

ABATE OF WASHINGTON



February 2022 Updates

State Coordinator's Report

MEMBERS,

We just had our first virtual Board meeting; it was brought on from the emergency situation with the weather. The meeting went good, we had all but one Chapter represented. One more move forward for ABATE OF WASHINGTON. This also saved us a considerable amount of money at the state and chapter level. Travel costs were next to nothing, and at a time when the roads are not safe to travel, it's a win. In the future, we want to have face to face meetings as often as possible. We have lots of flyers and raffle tickets to get out to the members can't do that at a zoom meeting.

SWAPMEET MARCH 27TH

This year we get to have the event again. It has taken a long time to get back to doing business. I have a lot of parts saved up and this is the time and place to unload them. Get a booth space and come on out. Looking forward to seeing folks, have not had a chance to get together in a couple years.

Eric Lundt has stepped into the Chairperson shoes this year. He is working hard to pull this together, give him support. We are looking for some volunteers: Contact Eric or myself we will fill the positions as needed. The fairgrounds are asking us to wear a mask at the event. Wait and see where we are at when the time comes. Check the flyer in the Newsletter for contact info.

SPRING OPENER JUNE LAST FULL WEEKEND 23RD TO 26TH

The Chairman and committee members are working hard to pull this together. New location this Year, Cascade Peaks RV Park, 7 miles west of Packwood, 7 miles west of Randle. Check it out, lots of RV spaces and wide-open flat ground. There is a river at the back of the property. More info as we move forward.

WEBSITE

Get a chance have a look at the new website. Joe Cain is our administer of the site if you see items that need changed, contact Joe, He is working with Constant Contact to keep the site up to date. Doing a great job. Thanks Joe.

ELECTION

I am stepping back after 8 years as Deputy Coordinator and 2 years as State Coordinator. I am passing the gavel. We have two candidates running for the position of State Coordinator ANDY McAfee presently Coordinator for Spanaway Chapter and Susan Carson who is the Moses Lake Grant County Coordinator. Please read their candidate info in this Newsletter.

BLACK FRIDAY

Want to thank all who came to the event this year, waiting to see the outcome.

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 #1](#)

[Statement Of Qualification #2](#)

Legislative Report

As I type this, Black Friday is only a week away. If I only give you a brief update of where things stand, by the time you read this, the updates will no doubt be obsolete. So, I will just provide you with the basic foundation of where we are with our efforts, in the hopes that you will continue to actively support those efforts.

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[Read Senate Lane Sharing Bill](#)

[Read Education & Safety Board Bill](#)

Public Relations



Black Friday is coming up on us fast. I encourage each and every one of you to invite one person to come along and join us on the steps of the Capital. We need to show strength in numbers.

Remember, your words to new members or future members is the best advertisement we have to let people know what is going on in ABATE. Also, please take a few minutes out and contact your local representatives and let them know that you want them to support our lane sharing bill. Again I have sent out a request to our local media to attend our event.

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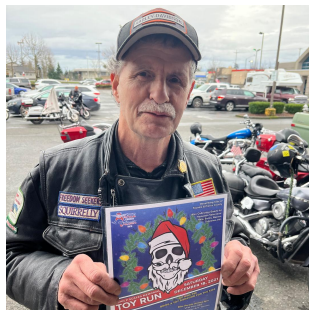
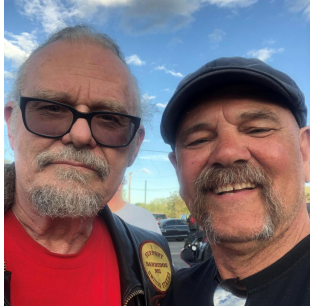
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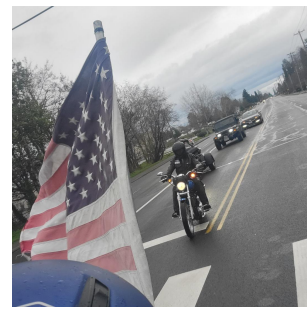
Happy New Year! As is the case every two years, 2022 is an election year for much of Congress. All 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and 1/3 of the U.S. Senate are up for reelection in November. Add state and local elections to that and literally thousands of elections will take place this year.

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Runs & Upcoming Events

In The Wind





NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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U.S. EXPERIENCES LARGEST 6-MONTH INCREASE IN TRAFFIC DEATHS EVER

U.S. traffic deaths soared in the first six months of 2021, making for the most deadly 6-month period ever recorded. An estimated 20,160 people died in motor vehicle crashes on U.S. roads, an 18.4% increase from the same period in 2020, announced the U.S. Department of Transportation's NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

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Chapter Reports

Key Peninsula



I hope you all got through the holidays in one piece happy in mind, body and spirit and wish nothing but the best for you in the New Year.

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Grant County



The New Year is starting with many events and adventures. February 12th we have our Hearts and Paws event to raise money for our local animal rescue, of course we will have our fundraiser selling fireworks for our Run to The Desert event to help Soap Lake food bank, the last week of August. We will also be having monthly rides as soon as we dig ourselves out of the many inches of snow and cold temperatures in our area.

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Spanaway

Some changes in Spanaway this past month. First Theresa Kaiser stepped down as secretary. She has done a great job this past year and we thank her very much for her service. Pam Bugbee has been appointed to fill the position for the rest of the year. Thank you, Pam for stepping up to the position. Rich Simmons has stepped up to be our new Legislate Affairs Officer (LAO) this is a big responsibility and what ABATE is all about.

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EPCC

Greetings from EPCC. By the time you are reading this, Black Friday will be behind us and I am sure we had a great turn out. Our big fundraiser of the year, "A Night out with EPCC", is coming up February 26th. Look for the flyer coming soon! Due to the cold snap and bad weather, ABATE of Washington held its first VIRTUAL BOD through Zoom, which was well-attended and was a great success.

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Foothills

Greetings from Foothills!! With all the weather related damages throughout our beautiful state, we are looking at the downhill slide out of winter. Thank goodness! This year is not slowing down. Unfortunately we missed hosting the January BOD, maybe next year. The Spring Opener is less than 6 months away & Swap Meets just next month.

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Pacific County

February brings Groundhog Day. Like in the Bill Murray movie, Groundhog Day is business as usual in Olympia. Like the multi-session Parking Bill we got through, it looks like the Lane Sharing Bill will get a do-over this session as Senate Bill 5622. We need to be contacting our Senators and (when it goes to the House) our Reps. for their support.

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Tacoma

Let me just jump right in, 12/15/21 we had our social / X-mas get together. And 12/18/21 was the "John P Scapes Toy Run " Great support attended by many and yes we did get wet. It was well worth it.

Star Lake

As we begin the New Year, with new officers. Star Lake will thrive and continue the tradition of supporting other chapters, participate in rides and attend events. The chapter will start planning the annual Hope

Sky Valley

Greetings from Sky Valley chapter in Snohomish! Despite snow and Covid trying to keep us down, the Sky Valley chapter has been busy lately.

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Sparks charity ride scheduled for
September 10th.

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Myers & Company Recovers Over Twice UIM Policy Limits

We recently represented a man who was hurt in a motorcycle wreck when the at-fault driver made a left turn in front of him.

Our client was a motorcycle enthusiast. He worked at a dealership, his social life revolved around motorcycles and he spent weekends with his fiancé (now wife) going for rides (they even got engaged on a ride).



We settled our client's claim with the at-fault driver. Then we turned our attention to his underinsured motorist (UIM) claim.

There are a lot of factors that go into case value. The most objective one is treatment expenses. Treatment expenses frequently (but not always) are a barometer for severity of injury.

This case was different. Our client had pretty modest treatment expenses but the wreck had a big impact on him. He stopped riding and testified he doesn't have any plans to start riding again. We explained to the UIM carrier that this was a massive loss which impacted his social life, his work and his marriage.

There were big gaps in his life because of the wreck.



But the UIM carrier didn't offer any money. So we arbitrated our client's UIM claim. The arbitrator determined our client's losses were worth well into the six-figures.

But he didn't have a massive UIM policy. So we took the position the carrier's failure to offer our client any money before arbitration constituted bad faith.

The carrier ultimately paid more than twice our client's UIM policy limits to resolve his bad faith claim.



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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

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

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](#)

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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