Find out who they are and obtain their contact information by calling 1-800-562-6000 or visiting <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>
2. Call each one (you will usually reach the legislative assistant) and introduce yourself
"Hi, my name is _____ and I am a member of ABATE of Washington from the _____ chapter (or Independent). I am a constituent in your district." (Or, "Our organization/chapter has constituents in your district.")
3. State the reason for calling
"ABATE of Washington has a Legislative Day on January 22nd and I would like to set up an appointment with Rep/Sen _____. Before we set a time, can we make sure that an appointment isn't already on the schedule for that day?"
(If ABATE already has an appointment, don't make another one. Plan on attending the appointment jointly with other ABATE members in your district)
4. Confirm
"Thank you for checking, can we confirm the meeting time?"
5. Thank them and close the call
"Thank you for making our Legislative Day possible. I look forward to seeing Rep/Sen _____ on January 22 at (time)."
6. Notify your Legislative Affairs chapter committee head (or Chapter Coordinator/State LAO) that you've made the appointment for XX District, with Senator _____ and Reps _____ and _____ on January 22 at (times).

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2003 - 2004

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2009 - 2010

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legislative
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2013 - 2014

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Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

As I write this report, it is the end of the first week in December. At this point, we do not have number assignments for either of the bills we are going to be running during this legislative session. Don't worry, we'll have that information for you when you arrive at the Capitol on Black Thursday, and more than likely by most of your January chapter meetings. With this being the start of a new legislative biennium, new legislators are in the mix. As of yesterday, many still didn't even have their calendars set as to when they would be able to see anyone about sponsoring bills. We'll have that covered ASAP.

What I do want to stress is that when you come to Black Thursday, already try to have what you want to say in your mind. You're only going to have about fifteen minutes or so to discuss the bills with your legislators. For many of you, that appointment will probably be as part of a group of ABATE members from the district to speak to your legislator. Don't be afraid to bring someone from another district if they have a good handle on the subject and can help get your points across. But it is a good idea if the introductions at least are handled by someone from the legislator's district. Keep your comments focused on the bill and don't get sidetracked if you can avoid it. If the legislator asks a question, let someone who has the info answer it. Or, say "I don't know, but I'll find out for you." Then follow through and find out the info the legislator requested. If it only takes a few minutes to get the information, give it to the legislator's assistant and they will pass it forward. Even if it takes a few days, get the information back. Few things make us look like we're making a half-hearted effort when we don't even follow through with information we promise to get them.

The plan for this January is to introduce the Helmet Law amendment through the Senate. We're not calling it a repeal, since anyone under 18 will still need to wear one to ride. What we are doing is "amending" or "modifying" the helmet law. Those words appear to give the legislators a little leeway on the issue. Even if it is a little, it may be enough to help sway some legislators to support us. The Lane Filtering bill will be introduced in the House. That way, we'll have something working in both halves of the Legislature.

I wouldn't expect our members to all become experts on DOT compliant motorcycle helmets. (Did you notice I didn't say DOT "approved" motorcycle helmets? There is no such creature; never has been, and the DOT has never made any effort to hide that fact.) Because of that, I am including a copy of a list of "Talking Points," cheat sheets if you will, for each bill. These lists are identical with ones that will be passed out along with the Black Thursday packet on January 22nd. Familiarize yourself with them and use them when you go to meet with your legislator. There is enough information there to take up 10-15 minutes of discussion time. ♦

A.B.A.T.E. of Washington

Black Thursday Talking Points–Helmet Bill Amending RCW 46.37.530

1. While certified DOT compliant helmets are only required to protect against a maximum impact speed of 13.4 mph (the speed of a helmet falling from 6 ft), over 50% of fatalities in Washington involve speeds much higher than 25 mph. Professor Harry Hurt (author of the famous Hurt Study, and renowned expert in traffic safety) stated in a 1992 KABC TV interview that "When impact speeds reach 25-30 mph, no helmet in the world is going to save you."
2. Over a 28 year period, from 1980-2008, 61.4% of certified DOT compliant helmets have failed testing, according to NHTSA documents.
3. "Public Burden" is a myth. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, only 1.16% of the total US healthcare costs are attributable to motor vehicle accidents. The cost of treating motorcyclists' injuries accounts for less than 0.001% of total healthcare costs. Only a small portion of that 0.001% of total healthcare cost is attributable to un-helmeted motorcyclists. The majority of that cost is paid for by privately purchased health insurance.
4. Since Michigan repealed its helmet law in 2012, crashes are down by over 26%, fatalities dropped by 30%, and incapacitating injuries dropped by over 29%. All while more people bought and rode motorcycles, adding millions to the State's coffers in taxes, registration and license fees.
5. According to a study released by NHTSA in 2007, 81% of motorcyclists killed in crashes, died from injuries other than head injuries (only 19% of fatalities were head injuries).
6. In a January 2014 letter to US Representative Thomas Petri, the CDC provided information that 59% of motorcycle fatalities in 2010 were wearing helmets.

A.B.A.T.E. of Washington

Black Thursday Talking Points–Lane Filtering Amending RCW 46.61.608

1. For the purposes of this bill, "Lane Filtering," "Lane Sharing," and "Lane Splitting" all refer to the practice of moving between lanes of stopped or slow moving traffic.
2. "Lane Filtering" as it is called in most of the rest of the world is regarded as not only a beneficial tool in relieving highway congestion, it is also safer for the motorcyclist.
3. In addition to contributing to congestion reduction by the capacity/size differential, motorcycles help to free additional space when lane sharing or "filtering." When motorcycles move from the travel lane to the center line, space is created.
4. Studies have shown that it can be 6 times safer for motorcyclists. One study done for the US Dept. of Transportation by UC Berkeley comparing riders in California, Texas, and Florida, found that motorcyclists are 20% less likely to be involved in a fatal rear-end collision when allowed to lane filter.
5. The 2009 MAIDS (Motorcycle Accident In-Depth Study) in Europe (where lane filtering is an everyday way of travel for motorcyclists) attributed a total of 0.45% of all motorcycle accidents to lane filtering maneuvers.
6. Here is a quote from the 2010 Oregon Dept. of Transportation review on the subject of lane filtering: "...A potential safety benefit is increased visibility for the motorcyclist. Splitting lanes allows the motorcyclist to see what the traffic is doing ahead and be able to proactively maneuver."
7. One of the early benefits recognized for lane-filtering was to help keep air-cooled motorcycle engines from overheating. When kept in motion, the motors are cooled by the air flow. But when stopped they overheat.

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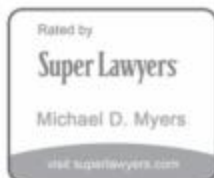


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From the Desk of the Parliamentarian

Duward Brown

It has now been two months since our October BOD meeting. Each of our Chapters have had at least one, and most of us two Business Meetings since then. To the Chapter Coordinators: were you able to have your meetings run more efficiently? Were they more productive? To other members: did your meetings meet your expectations, and needs? Did you enjoy having gone to the meetings? If your answers to any of these questions is “no,” you should be asking why not? All of us have any number of choices with which to spend our time. For most of us going to a boring, unproductive meeting, ranks very low on our list of desirable activities and use of the limited resource of time. Have you considered that many Chapters usually have about one quarter to a third of their members attending. Given the importance of the subjects that should be discussed, the decisions made on all Chapter topics, along with the Chapters input to the State, this lack of attendance should be of concern to all of us. We are a member run organization, the decisions and the direction ABATE of Washington takes comes from the members and goes up to our elected leadership—both at Chapter and State levels. It is not the other way around; that is, the leadership does not have the authority to simply dictate what ABATE of Washington will have as an agenda. But if we at the Chapter level don't even bother to attend our Business Meetings, we

do in fact have an organization being run by a minority of its membership.

It is the responsibility of State and Chapter leaders to have meetings that meet the needs of the members. It is the responsibility of each and every member to demand that those that have been chosen to be in leadership positions meet the obligations of their office. How is this to be done? To be true to the underlying purposes of ABATE of Washington, each Chapter must answer that question in its own unique way. Leadership at all levels must also address what they are doing to further membership involvement and participation.

To address this responsibility as parliamentarian, I'll be reviewing the reasons we follow “Robert's Rules of Order.” Why do we insist on this formality being imposed on a group with intensely independent personalities. How does this “limitation” on our individuality actually enhance our freedom of expression. Perhaps we will even find that agreed upon procedures which normally would seem to be restrictive, actual increase our individual freedom of expression. Most importantly, that it can become an aid in reaching the underlying goal of A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. Until next month, ride free. ◇

State Products

Denise Williams

I'd like to introduce myself as the new State ABATE Products Committee chairperson. I look forward to working with you all and helping in any way I can to get the products you need and want and possibly some new products to come. (We will gladly entertain ideas if you have any.)

I have had past history of numerous positions and events with my hometown chapter Sky Valley until 2006 when I moved away. We made several attempts over the years and a couple different counties to find another chapter that was as welcoming, fun and active as they were but it wasn't until moving to Pierce County, that my husband and I were fortunate enough to now be a part of the Spanaway ABATE chapter family since 2014.

I am trying to get some assistance in putting together a catalog of products as well as a products tab on the ABATE of Washington web page for easier ordering.

If there are any questions, suggestions or ideas, please contact me. ◇



CHAPTER REPORTS

Chapter Rep 3 Region

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, CHAPTER REP 3**

Tacoma Chapter was busy with their yearly Toy Run to the YWCA. It was a very successful event with over 175 bikes and a ton of toys for the kids. Thanks goes out to Porch Monkey for his appearance of Santa. Well done Brother. Tacoma will have the honors again this year of the first ride of the year with their Start the New Year Off Right ride on January 1st.

Rat City's Chicken Friday was a record event. What more can be said about this – over \$16,000 raised in a very short time. Irish, you are the top dog, brother. That is fabulous. Fantastic job and a very special time of the year to help the White Center food bank. Well done Rat City Chapter.

SKCC is preparing for Black Thursday and their Blues Me or Lose Me party, now renamed SKCC's Outta Control Night at the Royal Bear on January 24th. East Pierce County Chapter is preparing for a big appearance at Black Thursday. Leprechaun is getting back to his normal self after his accident.

Spanaway has had a full month of things going on helping Tacoma Chapter out with getting toys together for the Tacoma YMCA toy run. We had donation boxes in 9 different bars. Thanks goes to Uncle Sam's, the Hideaway Bar and Grill, and Jeepers Bar and Grill. Spanaway Chapter kept some of the toys for another event this year which was the support of two safe and sober houses with 13 children in them. All the kids had a great Christmas with a tree and all the trimming. Dinners at both places and tons of toys, including a Santa. It was reported last year they had no presents. Then, Spanaway and Tacoma Chapters hosted the "SAVE THE PATCH PARTY" at Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill on December 20th. Spanaway will be hosting the January BOD. Also, plan on a good time with Spanaway Chapter at their Pattie Nelson Chili cook off January 17th. If you make a bad ass chili, come let us try it. Rona won it last year and their have been rumors of a sabotage on her this year. LOL. All are always welcome.

SUPPORT BLACK THURSDAY. A very Happy New Year to all. ◇



Tacoma Chapter

From **STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR**

On Saturday, December 13th the Tacoma Chapter hosted its 35th annual Toy Run benefiting the families of the Tacoma YWCA Women's Shelter. We had an absolutely amazing turnout. In fact, three of our former Chapter Coordinators attended and all three – Boris, Donnie and Lyle confirmed that this was the largest participation we have ever had in our Chapter's 35 year history!! We counted up to 175 bikes and we collected \$1,424 in cash donations along with hundreds of toys.

In addition to all of the generous bikers in attendance, and those who dropped toys off at the gift boxes, we have many people to thank. The Tacoma Board: 1) Tread being a bouncer and sounding board for me if needed, 2) Sarah creating the incredible flyer, sending emails, posting to Facebook and creating our e-Newsletter, 3) Rachel for collecting and counting donations and being generally the life of the party at the Right Spot. Shari Rose who single-handedly, meaning all by herself, collected \$769 in 50/50 tickets – thank you for making even a total stranger feel like they were welcome, and in fact, that they belonged as one big Tacoma Chapter family. Tony and Tammy who didn't get us lost. Joyce Nichols and Rob Laverne for bringing vehicles to haul the toys that were collected from the donation boxes at local businesses. To BillyD and Spanaway Chapter for your unwavering friendship and support for Tacoma Chapter.

The Toy Run was successful for many reasons, but most of all it was successful because bikers in our local communities are generous, loyal, understanding, and fiercely protective of our family and those who ride with us on the roads and highways.

Happy New Year! May the version of the 2015 ABATE Of Washington be even better than it was in 2014. We are Tacoma. ◇

South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON,
COORDINATOR

South King County Chapter is making plans for Black Thursday on January 22, 2015. The chapter will reimburse SKCC members who ride to the event \$25 or one night's lodging at the Governor Hotel in order to attend the meet and greet sessions and meet with legislators on Thursday. Looking forward to a great turnout from SKCC and a very productive day.

Our chapter Christmas Party on December 15th was well attended by our members and it was good to visit with our Spanaway Chapter brothers and sisters and other guests. We had some hilarious moments as folks played the gift exchange game. There were quite a few coveted items which changed hands before the game was over and everyone was at least guaranteed a few laughs. Thanks to Mark Harrington, our Road Captain, for emceeding the night.

Coming up soon on Saturday, January 24 is South King County Chapter's Outta Control Night at The Royal Bear in Algona. This event will be a Rock and Roll extravaganza featuring our own Barbara Edwards and the Outta Control band. (See flyer in this issue.) If you haven't heard this group perform before, you're in for a treat. Please join us for a fun night. ♦



Mason County Chapter

From DEREK VANSPOOR, COORDINATOR

Mason County Chapter of ABATE of Washington joined several other chapters at the 37th Annual Olympia Toy Run. Our chapter coordinator, Derek VanSpoor and chapter secretary Diana Olmstead, are members of the Olympia Toy Run Coalition. We are very proud of their efforts in support of Santa Joe and the Salvation Army. "It's all about the kids."

We adopted our own chapter family for Christmas this year. We identified need, made funds available and our Christmas Party Committee (Robin, Diana, Jenna, Nan and Wendy) made it happen. We had the kids at the Christmas party for a few hours before the adult gift exchange, seasonal spirits and good fun got going.

The Mason County chapter has had quite a year. We have lost some beloved family members and also welcomed several new family members. The tough times we had this past year made the good times even better. We look forward to spending time together planning next year's rides and events. Our newly elected leadership team (Derek VanSpoor-COordinator; Dave Childers-Deputy Coordinator; Diana Olmstead-Secretary; Nathan VanCleve-Sergeant at Arms and Al Audette-Treasurer) is ready to take on the business of next year. We will be prepared for Black Thursday, participate in other chapter events, promote and grow our membership, and of course we will have another, even better, chapter run in 2015. God Bless you and your families this Christmas Season and we will see you on the road in the new year. ♦

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Elk Country Chapter

From BRIAN LANGE, COORDINATOR

The Holiday Season is upon us. Members of Elk Country, along with several thousand of our closest friends, Brothers and Sisters, participated in the 37th Annual Olympia Toy Run. It was really good to see so many ABATE members riding along the route. Personally I saw 5 different A.B.A.T.E. flags during the run. But many, many more A.B.A.T.E. patches were seen on riders at South Sound Center, along the route, and at the end. Always good to see so many members out for such a good cause. I have to admit, I was a bit surprised to see so few people enjoying the opportunity to make the choice to not wear their helmet during the run. Since technically, it was a parade on a closed route, by law we were free to go lidless. It is one of the laws that A.B.A.T.E. members fought to get passed, I thought more members would have taken advantage of it. I know it was enjoyable to go lidless and actually get smiles and thumbs up from the police while doing so.

On the day following the toy run, Elk Country had its annual Christmas Party. There was a real good turn-out. With members from Olympia, Spanaway, and Tacoma chapters in attendance as well. We had a lot of fun, and even gained a couple of new members for A.B.A.T.E. at the meeting. One of whom won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to be added to our chapters portion of the US Defenders "Save The Patch" fund. We finally reached the \$5 per member for every member in our chapter to go to the fund. I am really proud of our little chapter stepping up and taking care to see all of our members were covered in this matter.

By the time you read this, the Holidays will be about over, and the January BOD and Black Thursday will be looming. I hope this Holiday Season brought happiness and blessings to all of our membership in some way or other. Let's keep up the successes we have had in 2014 during 2015. A big part of that will be if every member who possibly can, attends Black Thursday. I know many of Elk Country members are already planning on being there.

Ride Free and I hope to catch you on the road sometime. ◇

Olympia Chapter

From LOUISE BENTLEY, DEPUTY COORDINATOR



The month of November was finished off nicely with a Legislative Planning Meeting held by Brian Lange, LAO and Elk Country Chapter Coordinator. Several Olympia Chapter members: All En, Legislative Officer; Robbie Thompson, Sergeant at Arms and I attended this well designed and informative session. Many thanks to Brian Lange for all his dedicated work.

Our chapter's December meeting was, as usual, replaced by the final planning meeting for the Olympia Toy Run event which was held at the Salvation Army Hall in Olympia. This meeting was attended by members Milt, Pete "Syd" Hall, Road Captain, Steve Scott, Treasurer, Angela Hyatt, past Secretary and Salvation Army volunteer, Carole Apple, me - and of course, Santa Joe (and representatives from other participating groups). December 6th, the day of the Olympia Toy Run, started with members of the Olympia Chapter sharing breakfast with members of DOA 51, then on to the staging area where we did our best to assist DOA 51 members with staging the myriad of bikes that showed up. Even the overflow lot was overflowing. Those DOA 51 members sure know what they're doing when it comes to organized, efficient bike staging! The weather did decide to cooperate a bit this year. Aside from some intermittent rain, the temperatures were fairly warm. The Olympia Chapter would like to extend a hearty "thank you" to the many officers who helped maintain a clear bike route and made this Toy Run smooth and safe!

On December 7th, I attended the Elk Country Chapter meeting and ensuing holiday party for a short time before heading off to another commitment. By the time you read this, I will have attended Spanaway Chapter's Save The Patch event on December 20th - which I'm sure was a great success. Now with December behind us, we're going to take a restful breath and look forward to Black Thursday! Hope everyone had a safe, enjoyable New Year's eve. ◇

Editors note - Olympia Chapter will be having their monthly business meeting on January 8th due to the holidays.



Inland Empire Chapter

From SETH MCINTOSH, COORDINATOR

Hey all,

It's that time of year again, our day to head to the capital and fight for our rights. I am sure I will see many of you there. It is exciting to build relationships with our Legislators. I received a call from one in my area asking if I was going to be at Black Thursday and if I was going to make appointments. He expressed excitement to meet with us. Go out and get those appointments made. Brian, our LAO, has put some really good material together for us. I encourage you all to study it to best convey our agenda. Good luck to everyone and I hope to see a big turnout.

Here in the Inland Empire we are busy working on growing and building our chapter.

We are preparing for the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show and also working on our own product line. The Eastern WA COC meeting is approaching soon and they are very supportive of ABATE and what we fight for. I hope to bring some of them with me to Black Thursday.

This winter has afforded us a few mild days and I saw a few bikes out on the road, a rare thing for this side during the winter months. It would be nice to get a few more in so I could warm up my saddle.

Our organization is working well together and I want to thank everyone for all the time and hard work they put into the continuing fight for our rights. Good job to all on their toy runs and benefit rides. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. See you all at the BOD and then Black Thursday. ♦

Spanaway Chapter

From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

Hello all. I want to wish all a very Happy New Year from Spanaway ABATE Chapter. After a great New Year's Eve party at Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill, we will be looking forward to celebrating New Year's Day with Tacoma Chapter on their "Start the New Year Off Right" ride. Then, Spanaway is hosting the BOD at the American Legion Hall #2 in Parkland. We have a great lunch planned for all. It is Heidi's slow baked spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread for only \$10. January 17th is our Pattie Nelson Memorial Chili Cook Off. This is always a good night of fun and competition of great tasting chilies. \$5 gets you all the chili you want to eat. And as always, we have great music at Uncle Sam's Bar and Grill along with other things going. Maybe even a good ol' auction of strange and wonderful things. And, if you bring the best chili, you will walk away with \$50. January 22 is our Black Thursday. I hope we all get out and support this again this year. January 24th we will be supporting SKCC at their Outta Control Party at the Royal Bear.

Olympia Toy Run was a big success as always. I saw pictures of Lewis County ABATE's Christmas festivities and it looked like a great time as well. The Tacoma ABATE Toy Run was the largest one we have had. It was awesome to see all the kids' eyes when the toys just kept coming in. Porch Monkey did an excellent job once again as our Santa. He let all the kids that wanted to sit on his bike. I remember one little girl who wanted

nothing to do with Santa or his Bike. She was so cute. I along with anyone else was welcome to Santa's lap. Thank you Porch Monkey, you rock. This year our chapter decided to adopt a couple of clean and sober houses with 13 foster children in them. We gathered up lots of toys for them including 6 new bikes.

December was also the month for our Save the Patch event in partnership with the Tacoma chapter. We had lots of baked items for sale, an auction for a deluxe stay at the Tulalip Casino and lots more donated items. I want to thank everyone who went out and hustled items for us.

We have a \$500 gift card that we are raffling off for \$5 a ticket, good at the Tulalip Casino. If you don't want to stay there, go cash it in. Not a bad thing for \$5 investment. We are only selling 300 tickets.

Come on out and have a great time with us at the Spanaway chapter you will find the door is always open and you are always welcome. ♦

CHAPTER REPORTS

North Kitsap Chapter

From LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER

What a month!! For the past 22 years North Kitsap has been collecting toys for Harrison Hospital. In the beginning Harrison was just one hospital, now there are 3 and several clinics and they all share the toys we collect. Their policy is: Every child admitted gets a toy all year long. The generosity of our community amazes me, every year they give more and more. This year we donated about \$15,000 in toys. All this would not be possible without the help from *The Garage Bar and Grill* and *JR's Hide-Away*, every year they both sponsor Wing Dings for us. Also, *The Drive* and *Michael Pratt* for providing music for both events. Then there are all the locations that sponsor our toy barrels. This year we had 17 barrels.

Our last event of the year was Wreaths Across America. Every year for the past 8 years, Sean Butler has sponsored *Retsil Veterans Cemetery* for this event. WAA ceremony is held annually at over 550 locations across the United States, 26 of the locations are overseas in Europe and the Pacific. Each year the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine sends seven donated ceremonial wreaths, one for each branch of the armed forces and THE POW/MIA'S to each participating location. Additional wreaths are donated by companies, organizations and individuals. The first year we only had the 7 sent out by WAA, this year we received 100 wreaths for Retsil. At the cemetery in Port Orchard, the ceremony was attended by about 90 people, most of which were clad in leather. There was also 2 Boy Scout Troops, 1506 and 1541 and the Civil Air Patrol Cadets. Following the ceremony we headed over to the Veteran's Home and visited with the residents over coffee and cookies. Thank you scouts for the cookies!

I was given a 2 page list of individuals and business that have supported our North Kitsap chapter throughout the year and I would love to thank each one of them, but I don't think there is enough space here to do that. Happy New Year from North Kitsap! ♦



Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEP. COORDINATOR

Well we just got through wrapping presents for our two holiday families over at Dave Martin's place. These are now ready for delivery on Christmas to the two families we picked this year in our community that need help the most. By the reading of this, I should be saying Happy New Year instead of Merry Christmas but I am writing this on December 15 to make my deadline to the newsletter so bear with me.

Our chapter is already working on the big Bike Show in May that you may have been to. It's like 10,000 motorcycles all taking over the little town of Snohomish at once. With all the prep work involved, we need to start a year in advance. If you or your chapter would like to help this year, just call our Bike Show hot line at 360-568-7820 and join us for what looks to be the biggest one yet!!

Guess our next stop is Black Thursday on January 22nd at

the state capitol in Olympia. So for now, I don't have much else to add as winter is here and not much riding going on. So I will add some pictures of our wrapping party. See you "in the wind." ♦



Key Peninsula Chapter

From GLENYCE JACKSON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Welcome 2015!

Here we are with a brand new page in front of us. We can fill the page with silliness and strife or sunshine and flowers or parties and good times or a healthy mix of success and good times that leave a lasting impression of jobs well done. Let's all join together to make a year full of good accomplishments.

Key Peninsula Chapter finished last year with the First Anniversary/Christmas Party which was lots of fun and gave members a chance to let their hair down and enjoy good cheer. (Sorry we didn't make it to Chicken Friday. Next year we can arrange some dates better?)

Members supported several Toy Runs and helped with Wreaths Across America honoring veterans. Some KPC members rallied in Olympia about our Second Amendment Rights and, of course, members made special times for Family and personal celebrations of the Holy Days.

The KPC are also proud to support the MRF as Sustaining Chapter members for the coming year.

Now our main focus is Black Thursday and successful lobbying in Olympia. ABATE of Washington Legislative Affairs Officer (LAO), Brian Lange, has compiled and shared an impressive packet of information for all of us to use on January 22, 2015. We look forward to visiting with our Legislators from the 26th District:

- Senator Jan Angel has been a supporter of motorcyclist's rights since she was a Representative.
- Representative Jesse Young appears to be willing to listen and communicate with motorcyclists.
- And the second Representative for District 26, Michelle Caldier, seems to be enthusiastic when we have talked to her in July.

We all plan to study the talking points set out by the LAO and do our best to get a more equitable Helmet Bill in Washington. See you in Olympia. Ride safe, Ride responsibly, Ride free. ◇

Columbia River Chapter

From ANGELA PARKISON, CHAPTER SECRETARY

After Happy New Year from your Columbia River Chapter!! Not much to report on from here. Weather definitely not in our riding favor!!

Roundabout our Coordinator was hired on in November with WSDOT! He has been taking great care of our mountain passes. This new job has meant big adjustments, since his average work week was 70 hrs and very long day shift. Currently he works a 40 hr work week and the night shift. This has made it better for the Columbia River Chapter because he is able to balance better!

After hitting a deer back in September, our Road Captain, Dirty Banana (Todd Strobl)'s FJR was repaired by Owens Cycle in Yakima! His excitement could hardly be contained. Weather was questionable but he was able to ride it home! Huge shout out to Duane Worell and the superb crew at Owen's.

We have an exciting group party planned at Eastmont Lanes in East Wenatchee for January 18th from 12pm to 2pm. This is an open invite to any ABATE or non-ABATE member. This is going to be a membership drive to hopefully gain some new members. Bowling, pizza and some refreshments! Will be a good way to introduce ABATE and a great way to spend some quality time with members and their family! We are trying to find things that are family friendly, in our Valley we notice that riding is a family adventure. We currently have 3 members 18 to 21 year old. They are our future of ABATE.

Don't forget we invite anyone to attend our monthly meetings the first Thursday of every month! For more information please contact Roundabout our Coordinator! May 2015 bring each of you the best riding season to be had! ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Hello ABATE:

Hard to believe the Holiday season is nearly over. They seem to come faster and faster each year.

Our chapter is staying focused on the issues at hand. We had the IMS, Black Thursday is coming right up, then the BOD and The Festival of Wheels. We have and will continue to work on these events.

I am curious about the Legislators that are ABATE members. How many of them renewed?? I am looking

forward to seeing them again. I have made appointments to see them on January 22nd.

At our last meeting, we decided to not do Date night seeing how Christmas was so close, but we will be having a get together as a group and also a BUNKO night.

Scott and I attended the DOL Washington State Motorcycle Safety Education Advisory Board Meeting with Larry Walker and Brian Lange. We showed up a lil' bit late, but still got brought up to speed by Brian at dinner.

Looking forward to seeing a large group of Motorcyclists on Black Thursday, January 22nd. As always be safe. ◇

Tri-Cities Chapter

From LAURA "SMOKE" GONZALES, COORDINATOR



2014 has been a tumultuous year with many changes and adjustments. Once again special thanks and acknowledgement of Scott and Micki Robinson's investment of time and expertise; we wouldn't be here without you, literally. Next time you two are up this way, plan on the Olive Garden. And thanks to John, Jake, Jeremy, Dave and Garry who always faithfully show up to meetings, our Amigos brothers. I want to acknowledge the fact that every officer we have is a volunteer as we set aside our personal feelings and desires for the Good of the Order because as Scott said, without Officers we don't have a Chapter and our common goal was that our chapter survive. Russ Watts saw the need for a Deputy Coordinator and has just stepped up to fill that position. Thank you, Russ, for volunteering because that is what ABATE is all about, those who volunteer their time and talents to accomplish the greater goal of the whole. It's what makes us effective and successful as an organization that we are willing to give and sacrifice of ourselves. I also want to say thank you, Marty Party, for filling in for our MIA Sergeant at Arms. Marty is a fount of knowledge as he has been with ABATE since the early 80's and has Roberts Rule's of Order down pat. Our Secretary, Joni, has a beautiful new tat; it is a Phoenix and I feel prophetically symbolic of our chapter which crashed and burned but has now risen out of the ashes to rebirth new dreams and visions of our common goals. The road before us is rich with possibilities and we are ready for the ride; let the Phoenix fly and the iron horses roar down Thunder Road. Bring it on 2015. We are ready to set Washington State on fire. How's that for soaring out of the ashes of defeat to blazing victory. And heads up, Spanaway; we are throwing down the gauntlet. We are going to kick your butts with membership enrollment this year and if you're laughing well that's the last thing a fellow named Goliath did. Let the games begin and the best chapter win! Happy New Year. ◇

Lewis County Chapter

From PAT PAYNE, COORDINATOR

Hello fellow ABATE members and interested persons:

In December, we participated in the Centralia Lighted Tractor Parade. We have entered a float for the last three years. Loren "Lowrider" Ackerman has chaired this committee since we started. He is also our Deputy Coordinator. We spend time, many nights after work, getting the float ready for the parade. Our float has been a Santa sleigh with bikes as the reindeer. It is pulled by a semi truck, supplied by West Coast RV Recycling and Sales. On the day of the parade we take the float, escorted by motorcycles, through town and out to Safe House Ministries, so Santa can deliver toys to the kids and gifts for the moms. Then the float is escorted back through town to the parade staging area, where we have a small cook out and wait for dark. The Downtown Association which puts on the parade will allow only one Santa in the parade and this year he requested to ride on our float. What an honor it was. It may have something to do with the fact we took Best Business float the first year and Judge's Choice last year. This year with Santa on our float turned out great. You just have to be there to see the look in the little one's eyes when they

see Santa, it is priceless. It all went really well and we took Judge's Choice again this year.

I am in the process of supporting a friend fighting a helmet ticket, up through the courts. He is in the process of appealing it to the Superior Court in Lewis County. It is a thing of principle for him as much as fighting at the legislative level is for me. I hope that our Legislators will take a look at the facts that are backed by recent data, this year, instead of pushing through more feel good legislation. I also hope they will look at who has skin in this, versus those that want to impose legislation for control and filling coffers through punitive measures. A helmet that is only tested to about 13 mph, gives one a false sense of security. When one looks at the helmet law through clear eyes, one discovers it is not about safety, it is about control. Lets face it, in these days of distracted drivers, the most aware person on the road, bar none, is a person on a motorcycle. Let them decide!

I hope this finds all my brothers and sisters who are fighting the good fight, in good health and spirits. Life is short, live it, let's go for a ride! ◇

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March 22, 2015

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Contact Rona Smith by email at bagonia63@yahoo.com

By JAY & GLENYCE JACKSON
MRF Reps for Washington State

Happy New Year and much success to ABATE of Washington and each individual Chapter in the continued fight for fair legislation, safer riding, and freedom of choice.

Not too many motorcycle related issues are being worked recently in Washington, DC. All the politicians are busy politic-ing about the budget, immigration, where the newly elected will fit in and what they can get from who. And all the differing views of what the economy is doing looks like a dog chasing his own tail. As soon as everyone gets back to work, there may be something new to report.

The MRF has a board meeting by teleconference the first part of the January. The newly elected board members will be seated and committees will be set along with regular reports and business. Everyone in the MRF will miss StillRay Fitzgerald and his work bringing the Clubs to the table with the MRF. Due to another head trauma in a motorcycle accident last summer, he stepped down from his board position. The Sustaining Club Reps position will be filled by Russell Radke, Soldiers for Jesus, National Sergeant at Arms, Las Vegas NV.

The year end reports show that we have lots of hard work ahead of us. Since the MRF is supported by its members, each one of us who joins and re-news our memberships is vital to the success of the organization. Memberships are lower for 2014 than they were in 2013 by about 7,000. Final tallies after Meeting of the Minds, show the donations from SMRO's and Freedom Fighters (private individuals) came to almost \$115 K. At the end of November there was about \$11K in the bank account. That isn't enough to keep the office in DC open for a month so we all need to join the MRF **TODAY** so our lobbyist in Washington, DC can keep looking out for all motorcyclists' best interests. Join by using the coupon in this issue, going online at www.mrf.org, or call us and we'll help you get the job done. Thank you. Happy New Year!

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Glenyce Jackson and Jay Jackson
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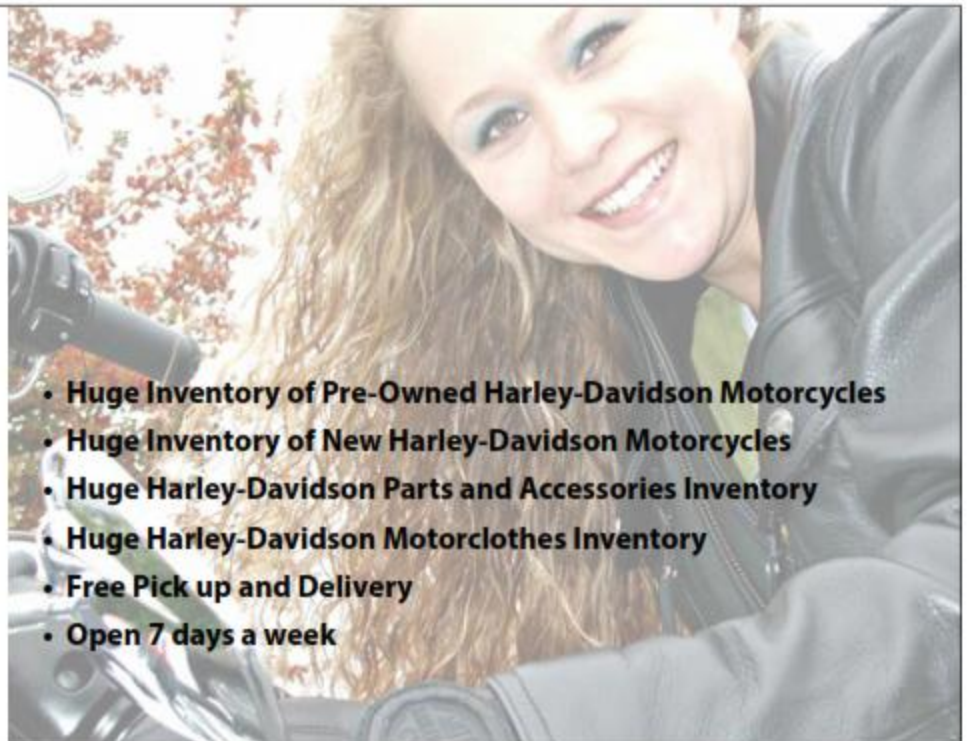
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