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## Editor’s Corner

“Share the Road” is a great slogan, and it seems that it should be taken seriously by cars, trucks, and busses, which would be a good thing; however, it works both ways. We as motorcyclists must take it to heart as well, and share the road with the cars, trucks and busses, and even bicyclists, too. I have often complained about other vehicles on the road, especially trucks. Maybe because they are so big and obvious. I have driven the big rigs in the past, and have gotten to know many truckers in my life, and for the most part they are just nice guys trying to do their job. When I am on the highway, I always try to keep their mirrors in sight because, if I can’t see their mirrors, they can’t see me. While I have complained about trucks moving too slow, I must realize that they can weigh upwards of 80,000 pounds. That’s a lot of weight to move, especially up a grade. If they lose momentum, it is doubly difficult to get back up to speed again, so it is understandable that trucks sometimes need to pass other trucks, and in the process, slow down traffic in the left lane. While this might be somewhat irritating to traffic that has to slow down in this instance, we all need to understand and have a little compassion for the driver, who is actually working at his job and trying to support his family. We, on the other hand, are out for a nice enjoyable ride. The minute or two that we lose is not that important. We need to just suck it up and move on.



That being said, I want to focus on the upcoming events for this month; primarily Spring Opener. This year is destined to be the best Spring Opener ever, with a great location and the many events going on there. The biggest item on the agenda is, in my opinion, the motorcycle raffle for the Harley Davidson Crossbones. Someone will win that beautiful bike on Saturday night. Additional tickets will be available at Spring Opener, so everyone will have a chance to win. Then there are a couple of other items to be raffled off: a guitar signed by country star David Allen Coe, and a firearm (yet to be determined). Plus, there will be two bands on Friday night, the MPB Band and Soul Stripper (AD/DC), then on Saturday night the Sub-Vinyl Jukebox band. There is also a bike show planned as well as bike games. The week before, on the 8th, EPCC is having their Spring Opener Primer Party (see pg. 23) and the week after is the Grays Harbor Flat Mattress Run (see pg. 19). There are several other events this month, so be sure to look through this newsletter carefully and then choose the ones that you would like the most.

Most importantly, ride safe. The life you save might be your own.

Best regards, Ron

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## From the State Coordinator



Hi Everyone,

Man this year is flying by, the weather hasn't been that great but the riding has been and you know what they say "a bad day of riding is still better than good day at work". There are more and more people taking up motorcycling and I think we as motorcyclist really have to push the safety issue, not only do we have to look out for the people that get distracted with talking on the phone, texting, eating, or a hundred other things that people do, but we also have to think on what we do when we are out riding among the public some of whom have no idea that motorcyclist are even out there, I know this because their favorite saying is "I did not even see the motorcycle" and on the other hand when we as motorcyclist go out and push the limit from fun to slightly unsafe (I know it is a fine line between those two) you need to think about how these actions are going to affect friends and love ones. You are probably asking yourself why I am rambling about safety, well in just the last two weeks I have been informed about four motorcycle fatalities, now as sad as we feel about it think how the family feels.

Hey how about some happy stuff, Spring

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Opener 2013 let me tell you that you really want to be there, bike show, bike games, live music, vendors, friends old and new, and something we have never done before WE ARE GOING TO GIVE AWAY A 2009 HARLEY DAVIDSON. If you have not purchased a ticket yet you still have time. Speaking on Spring Opener I would like to apologize to N. Kitsap Chapter for not having the bike show on the flyer, they have done an excellent job in the past and you can bet they will do the same this year.

Remember if you have any questions, concerns, if you want to help you can always contact me at [coordinator@abate-wa.org](mailto:coordinator@abate-wa.org) or 253-326-5201 also I have received just a few replies on the questionnaire I had put on the web site and in the newsletter, I had hoped for at least a thousand.

Lyle Coyle

### **ABATE of Washington 2013 Meeting Schedule**

#### **Board of Directors Meetings**

July 20 - Tri-Cities Chapter  
October 12 - Olympia,

#### **ECOM Meetings**

11:00 AM Johnnie's in Fife unless otherwise posted  
June 14 (4:00PM at Spring Opener), Aug 25

**The Tri Cities Chapter  
Welcomes ABATE of Washington BOD  
July 20, 2013  
Meeting to be held at 12 pm  
'COUSINS' - 4605 N Road 68  
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# **ANYONE ATTENDING SPRING OPENER 2013 PLEASE READ**

**Hi Everyone,**

**Well we are in our third year with the Spring Opener at the Silver Ridge Ranch with an increase in attendance expected. We want everyone to have a great time but at the same time we all have rules we have to follow if we want to continue having the ABATE of Washington Spring Opener at the ranch. The ranch has asked for some requests on things that they did not like last year, everyone attending the spring opener is required to wear an arm band please do not put it on your bike or leave it at camp make sure it is with you at all times as each band cost us ten dollars. The other thing is fire pits; this is primarily for the people in the back pasture. The ranch has put fire pits in certain areas and they do not want them moved and if you don't have a fire pit you cannot have a fire so one option would be to bring your own pit that has legs and would be off the ground, there can be no fires built on the ground. The last one is no fireworks, fire crackers or pyrotechnics of any kind as this is something they will call the police in for, any issues from these could end spring opener. Once again there are no pets allowed service animals only and if you have a service animal there are rules for them as well, if they are being disruptive, unruly, or a danger to anyone you WILL be asked to leave, if the animal is not on a leash or contained you WILL be asked to leave, when your service animal defecates you will be required to have a bag to pick up after them if you do not do so you WILL be asked to leave. The rest of the rules are the same as in years past no bad attitudes, no fighting, no damaging of anyone's property, be considerate of others. We have an excellent event planned there are going to be two bands on Friday afternoon and evening and one on Saturday, there will be a onsite scavenger hunt put on by Mason Co. chapter, bike show by N. Kitsap chapter, bike games by Tacoma chapter, Tattoo contest, not to mention the bike give away Saturday night, and much much more. So come and have fun bring your friends and your friends friends. Any questions or concerns contact me at [coordinator@abate-wa.org](mailto:coordinator@abate-wa.org)**

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**Dragoni, Promoting ABATE in Yelm, WA**

**Hello, ABATE of Washington!**

I have been very busy with my new **State Position** as the **State Ambassador at large**. My Job in **ABATE of Washington** Is to promote and build new chapters in the state of **Washington** as I travel to different Areas of the state meeting and greeting people!

When you see me at your chapters meeting say hello!  
If you think you are traveling to far to get to your Chapters meetings! When you find me **10** people that live in your area that what to build a new chapter I will help them start one up.

I just recently traveled back to **Yelm, WA** promoting **ABATE** at **Jody's**!

This time the reception was not that warm by the locals. There were a lot bikes on the road in the **Yelm WA** area, but I just did not feel welcome at **Jody's** that day. I don't think **Jody's** would work for a new **ABATE** Chapters meeting location at this time. Note there is a big sign at **Jody's** that says Family Friendly. This might be something for you to consider when you plan a **Family Friendly Bike Run**!

Then Wednesday May 1st. I traveled to **Tacoma** Chapters meeting at the **VFW** in **Tacoma, WA**. This chapter is holding strong at 189 members, They had good discussion about the April **BOD** and the Up coming State Election Ballots and The **Spring Opener**. They talked about the pros and cons with the proposed optional big **ABATE** patch! The Chapter Quarter master: found 2 professional First kits in storage.

Next on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I traveled to **Olympia** Chapters meeting at the **Tea Leaf II** in **Lacey, WA** This chapter is currently now at **38** current members they had about **24** Members and Guest present at the meeting. They had **65** bikes in there Bike blessing 2013 event. There was some discussion about the BOD and the up coming State Elections.

Sunday morning May 5<sup>th</sup>. I was off to **East Pierce County** Chapters meeting at the **Eagles** in **Buckley, WA** This Chapter is about **123** members total. They had about **50** members and guest at this meeting. They talked about the **BOD** results and the proposed big **ABATE** patch. **EPCC** Coordinator **Noel**, talked about the Memorial run for **Cowboy**. **Noel**, said the Memorial event is still in planning and waiting on the family to complete affairs. He said the event will be **Family friendly**. Then **Dutch**, made a motion that the **EPCC TEDDY** bear run **2013** should be dedicated to **Don "Cowboy" Cud'a**. The motion was carried. **Noel**, also talked about the upcoming **EPCC** campout event after the **Spring Opener**.

Then on Monday night May 6<sup>th</sup>. I was off to the **South King County** Chapter at **Performance Grill** in **Auburn, WA**. This is a well established chapter about **89** total members they had about 30 members and guest! **SKCC** Coordinator **Sam**, talked about the **BOD** and also talked about the **Spring Opener**. **EPCC** Coordinator **Noel**, talked about the **EPCC** Bunny Hop Run and the Dart Run, and Rider communication. **Noel**, apologized for some minor communication problems. He also promoted the **EPCC** Mystery Run and the **EPCC** Campout. **EPCC** Coordinator **Noel**, talked about the upcoming Memorial run for Cowboy he said the event will be **Family friendly**. **Noel** said the 2013 **TEDDY BEAR** run, will be Dedicated to **Don "Cowboy" Cud'a**.

On Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Virginia and I traveled to the **Kittitas** County Chapter meeting. The Chapter Coordinator: **Joe Hill** was very surprised but pleased to see us at the meeting. They had about 20 members and guest at this meeting. They talked about there Bike show Sponsors and also talked about the proposed Big **ABATE** Patch Pros and Cons and some Negative feelings! They were confused and miss informed thinking the Big Patch would replace the small **ABATE** patch. I informed the Chapter that the big **ABATE** patch would be an optional patch sold in **ABATE** products! The Big Patch is not a replacement for the traditional small **ABATE** patch. **Joe Hill** runs a very efficient meeting. It was a good meeting.

We left the meeting room and had a meal in the restaurant. As the night closed in we went to the bike to start the ride home to find my rear tire was going down fast! I then went to the trucker's area of the **Buzz Inn** looking for some tire inflator. And that's another story to be told later!



On Wed. May 8<sup>th</sup>. I traveled to **Lewis County Chapters** meeting at the **Moose Lodge** in **Centralia, WA**. This chapter is holding at about **110** members. They had about **13** Members and guest at this meeting. **Lewis County Chapter Coordinator: Terry Butler** was very surprised to see me at his meeting. In the past when I would try to make it to a **Lewis County Meeting** something would always happen! I decided okay the bikes in shop time surprise **Terry Butler** and take my **SUV** to the **Lewis County Meeting**. The chapter talked about there **Chapter Sponsors** and the Big **ABATE** Patch Pros and Cons Neg. feelings. They talked about there annual **Scholarship Run**, it was a successful event. They are giving \$500.00 to each school in the group they support. This Chapter also does a local food drive to help the community. They are getting ready for there upcoming **Chapter Anniversary Party** at the **Jackson Prairie Speedway**. This Chapter is very busy planning there Annual **Kick Back Campout Event** for 2013. They decided on a \$25.00 day pass from noon to 8pm but now they need a different color wrist band. It is now time for **Good of the Order: Moment of silence for Don "Cowboy" Cud'a**.

On Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>. about 1pm I get my **Harley** back home from the shop give her a quick wash job and hit the road for **Spanaway Chapter** at **Uncle Sam's Bar & Grill** in **Spanaway, WA**. This is our newest Chapter in **ABATE** of Washington that I helped them setup about 5 months ago. The Chapter Coordinator: **Dolly** and Deputy: **Billy De**, are doing a good job in building this Chapter! They are growing stronger with **90** members. They had about **50** members and guest at this meeting. The chapter talked about the **BOD** and the proposed Big **ABATE** patch. I got very positive feed back about the proposed Big **ABATE** patch. I added my input the Pros and Cons of a big patch. Deputy Coordinator: **Billy De**, then talks about there **Spanaway Chapter** patch and it's unique colors and how it stands out in the crowd. The Chapter talked about the **Spring Opener**, I get very positive feelings from this Chapter about the **Spring Opener**. This chapter sold another **9 Spring Opener** Tickets and **18** bike raffle Tickets and they recruited **11** new members at this meeting. Now time for **Good of the Order: A moment for Don "Cowboy" Cud'a**, Very good meeting! END.

**If you see me "Dragoni" sitting at a table with my Laptop computer stop by and shake my hand. Then other people might do the same!**

**This will grow interest and conversation about ABATE of Washington and who we are.**

**Let's all ride safe and pray for good riding weather!**

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# NCOM conference 2013

I guess this adventure might have started as long as almost a year and a half ago. That's when my wife, Marjorie, first broke herself. She broke herself three times last year and what those breaks were is not important; what is important is that she spent most of the year recuperating and not riding with me. Then about a month ago a car crowded me into a pinch point on a small road, somehow I hooked something with my foot and I'm still limping around with a certain amount of pain. This was to be our first chance at distance together in almost two years.

We were going to the NCOM National Convention in Reno. The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is a function of Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) a group of Attorneys who offer their services to the motorcycle community. In return they fund the various activities of NCOM through their earnings; there is no cost to groups or individuals for being members of NCOM. Being the NCOM Ambassador for ABATE of Washington puts me on the Board of Directors for the National organization, therefore I have to be at the National a day earlier than everyone else to attend Board meetings.

Marjorie and I left Seattle Monday the 6th of May and rode to our friends Scott & Micki Robinson in Goldendale WA. A short, casual two hundred mile ride being a nice way to start a journey, and a short visit with good friends something that just adds to the adventure. The weather was in the 80's on Tuesday when we headed south on 97. First gas in Redmond OR and breakfast in Bend; the weather was still holding. But, as we continued south the day became greyer and the temperature slowly fell. Just north of Klamath Falls the skies opened in a short hail storm; didn't slow us down much, but heard it was much worse for some who followed. The skies got steadily thicker and as we entered Klamath Falls the lightening and rain thundered down on us; there was easily two inches (or more) of water running in the street as we threaded our way through the small southern Oregon community.

We turned south east on 39 and before we knew it we were in Tulelake and California, the rain had eased and the speed limit risen. 39 became 139 and we were headed for Susanville CA. Rain showers came and went

as we traveled over passes that were routinely over 5,000 feet in the air. As we came down in elevation to enter Susanville there was a feeling of the worst being behind us. It was here we caught Rt. 395 for the last dash into Reno and the rain. Not a shower, but solid, steady, relentless, soaking RAIN; kinda just like home. At Bordertown we pulled in for our last gas up, dinner and to let our friend in Reno know we were there; we each held cups of decaf coffee until the chills went away. We had been on the road eleven hours, on mostly two lane roads in extremely inclement weather for almost the last half of the journey---nice way to start the riding season.

On Wednesday, after spending the night with our friend, I left Marjorie in her care and continued into Reno to the Silver Legacy Casino & Resort, where our convention was to be held. I got settled into the room and began to look for others as they straggled in. People were coming in from all over the country, but of course those from our little corner of the world are always most important in my mind. Many rode, but others because of family, job or other considerations flew in; it didn't matter to me I was glad to see them all. Three of the people that seemed to have an extreme impact on the convention were my friends and Brothers of the road Double D and Twitch from the Outsiders MC and my brother in politics Donnie "Mr. Breeze" Landsman the Legislative Affairs Officer of ABATE of Washington.

If you have been living under a rock and haven't heard that Double D wrote a book, you might want to wake up and get a copy---they're available on Amazon.com. It's his take on the passing of the Anti-profiling bill in the state of Washington, as well as other essays giving insight to him and the culture he lives in. It is Double D's contention that we have abdicated the telling of our story to people who don't care about us; they care only about sensationalism they can wring from the lifestyle, not the caring, not the giving, not the sense of family we see on a daily basis, not the struggle to maintain our sense of worth and identity. He says we need to take back the telling of our story in our words---I agree with him. Get a copy of the book it's called "Black Thursday" by David "Double D" Devereaux.

On Thursday it was Board of Director's meetings for me all day with the accompanying reports from each of the regions and scheduling and other minutia that accompanies those sorts of affairs. Friday began in

earnest the information sharing for which we had come together. Two side by side seminars on legislative and legal issues of a National nature with the Opening Ceremonies happening after the lunch break. Our success here in the Pacific Northwest is still a major topic of discussion and it seemed as if every session had one or more of the individuals (especially the three afore mentioned individuals) from Washington taking a lead in the discussions. From Partners in Liberty (how to get Clubs and MRO's working together) to the US Defenders program to Anti-Profiling it seemed at least one of the three, if not all, was holding center stage.

Other special meetings for the weekend included "Women in Motorcycling", "Clean and Sober Round Table", "World of Sport Bikes" and "Christian Unity Conference." Seminars involved "Your Rights during a Traffic Stop" and for the first time a Seminar on Veterans Rights with a member of the regional VA there to present information and answer specific questions from Veterans present. Friday afternoon consisted of the various Confederations of Clubs from all over the country reporting in general session on their activities. Saturday afternoon were the regional breakouts where we got to hear from other states concerning legislative and legal issues. Saturday evening was the traditional "Silver Spoke Award Banquet" and for all intents and purposes the close of the event.

Marjorie came for the Banquet and Sunday morning we packed up and headed north with Scott Robinson and Michael "Critter" Campbell both officers of ABATE of Washington. The weather was in the eighties and continued that way for us all the way into the state (Critter cut off early and I heard had a number of miles of rainy riding.) We once again spent a wonderful night in Goldendale with our friends and were back in Seattle just as the thunder storm was starting. I was pretty sure the weather gods would not give us a free pass to get home dry---and I was right.

Respectfully Submitted

Irish McKinney

NCOM Ambassador

ABATE of Washington

## South King County

Meets 1st Mon. @ 7 PM  
Performance Grill  
1525 A St. N.E.  
Auburn, WA. 98002

Warmer weather is in full swing, bikes are out, rides are happening every weekend, and fun is to be had! With the winter months behind us take the time (if you haven't already) to go over your bike, check the air pressure, change fluids, check battery and make sure all your lights are in working order. I hope to see all of you out on the roads!

The JAMR ride was in my opinion a HUGE success. So many people jumped in and donated their time to make all of it possible, we could not have done it with out everyone's support. If you weren't able to make it you missed out on a beautiful ride that took over 60 bikes from green valley road in Auburn to the Yella Beak, from there we went around Lake Tapps to the B.L.T. for lunch. When everyone got done with lunch we headed down the backside of Bonney Lake through Orting, Electron and stopping in Kapowsin, then on to Karen and Pete's where the party started! A huge thanks to EVERYONE that helped on this ride to make it such a success. My father would be proud to see what ABATE can really do when we come together for a great cause. I can't give you a final number on how much was raised for SKCC's legislative fund as we were still getting checks in a few hours ago. Thanks again everyone!

Mark your calendars for the SKCC Round the Mountain ride coming up on July 13th. I did this ride last year for the first time and it was AMAZING!!! there was some wishy washy weather last year but it was tottaly worth it to be on such a awesome ride. While our committee hammers out the final details of the stops and specific charity I want to ask our members to take a minute of your day while you are out and about and drop fliers when they become available to your local hot spots, it helps tremendously when the word get spread around.

Thanks again everyone, hope to see you all very soon!!!

**East Peirce County Chapter**

Meets: 1st Sunday @ 10 AM  
Eagles Club Aerie 1387  
29021 State Route 410 E,  
Buckley, WA

Dear friends,

I would like to thank everyone in advance for attending our EPCC Mystery run, I do hope everyone had fun. I know I already am looking forward to next years ride.

A big thank you for everyone who came together for Cowboys Celebration for life run, touching to have so many care for each other the way we do.

An insert from something written by me earlier on a social network:

I join with so many others who knew Cowboy in offering our deepest sympathy on his passing. Although it is little consolation at this sad time, it should be of some satisfaction to know that in his passing even though at such a young age, you can celebrate the end of a very productive life.

The measure of a life well-lived is not in how much money one has or what possessions they have accumulated, but rather through the lives they touched and the sorrow they leave behind. If the outpouring of sympathy on his loss is any indication, and it most certainly is, you can proudly and confidently say that his indeed was a life well-lived.

May you find peace and comfort in knowing that his loss is felt by all who knew and loved him.

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, 'Wow! What a Ride!'" ~Hunter S. Thompson

That was Cowboy for you!!!!

Brothers may die but they live on in our heart and mind forever.

I believe Cowboy would want us to continue our fight for our passion as riders and continue our party without shedding a tear for his loss.

I would like to invite everyone interested in following your front wheel on a ride to The Gold Basin

Campground near Granite Falls on June 29th, more information in our flyer.

Be sure to also make plans and put it in your calendar "Teddy Bear Run" is coming soon.

FRIENDS: Will say "hello".

BIKER FRIENDS: Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

Have a wonderful month riding and be safe.

Noel

**Sky Valley**

Meets 2nd Tuesday -7 PM  
Snohomish Eagles FOE195  
606 Maple Ave.  
Snohomish WA 98290

By now the bike show in Snohomish is history. It's funny trying to guess what happens before it happens. I am writing this on the 15th four days before it really happens. I hope we had great weather and a great turn out. This could be the last bike show if we don't get more help. ABATE is a great organization, but we are dying. If you haven't noticed the average age is somewhere in the 50's to 60's. Not that that's a bad thing as I have to include myself as well. We need some tools to get this machine kick started again! Jim Blowers from our chapter is working on a patch idea that should attract some younger folks. We still need more. When one chapter tries to pull something big off like the Sky Valley bike show, and ask for help guess what? That means you! Anyone and everyone from all chapters needs to put in some effort. We are all guilty of procrastination. "Oh I will help next time"

IN this case there might not be a next time. We put out the call.....where were you?

I would like to thank the members who helped make this happen. It' the same 12 that do everything. Sound familiar?

This years proceeds will go to the Snohomish food bank, and the Snohomish senior center. I hope everyone enjoyed the food, band, drill team.....and all the bikes!! I will put pictures in next month!

See you in the wind....Highwayman



### **Spanaway Chapter**

Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 7pm.  
Uncle Sam's American Bar & Grill  
16003 Pacific Ave. S  
Spanaway, WA 98387

### **Clark County Freedom Riders**

Meets 2nd Thursday 7:30PM  
Peachtree Restaurant  
6600 NE Highway 99  
Vancouver, WA 98665

Hello Again,

Happy Spring to all.

At our last business meeting we discussed the cancellation of our Casino Run due to terrible weather in the area, and then lo and behold...we had a stretch of awesome weather, hope you all were able to enjoy it. We have not yet rescheduled the Casino Run, but information will be out soon. By the time this comes out we will have had our Swap Meet, details of how it went will be in next month's issue.

At the beginning of our last business meeting our member Virgil turned John's (our Secretary and LAO) suit coat into his new ABATE vest for his patches. Among guests that showed up at the meeting were Sonny Boy, Tim Wilkins, Jim

Stillman and Dutch many thanks to them for attending and lending a helping hand. We are proud to announce 7 new members joined at the meeting and we now have 89 members in our Chapter (YAHOO!!). We also sold 18 more raffle tickets for the Spring Opener Motorcycle.

We also discussed the issues surrounding a larger ABATE patch, and our chapter feels that it would allow a greater recognition of ABATE members and would not interfere with other organizations recognition. Dutch told us a story of him recently breaking down, and people passing him by as he walked on the shoulder with helmet in hand. No one would stop to help him. However, if he had a larger patch that identified him as an ABATE member, we feel his chances of getting help would have been better, because the ABATE organization is well respected and known (something to ponder).

Many thanks to all that attend ABATE functions, See you in the wind

Dolly

Hi Everyone.

Our little chapter down here in the south-west corner of the state is still doing well with the usual members pushing the events and rides along. We have moved our chapter meetings to the Peachtree Restaurant, but kept the same day and time.

We are planning several nice runs in the next couple of months, most notably is the August ride to the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum in Hood River, Oregon. There are over five acres of cars, airplanes and motorcycles to see, and they are all running. We are planning the ride on a day when they are exercising the vehicles, so we will see them run, drive and fly. More to come later on this one.

We are all looking forward to Spring Opener this year. It should be the best one ever, especially with all the activities going on there. I will try to get around to all the campsites to visit with everyone, and enjoy the events, too. The bands are great and should give us all a wonderful time.

We are trying to build up our treasury a little by selling helmet stickers that say ABATE = Freedom. (see the sample below). They are vinyl and have a protective laminate and UV coating so they should last a good five years outside in the elements. The lettering is reflective, so they are a nice safety item, too. We are offering them for the small price of only two dollars each, and we have a wholesale package for other chapters so they can use them as a fundraiser as well. Comparative pricing is \$2.00 to \$2.50 for other reflective and UV coated stickers.

Ride Safe. Hope to see you soon.

Ron Fryer, Chapter Coordinator



## Grays Harbor

Meets: Second Wednesday 6:30 PM  
40 et 8  
2313 Simpson Avenue  
Aberdeen WA

We had our garage sale and campout on the 4th and had a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated. It was a lot of fun and we even made some money. We want to welcome our new member, Josh Brazil, who attended our meeting on the 8th.

June 8th and 9th is Pacific and Grays Harbor Chapter A.B.A.T.E Brooklyn Tavern Campout. This is sure to be a great time as I have heard some stories about the Brooklyn run in the past. Contact Don Florek or Blake Bogar for more info, or look for the flyer.

Our Flat Mattress Charity Run campout is June 21-23 at Elks picnic grounds in Montesano. Those who have attended in the past know this is a good time and I am looking forward to seeing a lot of our friends from different chapters.

Our next meeting will be on June 9th at Skips house, 220 E Huntley, Aberdeen.

Skip will be driving to Spring Opener so, if you want him to haul your gear for you, you can bring it to the meeting..Thank you Skip. Hope to see a lot of you at spring opener.

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## 17th Annual Sky Valley Bikeshow

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Motorcycles of every year and make filled the streets and up every side street the town had. Music was coming from

every Tavern as well as our bike show band, the "Kickin Dust band" on Union Street. The atmosphere was casual with whole families mixing it up with patch holders from many clubs. All were partying in harmony and having a blast.

As usual, there was no trouble from anyone or any group. The only exciting thing (besides the Cossacks



show) was an untended motorcycle caught fire. Good thing it happens with hundreds of people to put it out quickly, instead of at home in the garage!



Ron Fryer surprised me at the registration booth as he was supposed to be celebrating his anniversary. Thanks "Mrs. Fryer" for letting the boy come to the party instead!



Thanks also to the vendors as well as participants in the show with many folks walking away with 1st 2nd and 3rd

place gold trophy's being the winners of their classes.

Special thanks to all the members of our chapter who worked their butts off to make this happen.



All in all it was a great time. Hope to see you all next year.

Highwayman



One last picture on next page.



Much went into this show from these sponsors: Emerald City HD, Stewart's Place,

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Also special thanks go to King's Riders and Midnight Cry riders who volunteered some long hours

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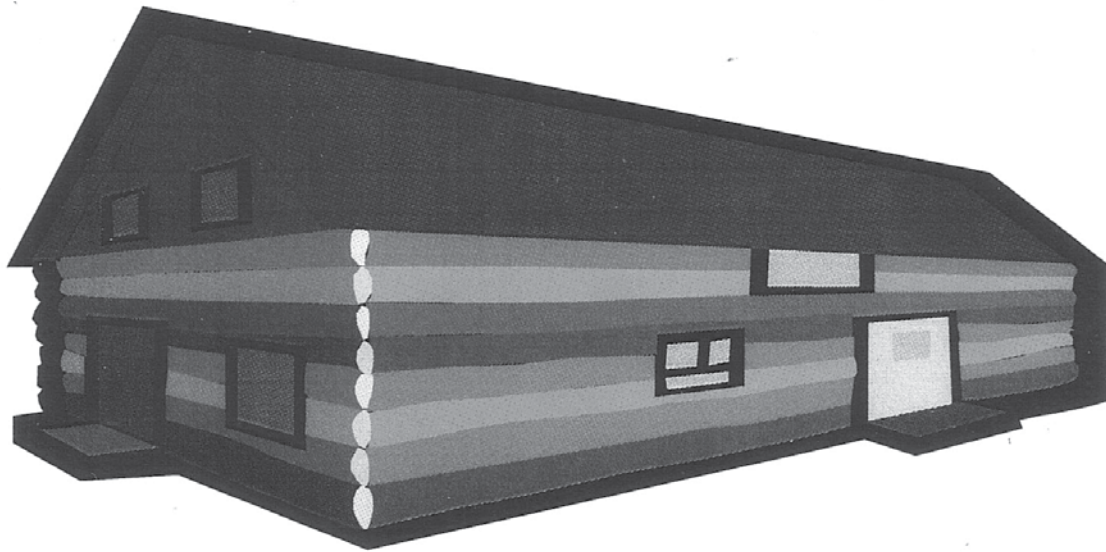


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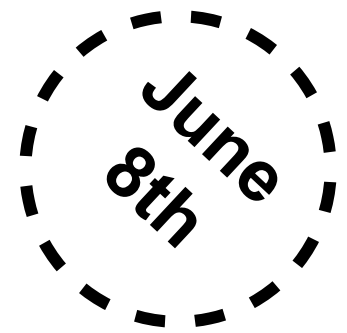
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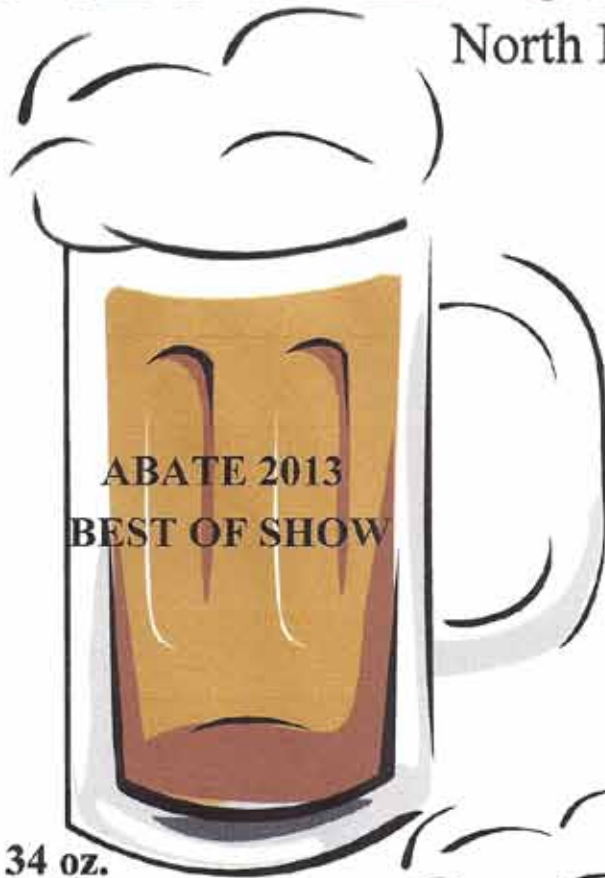
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**VOTING @ STATE BOD MEETING**

Let's do the math. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out. Each chapter in ABATE of Washington, gets represented by their chapter coordinator at the quarterly BOD meetings. Thus giving each chapter only one vote, per issue, at each meeting. Presently, we have three chapters that are getting TWO votes, and one that is getting THREE votes, because those four chapters have a member that is a state officer! Think about it...those extra votes can cause your chapter to lose on an issue that may be of importance to your chapter! How is that fair, for those chapters to get two or three votes, while the rest of us only get one??

To explain it further, each state officer...State

Coordinator, state deputy coordinator, state secretary, and state treasurer, are already represented by THEIR chapter coordinator.... Each of their coordinators gets to vote on the issues. If each of those state officers gets to vote as well, ( which they do) then those four chapters, are getting an extra vote! Giving those four chapters extra votes, while the rest of the chapters, are only getting one!! Do ya get it?

This came to my attention from a friend of mine who belongs to ABATE of Oregon. She explained to me, that their Bylaws will not allow their state officers to vote on issues, because those officers are ALREADY REPRESENTED, by their chapter coordinator. So if those state officers would get to vote, than it wouldn't be fair to the other chapters, who only get one vote per chapter. Frankly, I think we need to change our State Bylaws to be the same as ABATE of Oregon.

Those guys have the right idea. It's called 'FAIRNESS'. And in all fairness, it's just not fair for four chapters to get at least two extra votes on each issue, when the rest of us are only getting one!! I also think some of these committee chairs should not get to vote at state meetings, because of the very same thing... they are 'already represented' by their chapter coordinator. In my opinion, we need to fix our bylaws to say that each chapter gets one vote at a state meeting...PERIOD. No other chapters, get extra votes! Just some food for thought....

With All Due Respect,  
Catherine 'Chatty' Salomone



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## Motorcycle fatality statistics refute claims that helmet-optional law increases rate

Richard Mains of Easton was pictured in 2007 riding his motorcycle without his helmet...

April 25, 2013 Paul Carpenter

Control freaks are relentless in their quest to stamp out the evil of individual freedom wherever they find it.

From compulsory sectarian religion, to book burnings, to Prohibition I (alcohol), to Prohibition II (drugs), to sex, they get their way, although not always permanently.

Nothing illustrates the idea of freedom more than the sight of somebody riding a motorcycle bareheaded. The failure to win total victory in that category drives those in the "we're doing this for your own good" crowd to distraction. And they are willing to finagle statistics in almost comical variations to try to make their point.

On Wednesday, the Governors Highway Safety Administration released a report on the horrors of allowing people to ride motorcycles without helmets and stories on the report were published by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and The Philadelphia Inquirer.

That's where the numbers get a little confusing. The Post-Gazette said the GHSA report reflected a 5.5 percent increase in Pennsylvania's motorcycle fatalities, comparing 2012 to 2011. The Inquirer said it was a 7.6 percent increase, but that was just for the first nine months of each year.

The GHSA report at first said the Pennsylvania increase was 8 percent, and then later said it was 7.6 percent. It also said the U.S. increase in fatalities for 2012 was 9 percent, but that's based on estimated "underreporting" and the actual numbers reflect a 4.3 percent increase for the nation.

In any case, all the increases in motorcycle fatalities are because of a "disturbing trend" — the fact that most states now let adults decide for themselves whether they want to take the no-helmet risk.

"The single most effective thing to do about motorcycle deaths is to have a universal helmet law," GHSA spokesman Jonathan Adkins was quoted as saying. The association, one of the stories said, "renewed its call for Pennsylvania and other states to reimpose universal helmet laws."

Pennsylvania's compulsory helmet law was changed in 2003 to allow qualified adult motorcyclists (of which I'm one) to decide for themselves, as is also the case in all states except those in the behavior-control Bible Belt and a few others.

Regarding the statistics used to support compulsory helmets for all, I started with the GHSA's own numbers.

The association's report says there were 34 states with increased motorcycle fatality rates in 2012, 16 states with declining rates, and one state where the rate was unchanged. In fairness, I think they counted the District of

Columbia as a state, but you can see how somebody could get confused.

More to the point, the GHSA provided charts designed to show graphically how bad the problem has become. Ironically, the actual numbers do just the opposite.

For example, three states, Missouri, Wisconsin and Indiana, had the most dramatic changes in the rate of motorcycle fatalities for 2012. Missouri was the worst, with a 29 percent increase, Wisconsin was best with a 31 percent drop, and Indiana also did well with a 29 percent decrease. The report avoids mentioning that Missouri has compulsory helmets, while Wisconsin and Indiana are free-choice states.

So much for a "disturbing trend."

On one chart, Pennsylvania was said to have had a 7.6 percent increase in motorcycle fatalities for the first nine months of 2012, from 171 in 2011 to 184 in 2012.

That's awful, and I have repeatedly stressed the point that motorcycles are indeed dangerous, far more dangerous than cars, because of the vulnerability factor. A collision between a two-wheeler and a four-wheeler almost always goes one way. Some of us feel the fun is worth the risk, as is the case in other risky activities, from mountain climbing to skateboarding.

I've been riding motorized two-wheelers since the 1950s, and I feel helmets do more harm than good because they restrict vision and sound, their weight results in broken necks, and, worst of all, they provide a false sense of security. Also, head injuries are far more a factor in car crashes, but don't hold your breath waiting for control freaks to find the courage to demand helmets in cars.

The most meaningful statistics, however, were provided by Craig Yetter, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Safety Administration. His charts showed there were 156 motorcycle fatalities in the state in 2003, the year in which the law was changed to make helmets optional. In 2012, there were 210. That's an increase of 34.6 percent, enough to make control freaks go into hysterics.

A comparison of Pennsylvania motorcycle registrations for those two years, however, shows an increase from 265,054 to 409,017, thanks, I'm sure, to the appeal of freedom. That's a jump of 54.3 percent.

Therefore, if fatalities are increasing 34.6 percent at the same time registrations are up 54.3 percent, it means significantly fewer motorcyclists are being killed per each 1,000 motorcycles on the road.

Obviously, at least in Pennsylvania, the availability of choice (along with the ability to see and hear better, etc.) is saving lives.

That, I regret to say, will cause the control freaks untold distress, but only if they look at the actual statistics and then do a little simple math, which is unlikely because it does not fit their agenda.

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## **28th Annual NCOM Convention - Reno, Nevada**

National Coalition of Motorcyclists, May 9-11, 2013

Riding thru thunder storms, hail and flooded roads with other ABATE members to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual NCOM convention was worth the trip. ABATE of Washington was well represented and recognized as being part of the US Defenders program working with the Confederation of Clubs and other MRO's to pass ground breaking legislation. Our Legislative Affairs Officer and our NCOM Ambassador were asked to speak at several breakout sessions on the importance of the Independent biker community (ABATE) working with the Defender program to get attention in Olympia. Our state was recognized by NCOM members from all over the United States for having passed/supported 6 bills in the last two Legislative sessions comprising of 2011-12 and 2013-with 2014 to bring forth more successes.

The beginning of Saturdays General Session was a somber, but proud event for the "Ring of the Bell" and two Washington Freedom Fighters names were read: Cindy Hardin of Cowlitz County ABATE and Don Cuda, East Pierce County Chapter member of ABATE of Washington.

The NCOM convention is more than the clubs, COC, ABATE and other MRO's. It is about learning about the obstacles we all face as motorcyclists in the future. Highway planning, profiling, freedom to choose on helmets, and fighting all that is adverse to the freedom of the road. Freedom of the road is endangered by many wanting to legislate and litigate our freedom of the road. This convention was the place to learn, teach and share with one another to better facilitate the affairs of your organization back home.

There were breakout sessions on "Women in Motorcycling", "The World of Sport Bike", "Your rights During a Traffic Stop", "Clean and Sober", "Christian Unity Conference", "Anti-Profiling and Fusion Center Information Gathering Centers", "Patch Holders General Meeting", "General Meeting of Partners in Liberty which was COC's, MRO's and NCOM".

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Campbell  
State West Deputy Coordinator  
ABATE of Washington

**All Concerned,**

**Report due per policy line #11**

**I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the NCOM event this year in Reno. Made the trip down in a day and it was a day that covered all bases on the weather hail, rain, sun. Heavy on the rain.**

**The event was very positive, all the Clubs were there to talk about the way forward in the fight against the machine which is trying to take away our rights as motorcycle riders. The folks who were on the board had a ton of good info on how to navigate around all the B.S. I was able to pick up a lot of info on different subjects about getting involved in the political fight. Also who to contact to get the work done.**

**The State of Washington was very well represented with speakers in nearly all the seminars coming from Wa state. The message that was being sent out was that in order for the Clubs to be successful in their fight they need to work with the Independent riders ABATE that's us.**

**As ABATE grows we need to consider we are all in the same fight we need the numbers to help in our goals of passing more bills.**

**The look forward to talking with other members about the experience.**

**Scott Robinson**

**East Side C.O.C. Rep**

Editor's note: Two articles, including the MRF Report were removed from these pages to make room for these two additional NCOM reports.



## LIBERTY RIDE 2013 - Tri Cities

TCC held their First Annual 'Liberty Ride - Benefit for the NRA on April 20th. While we anticipated a good turnout, we were overwhelmed at the attendance and response we received from not only the Tri Cities area, but from other areas as well. We had folks here from all over the state! Members of the Tacoma Chapter, as well as riders from Walla Walla, Yakima, Van Couver, Whidbey Island and even Oregon, showed up! Ron Fryer, our ABATE of Washington Newsletter Editor, and Coordinator of the Clark County Freedom Riders Chapter, graced us with his presence all the way from Vancouver and rode in with his friend Richard from Rufus, OR. So many of our local riders turned up and showed huge support. Ride on, Tri Cities riders! We especially got a kick out of the Tacoma Chapter members that showed up to support the ride. What a great, fun bunch of bikers THEY are! Many of us are looking forward to meeting up with you again, perhaps at Spring Opener. It was great to see how many of us riders, support our Second Amendment Right to Bear Arms. It was a balmy, windy day, with not the best riding conditions, but it sure didn't stop many from showing their support. It was quite impressive. We had over 200 riders show up that day!

We would like to thank the 50 Calibers for escorting our out of town guests, to the ride and making them all feel at home over at the Long Branch Bar and Grill, where they were able to set up camp and relax after the ride was over. TCC Member



Robert Stills and 50 Calibers / TCC members, road captained the ride from the Veterans Memorial, and guided everyone out to the gun range. Thank you for all of your help and support! Much thanks to the TCC registration gals, Joni Hamann, Cristy Osbourne, and Catherine 'Chatty' Salomone, assisted by Frankie LeBlanc, Cari Roy and Tammy Schreiter. Us gals moved 'em up and moved 'em out! Good job ladies!

Senator Sharon Brown and Representative Brad Klippert came to speak to us at the Veterans Memorial and showed their political support in our fight to keep our Constitutional Second Amendment rights. Political speakers Jerry Martin and Mary Ruth Edwards gave  
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some interesting facts and history about the Second Amendment, and then when Brad Klippert was done getting us pumped up, he shouted 'LET'S RIDE!' and we all jumped on our bikes and headed out to the Gun Range for a target shooting match! The shooting match hand competition, was won with a Full House of Aces and Kings, on the target! That there's some good shootin! The name we have for the winner is 'Mr. Lapiere'. Sorry we don't have your first name.



The Rattlesnake Mountain Gun Range rolled out the red carpet for us. Our heartfelt thanks go out to them. Between the rangers, Dotty and Doug Rickarts, and our Tri Cities chapter members, Kathy Orr, Penny Smith and her friend Vicki, plus Jim Ezell (TCC member & 50 Caliber) and Jawno Piatt (TCC Treasurer), they did a fantastic job and all went smoothly. We had about 90 shooters participate with the target shooting match, and folks were literally having a 'blast'! Much thanks to all of you for your hard work and careful planning to make the 'shoot out' fast, safe and fun! Koodles to Joni Hamann, Jim Crume (TCC Coordinator) and Chuck Anderson (TCC member & 50 Caliber) for designing our targets and coming up with an excellent plan. Jim Crume, our TCC Coordinator, hand made, a beautiful plaque for the prize and actually carved out a 357 magnum onto the front of a beautiful wood plaque. We would also like to thank Cindy Burnett and "Kritter", owner of the Palms in Benton City, for setting up their food stand for us, at the Gun Range. It was great to have food and beverages available there. Thanks so much!



After the shooting match we headed off to the rest of the stops, including the Palms in Benton City. The Barn in Prosser, and the Rattlesnake Mountain Harley Dealership. Much thanks to our members Cari Roy, Bob Stills, and Dion and Amy, for handling the booths at these stops! Also, much thanks to the ladies of the HOG group, and Barb and Chuck, for helping us out at Rattlesnake HD. All of these fantastic businesses, donated raffle

prizes, and their establishments, to assist in making our Liberty Ride a successful fundraiser for the NRA! We raised total, over 5000.00 for the NRI-ILA and Friends of NRA! Much thanks to the Friends of NRA and Dotty Rickarts, for arranging the Smith & Wesson Governor 410/ 45 pistol raffle, that was won by TCC member, Wayne Coppersmith. Lucky Wayne! He always wins something! Some folks have all the luck. Nice gun!

After a great 100 mile ride, we all ended up at the Long Branch, where owners Beverly and Benny Saurez made us all feel at home. We collected our last chips from the lovely Lady Calibers, Kelli Davidson, Arlene Davidson and Mary Grimes. You gals were awesome! The Lady Calibers are Tri Cities 'jewels', that do so much for our biking community, here in the Tri Cities area. Yall are just incredible! Thank you! Thanks go out to Tim Buck & Froggy for helping us with the Tshirts! Congratulations to our high hand winner, Jeff Hinsley, and lowhand was Trena Trollblom. Much thanks also, to all the 50 Calibers, with honorable mention to Donald Hastain and Jamie Davidson, assisting our coordinator Jim Crume with the microphone, to keep the party rolling along. Your efforts helped to generate over 5000.00 for the NRA & Friends of NRA!



Tri Cities Chapter, would also like to thank all of our locals who sponsored our Liberty Ride Tshirts and donated prizes:

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And last but not least, a huge thank you to our Tri Cities Chapter, Liberty Ride Committee members, for all of their great teamwork, donations and careful planning. While we ran into a few last minute 'SNAFUs', we all did a great job. We know what went right and what to pay more attention to, next time. Special thanks to chapter members, Cal Leach, Rose Byrum, Kathy Orr, Jim Ezell, Chuck Anderson, Dion & Amy, Bob Stills, Donald Haistan, Cari Roy, Frankie LeBlanc, Jim Lothrop, Jim Crume, Joni Hamann, Penny Smith, Dotty Rickarts, Dennis Czer and Tony Salomone, for all their help and donations! All in all, we just ROCKED it! What a great team! Thank you for all of your hard work. Looking forward to our 2nd annual 'Liberty Ride', in 2014!

With Much Respect,

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**10:30 am** - Kick-Stands up & roll out w/Local Law Enforcement Escort. From McCleary west past Elma, past the Field of Flags, and to The Wall at Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds. For more details call Rob 360-470-0735.

**11:40 am** - Estimated time last bike arrives at Wall to begin "Ride of Honor" Ceremony.

**1 pm** - Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, Dignitaries and POW/MIA Speakers.

**6 pm** - Car Races at Grays Harbor Raceway next to fairgrounds. "Fireworks" at the end.

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Chapter reports must be submitted by the Chapter Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator or a person authorized by the Chapter Coordinator in writing.

Chapter announcements and flyers are free with the following restrictions:

Chapters are limited to one full page ad per month

If the event is during the first week of the month, then a full page ad is allowed in the previous month's issue.

If the event is not in the first week of the month, the full page ad is limited to the issue published in the month of the event.

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One of the most frequent questions asked of me is: "how do I respond during the pull over?" Personally being reluctant to give an answer and I would like to try and sum it up. Law Enforcement Establishments provide "in service" personnel with an academy where training occurs. Once an officer is assigned to a precinct there are vast opportunities for more training. Some training is mandatory by law annually. It is pretty safe to say that Law enforcement officers are trained to a proven standard that creates evidence able to convict citizens in court. Officers can lie to your face, deceive you, write false reports, lead you into a conversation then eventually gain probable cause to search. Officers are not actually able to commit a crime to lead you into a crime that is one "thin blue line". Officers are trained to lead a suspect to admit guilt. It is hard to pin point which approach will be used on you during your stop. That is why me personally I do not like to answer this question. Knowing your rights is about the best advice during the stop. Understanding what grounds you can be detained for and simply ask them first "Am I being detained?" Be polite! Officers are always collecting evidence against you. For us to counter their tactics we must know our rights. What enforcement can do during a stop? "The stop" for example the officer pulls us over on the helmet issue. The officer will approach you and ask for your license. Be polite and ask "Am I being detained?" If the answer is Yes", then ask "What law did I allegedly break?" The officer might respond: That is an illegal helmet! Do not argue! RCW 46.37.530 clearly defines a helmet as a hard outer shell with a liner, chin strap and the DOT sticker. If your helmet meets the law's standard (RCW 46.37.530) the officer has no Probable Cause (PC) to seize your property or detain you. Do not make any statements! You must show your license, registration, and proof of insurance if you are not in Washington State. What's next? Be brief and germane. "I know my helmet meets the standard of the law am I free to go?" Do not consent to any search of you or your vehicle without a visible warrant. Be polite and careful what you say again remember they are well trained to meet the burden of proof required

by court to convict. The argument is not with the officer it is with the lawmakers and in the courts. There is absolutely no doubt the laws are being abused by In-service personnel, especially Washington State Patrol. What are we going to do? In ABATE's Citation Committee we are fighting infractions in court and at the conclusion we are asking for a settlement of reasonable costs and fees. In other words the time and money it cost the citizen to fight for his rights is worth more than the on duty officers time to falsely accuse us. It is all new efforts and thus far we have several interested and competent people participating. We are forming a citations team. - *The following statement is from Matt Danielson an attorney and member of The Motorcycle Law Group* -**The** helmet argument against what you described is one of lack of probable cause. If the officer sees you wearing a helmet with a hard shell, a chin strap and an outer DOT label that appears on the outer surface, in a color that contrasts with the background, in letters at least 3/8 inch (1 cm) high, centered laterally with the horizontal centerline of the symbol located a minimum of 1 1/8 inches (2.9 cm) and a maximum of 1 3/8 inches (3.5 cm) from the bottom edge of the posterior portion of the helmet (obviously close will be good enough as no one can tell that simply by looking at it) then before the officer could force you to remove the helmet he would have to have probable cause that the helmet has no inner label with the specifications the standard requires. He would have to be able to explain to the court why he has probable cause to seize your property. He will be unable to do that as all they can point to is size and weight of the helmet as well as padding none of which, as you know, are addressed in the standard. "If an officer were to ask me to remove the helmet I would politely tell him that I do not believe that he has probable cause to seize my property and that I do not consent and will not remove my helmet. However if he feels he has Probable Cause I will not resist you removing it from me but I will not assist you in violating my **rights**-" More to Follow...good day my brother!  
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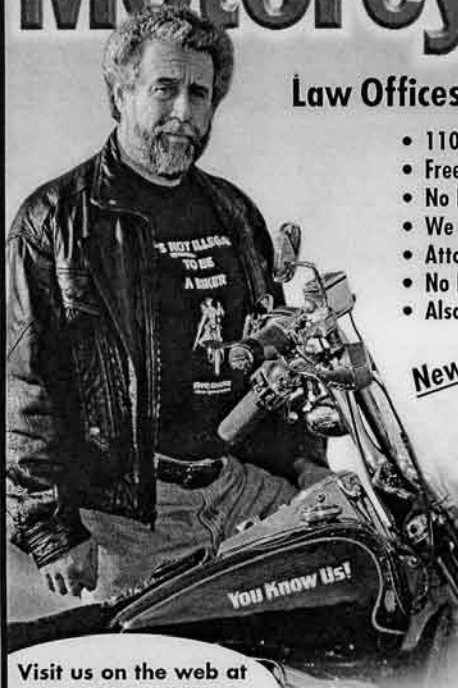
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