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# INSIDE DECEMBER 2015



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Columbia Gorge Chapter with new ABATE member Duane "The Harley Dude"; photo Micki Robinson

# UPFRONT

by TINA LAWSON, EDITOR

For our December issue, we present a year-end wrap up (pages 22–23) and a 2016 planning calendar (page 30) to highlight event dates for the new year. Enjoy!

As the year comes to a close, we roll around to our most important event of the year – **Black Thursday** – held **January 21, 2016**. Don't miss the chance to protect your Freedom – see pages 6–11 for details.

Spring Opener will be here before you know it and it takes teamwork to put it together. One way members can help is by finding potential sponsors. Take a look at the sponsorship program (pages 26–27) and make a few copies to take with you when you're out and about purchasing products and services. Who do you patronize that would benefit from having exposure and name recognition with ABATE members and other Spring Opener attendees? Contact Spring Opener Chairman Jimmy G with your ideas, (253) 678-1713.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! JL



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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

**16** BOD Meeting, hosted by Spanaway Chapter, held at:  
Anahuac Mexican Restaurant  
9002 Pacific Avenue  
Tacoma, WA 98444  
*Lunch - order from menu*  
*BOD meeting starts at Noon*

**21** Black Thursday  
Olympia, WA

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## From the State Coordinator Lyle Coyle

LAO so we can have one more avenue of getting the word out to motorcyclists across this state. Also we need to make sure everyone is on the same page because if people start running in different directions with their own agenda we will not succeed.

Well in the last issue I told you a small aspect of the Spring Opener news, but here is the rest of the story. Thanks to the hard work of Jimmy George and Scott Robinson we now have a five-year contract with the Silver Ridge Ranch. We also need to thank ABATE member and attorney Rob Lloyd for his help in drawing up a contract that will protect us should anything go wrong (of course there is nothing going to go wrong). One of the big points as I stated last month is it will be the last full weekend in June. Even though we received concessions that will make it better for ABATE of Washington there are also things that people attending the event have to do, so let's not take this as a free for all. There will be more info coming but for now remember these dates June 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2016.

We have one more bit of good news and that is we now have a new and

improved state web site. Leon has used up more of his free time than you can imagine to get this site up and running. One of the most improved functions on this is the fact that it is smart phone friendly so if you're out and about and need to look something up you can. If you don't have a computer and use your smart phone it is ready. Now the site is not complete yet but it is getting there. We have plans for expansion. Some of the things in the future are getting a products page so you can order state products without leaving your home. We are also looking at expanding the Spring Opener page so we can put in pictures of past Spring Openers and the history of ABATE of Washington, seeing that Richard Roe volunteered to be our historian. One of the biggest things to remember about this site is content, if he doesn't receive it he can't post it.

*"One day you will be just a memory to people,  
Do your best to make it a good one" ◇*

Hi everyone,

We had our STEAM in October and even though there were a multitude of things going on including the Irish McKinney memorial, we had a fairly good turnout. STEAM is a great way for all of us to learn and grow, with everyone in attendance being able to ask questions or give ideas. A person can't help but get motivated. We need to thank Scott Robinson and all his helpers including Kittitas Chapter for making this year's STEAM a success.

The next thing on the agenda is Black Thursday and with this year's short session we have to be extremely vigilant and organized if we hope to accomplish our goals. I hope you have a chapter

### ABATE OF WASHINGTON STATE OFFICER NOMINATIONS

At the January 16, 2016 BOD meeting, nominations will be taken for the following positions:

- State Coordinator
- Deputy State Coordinator (Westside)
- Ambassador at Large

Qualifications and duties for the State Coordinator position can be found in Bylaws 6.3.1 and 6.4.1; for the Deputy State Coordinator (Westside), refer to 6.3.2 and 6.4.2; and for the Ambassador at Large position, see 6.4.6.

If you would like to run for one of the State Officer positions, be at the January BOD meeting and have someone nominate you.



I certainly want this winter to go as fast as summer just blew by ...

**BLACK THURSDAY:** The North Diagonal is reserved for motorcycle parking. Try and not jam up the intersection at the light coming across Capitol Way, the folks in the cages are the ones we have appointments with.

We also have the Steps for the group picture and any one who wants to say a few words. The Columbia Room is reserved for base of operations. You can take a break or pick up info and go to appointments.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Now would be the time to organize your folks for who will be speaking at the meeting with the Reps and Senators. If you're new, check

## Eastside Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

out <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/>  
You can get the contact info here.

Our State LAO will be giving us more info at the Governor Hotel. We have the conference room reserved for Wednesday night for planning and Thursday night for meet and greet. We have some hotel rooms blocked but you or your Chapter will have to pay for the room. STATE IS NOT PAYING FOR HOTEL ROOMS.

Take the time to make a plan for when you get to the appointment with the reps. We need to come in organized. ◇



## STEAM 2015

By SCOTT ROBINSON

This year's STEAM was well attended considering Irish had his memorial the same day. Unfortunately for me, the show must go on.

We used the same open format as last year which allows everyone to speak at any time on any subject be it Coordinator, Secretary, or Treasurer. We had a lot of lively conversation and some great input from the members.

Lyle Coyle did a segment on Coordinators. In attendance was one of our Coordinators who has held the position the longest – Lenny Pletsch – and we had one of our newest Coordinators there from EPCC, Nick Conklin.

Barb Hunter discussed the Bylaws and some of the requirements that chapters have to adhere to in order to stay in compliance. Take a minute to read them.

Koeta Imhoff, State Treasurer, covered the proper way to complete the reports that we need to keep up to date so that we are in compliance with tax laws and the gambling commission. This was very important info, if your

Coordinator was there, ask them about some of the details.

Kittitas Chapter served a great lunch: chili and cornbread.

Highwayman (Roger Hanson) from Sky Valley Chapter did a short presentation on membership recruiting. Thanks Roger.

Lenny Pletsch, Pacific Chapter Coordinator and State Safety & Education Committee Chair covered safety and education.

Legislative Rep. Gina McCabe from the 14th District drove in for a visit. We covered a lot of different topics, she was full of useful information. Thanks for taking the time to come to the meeting.

Brian Lange, State LAO, was next up – there was lots to talk about. Hope your chapter has a LAO. If not, the Coordinator is it.

I always learn something new about ABATE at these events. At the BOD the following day, I asked for input. There were several suggestions. Come by next year, we are already making plans.

### Awards given out:

*Largest percentage of growth in past 12 months –*

North Snohomish County Chapter

*12 months of continuous newsletter reports –*

South King County and Key Peninsula Chapters

*Longest running Coordinator –*

Lenny Pletsch, Pacific County Chapter

*Treasurer reports on time and completed –*

Pacific County, Inland Empire, Columbia Gorge, Spanaway, Tacoma, East Pierce County chapters

*Most involved chapter –* Spanaway

These awards show the continued support for our organization from the Chapters. We could not cover everything, so here is a Thank You for your support of ABATE. ◇





2011-2012 Anti-Profilng Bill

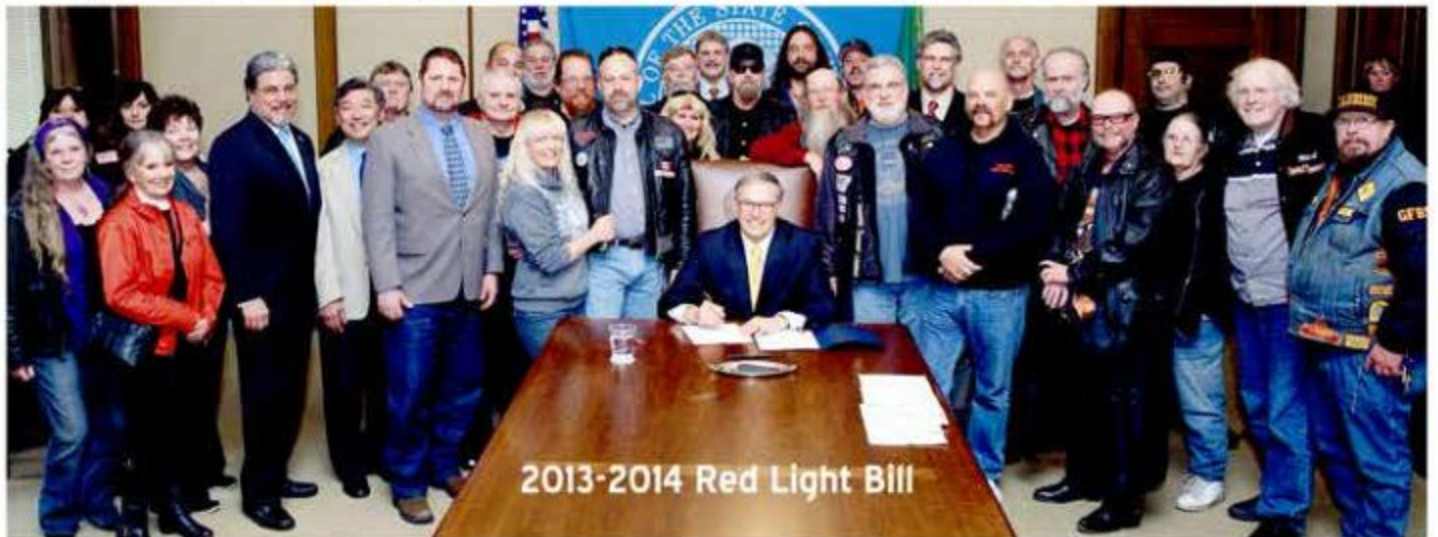


2009-10 Parade Bill

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2013-2014 Sharrows Lane Bill



2013-2014 Red Light Bill



# ABATE of Washington “BLACK THURSDAY”

Jan. 21st, 2016

Washington State Capitol  
Olympia, WA

All members of the motorcycle community welcome  
Make your voice heard in the legislature

ABATE of Washington

‘Meet & Greet’

5:00-9:00 PM

Jan 20, 2016

Legislative

‘Meet & Greet’

5:00-9:00 PM

Jan. 21, 2016

**BOTH**

**AT**

**THE GOVERNOR HOTEL**

621 South Capitol Way, Olympia, WA

For Info: [legislative1@abate-wa.org](mailto:legislative1@abate-wa.org)  
or go online to [abate-wa.org](http://abate-wa.org)







## Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

It is always good to be able to have quality sources for your information. Dependable, reliable sources are the best. When it comes to motorcycle accidents and fatalities, it is best to go straight to the horse's mouth and get your data from local law enforcement and the Washington State Patrol. If you go online, you should be able to find the website for your county sheriff. Then on that website, you should look for a link from the home page for "public information" or "public records" requests. Many have a downloadable form in pdf format so you can fill it out and send in your request. Here is the link to the WSP public records request form: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/publications/pubrec/recreq.pdf>

There are also links to request statewide collision data that could be quite helpful in researching motorcycle collision data in Washington State. One link is to the Statewide Travel and Collision Data Office's "Request For Crash Data" pdf form [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/collision/pdf/780\\_032\\_RequestforCrashData\\_w\\_textfields.pdf](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/mapsdata/collision/pdf/780_032_RequestforCrashData_w_textfields.pdf)

As you fill out the request form, be as specific and detailed as possible. For example, you may want to ask for records for "all motorcycle crashes on state highways in 2014," instead of just "motorcycle crashes."

Washington law (Chapter 42.56 RCW) requires that identifiable public records be made available to members of the public for inspection and copying upon request. Only records that are exempt by law may be withheld from disclosure. The Act also requires that the public records requested are "identifiable." Your public records disclosure request must include a reasonable description that would allow an agency employee to locate the records. A general question is not a public disclosure request.

Pursuant to the provisions of RCW 42.56, upon receipt of a Public Disclosure

Request an agency is required within five (5) business days to provide a 'reasonable timeframe' to respond. That doesn't mean they have to provide you with the information within five days, but they do have to inform you of an estimated length of time it will take to gather the information and provide it. Don't expect this to be a free service however. The agency can charge a "per page" fee for the records, so be prepared for that. Especially if there are several pages involved. I know the Spokane County Sheriff Office charges 0.26 per page.

Another useful source of information is the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. They do not have an online form, but simply a formal written request. You can either send it by snail mail to:

WTSC Public Disclosure Officer  
PO Box 40944  
Olympia, WA 98504-0944

Or you can fax the request to: 360-586-6489. Also, you can email your request to: [gnelson@wtsc.wa.gov](mailto:gnelson@wtsc.wa.gov)

To request copies of photos, witness statements, officer's notes, or any other records involving a collision or traffic incident, please send a written request to the WSP district office for the county where the incident occurred. The following is a link to the location of the WSP district offices found on the Washington State Patrol website: [http://www.wsp.wa.gov/publications/district\\_locations.htm#tacoma](http://www.wsp.wa.gov/publications/district_locations.htm#tacoma)

By using the public records the government has already compiled, ABATE of Washington and its members can build a strong factual case on any issue that the government might have records of. The fact that they do not have records can also be quite telling. For example, we have letters from over thirty (30) law enforcement agencies in Washington State that say they have no records on DOT compliant motorcycle helmets, non-compliant helmets, helmet manufacturer recalls, or



helmet testing. More responses are expected by the time you are reading this. The hope is to have copies of fifty (50) letters from different law enforcement agencies all saying that they have no records on helmets that are DOT compliant or not prior to the start of the short legislative session in January.

The government has the records, it is up to us as citizens to exercise our rights and use those public records in our ongoing struggle to preserve and defend the rights of the motorcycling community here in Washington State. Get involved and help us win the struggle.

Rain or shine, show up at Black Thursday, and get your legislators to understand our issues. When the WSP representative in a Senate hearing can only come up with the comment that "helmets protect riders from flying lug nuts..." after ABATE and other MRO's in Washington State have testified to amend the helmet law, it would appear that this is more about control than safety to the WSP. If fifteen thousand (15,000) motorcyclists can show up in freezing temperatures

in Olympia for the Toy Run, we should be able to get more than three hundred (300) to make the effort a month later to protect their rights base in the legislature. If you can't make it on a bike, cage it. Or, even better carpool with your friends. Rent a van and pack it full...just be there. Warm blooded constituents are what we need to press the point to the legislators. Especially if your district is represented by a legislator on the House Transportation Committee, you should be there. Pressure to hold a hearing on our bills in the House needs to be respectfully applied so that the Committee Chair will have no excuse not to hold a hearing. That is when our collecting of records will be able to bear fruit. This isn't a one or two day a year effort. We must be diligent in our efforts all year long, so we as an organization can be unified in our efforts, and prepared to take on the fight for our rights.

Catch you on the road sometime ... ◇

## 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 21st 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 21 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 21 at (times).



## Chapter Rep Region 3

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

Hope everyone had a great summer. Now it is time for our holiday season and then on to our legislation for the year. Spend some time getting to know our people in Olympia. That is the only way we are going to get our bills passed. Contact them by phone or emails, or best of all go to Olympia and visit them. Contact Brian Lange our State LAO, he will be helpful on how to get started.

I have been to all the chapters in my section except for Rat City and I apologize for not getting up there. Tacoma, SKCC, EPCC and Spanaway chapters all seem to be running smooth. We all have a few problems but they all seem to be working them out. With Tim McCall in charge of Rat City I'm sure it is doing good as well. Tim if you need anything please contact me.

I'm impressed with how Nick from EPCC has taken control of his chapter. I know you are good for the chapter. Get some good help Nick, don't get burned out – you will do good. John Lawson, SKCC, has been around a long time and will do the chapter proud. Steve Box Man, Tacoma, is a young

coordinator with young ideas and a young board with him and will do a great job. Coming in with his 2nd term with lots of good ideas on how he wants his chapter to go. Looking good Tacoma.

Our Spanaway chapter has lots of new things we want to do this year. We are sending out an email at the first of the month with all our functions listed so members will know what we are doing. And a meet and greet once a month on a Sunday. This gives our members a chance to get together and ask questions or just get together and have some good food and drink. We have our minutes, treasurer report and our newsletter and even the STEAM manuals along with our bylaws so we can answer most all questions that members might have. At our last one we signed up 3 new members. So I'm convinced it is a good thing for the chapter and good for ABATE of Washington.

That's about it from me. I wish you all good luck and good health. ◇

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## Chapter Rep Region 5

From **JAY JACKSON, CHAPTER REP 5**

After the October ABATE of Washington Board of Directors meeting, many of us Chapter Coordinators have questions about where our organization is going. We all believe in the original purpose of ABATE. We believe we are: A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. We believe, "The purposes and objects for which the corporation is organized are:

- (1) To promote motorcycle safety education programs, motorcycle awareness programs, and motorcycle rider training programs;
- (2) To promote fair motorcycle legislation, to prevent enactment or work to repeal existing unfair motorcycle legislation.
- (3) The corporation may exercise all rights, powers, and privileges that are now or hereafter may be conferred by law upon nonprofit corporations, including specifically the powers enumerated by Section 24.03.035 of the Revised Code of Washington." (Article III., Articles of Incorporation of A.B.A.T.E. of Washington, filed Mar 21 1979, with the Secretary of State, State of Washington, D287483.)

We think that our rights as members and Directors of ABATE, and American citizens have been violated by the totalitarian acts of members of the executive officers. The wishes of the members were completely disregarded, despite the Coordinators' protests, by the way the budget vote was

handled. It is also a blatant disregard of bylaws and standard operating procedures for a committee to enter into a contract for the organization without the approval of the members. (ABATE of Washington, State Bylaws, Article X, 10.5)

Many of us also question the way Robert's Rules and standard operating procedures are ignored by Executive officers being the active members of committees making decisions that affect the organization without any reports to the board of directors. Reports to the board of directors are a requirement of a functioning committee. The committee chair is in a position of trust. Trust by the governing group (the BOD) to do the job charged to it, to the best of their ability for the good of the organization. There seems to be a serious amount of "totalitarianism" going on here. Maybe it is time for a complete independent audit of ABATE of Washington to get back on track?

Several of us have studied the bylaws of ABATE of Washington and are unable to find anything that says that non-chapter affiliated members don't have voting rights. Article III, 3.3, does say "Members shall have the right to vote,...."

In our opinion we think the organization as a whole is falling behind in the number one purpose of our being. We all like to have fun but we think we focus too much on one "fun"



event and put our prime purpose in second place. Can we alter our direction back to our purpose?

I believe that our basic rights guaranteed by the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America have been threatened by officers of ABATE of Washington telling members of the Board of Directors that questions asked about committee work is “none of your f\_\_ business.” ABATE of Washington is a membership based organization. That means that everything done by ABATE of Washington IS my business and all other members’ business. ◇

## Rat City Chapter

From **TIM MCCALL, COORDINATOR**

Friends in Motorcycling,

The Year 2015 hasn’t been very forgiving...especially for us in Rat City. In fact, it’s been a tough year for many. After the passing of Steve Bartel earlier this year, a prominent rider in the Seattle region with connections throughout the state, the motorcycle community lost another huge advocate, champion, lobbyist, friend and family-member. The passing of Irish in August was an enormous blow to our chapter.

It was Black Thursday-eve, January 2013 when I first met Irish. I had just rode down on my BMW and was thrust in front of a group of ABATE of Washington members on the ground floor of the Governor Hotel. Soon, I found myself meeting a man that had a warm face, yet was awfully intimidating. Irish and others stepped forward and paid for my ABATE of Washington membership that evening.

At this time of mourning, we need not forget about his wife, Marjorie, who needs our prayers and support through this tough time as she recovers. I want to thank the clubs, ABATE chapters and individuals that have stepped forward to help Marjorie and the family during this time.

The celebration of Irish’s legacy continues on December 11th at the Annual Chicken Friday Christmas at Elmer’s in Burien. Please bring canned goods and personal hygiene items for the White Center Food Bank. In Warm Regards, Tim ◇

## Sky Valley Chapter

From **HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR**

So here we are almost Christmas already! Wow time sure flies when you’re having fun (or just getting old) so by now our holiday families have their Thanksgiving dinner delivered and we have their kids Christmas list! Our holiday families are a yearly tradition here at Sky Valley, as we pick two families in need and make their Thanksgiving and Christmas with food and presents! Our chapter has done this for many years, with the money from our Sky Valley bike show we have on the third Sunday of May. We also give to the food bank and senior center with the proceeds.

Well I’m sure everyone is thinking about Black Thursday by now and getting ready for a cold ride to the capital. I know this year after the Paris attacks we will all be more vigilant then ever in all of our gatherings, as these things have a tendency of repeating themselves. I hope many will contact their representatives from their district and let them know we are for the lane filtering bill, and as always continuing the fight for the helmet bill. I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year! As a parting note Sky Valley lost Michelle Hobelman last month as she lost her fight against cancer. Please everyone, put quit smoking on your list for the new year, as I don’t want to lose anyone else! I have included a picture of Michelle with the white hat on at our bike show appreciation party. See you “in the wind.” ◇

*Rod and Michelle Hobelman, Sky Valley Bike Show Appreciation Party*







## Tri-Cities Chapter

From KAT BOLTON, COORDINATOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Since our last newsletter, things haven't slowed down even though its mid-November.

Great turn out at NCOM Region 1 in Boise. They were the best host to over 130 of us. Good info, networking on our issues. It was clear WE (Washington) are looked upon as a leader of motorcycle rights legislation. And probably lead the nation on national profiling language. Kudos to all that make it a priority in our lives.

State STEAM/BOD was great as usual. Even though there was other commitments, it was a great attendance. The largest motorcycle run I've ever been a part of was Irish's service. Thank you to ADG's, Mr. Breeze, Red, Christian Crusaders, Tribe of Judah, all that worked so hard on something so important. Wishing you good health, Marjorie.

Next came a local BACA Halloween ride, then Eastern Washington COC with a large showing. On the same day was a regional ride calendar meeting, also in Ellensburg!!

Yesterday was our annual ABATE Coats for Kids in partnership with the NBC affiliate. See pic. Hundreds of coats, 50 bikes, and 60 people!!!

Lastly, Mr. Breeze and I have collaborated on creating a database on Facebook for establishments and events prohibiting our lifestyle and equal access. "No Colors/Cuts allowed in Washington State." Please share your experiences.

Congrats to the Clackamas County area riders, in their latest access case... ◇

## Key Peninsula Chapter

From JAY JACKSON, COORDINATOR

Merry Christmas! Happy Hannukah! Season's Greetings! Joyeux Noel! Felice Navidad! And every other Blessing for the winter season fast approaching.

The entire Chapter sends our best wishes out to everyone for a healthy, prosperous, happy New Year with many safe and fun rides. Hopefully, some of those safe rides will be shared with our Chapter and the other Chapters too. We look forward to seeing you down the road.

The Key Peninsula Chapter has set the following calendar for 2016.

Black Thursday—to Olympia January 21, home Thursday p.m.

Spring Swap Meet—April 16

Chapter Poker Run—May 7

Ride around the Canal—July 3

Brewery Run—August 27

Fall Swap Meet—September 17

Details will be worked out later.

The Chapter has planned a great celebration of another year with the Charter/Christmas Party later this month. Since the end of the KeyFest Motorcycle Show this year, the Chapter decided to help the Elk's with their annual Christmas Party for Special People on the 20th. The Chapter also donated to the North Kitsap Toys for Harrison Hospital and the local Food Bank.

There is change offered in the Freedom of the Wind we all enjoy as we ride. The Key Peninsula Chapter is optimistic that the change will be in a good direction that will further protect and ensure our riding freedom and choice of life style.

"What we are is a gift to us from the Creator. What we do with what we have is our gift to the Creator."—Unknown  
Ride Free, Ride Safe, Ride in peace. ◇

Tri Cities Chapter Annual Coats for Kids event; photo Russ Watts





## Inland Empire Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, CHAPTER SECRETARY

Now that we've finished the last of our Thanksgiving leftovers there's no longer an excuse not to start getting ready for the upcoming legislative session. Spokane has offices for four senators and eight representatives in it and the session in Olympia is only a month away. We've already met with some legislators in the area but there's still time to meet with more to get Black Thursday off to a running start. The session this year is a short one so we're asking our chapter members to start outlining emails and personal stories supporting our bills in between your time spent holiday shopping. And that doesn't mean the night of the 24th!

November's meeting was a good one with several guests representing different MROs in attendance. One brought a letter to our attention from the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety (ICMS). Specifically, one part detailing the transportation legislation moving at the federal level that not only prevents the Department of Transportation from directly lobbying states to implement helmet laws but also not allowing it to get other agencies to lobby on their behalf by proxy. So no more reports from the Center for Disease Control on how being a biker is a public health risk. The other part noted that instead of wasting money on how to make crashing a motorcycle safer our tax dollars would be used instead to commission a study determining the best practices to avoid crashes in the first place. What a novel idea.

This month our chapter meeting is Tuesday, December 8th. We'll have an early sign-up sheet for members who can help run our booth at the Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show March 11-13. The agenda is open for ideas on runs to do next season and social rides that we host and other group's rides we'll be supporting. It was noted that we are technically supposed to have a business meeting and a social meeting every month. Right now we merge the two with a social after our regular meeting but wouldn't be a bad idea to formalize on our event calendar a social ride or supporting another one already planned in place of each month.

Finally our chapter reports to state are finished and up to date. If you don't have a current copy of our State and Chapter ByLaws & Policies then make sure your email is current on our member list. Our information packet for new members is almost finished and will be emailed to all current members sometime in December.

That about sums it up for now. As always, give a wave when we see you on the road! ◇

## Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

Well where to start?? Several members rode and drove out to New Hope Farms to present Duane (The Harley Dude) with his new membership and vest with the ABATE patch and a hat. He was so excited and expressive about it all...as the picture shows !!! Welcome to ABATE Duane.



STEAM went very well, with several people expressing their ideas for next year's event. A big shout out to my sister Barb Culpepper for all her help and the Kittitas Chapter for hosting again!!!

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat went very well, our name ABATE is being very well recognized by our community, with great appreciation for what we do in our LIL town...

Our meetings are going well. We just got 3 new members to join with the possibility of another one soon. The report back from STEAM & BOD was much appreciated.

We all really like the design for next year's S.O. shirts. Congrats to Sonny Boy.

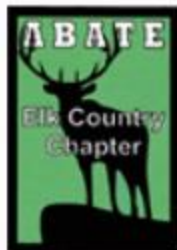
Happy Veterans Day to all the Men and Women who have and still SERVE our Country...THANK YOU

We hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and time to enjoy with loved ones, I know we did... ◇





**ABATE of Washington**  
**Elk Country Chapter**  
**PRESENTS**



# **Christmas Scholarship Pot Luck & Auction**

**Dec. 6th, 2015**

**Morton Moose Lodge  
102 Main St, Morton, WA  
1:00 PM**

There will be a “blind” auction of some items labeled “Man”, “Woman”, or “Both”. After that fun, there will be an open auction of donated goods. The proceeds will go into a scholarship fund for one student from Morton, White Pass, and Mossyrock High Schools. Come help us help the future of three local students, and experience the fun while you do it.

**DONATED ITEMS ACCEPTED**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
**[elkcountryabate@yahoo.com](mailto:elkcountryabate@yahoo.com)**



ABATE of Washington North Kitsap Chapter

# Toy Run

Saturday December 12th 2015

To Benefit the Children of  
Harrison Medical Center  
in Silverdale and it's ER Clinics



Drop off your New, unwrapped toy at participating locations through Dec.12th.  
This year we have divided our Ride. Please join us on either. Both starting  
locations can serve breakfast so come early. Safety Briefing at 10:15.  
Kick stands up at 10:30 Follow ABATE to participating locations.



Brothers Powersports, Kitsap Mall and South Pacific Sports Bar,  
will be picked up prior to run.

## South

The Hideaway in Belfair, Manchester Pub, Red Dog Saloon, Wig Wam Pub,  
Cliffs Cycle Center, Putters at Rolling Hills.

## North

The Garage Bar& Grill, 19th Hole, Cash Brewing Co., Our Place Pub & Eatery,  
Tracyton Public House, A&C Sports Bar, Cloverleaf Sports Bar,  
Putters at Rolling Hills.



Both Groups will meet at Putters. Briefing at 3:00

Escorted to Harrison as one group, arriving at approx. 3:30

Question? leave message:  
Jim McVey 360 340-2228  
Varners 360 307-9736



Toys are picked up at each locale  
and unloaded at Harrison and  
placed under the tree.



## Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

Well the holiday season is quickly coming on to us. It is a good time of the year for us in the Spanaway chapter. We have lots of things planned.

Our Toasty Toes program is almost in full swing. We have donation barrels and boxes spread around at different businesses. This is our fourth year of doing this. Last year we gathered 1,242 pairs of new socks for the needy and donated them to BASH. We also are getting our toy donation boxes ready to put out at the same businesses. We keep some for our adopted safe homes we have supported for two years and the rest we support the Tacoma ABATE chapter with their Toy drive for the YWCA. Also our Amber Sullivan does a warm clothes drive to help the homeless keep warm during the winter months.

I think our STEAM went well this year, we had 12 chapter members present. I hope they all came away from it with more knowledge of how ABATE operates. Hats off to the Kittitas county chapter, they did a great job with the food for the two days.

We said goodbye to our Brother John Kunecke on October 30th at his celebration of life. About 70 friends gathered, told stories and reminisced about John. He was a big part of our chapter and will be dearly missed. GBNF.

Our combined Halloween party with our Brothers and Sisters in the Tacoma chapter was another big success. There were some great costumes, the music was good and the food was outstanding. Can't wait to do it again.

We started sending out emails at the first of the month with everything listed on it so everyone including members who don't attend the meetings will know what we are doing each month. I suggest they print it out and post it somewhere so they can view it from time to time.

By the time this comes out we will of had our Bloody Mary ride to the Garage Bar and Grill in Bremerton – it is always a fun time. I hope you were with us.

That's about all for now. I hope to see you all out there sometime. Till then ride safe and be friendly. ◇

*A toast to our last brother John K*



## North Kitsap Chapter

From **LISA BUTLER, CHAPTER PR/NEWSLETTER**

It's Toy Run Time!! Well, almost... Our first Wing Ding on Nov 5th was a HUGE success! The Garage Bar and Grill is always there to support us as well as The Drive. Whenever we need music for an event, they are there for us. We are very fortunate to have such a supporting community. Each year we have more and more businesses donating raffle prizes for the Wing Dings as well as sponsoring Toy Barrels. We took in over \$2600 between the raffle and auctions. The next one at the Hide Away should do just as well.

Our Toy Run is Saturday, Dec 12th (so no excuse about missing a football game) Again we will start at two separate locations. The south run starts at The HideAway in Belfair and the north run starts at The Garage Bar Grill. Both runs will meet up at Putters Green in East Bremerton and proceed to the hospital in one large group. See flier for more details. The wet season is upon us and Kitsap County has already lost one rider, so be safe out there. Keep the sticky side down and see you at the Toy Run on the 12th! ◇

*Rock and Libbie at Spanaway/Tacoma Halloween Party*







## South King County Chapter

From "JOHNNY LOVE" LAWSON, COORDINATOR

The 50th Annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade was a great success and well attended by ABATE. Thanks to SKCC, EPCC, Key Peninsula, Tacoma and others for attending this event to honor our vets. Mark, the flag was spectacular. Good job.



Our next event will be the chapter Christmas Party on Monday, December 14th at 6:30PM at the Longhorn BBQ in Auburn. There will be a gift exchange for those who want to participate (\$20 and under). The chapter picture for our web site will be taken at this event. Come mix and mingle with your fellow chapter members. Location is family friendly.

The roads are getting slippery with many leaves and debris from high winds. Ride with great care, caution and keep the speed manageable. Have a very Merry Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year !! ◇



## Tacoma Chapter

From STEVE "BOXMAN" CARLSBERG, COORDINATOR

The Tacoma Chapter Toy Run is right around the corner. We are excited to host it again this year and we hope for a large participation of the motorcycle community like we had last year – our most successful toy run in our Chapter's 37 year history.

The Toy Run is our main emphasis during the Christmas Holiday Season, and this year we are adding an optional stop to the Orchard Park Health Care Center in Tacoma. We are calling it "Santa for Seniors." At our November meeting the overwhelming consensus was that we can continue to make our Toy Run a success for the Women's Shelter as well meeting some of the needs of our senior citizens during the holidays. Look for our flyer in this newsletter and gift ideas on our website at [TacomaAbate.org](http://TacomaAbate.org). Happy Holidays! ◇

## Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

Wow, today is 11-11-15, just 3 more years and WWI will be over for 100 yrs. When I was 10-13, we spent time in France as my dear ol' dad was in the USAF. I got to walk through the train car where WWI was put to rest, wow what an honor. Today you walk by the car and look down into it. Ironic when we pass through or partake in history. So Black Thursday is one of those days. Hope you can say you were there and helped – even if it was just to support, all help is welcome.

Guess it's Toy Run time, oops, Christmas time, where we do something for those who need. I only use the "holiday season" to include all of the holidays, for those who know me know I'm not "PC" (in your wildest dreams). That does not mean that I don't care – I just say what gets stuck in my head and it has to come out. Happy turkey day and get ready for the fat man to slide down the chimney.

Trust I'll see ya down the road. ◇



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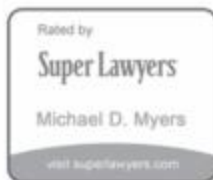


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### Congress Buys More Time to Pass Highway Bill

NOVEMBER 21, 2015—In an effort to allow more time to pass a long-term highway bill, Congress has passed an extension that allows for more negotiation time for this important piece of legislation. The extension, signed by President Obama via autopen on Friday, November 20, renews the government's authority to keep highway and transit funding flowing to states through December 4 and gives Congress until then to iron out any differences in the long-term spending bill.

As previously reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the highway bill contains key issues of vital concern to motorcyclists. First, the bill ends the federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints. It re-convenes the National Motorcycle Advisory Council (NMAC), a group that advises the Secretary of Transportation on how infrastructure issues affect motorcyclists. It maintains the ban that prohibits the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from lobbying states to pass mandatory helmet legislation, and it allows for funding of a study to determine the best ways to prevent motorcycle crashes.

Both the House and Senate have already passed separate versions of the bill. The House version calls for spending \$261 billion on highways and \$55 billion on transit over six years, but only if Congress can find a way to pay for the final three years. In contrast, the Senate's version contains only three years of funding, with the extra three years as conditional.

In order to maximize funding for roads and transit projects, transportation groups and some lawmakers are urging the highway bill's conference committee to allow for more money over fewer years.

"As you begin conference negotiations to reconcile House and Senate proposals for a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization bill," wrote a group of 26 senators in a letter to members of the conference committee, "we urge you to consider the urgent need for an increase in infrastructure investment around the country, and report a final proposal that can best address these needs by maximizing annual investment levels for all surface transportation programs over a shorter authorization period."

The MRF will keep you apprised of developments as the conference committee continues its work on the highway bill. #

### United States House of Representatives Transportation Committee Passes Long Term Highway Legislation

OCTOBER, 2015—The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to report that the US House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has passed a six-year highway bill. The bill, H.R. 3763, otherwise known as the Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act (STRRA) of 2015, was passed unanimously by the committee chaired by Representative Bill Schuster (R-PA).

The bill contains a few provisions near and dear to the motorcyclists of America. Most importantly, it ends the federal funding of the highly unpopular motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. "Ending the checkpoints was, and is, 'Priority Number One' for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation," said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF. "We are knocking on the doorstep of accomplishing this because similar language is already in the Senate highway bill."

Additionally, the bill re-launches the much-needed Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (FMAC). The FMAC was initially set up under a previous highway bill and served the country well, but because of some bureaucratic red tape the council was done away with. This bill revives the FMAC for the purpose of developing recommendations to the sitting Secretary of Transportation on all things regarding motorcycles and motorcycle-related infrastructure. Lastly, H.R. 3763 commissions a study to be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences on the best practices for preventing motorcycle crashes. While it will be a while before the study is begun and the results analyzed, it will be very significant as it will be the first study ever that is totally about crash prevention and not about helmets.

"This bill improves the everyday lives of motorcyclists in a very profound way," added Hennie. "Living in a world where we can be pulled over for just riding a motorcycle has been an unacceptable practice. Ending those unwarranted stops has been the focal point of the MRF legislative agenda since they began, and we thank the Congress for hearing our demands and serving justice." #



## Annual Report from your State Coordinator

By LYLE COYLE

Hi everyone,

This is a year in review for ABATE of Washington. As we always do we start the year with Black Thursday where we do our best to get support for our bills from our legislators. This year we added a new bill with the lane sharing AKA lane splitting and revisited our helmet bill which, if I have anything to say about it, we will fight for as long as it takes. This was Brian Lange's first year as our LAO and for being his first year, I think he did a good job and I think he will do even better in his second year. Of course we had a lot of help from ABATE membership, the COC, US Defenders, and Independent motorcyclists from across this state.

With our swap meets we always have a fairly profitable Spring Swap Meet but our Fall Swap Meet has struggled these last few years so we ended up eliminating the fall swap meet. Not to say we will never have another, but for now we will just stay with the Spring Swap Meet.

Our Spring Opener seems to be growing with Jimmy George always trying to do one better than the last. I believe he has been succeeding at it. This last year along with the bike raffle for the 2015 Street Glide Special which was won by Jean Santee of Vancouver, we also raffled off a certificate for a pair of 45's which was won by John Cook from Mineral. The Spring Opener is an excellent way for everyone to support ABATE of Washington and have a good time doing it, so I hope to see everyone there again in 2016.

In October each year we always have STEAM where we get together and try to learn new things that will help our organization grow and prosper. This is the time when everyone can learn what criteria is expected from people who step up to hold a chapter or state position. We try to go over all aspects in the structure of ABATE where people can ask questions and get answers to problems they might have. If you have not been to STEAM, please try and make next years, it can only help.

One of the things I put out to the membership last year was for everyone not only to renew their membership but to try and get at least one new member to sign up. This didn't exactly happen so I am asking again that we sign up more members. Let's hit that 2000 mark for the good of ABATE of Washington. What's good for ABATE is good for the motorcycle community as a whole. ◇

## *In Remembrance*

Brothers and sisters lost in 2015 but not forgotten

- William "Wild Bill" Hay, Renton Independent
- Bob Farris, Jul 1973 – Jul 2015, South King County Chapter
- Michael "Redryder" Westmoreland, Jul 1949 – Aug 2015, South King County Chapter
- Irish McKinney, Nov 1950 – Aug 2015, Rat City Chapter
- Greg Metzger, May 1974 – Sep 2015, North Snohomish County Chapter
- John Alan Kunecke, – Sep 2015, Spanaway Chapter
- Michelle Hobelman, – Nov 2015, Sky Valley Chapter



## 2015 Membership Anniversary Milestones

Please congratulate the following members\* who celebrated a milestone anniversary of either 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 or 35 years in 2015.

### 10 Years (joined 2005)

Shelli Ackerman  
 Mark L Alexander  
 Dan Barker  
 Terry Barker  
 Mic Cain  
 Lesta Campbell  
 Donald Carter  
 Carl Evanson  
 Richard D Fike  
 Pete Fox  
 Karen Hansen  
 Cindy Harris  
 Jerry W Johnson  
 Kenneth A Jones  
 Sharon Lott  
 Niclyn Meyer  
 Wayne Mugartegui  
 Kathy L Reeves  
 Tony Rendina  
 Senator Tim Sheldon  
 Leon 'Lee' Spaeth  
 Paul St. Cyr  
 Dan Sutton  
 Michael Valentine  
 Renee Valentine  
 Derek VanSpoor  
 Bree Walker  
 Holly White  
 Rex B Wolff

### 15 Years (joined 2000)

Ted Bjork  
 Mark Boni  
 Gary Campisi  
 'KC' Carmean  
 Paul J Carmean  
 Victor B Cauffman  
 Bob Edmons  
 S.L.B. Garrett  
 Nayland C Harris Jr  
 Walter 'Uncle Butch' Harrison  
 Linda Holm  
 Dan Kaye  
 Erich L Kecht  
 Larry Koehler  
 Jerry 'Sonny Boy' LaCrosse  
 Gary Moore  
 Mark Pearce  
 Jim H.D. Stull  
 Forrest Stutesman  
 Doug Tetz  
 Shannon Tetz  
 Jerry Wagner  
 Lisa Weidencamp  
 Kim R Williams  
 Paul 'Big Red' Wilson

### 20 Years (joined 1995)

Mike Campeau  
 Jay Frazier  
 John 'Roadmap' Fruehling  
 Jim Gallagher  
 Suzanne R Garant  
 Will Hansen  
 Patrick M Johnson  
 Beryl Kelley  
 David Mann  
 Lenny Pletsch  
 Randy Ward  
 Jim Wihlborg

### 25 Years (joined 1990)

Gordon 'Greek' Argus  
 Jeff Benchley  
 John R Frender  
 James M Harris  
 Tim Sedgwick  
 Todd Snyder

### 30 years (joined 1985)

Rick Barclay  
 Dave 'Ace' Blume  
 Scott Ferris  
 Cousin Bob Matthews  
 Jack 'FlapJack' Reeves

### 35 years (joined 1980)

Doc Covington  
 "Mongrol Mike" Kratcha  
 Steve Levold  
 Russ 'Astro' Orr  
 David 'Buckshot' Stilwell

*\*Dues current as of Nov. 15. Lapsed memberships are not shown.*

## Largest chapters (Top 5)

(as of November 15, 2015)

1. Spanaway—180 members
2. Tacoma—139 members
3. Lewis County—88 members
4. East Pierce County—80 members
5. Mason County—62 members



Tacoma Chapter ABATE of Washington PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

Benefiting the YWCA Women's Shelter



# Toy Run

Starts at Uncle Sam's  
16003 Pacific Ave  
Spanaway, WA 98387

Saturday

December 12, 2015

Breakfast 9:30am  
Kick Stands Up 11:00am

Immediately following the Toy Run

*Santa for Seniors Ride*

Orchard Park Health Care Center  
4755 South 48th Street  
Tacoma WA 98409

For a list of ideas of what to donate, visit our website: <http://www.tacomaabate.org/toy-run.html>

## SATURDAY, DEC 5TH, 2015

\$10 Single  
\$15 Couple  
Or 1-2 New  
Unwrapped Toys

Gates open 10am  
Motorcycle Only  
Parade through  
Downtown Olympia  
Kickstands up @ 1pm

I-5 - Exit 108  
SEARS PARKING LOT  
South Sound Center  
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# ABATE OF WASHINGTON

## Spring Opener Sponsorship Program

Dear Sir/Madam:

ABATE of Washington and its Members would like to invite you to participate in our 38th Annual ABATE of Washington Spring Opener 2016. The program is a multi-tiered Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorship program which allows you the opportunity to participate at any level. Your generous support for this event may be renewed annually if you later wish to continue your valued sponsorship of this non-profit organization.

ABATE has many chapters throughout the state of Washington. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to the freedom of the road. Our goal is to work for and to sponsor sensible motorcycle legislation and to support and promote motorcycle safety, education and public awareness. We actively communicate with our legislators in seeking ways that affect the safe operation of motorcycles on our roads as well as limiting/eliminating unnecessary legislation.

ABATE is a statewide organization. Each chapter conducts business according to the guidelines established by the state board of directors. The state board is made up of one elected representative from each chapter and state officers who are elected from the general membership. State board and chapter meetings are open to the general membership and to the public. Members may be independent if chapter affiliation is not desired.

ABATE of Washington members are actively involved in communities donating time, materials and money to many charitable organizations, causes and civic activities. We raise funds and bring awareness to recipients such as the White Center Food Bank, Second Harvest Food Bank of Inland Northwest, Valley Cities Counseling, Tri-Cities Coat Drive, Bikers Fighting Statewide Hunger (BASH), Harmony Hill Retreat Center, Toys for Tots, Foster Resource Center, Fisher House, Cystic Fibrosis, the Salvation Army, Washington State Soldiers Home, YWCA Women's Shelter, senior centers, student scholarships and many other charities and organizations throughout Washington state.

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#### Platinum Level – \$2,500 and above:

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4. A one-year subscription to the ABATE of Washington Freedom newsletter with 20 copies
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### January

- 1 *Tacoma* **Start the New Year Off Right**
- 16 *ABATE of Washington* **BOD (Spanaway host)**
- 21 *ABATE of Washington* **Black Thursday**
- 23 *South King County* **Outta Control Night**
- 23 *Spanaway* **Chili Cookoff**

### February

- 13 *Tacoma* **Anniversary & Valentines Party**
- 20 *Spanaway* **Soup Challenge & Auction**

### March

- 11–13 *Inland Empire* **Motorcycle Show**
- 12 *South King County* **Luck of the Biker Run**
- 19 *East Pierce County* **Bunny Run**
- 19 *Spanaway* **Wing Ding**
- 20 *ABATE of Washington* **Spring Swap Meet – Monroe**

### April

- 9 *Olympia* **Bike Blessing**
- 16 *East Pierce County* **Support the Supporters Run**
- 16 *Pacific County* **Pig Out Run**
- 16 *Spanaway* **John Kunecke Memorial Run**
- 16 *Tri Cities* **Liberty Run**
- 16 *Key Peninsula* **Spring Swap Meet**
- 23 *ABATE of Washington* **BOD (Tacoma host)**
- TBD *North Kitsap* **Scavenger Hunt**

### May

- 1 *Kittitas County* **Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show**
- 7 *Key Peninsula* **Chapter Poker Run**
- 7 *Tacoma* **Roll 'Em Out**
- 14 *Pacific County* **101 Run**
- 14 *South King County* **Jim Adams Memorial Ride**
- 15 *Elk Country* **10th Annual Mt St Helens Memorial Run**
- 15 *Sky Valley* **Classic & Antique Motorcycle Show Snohomish**
- 21 *Spanaway* **Fun Run**
- 21 *East Pierce County* **Mystery Run**

### June

- 11 *Elk Country* **8th Annual Dan George Memorial Run**
- 18 *Elk Country* **Relay for Life**
- 23–26 *ABATE of Washington* **Spring Opener**
- 24 *Spanaway* **Spring Opener Poker Run**

### July

- 3 *Key Peninsula* **Ride Around the Canal**
- 8–10 *East Pierce County* **Independence Run**
- 9–10 *Elk Country* **3rd Annual Chapters Run**
- 16 *South King County* **Round the Mountain**
- 16 *Spanaway* **Rock & Libbies Campout & Birthday Bash**
- 23 *ABATE of Washington* **BOD (Columbia River host)**

### August

- 26–28 *East Pierce County* **Teddy Bear Run & Campout**
- 26–28 *North Kitsap* **Safety & Education Rodeo**
- 27 *Key Peninsula* **Brewery Run**

### September

- 3 *Tacoma* **Lost Brothers & Sisters Memorial Ride**
- 4 *Elk Country* **Three Pass Run**
- 11 *Tri Cities* **Red Bandana Run**
- 17 *Pacific County* **Fall Run**
- 17 *Key Peninsula* **Fall Swap Meet**

### October

- 22–23 *ABATE of Washington* **STEAM and BOD (Kittitas host)**
- 29 *Tacoma/Spanaway* **Halloween Party**
- TBD *Inland Empire* **Second Harvest Benefit Run**

### November

- 5 *North Kitsap* **Wing Ding**
- 12 *Tacoma* **Tattered Flag**
- 12 *Tri Cities* **Coats for Kids**
- 19 *North Kitsap* **Wing Ding**

### December

- 10 *Tacoma* **Toy Run**

*Note: Dates are subject to change. This planner does not list all 2016 ABATE of Washington events. Thank you to the chapters and individuals who submitted information. Be sure to check the newsletter monthly for updates in the Rides and Events section and the website at [abate-wa.org](http://abate-wa.org).*





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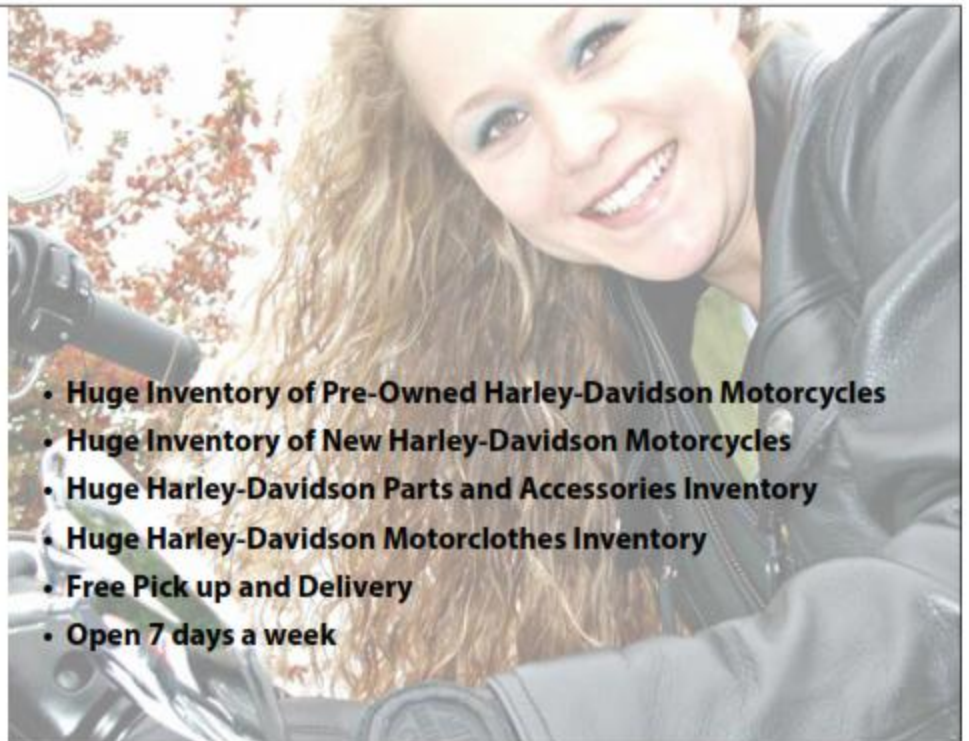
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