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October 2021 Updates

State Coordinator's Report

MEMBERS,

Had a bad experience with the COVID sickest I have ever been in my life . Please be careful out there and prayers for anyone who gets this awful bug. The Oct. swap meet failed to get the vendors to pay for the building. We could not spend ABATE money to pay for the event--normally the vendor fees cover the cost of the buildings. March 27th will be our regularly scheduled event. Come out and support this event.

The chapter runs that overlap other chapters' events will always be a problem. Try to be mindful of what others are doing and when. It's crazy we only get x amount of weekends with summer each year. The existing Chapters have long ago established runs. The problem is nobody shows up because they are starting new events. People just don't know when the other chapters are planning events are. The website calendar needs to have current info--this is a work in progress. We have plans to remedy this, but it just takes time.

STEAM is fast approaching. We will be back in Ellensburg we will have a flyer soon and will send it out to members. Try to attend if you are a new chapter officer--there's lots of good info, and of course the B.O.D. is the following day.

Grays Harbor and Spokane chapters are rebounding and coming along very well. The next Chapters that need support are Kittitas and Olympia--from the info we are getting at the ECOM meeting they are having a tough time. Support them if you can.

Get out and ride! The riding season is coming to an end.

SCOTT ROBINSON

STATE COORDINATOR

ABATE OF WASHINGTON

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

37th Annual Meeting of the Minds



WHAT PRICE FREEDOM? YOUR MOTORCYCLE?

What's the price tag you'd put on freedom? Your motorcycle? Your rights? Your lifestyle?

What's the price tag you'd put on motorcycling? Outlaw certain models? It's been tried.

What's the price tag you'd put on riding anywhere you choose? Days of the week? Certain hours of the day? There are public roads in the United States where motorcycles are banned.

Would you invest a weekend of your time to strengthen your knowledge on how to protect your motorcycle, your rights, and your lifestyle? That's what the Meeting of the Minds is all about. Since when is one weekend of your time not worth the price to help protect a lifetime of riding?

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Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2021

This week, the Senate Senators Richard Burr (R-NC), Jon Tester (D-MT), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Joe Manchin (D-WV) reintroduced the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act of 2021. The bill ensures that racing enthusiasts continue to have the ability to convert motor vehicles into vehicles used solely for competition. This bill also clarifies that it is legal under federal law to manufacture, sell, distribute, and install race parts that modify the emissions system of a motor vehicle that is used solely for racing.

An important component of S. 2736 is that it helps protect the aftermarket parts industry. A robust and thriving aftermarket parts industry is vital to the motorcyclist community. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is part of a broad collaboration of groups working together in D.C. on this topic.

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Safety & Education



Cold But Fair Weather

As the weather gets more “seasonal” many folks will be placing their bikes in a less active operational status. They’re not fully stored for the season, but they may sit idle for more extended amounts of time. This is the time to look at tossing the bike on a battery tender between excursions so that there are no rude surprises when you roll the bike out of the shed to head out. A dead battery on a cold day can really screw up your karma. (I’ve done the field testing here. 😊)

“Texas” Larry Walker is an nationally certified Rider Coach for novice, intermediate, and advanced training. He is the Senior Instructor for Navy Region Northwest, a long time motorcyclist rights advocate, with well over 40 years of riding experience.

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Legislative Report

As I write this, I just received word that the Legislative buildings are beginning to open-up in Olympia. People are allowed to go inside, in small groups, and wearing masks. It’s a good first step, if on that should have been made months ago. How this will affect ABATE’s efforts at the Capitol remain to be seen. We are still moving ahead with the assumption that 2022’s “Black Friday” (Friday, Jan. 21 st , 2022) will go ahead as normal. But I think we all know what happens when you “ass-u-me” anything. We are still focused on pushing the lane-sharing bill during the upcoming session. Due to the time constraints, work is in progress on a possible senate companion bill that may help move things along. Our plans for this bill depend on a Senator who is running for office in King County to not be elected so that he will be in his Senate seat when the session starts in January. Since he is a rider of a vintage air-cooled motorcycle he knows the benefits of lane-sharing and is willing to work the bill in the Senate. If he does when the election, ABATE will turn to other possible sponsors in the Senate as well.

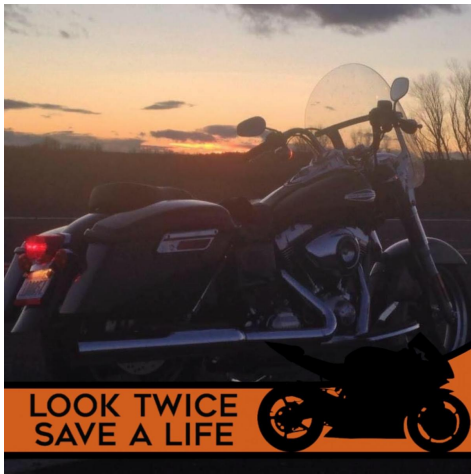
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Public Relations

Hello everyone! As we come into a new year, I welcome any new appointed officers and I appreciate those who continue to represent their Chapters. This is a great time to start planning your next years events and forming event committee’s in your Chapters. Also Black Thursday will be held on Friday so we encourage people to pencil that date in and if possible take the day off to come support this State events.

Safe travels everyone!

Susan “Stars” Carson
Public Relations ABATE of WA



NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

NCOM CONVENTION PUTS THE HEART IN AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

Hundreds of biker's rights activists from across the country gathered in America's Heartland to discuss strategies and hear status updates regarding key issues of importance to all concerned motorcyclists, as the NCOM Convention convened July 23-25, 2021 at the Holiday Inn - Airport in Des Moines, Iowa for a weekend of learning, sharing and camaraderie. From First Aid to traffic stops, this year's NCOM Convention addressed legal, legislative and lifesaving topics, including a featured presentation on "The Demise of Gas-Powered Vehicles" by the NCOM Legislative Task Force that explored existential threats to our sport and lifestyle.

Other informative seminars included "Insurance Law and the Big Fight" during the A.I.M. Attorney Conference along with a "Biker's View of the Law" talk by NCOM Public Relations Liaison Bill Bish, and "Protect Your Privacy & Probable Cause" by A.I.M. Attorney Joey Lester.

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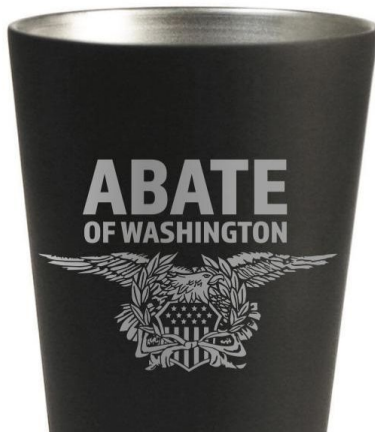
Products



We received our black pullover hoodie sweatshirts with the large colored logo on the back instead of the front. Like our others, they are nice, thick sweatshirts – great for layering in the upcoming cooler weather. On the hoodies, the pullovers are \$55 and the zip-ups are \$58.

We also have our new Gaiters and Pint size cups. I couldn't get the Gaiters in black or even dark blue so unless I wanted all neon orange or pink or something like that, this lighter blue was the best choice.

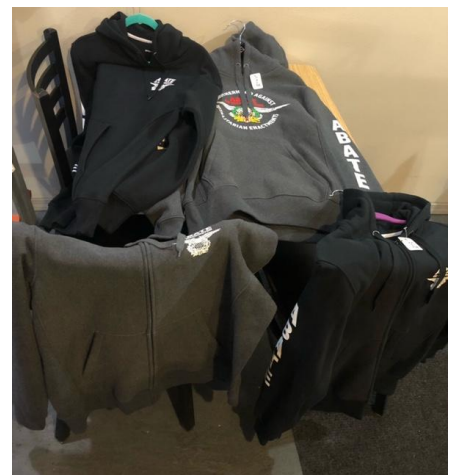
Chad and I bought a few and used them on our recent ride in support of Star Lake Chapter's fundraiser for Hope Sparks and they worked great. They worked well as a mask when needed and as someone pointed out they are legal on public transportation if you fold them over. The Gaiter's are \$7.00



We received the Men's t-shirts in white with the logo on the front & red lettering in the circle for a pop of color. The back reads 'LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE'. The women's have a scoop neck, same logo change as the men's style and on the back reads 'LIVE LOVE RIDE'. I ordered these at the height of our hot weather and wanted tank tops, but the vendor couldn't find any.

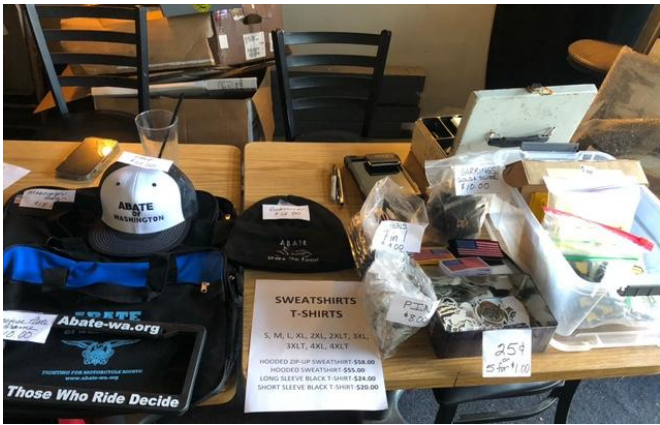
They are a lighter material, so great for hot weather and for layering in cold. Like our other short sleeve shirts, they are \$20. The t-shirts and sweatshirts have been selling like hot cakes, so I have been out of several sizes lately. I am waiting on a new order, which should arrive by the printing of this so if I was out of your size before, please let me know and we can get you set up.

The cups are stainless black powdered double walled pint cups with our logo in silver that come with a black silicone lid. I'm not sure if we use ours more for coffee or cold beer but they work well either way...hot or cold. The price on the cups is \$14.00. We'll have black matte flasks coming soon with our logo in white. Those are a nice 8oz size.



Black stainless steel ABATE Of Washington Flask. \$14.00

Selection of Black and Grey Sweatshirts.



ABATE swag at The Gorge for the chilly nights.



Key Pen Brewery Run and Mini-Mall Pics.

ITEM	SALES PRICE
Bag - Messenger	\$ 18.00
Charger - for phones etc	\$ 24.00
Cups - Pint	\$ 14.00
Earrings	\$ 8.00
Flask	\$ 15.00
Frame - Auto	\$ 10.00
Frame - Motorcycle	\$ 10.00
Galiter	\$ 7.00
Hat - Ballcap	\$ 12.00
Hat - Beanies - Lined	\$ 15.00
Hat - Beanies - Unlined	\$ 12.00
Patch - Flag	\$ 8.50
Patch - Membership - 10x5.5	\$ 25.00
Patch - Membership - 14.4x8.4	\$ 35.00
Patch - Membership - 5x3	\$ 9.00
Patch - Position	\$ 5.00
Pen - 7 in 1	\$ 4.00
Pin - Eagle	\$ 10.00
Shirts - Dickies	\$ 25.00
Shirts - Long Sleeve - Bk	\$ 24.00
Shirts - Short Sleeve - Bk	\$ 20.00
Shirts - White - Mens	\$ 20.00
Shirts - White - Womens	\$ 20.00
STR Sign - Aluminum	\$ 20.00
STR Stickers 2x2	\$ 1.00
STR Stickers 6x6	\$ 6.00
STR Yard Sign - 12"	\$ 6.00
Sweatshirts - Pullover - Bk	
Large Logo on BACK	\$ 55.00
Sweatshirts - Pullover - Bk	
Large Logo on FRONT	\$ 55.00
Sweatshirts - Pullover - Grey	\$ 55.00
Sweatshirts - Zip - Bk	\$ 58.00
Sweatshirts - Zip - Grey	\$ 58.00



As you most likely heard, the annual Swap Meet has been canceled. Anything your Chapters can do to help move the products that were ordered in anticipation of it would be appreciated. I am set up better now for mailing and if your Chapter would like Chad and I to attend with the mini-mall please reach out to me via email: products@abate-wa.org or FB message and we'll see if we can match up our schedules.

We recently set up the mini-mall at our Chapter's annual Brewery run and did really well. Sold out of some sizes even. We also attended EPCC's Chapter meeting with products this month and have one scheduled in October with SKCC. As always, I appreciate all suggestions and if there is anything you would like to see us carry let me know and I'll see what we can do. I have learned thus far that satisfying everyone's tastes in item, design and quality is simply not something we can financially afford to do but we do try.



As always, be safe out there.

Cheryl Holtquist
Products Coordinator

Email For Products

Upcoming Events & Runs



3rd Annual **RAT CITY SALMON RUN** 2021



Saturday October 9th
Follow the Salmon with Rat City

Join us on a journey over the rivers and through the woods along the
Green River - Snoqualmie River - Cedar River

Starting Point: Elmer's Bar & Grill
Breakfast available - open at 9:00 a.m.
Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.
Kick Stands Up at 10:30 a.m.

Start: *Elmer's Bar & Grill* - 15027 Ambaum Blvd. SW, Burien
Stops: *Log Cabin Pub* - Sumner (-11:15-12:00)
City Hall Saloon - Cumberland (-12:45-2:00) Lunch Stop
The Last Frontier Saloon - Fall City (-2:45-3:30)
End: *Red Dog Saloon* - Maple Valley (-4:15-7)

Proceeds to Rat City Chapter Downed Rider Fund

\$10 donation per person
Poker - 50/50 - Door Prize
Win a Smoked Salmon!

www.ratcityabate.com



Rat City Salmon Run 2021



ABATE CHAPTERS of **SPANAWAY & TACOMA**
2021 **HALLOWEEN**
COSTUME PARTY POT BYOB
LUCK!

Saturday
October 30th
6PM

Auction!
\$10/Person \$15/Couple
Keg Beer included!

LIVE MUSIC **ROCKTIDE**
facebook.com/rocktide

American Legion Hall - 11204 Park Ave S,
Tacoma, WA

Spanaway & Tacoma Halloween Party

OCTOBER SWAP MEET CANCELLATION NOTICE



CANCELLED: October Swap Meet

ABATE OF WASHINGTON PRESENTS

STEAM 2021 & BOD MEETING

OCTOBER 16-17, 2021

RED LION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
1700 S. CANYON ROAD
ELLENSBURG, WA 98926

SATURDAY	SUNDAY
11 am STEAM (Seminar to Educate and Motivate) (Snacks available)	10 am ABATE of Washington Board of Directors Meeting
6 pm Dinner and Awards Presentation (Dinner provided by State for Chapter positions named below)	
ROOM RESERVATIONS Call Red Lion Hotel (509) 925-9800 ABATE rate \$84+tax : Std Queen, King, or Two Double Beds HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: State will reimburse with receipt UP TO TWO ROOMS PER CHAPTER based on double officer occupancy for these chapter positions: Chapter Coordinator, Chapter Deputy Coordinator, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, and Chapter LAO (one Chapter LAO per 150 chapter members). Reimbursement available on Sunday. Other chapter officers and members are invited and encouraged to attend at their own expense.	
CONTACT JIM AT JMCVE4@WAVECABLE.COM OR (360) 340-2228	

STEAM 2021

Chapter Reports



Pacific County

Pacific County Chapter had a busy September! We had our Labor Day Membership Drive BBQ. A good time was had by all, and in addition to good food including salmon and a roast pig we welcome new member Rob (Karaoke King). Tony and Holly led a run to the Shoalwater Casino, and at least one member came back with way more than he showed up with!

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Sky Valley

Greetings from Sky Valley chapter in Snohomish! We just completed our officers' elections for the coming year. Rod Hobelman will be continuing as Coordinator. (I'm not sure but I think this is something like 107 years in a row that RedDog been running this chapter!) Vic Erickson will also stay in the position of Deputy Coordinator, Janet Hobelman as Treasurer and The An0ma!y as Secretary.

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Spanaway

Well Spanaway has a few things going on. By the time you read this we will have completed our first annual Billy De Casino Run. While I write this the weather says it will be wet. Update will happen at the next newsletter but I hope it's not wet-wet. We plan on doing a Billy De Casino ride every year and we will look to do it in August in the future.

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Tri Cities

Hi everybody, Let's keep this good Fall weather going. I'm impressed with all the rides being organized, east of the Cascades.

I'm happy to say the elections for the Tri City chapter, have been completed. Ada remains my Deputy Coordinator, and Massey will become the Sec./Treasurer, vacated by Lynn.

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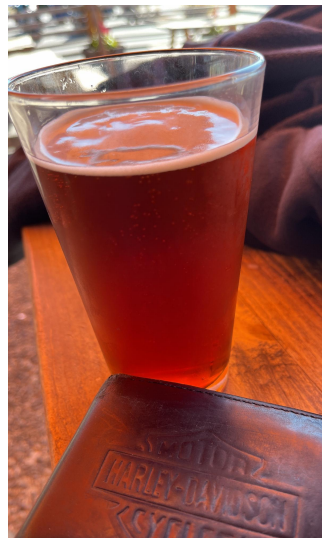


Key Peninsula

Greetings from the 'Pen!

Still rolling strong through a good summer of riding both solo and with friends. That's a good thing friends, it really is considering the times. Chapter members have been active this last month. Several of us rode with Star Lake and supported them with their Hope Sparks run. Great cause and we always like crossing paths with those folks. They do it right!

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North Kitsap

North Kitsap ABATE has a new meeting place! Our monthly Chapter meetings will be held on the First TUESDAY of each month at the Clover Leaf Sports Bar and Grill in Bremerton. 6pm Social Hour, 7pm Call to Order. Pass the Hat and Door Prizes at every meeting! Thank you to the staff at the Clover Leaf for your support!

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Spokane

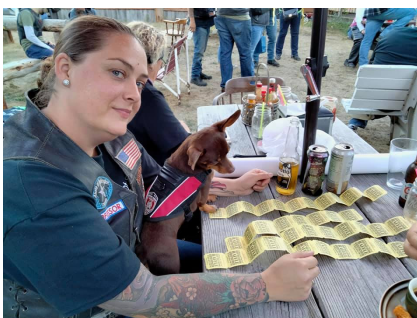
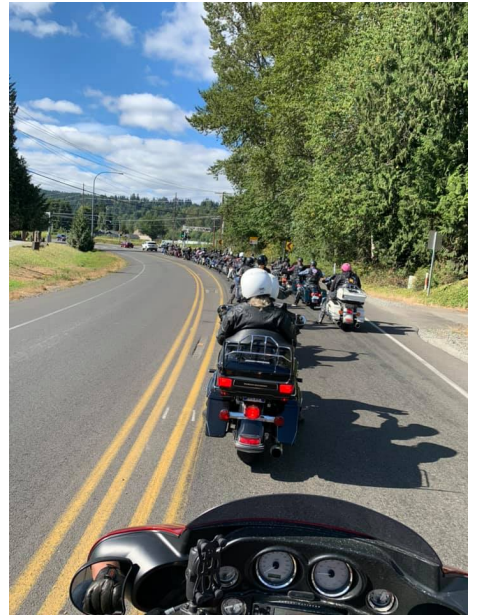
Elections are done, all positions have participants. Its good having enough people involved to fill these seats, Thank you. Septembers meeting also had special guest Scott Robinson drop in with some cool ABATE signs and good info about the upcoming STEAM in Ellensburg 10/16.

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Star Lake

We had our monthly chapter meeting September 8, 2021, at Purdy's Public House in Sumner. We briefly discussed old business and our past ride to Soap Lake "Run to the Desert" event in August, but primarily discussed the upcoming chapter benefit ride September 11th.11th. We voted in our four-chapter officers of which only one new position change for the Deputy Coordinator position. We had great weather, great ride and great people to enjoy the day for the Hope Sparks benefits event. See Photos.

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Elk Country

It is with a heavy heart that I have to report that Elk Country Chapter, and the broader motorcycle community lost an old and faithful Brother, Hippie Dave in September. Additional information will be posted on Elk Country Chapter's Facebook Group page as it becomes available.

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Grays Harbor

Greetings! Elections are over and I finally got all the duct tape off. Damn, that shit sticks to your back hair. A big shout out, and thank you to Judy for accepting the secretary position, and for doing the newsletter. Her and Ulrike will make a good team. Oh, I don't know; should I worry? They might still have tape and rope.

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Tacoma

I would like to start off this report on behalf of the Tacoma Chapter. We have sad hearts for all the loved ones we have lost this year. I don't care who you are, I know everyone reading this has lost someone you knew, loved and miss dearly. So many good memories they will always be in our thoughts and in our hearts.

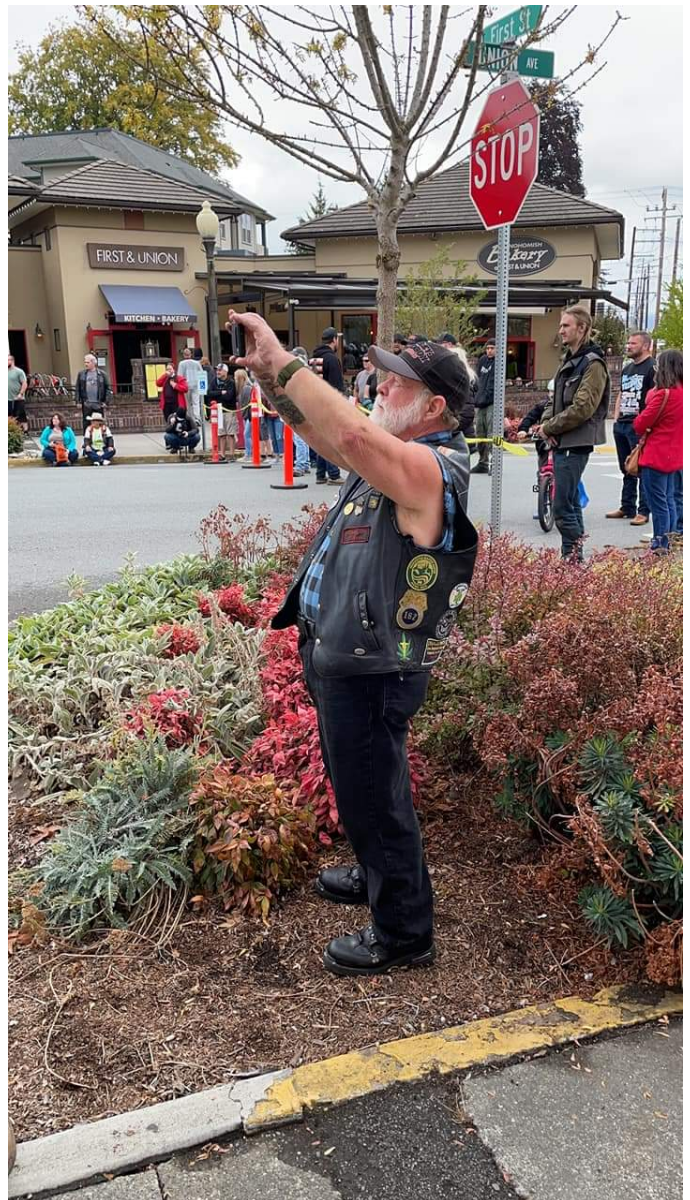
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SKCC Chapter

What a great summer we've had. Thankfully we got some riding done. Our chapter had a fun run to Sky Valley Motorcycle Show and a charity poker run to benefit Scleroderma Northwest. We rode out to the coast and back.

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Get their contact information here:

[Chapter Contacts](#)

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Resources for Bikers

Filling in the Blanks

Most people have a pretty clear memory of how they got hurt. Frequently their memories are punctuated with very specific details. "That son of a bitch looked me right in the eye before turning left." "The front door mat was a bright pastel color." "The impact made a sound just like an M-80 going off." But when you go through something traumatic, like a motorcycle wreck, the brain isn't focused on making memories—it's focused on survival. The same mechanisms that keep the brain sharp enough to escape immediate danger may also make it harder to accurately recall the event.

[Read About The Chemistry Of Memory](#)

He Passed Me Going 90 MPH

In just about every motorcycle case we have there are allegations that our client was speeding. There are a couple of important things to know about the issue of motorcycle speed. The first relates to the reliability of witness observations. The second deals with the way courts deal with favored drivers exceeding the speed limit. Witnesses are almost always wrong about motorcycle speed. It may be based on the relatively small size of motorcycles compared to other vehicles. Or it may be based on witness bias.

[Learn More About Witness Bias](#)

Public Health and Relations Crisis

The concept of public health has really expanded. It used to focus on disease. Now it includes things like gun deaths. New York's Governor recently declared a gun violence disaster emergency. This new strategy treats gun violence as a public health crisis. We have a public health crisis of our own in Washington. It

What the Jury Doesn't Hear

The evidence rules have a big impact on what the jury gets to hear (and what it doesn't get to hear). Evidence can seem a lot like an iceberg: 10 percent visible, 90 percent below the surface.

doesn't have anything to do with guns. Or COVID-19. It has to do with motorcycles.

[Learn To Play Offense](#)

A lot of the evidence rules are counter-intuitive. Here's what the jury doesn't get to hear in a personal injury case:

[Know About The Rules](#)