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*Photo this page left: Olympia Parking Strip during Black Thursday. (photo: Jack Ottaway)
 Photo opposite page: Riders in Olympia for Black Thursday. (photo: Jack Ottaway)
 Cover: Get your tickets today!. (photo: ABATE of Wa)*

First off thank you everyone that sent in all the great pictures from Black Thursday. I've included as many as I could fit this month and still have some to spare. Keep an eye out in future issues for any you don't see here.

Speaking of pictures, try and keep in mind when taking ones for your events that inserts into the reports section work best square and tall. Wide shots can only be as wide as the column and can get hard to see. I try and add those to the front pages here where they can be zoomed out but I don't always have the room for it.

Same idea to keep in mind if you submit a picture for consideration on the cover. Tall works, wide doesn't. Leave room for the header, footer and over text. I've got a blank png that is the size of the cover you can use to test pics. Send an email if you want a copy and keep sending your pics in. Rather see ABATE on the cover than some generic stock graphics from the interwebs.

We've got the first wave of run flyers in the newsletter this month along with a few additions to the calendar of events. As always if you don't see your event listed please kick an email my way and I'll add them up. And a reminder than when making your flyers please don't use copyright protected material. One flyer in this month's issue I had to pull because of that.

That's it for this month. See you in April!



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From the State Coordinator

Lyle Coyle

Well another Black Thursday is now behind us. There are so many things that went right and a few that didn't turn out as we hoped. After all of the planning and all of the work I do believe it was a success.

We were welcomed with open arms from the majority of the legislators. We even had a couple of staffers show up in the Columbia room asking if any constituents from their district were there and you know when they start looking for us I think we are on the right track. When talking with they seemed fairly receptive to our parking and enhanced penalty bills that we were running but being a short session the helmet amendment and lane sharing probably were not going anywhere. While visiting my Senator one of the first things he asked the group that came with me was who was in his district because as much as he appreciated everyone showing up he really only wanted to hear from the people that could vote for him. That

is pretty much the consensus of all of the legislators, they might not say it but that is how they feel and is the biggest reason we try to get people from every district down there, the only thing worse than not having a constituent there is someone who makes an appointment and then doesn't show up.

All of that being said we had a tremendous group that showed up to fight for motorcycle rights, I would like to thank all of the ABATE members, The COC, and all of the independents that were there. I would also like to thank Scott Robinson, Brian Lange, and all of the people that worked the event. Just a reminder for everyone to try and keep in touch with your Legislators throughout the entire year not just when they are in session.

Now onto Spring Opener, we have already made progress thanks to a lot of people who have donated their time. We have raffle tickets out there for both the motorcycles and the guns, we have the dates June 21 – 24, we have a start on the music, we are rocking and rolling. Tickets are available online and should be also available through chapter coordinators so get them now.

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Ron Scott

My name is Ron Scott and I am currently running for Ambassador at Large. I have been an Abate member for 6 years.

I was introduced to Abate by Noel Ortiz who was the Coordinator for EPCC at that time. Three months after I joined the EPCC Master Sergeant at Arms which is an elective position in that chapter had to leave. There was an election and I won holding the position of Master Sergeant at Arms for 3 years.

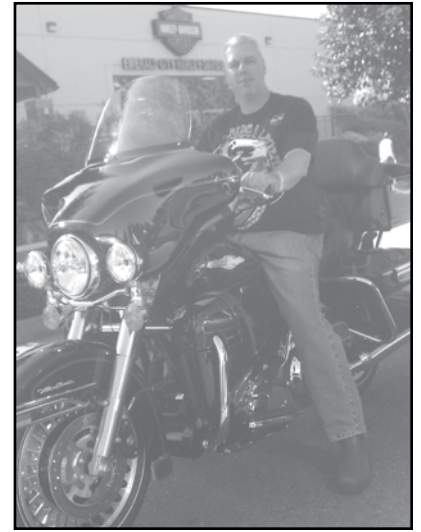
I started the Star Lake Chapter of Abate from the beginning. I asked for a packet to start a new chapter and followed the process and soon after Star Lake became a chapter in Abate. I am currently the Chapter Secretary which I have been for 2 years. Along with this I am the current State Sergeant at Arms.

While serving as the state Sergeant at Arms I have not requested reimbursement for my mileage or lodging. This has saved money for Abate of Washington. The position of Ambassador at Large is not supplement income for me. This meaning if I ride to a chapters meeting or some type of event I don't put a claim in for reimbursement.

As your Ambassador at Large I plan on helping the different chapters in any way possible. I plan on reaching out to many people and let them know about what Abate is all about. Also I plan on educating the younger generation. We need to involve more younger people. If you look at the different events that we hold or each chapter it appears that the average age of Abate members is 52 to 54 years old.

I already have a few people helping me contact other groups to join Abate of Washington as individuals or by starting a new chapter.

If you know or heard of Star Lake Chapter then you know when we set our minds on something that we far exceed expectations of everyone. This is what I will do as Ambassador at Large for Abate of Washington. I will exceed what people expect.



Dave Lewis

Howdy folks. My name is Dave Lewis and I'm running for ABATE of Washington's Ambassador-At-Large position. It was an honor being nominated by the current Ambassador-At-Large Dutch Phillips and although he's chosen to step down after years of selfless service to the ABATE of Washington organization, should I be elected, I will be counting on his sage advice to ensure a smooth transition.

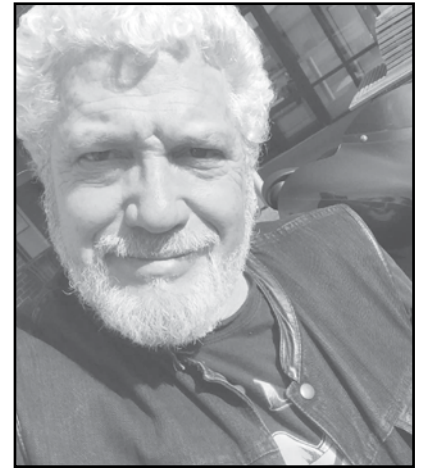
I've been a member of ABATE for 14 years in Virginia, California and Washington and have enjoyed serving on various committees. I've also held the positions of Sergeant-At-Arms, Legislative Affairs Officer and Chapter Ambassador. This would be first my state level position and although I am confident I can do a good job I don't take lightly the responsibilities of the position.

Among my highest qualifications is the fact that I love people and relish any opportunity to get out and talk with them, no matter who they are what walk of life they are from. Truthfully my daddy would say, "That boy's never met a stranger, hell he'd even talk to a signpost." I've been riding motorcycles my entire adult life. Even in the bad old days when people considered anyone in black leather an outlaw I've always managed to make friends with the most ardent sourpuss.

Should I be elected I will do my absolute best to learn from successful chapters, share that with ones that are struggling, and creatively think out-of-the-box to establish chapters. It was obvious at our last Black Thursday that we desperately need to bring in younger and more diverse members. As a military veteran and a fan of sport bike riding I believe we have membership opportunities in those groups as well as the dual sport community.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to be considered. It is truly an honor. I humbly acknowledge that I damn sure don't know everything but we do have established policies and processes which I would faithfully follow. And although I enjoy immensely being with Spanaway chapter where I've learned so much, given the opportunity of this position I would faithfully represent all of Washington State.

Respectfully, Dave Lewis





**Legislative Affairs Officer
Brian Lange**

March 2018 Legislative Report

This year's Black Thursday was a success. With the rain holding off, for the most part, it was sunny at the Capitol as the bikes all rolled in. The speakers on the steps this year kept things fairly short, and informative for the most part. The motorcycle community stood together on the steps of the Capitol; Patch holders, independents, cruiser riders, sport bike riders, and even a few dual-sport riders were in attendance. There were 119 people who signed in within the Columbia Room, and many of those volunteered to be "runners". For the second year in a row, every legislator's

office was at least contacted on Black Thursday. With approximately a third of them actually having meetings scheduled. It would be great if we could get that number up to half by next year. Even better if we could get at least one member from each district to attend meetings with their legislators.

Although rain was forecast, the sun rose in blue skies after pre-dawn showers. The mass ride-in arrived right on schedule after coming down the freeway from the Hawks Prairie Casino to the Capitol campus. It took several minutes for all the bikes just to be able to roll along the south diagonal before parking and filling three-quarters of the north diagonal with motorcycles. Once the crowd gathered on the Capitol steps, several carrying protest signs and banners, it was reminiscent of an old style protest rally. Within the large group of motorcyclists present were a mix of cruiser, touring and even a contingent of sports bike riders.

Instead of paying to "rent" the podium and its wimpy sound system ABATE purchased two megaphones and we used those on the steps for all the speakers. It seemed to help. Allowing speakers to move around a little and still have their words amplified for all to hear. The speakers consisted of; myself and Scott Robinson, David Devereux of the Council of Clubs, Larry Walker of the Washington Road Riders Association, and Washington State Senators Sharon Brown, Dean Takko, Tim Sheldon, and Phil Fortunato. The legislators speaking to the crowd on the steps included members of both parties, and all were sponsors of bills that supported the motorcyclist's rights to ride freely. The enthusiasm that all the speakers were met with definitely showed a mutual respect that comes from working together over a long time.

Our efforts were noted in Quick Throttle Magazine and several online websites. Even the AMA was interested in what ABATE and the motorcycling community of Washington state had done, and what bills we were fighting for, and is including that information in an article in their monthly magazine.

OUR BILLS

As I type this, only the Senate version of the Motorcycle Parking Bill (SB6070) is still alive and moving. The companion bill was amended and passed out of the House Transportation Committee and sent to Rules. However, after consideration several key members of the Committee stated they made a mistake after hearing the concerns of several legislators who are law enforcement. The hearing is currently just a few hours away as I write this, and the word is that because the legislators who are or were cops all support our bill the way it is, the bill is expected to be passed out of the Committee without amendments.

We will keep working this bill all the way to the Governor's desk. I would like to hear from ABATE members on issues that they would like us to pursue in the Legislature. The more we can keep these "simple" bills moving the more effective and credible ABATE remains in the eyes of those sitting in the chambers of the Legislature. Our vehicular assault bill is going to be worked on with the assistance of an attorney in Vancouver, WA in order to get the language to a point that the Legislators aren't afraid of the bill and it's effects any longer. Senator Tim Sheldon of the 35th District has said he will introduce the Lane Sharing Bill that passed the Senate last year again in the next biennium. So we will be working on

getting both of those bills passed as well.

I want to thank ABATE's NCOM Ambassador, Sam Bonomo for his hard work and dedication in bringing to light what other Motorcycle Rights Organizations are doing across the country. It is possible that ABATE may take a look at some of those efforts and issues, and bring ones that might work in Washington to the BOD in April. It will take all of us in the community to bring effective motorcycle legislation to Olympia and get it passed in the Legislature. If we can demonstrate it is effective in other states, we may actually get more interest in getting bills moved along.

Keep the Faith and I'll catch you on the road sometime.



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CHAPTER REPORTS

Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

SPANAWAY - Well this report is hard for me to write. Our chapter has lost yet another member in January we lost Heather Ryberg of heart failure she was just forty years old. She always had a smile on her face and was loved by all that knew her. She always had a hug and kiss for her friends. She love Abate and she loved life. She will be deeply missed. Gone But Never Forgotten. GBNF.

In our short five years we have lost more then our share of good people. With Heather we have lost eight members. We lost Pattie Nelson, John Knuecke, Sharon Schaffer, Warren Cable, Shawn Donathon, Donald Ballard, Miriam Ahola and our latest Heather Ryberg. Lots of great members taken away from us way too dam early in life.

Our showing at Black Thursday was good. Not great but good. We can do a lot better and lets work on making it better next year. Next Year is a long session so hopefully we can finally get our most important issues pasted. Nothing is passed yet this year but we are hoping for the best.

We all had a great time at Tacoma chapter Valentines anniversary party. Great music and lots of food and even played some party games. A big pat on the back Tacoma it was a fun night.

We are getting ready for our soup cook off and next month on March 17th we will have our annual Wing Ding cook off with an auction it is always a good time for all. Flyer in this issue of Freedom come have a good night with us.

Please keep our Brother Porch Monkey in your prayers he still needs our support to beat cancer.

April brings our annual Bike blessing with a big adult Easter egg hunt. Squirrely Shirley always does a great job with this event fun for all.

Till next time see ya on the road. ◇



Heather Ryberg Spanaway Charter Member (photo: Spanaway Chapter)



key pen roger rusk (photo: Glenyce Jackson)

Key Peninsula Chapter

From **CHAD HOLTQUIST, COORDINATOR**

PURDY - Greetings from the Key Pen! We are all about midway through winter and have even seen the sun here and there. Hope you did too and got out and rode.

We had to say goodbye to a friend of ABATE and specifically our chapter. F*@K Cancer! Roger Rusk went home to glory and several from the chapter attended his service and sent him off right. He will be missed and we will wrap our arms around he lovely wife Crystal. Please keep her in your prayers. Again, F@*K cancer!

A few of us got out and rode last Sunday and went down roads that I didn't even know were there and surprisingly right in our back yard. Good fodder for an upcoming run me thinks!

Speaking of local runs and events, we are in the planning phases of our annual swap meet being held on April 28 at Hi tides in Port Orchard and then our chapter run. Randy is putting a nice route and that ride will be held on May 12. Maybe you could join us?

Stay Cool! ◇

Pacific County Chapter

From **LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR**

NASELLE - Well, Black Thursday is history and I feel like we did good this year, time will tell. Been a little wet so far this year with a couple dry days to give us hope. Over all it's been a rather warm winter, just wet. During these wet days I've been building things in the house, now hopping for some dry ones to get my wood made for next winter. The trees and flowers are ready to burst open with life. Off to plant some trees and talk at you later. ◇

Sky Valley Chapter

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

SNOHOMISH - It is with sad hearts we say goodbye to one of our oldest members Gary Artz. Gary was always there for anyone who needed help. He was a active member in our chapter until cancer overcame his fight to live. We will be doing a ride this spring for him and I will post info at a later time. Ride free brother!

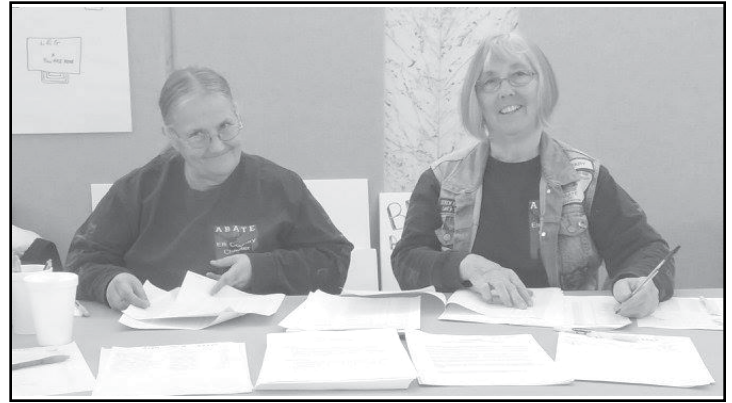
Our chapter is about to do our Shakin' the winter blues party on March 24th. A flyer should be in this newsletter so please check it out! It's the night before the big swap meet in Monroe WA. We are also working on the Sky Valley Bike show that's coming on the 3rd Sunday in May.

This last weekend we got together and did our tie dye party at the Eagles club in Snohomish. The shirts we tie dye are the ones we sell, and are also for the volunteers who help out at the show. I included a couple of pictures of some of us getting our hands and clothes colored as well.

I don't have a lot more this month so I will see you at the Shakin' the winter blues party and at the gate the next morning at the swap meet. Hope I get at least 2 hours of sleep in between! See you "in the wind" ◇



Sky Valley tie dye party (photo: Sky Valley Chapter)



Robin Lange Alice Brown at Black Thursday

Elk Country Chapter

From **ALICE BROWN, CHAPTER SECRETARY**

MORTON - Looking for some sunshine and getting back out on my bike. It sure has been a long, dark, wet winter.

Elk Country with help from Spanaway manned the sign-in/assignment table for Black Thursday 2018. Our attendance numbered about 119. With the help of many volunteer "runners", we were able to make contact with every State Legislator. All over the Capitol that day, issues important to ABATE of Washington were being heard. Can't express how grateful we are to all who helped to make this day a success; how important it is to get our concerns into the awareness of those who have the power to make a difference.

As far as hearings on ABATE bills, our legislative session is finished. If you couldn't make it to any of these sessions this year, think of making this a priority in the future. I worked for years and know how difficult it is to get the time to do this. It's a real "eye opener" for how our legislative process really works; an experience that doesn't translate well to text.

Elk Country is looking forward to hosting the BOD on April 21. It will be held at the Moose in Morton as we did last year. Look forward to seeing many of you there. We're also dreaming about the 12th Annual Mt St Helen's ride. Think of warm May sunshine. Now add to that the roar of 200 bikes as they wind up the road amid snowcapped hills. We ride in remembrance of the 57 lives that were lost that day so long ago; each rider receives a card with one victim's name. Put May 20 on your Calendar now so you can be a part of this experience.

Our master tinker, Mo, has some carburetor work to do on the club golf cart. Welcome to John who has joined Mo and Peg Leg in this endeavor. Peg Leg has also been working hard on establishing an "in the Wind" program for our chapter. We look forward to putting this into effect this summer. Thanks for your efforts guys.

Now is a good time to get your bike in good running order, so when the sun does show it's face you'll be ready to ride! ◇

Columbia Gorge Chapter

From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

GOLDENDALE - Hello members, just another month getting away from us. I can't believe its going to be March already. Where does the time go?

We are still just plugging along over here, waiting for the weather to turn so we all can get a good ride in. We have been able to sneak a few in here and there but waiting for the long warm one.

The Swap Meet is coming right up. Hope to see y'all there. I think CGC will do good with selling stuff so come on by our booth and say hi. It's always great seeing everyone again while selling raffle tickets to keep up with Billy Dee.

Just a quick shout out to my LAO (Doug B) for stepping up and Hauling everyones parts and manning the booth. Remember, if you have anything to sell, contact Doug before the 19th of March.

Also, CGC is purchasing (watch for motorcycles) bumper stickers. Hopefully they will be at the Swap Meet. Come by our booth and inquire.

Well not too much more over here, looking forward to seeing y'all in March.

Take care, until next time. ◇

Lewis County Chapter

From TERRY BUTLER, COORDINATOR

CENTRALIA - Wow, just walked in the door from our first February meeting, it was a long one with lots to discuss.

Our Quadrathon March 17th was one topic, but most of the meeting was focused on our Kickback Campout which is August 17-19. This is our largest scholarship fund raising event of the year. This year we are putting it on at yet another venue. The last few years we have had to try different locations, but this year I think we have found a very good location. It will be at 111 Tucker Rd. Ethel, Wa. 88 acres of flat, shaded ground and we already have two bands booked.

We are still a little behind on getting the advertising out, but we're gaining on it. Should have flyers and things out before the end of February. Then we can get it in the Freedom and Quick Throttle magazines. It set to be a great time with bike games, cribbage tournament, horseshoe tournament, food, rock n roll, and beer! Hopefully we have a good turnout.

Riding season is fast approaching, everyone please check you tor pressures, nuts, bolts and make sure you are all mechanically sound. Stay safe out there, it is going to be a busy year. Well time to get some shut eye, 3:00 comes damn early.

See ya down the road. ◇

Tacoma Chapter

From LEON "TREAD" STAUB, COORDINATOR

TACOMA - Happy March Tacoma Chapter! We've had a great start to the year and a great February. We're looking forward to the upcoming months and hope that the weather dries out and warms up and we have a great riding season ahead of us.

In February, we celebrated our 39th Annual Anniversary and Valentine's Day party. It was a really fantastic party and we had The Mad Hatters entertain us throughout the evening. I feel confident in saying that everyone who came had a fantastic time, and I know that I did. I particularly want to thank those who helped set up for the party including Mike and Lesta, Luke and Julie, Pauline, Terry and Dan, and Sarah. If I missed anyone, my apologies, but I absolutely appreciate all of the support in making sure that we all had a great time. The potluck items were fantastic, and I ate much more than I should have. We had a lot of great raffle and auction items, and many of you were able to get your photos taken to commemorate the event.

Following the 39th Anniversary, we are anxiously looking forward to next year as our 40th Anniversary. We will be getting started planning it now so we can make sure it's the biggest we've ever had. So make sure you don't miss next year's party!

During February we also participated in a Benefit for John "Porch Monkey" Scapes. For those who don't know, he's fighting cancer, and can use all the thoughts and prayers, but those who know him, know how strong he is, and we know he will beat cancer and will be prepared for the upcoming riding season. We had a great benefit and hopefully the proceeds help greatly to alleviate the concerns and help to show the love and support that we have for both Porch and Connie. We love you both!

We have our Road Cleanup coming up on April 8th, and hope to see everyone out there. If the weather is nice, we might just make a nice impromptu ride after the cleanup. It always feels good to finish the cleanup and know that we're making the environment and the road a bit cleaner. Hope to see many of you out there.

Hopefully 2018 is treating you all well so far, and hope to see you on the road with us soon! ◇

South King County Chapter

From PETE FOX, COORDINATOR

AUBURN - Hello Everybody. Well spring is about here, so time to check your bikes out again and make sure they are ready for the riding season. I have been getting both mine ready lately.

I would like to invite everyone to our "Pot of Gold" ride on the 17th of this month, flyer will be in this issue (editor's note, flyer couldn't be printed due to copyright infringement). From previous years you never know what the weather will be like. We have had sunshine, rain and even snow one year but its always a fun time so hope to see you there. Also this month is the ABATE Swap Meet on the 25th in Monroe if your needing any parts or new riding gear.

I want to thank everybody that came out to our "Outta Control Night" fundraiser. It was great seeing you all and was very successful to fund our yearly rides and events. I would also like to give a shout out to Clem's Enumclaw Power-sports, Lawless Harley Davidson, Cycle gear in Auburn, Maple Valley tattoo and any other business's and people that donated the wonderful prizes. Thank you all very much from SKCC. Also want to thank all our members that came together to make a event of this size go so smoothly, a team effort got it done.

I'm urging all our members to come out to a meeting, especially if you haven't been in awhile to see all the great ideas we got in place and working out to make our chapter grow and we miss you and would like to see you. Our next meeting will be on March 5th, see you there and you all have a great month.

Ride safe and see you next time. ◇

Olympia Chapter

From ROBBIE THOMPSON, COORDINATOR

LACEY - What does ABATE mean to me? Not only are we a motorcycle rights organization, keeping the fight against totalitarianism, but we are also a tight knit group that helps people in need. My chapter has a fund specifically for downed riders. We ride to help gain money for charity or for members that are in situations where they can't ride. We call each other brother (and sister). We get involved.

With that said, we have certain responsibilities that we must uphold. I have not always been diligent in fulfilling all of my responsibilities as I should. All of us need to step up. We have an event coming up that I thought was going to fall apart. At our February meeting it was brought back to life by the membership. Thank you! It does not need to be big steps, just steps forward. We ride! ◇

North Kitsap Chapter

From DEBBIE MCVEY AND KIMBERLY HINNERS

POULSBO - Well, we had a great time at the North Kitsap Chapter's After Holiday Membership Drive Party on January 26th at the 19th Hole Bar & Grill. There was live music provided by Northern Rebel with lots of food, drink and fun! Even managed to sign up some new members. Hope everyone join us next year!

We've been working hard on our next "Westsound Steelhorse Rodeo" and finally have firm dates and a great location. Save the dates August 3rd, 4th, and 5th and be at the Bremerton Motorsport Park located at 7500 SW Old Clifton Road in Bremerton (at the Raceway just off of Highway 3 South near Sunnyslope). There will be food, retail vendors and bands to listen to. A limited number of camp sites will be available for those who want to spend the entire weekend. Stay tuned for more info!

The next NK Chapter's general meeting is on March 7th, from 7-8 p.m., at the All Star Lanes and Casino, 10710 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale. ◇

Spokane Chapter

From SHAWN WEST, COORDINATOR

SPOKANE - The Spokane Motorcycle Show and Sale is this month and of course is on the same Saturday as our chapter meeting, the 10th. This month we'll have an informal meeting at the motorcycle show at the same 10am time. Chapter members coming on down for it will have their entry fee reimbursed at our booth.

Jim has got some products for the chapter in the works with coozies and coasters. We've almost got our selection of chapter artwork for shirts and whatever else we can think of figured out. If you have some ideas sketch them up and email them in or bring them down to a meeting.

We'll have our new website up and running here soon. It was pointed out that we have some old information on various posting sites out there. Those will get updated but keep your eyes out. If you see us somewhere during your online surfing that has a wrong listing let your chapter officers know. You can send in the correct information yourself just let us know which site to check off the list.

We almost have a list of runs for every month this year through September. Either chapter runs or other events it has been suggested we'd have some fun on. Next door there's the Awareness run, Freedom Ride and Spring Opener. We've got our Awareness run coming up along with Wa Spring Opener, Run Whatcha Brung and Charity ride. Keep on the watch for a new additional Charity Run sometime this summer to go with our annual end of Sept ride.

As always give a wave when we see you on the road. ◇

BLACK THURSDAY 2018 - Submitted by Jack Ottaway





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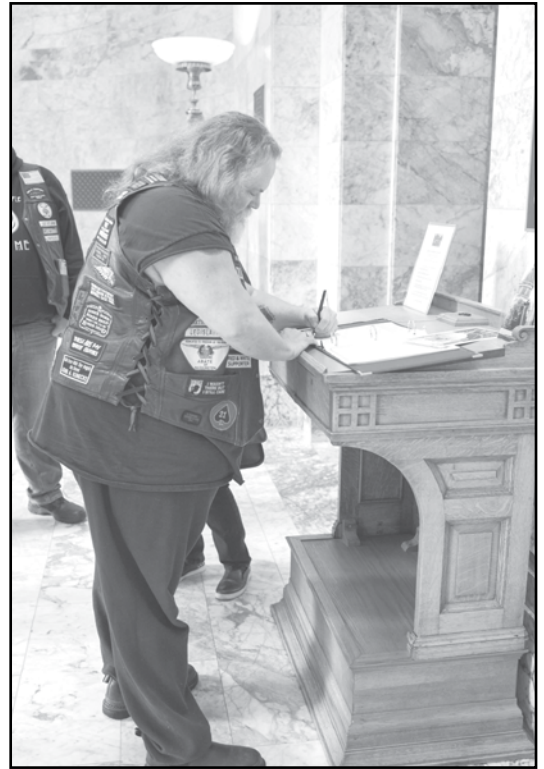
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who are we? We call ourselves A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (ABATE) but are we really?

Let me tell you a story of the last BOD I attended. Our legislative agenda was just finishing up with the instructions for Black Thursday and what bills to support when I got the floor and started to present infringement laws I thought we should all vote against. I'm talking about your 2nd Amendment right being attacked by House Bills 5463, 5992, 6049, and 6146. These are real totalitarian enactments. With the power of ABATE's almost 1700 like minded voters being at Black Thursday and meeting with our legislators we could have put some real teeth into this, and be the ones to save the day.

With some exceptions most of our leaders sat there and told us we were for motorcycle rights and that we would not use ABATE to get involved. So who are we? Are we "A bunch of snow flakes" waving a rainbow flag and our only interest is to go after the helmet bill? I think our name spells it out very clearly! When the Brady bill was about to be put in place (and I know most of you were too young for this time) ABATE was there at the capitol standing up for our 2nd amendment rights and anything else the government was trying to take from us. Have we forgotten who we are, and where we came from? By the reading of this it will be too late for ABATE to be the shining armor clad heroes to address this.

So who are we?? Hope this strikes a chord with some of you and we can be A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments once again!

Roger Hanson, "Highwayman"

Editor's Note

Washington State Constitution, Article 1, § 24 "The right of the individual citizen to bear arms in defense of himself, or the state, shall not be impaired, but nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing individuals or corporations to organize, maintain or employ an armed body of men."

Speaking about the 2nd Amendment with your legislator instead of our State Constitution will have the same affect as if you weren't their constituent. The 2nd Amendment is for talking with your state reps in D.C. These bills put forth by our local legislators are an attack against our State Constitution and is the law I would suggest you cite. I have asked all my 3rd district legislators who have taken an oath of office to uphold and protect our constitution to the best of their ability that have helped sponsor some of these bills how exactly that sponsorship is not a violation of the oath they took in the first place. Weeks later I have yet to get a reply.

Please also note, I did not identify myself as a member of ABATE. I meet with my legislators on a number of non-motorcycle topics and do not associate ABATE with them. My legislators have always worked with me on that and understand that many of us wear more than one hat.



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