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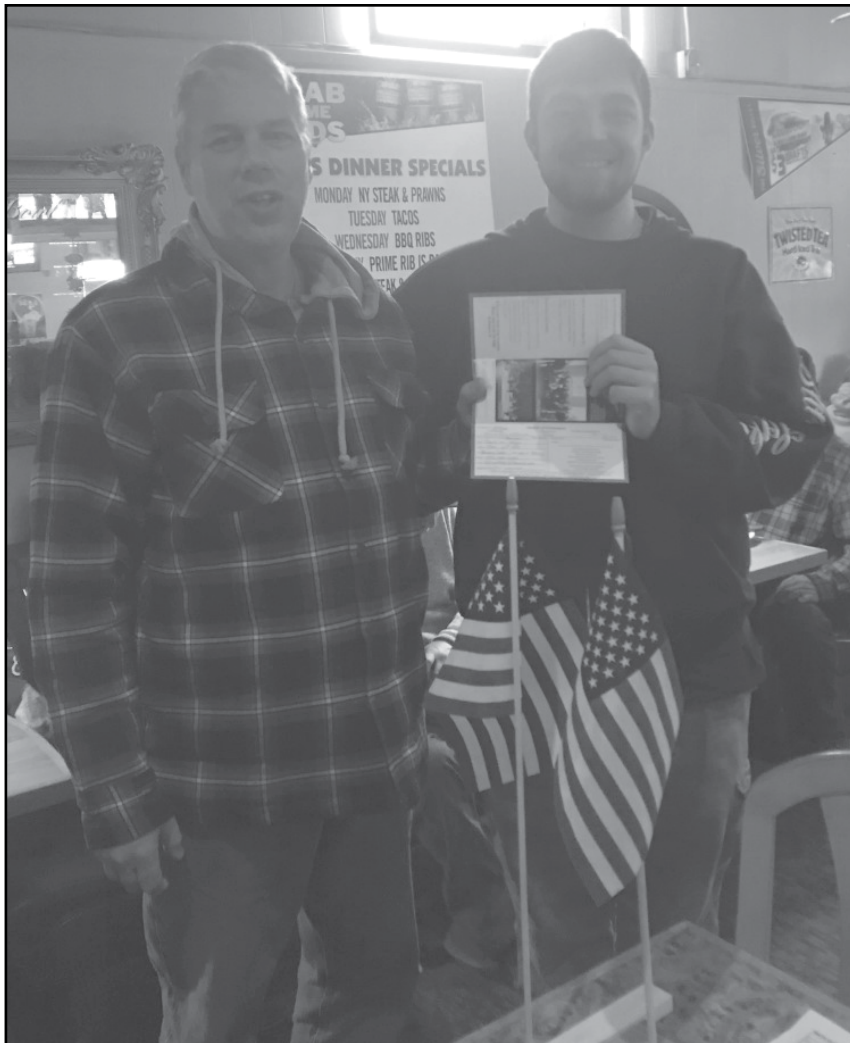
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# Inside January 2019

ABATE is an organization dedicated to Freedom of the Road, raising public awareness through education, political and community action and charitable deeds. Membership is open to anyone, 18 years or older, interested in promoting freedom, whether or not you own or ride a motorcycle.



*Signing up the youngest member of Abate of Washington Jacob who just turned 18 (photo: Ron Scott)*

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*Photo this page: Happy bartender ready to collect toys. (photo Ken D)*

*Photo opposite page: Sky Valley Chapter giving to the food bank with Police Chief Rogers in the group. (photo SVC)*

*Cover: Key Pen along with SKCC at the 53rd annual Veterans Day Parade in Auburn. (photo: KPC)*

Upfront this month is from Senior Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson.

Members, this year we want as many people as we can get at Black Thursday on the steps of the Legislative bldg for the photo op also at the meet and greet on Thursday evening January 17th. For that reason we are going to allow two rooms per chapter based on double occupancy at the Governor hotel in Olympia. Who gets the rooms will be decided by the Coordinator of the Chapter . In order to qualify for the room you must attend the event at the Capitol during the day .There will be a sign in sheet at the Columbia room to verify attendance at the event. If you do not come during the day the room will not be covered.

We need ABATE reps from all Chapters to go to the appointments during the day so wear your walking shoes and be prepared to participate.

There will be live music at the Governor Hotel that evening along with food ,all provided by State ABATE. We are serious about Legislation. We need numbers at Black Thursday.

This is a BYOB event.

If you book a room Wednesday evening it will be your responsibility to cover the cost.

State will cover half the cost of a room if booked with one person.

To get the ABATE Room Rate you need to call the hotel direct. 360-352-7700

The Governor, a Coast Hotel Olympia

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Olympia, WA 98501

t: 360-352-7700



North Kitsap Toy Run. (photo: David R.)

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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 12 Board of Directors,  
*ABATE of WA - Spanaway*
- 17 Black Thursday,  
*ABATE of WA - Olympia*
- 26 Outta Control Night,  
*South King County Ch. - Algona*

### FEBRUARY

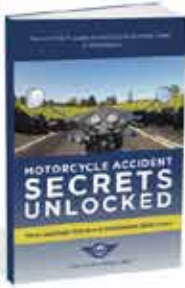
### MARCH

- 15 Spokane Motorcycle Show,  
*Spokane Ch. - Spokane 15, 16, 17*
- 24 Swap Meet,  
*ABATE of WA - Monroe*
- 31 Swap Meet,  
*ABATE of OR - Milwaukie*

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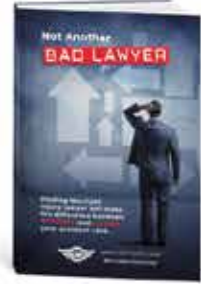
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## What our clients are saying...

Getting rear-ended on a motorcycle while stopped at a crosswalk was a pretty ugly experience, but the legal end of it doesn't have to be noxious.

**Write down this pro tip for settling auto (and especially motorcycle) road accident cases: just phone Max.**



I was referred to Max Meyers Law by a trusted friend, fellow rider and writer Dave Preston. Pretty sure I owe Dave dinner for that. Dave wrote the book ("Motorcycle 101") on basic street motorcycle skills, and Max wrote the book on getting through an accident recovery with your body repaired and your wallet intact. It's called "Motorcycle Accident Secrets Unlocked."

He runs a small shop; you get his personal attention, and he carefully walks you through every detail of your case. He also understands motorcycle accident litigation like no one else in Washington. Thanks Max Meyers Law. Truly outstanding work.

- Jack Lewis (jaxworx.com)

While on his way home from work on his motorcycle, my husband had a pick-up truck turn in front of him causing a catastrophic accident. A fellow Harley rider came to me and spoke very highly about Max Meyers. I called Max the morning after the accident and he came to the hospital to talk with us. **Max showed true compassion as we spoke about the accident and made us feel completely at ease. It felt like we were talking with a friend.** We hired Max immediately! Whenever we called Max with a question, it was Max that answered the phone and he always had an answer! We are very pleased with the outcome and highly recommend Max Meyers!

- Kristi and Rickey Freeman

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- Bryan Hall





# ABATE of Washington



## South King County Chapter Outta Control Night

### Annual Chapter Fundraiser

At the Royal Bear in Algona

Saturday January 26, 2019

6PM to 12AM



Music By **OUTTA CONTROL**

Door Prizes  
Drink Specials  
50/50  
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Great Food



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Band Starts at 8 PM



Royal Bear

For questions about this event contact:  
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Royal Bear



35731 West Valley Highway Auburn WA





# OFFICER REPORTS



## From the State Coordinator

### Lyle Coyle

Well a new year is upon us and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I have been trying to write an article for about a week now and can't think of anything to write about. I had an idea about this thing that is affecting ABATE of Washington so I started pecking away at this keyboard and was about half way through when I got thinking that I can't print this because it will definitely offend someone, I don't want to start the new year off by offending anyone.

So onto try number two, I wrote what I thought was kind of an inspirational piece but as I was reading it I started thinking to myself that once again I wrote something that would definitely offend some people. Okay now I am starting to get irritated, I have to get something in the newsletter and everything I am writing will seem offensive to some, maybe not the majority but definitely someone.

Now I am trying to figure out when did we become so easily offended? Why can't we all just get on the same page so we are successful? We will have to figure out the answer to these questions but right now we have to think about Black Thursday. With Black Thursday being in a few short weeks we have to make sure we are there to speak for the motorcycle community, if you believe in motorcycle rights we need you to be there. When there are 49 districts and we only have 20 or 30 people there to visit legislators that means that some (legislators) will not hear from their constituents and in their mind (the legislators) they are saying "I guess the motorcyclist in my district don't care one way or the other", what would you think?

There are still some chapters that are struggling in one way or another, some are because they cannot get people to step up into the officer position, some are because of lack of members, and some are because of the people who did step up for a position are struggling to do the job they volunteered for. For the officers that need help or direction just ask and you will receive, for the ones lacking members every one of you are a membership recruiter, you all know at least one person in your circle of friends who does not belong, get them to join, they may be the one that will step up for the officer position.

*"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain."*

**ABATE of Washington**  
**Board of Directors & Executive Committee Meetings**

**BOD**

January 12, Spanaway

April 20, Elk Country

July 20, Grant County

October 20, Kittitas

**ECOM**

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## Senior Deputy Coordinator Scott Robinson

Members. It Has been a great season of giving. The toy runs that Chapters are doing and the involvement in Christmas charities warms the heart also puts a great face on ABATE OF WASHINGTON. Lewis County ABATE had a awesome float in the city parade if you get a chance go to face book and check it out.

It would be a great advertising tool if we could track and document all the charity events the chapters do every year. I am sure it would exceed several hundred thousand dollars. Such an honor to be part of this great organization. Bonus we get to live to ride. Thanks everyone for all you do.

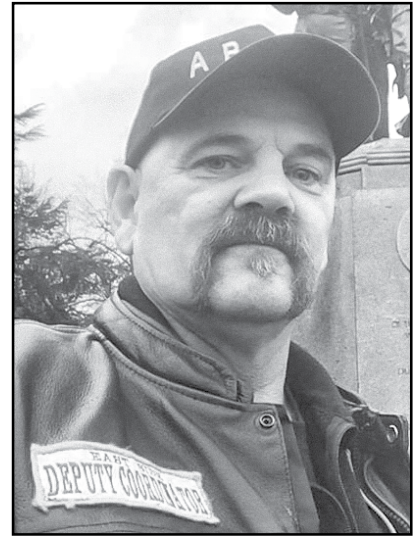
Black Thursday January 17

This event is our signature we are a legislative organization there will be people working their this year with video cameras to document the event. The information and videos will be used to make another add for membership we will be also covering the swap meet this year. Be sure and make the ride in and be on the steps of the legislative building for the photos and video.

We have an important vote coming up at the January B.O.D. in regards to the billboard ads. No longer will people not know of ABATE as this can be a game changer for ABATE of Washington. We will be able to put up ads for the Swap Meet, Black Thursday and Spring Opener plus other motorcycle related legislation and other info. Help us help ABATE pass this proposal.

Swap Meet is on the radar. The date this year is March 24th. By the time you read this we will be taking apps for the event (see page 22) and the phone number is posted in the ad (see page 21). If you are interested in getting a space jump on they are expected to go fast this year.

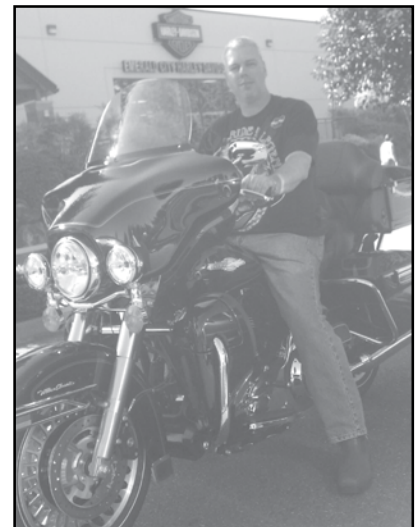
One more item. We have sponsors in our newsletter please consider giving them an opportunity to sever us they are promoting us and helping pay for the Freedom Rag and we should return the favor.



## Ambassador At Large Ron Scott

It was nice to visit SKCC and hearing about their upcoming events. Also, Olympia has some great ideas for this upcoming year. I hope that I can help your chapter like we were talking.

Working on the Vancouver Chapter. Will have first meeting after the holidays. Hope everyone can show up for Black Thursday. Remember it is always the same time every year. If you can't make it this year you should be able to make it next year.





**Legislative Affairs Officer  
Brian Lange**

## January 2019 Legislative Report

Black Thursday; Washington State's advocacy day at the Capitol in Olympia for the motorcycle community, is upon us once again. As members of ABATE, this is our one day legislatively to demonstrate solidarity to those in the Capitol. It isn't difficult to imagine standing together on the steps of the Capitol, and filling the halls of the buildings with motorcyclists. Washington's motorcyclists, and those who support us, should be able to fill the steps on the morning of Black Thursday. We are a large and diverse group of people. Yet we have common ground issues politically. Only by coming together and presenting a common united front can we hope to have enough influence to get our issues heard and acted on.

This year, ABATE and the motorcycling community has several issues on the agenda. We also have to protect ourselves from bills getting passed that can have an adverse effect on how and where we ride. Come to the event, and be a part of the change in perception of motorcycles and riders that needs to be brought to legislators and government agencies. The best way for us all to protect ourselves is to come and meet face to face with legislators, and in as polite a way as possible drive home our support for bills that help us, and our opposition to bills that could adversely affect us.

Motorcyclists are among the most charitable and giving people in America. We ride by the thousands in the dead of winter to donate toys for children, or clothes, or food for the hungry. Yet only a small percentage actually consider riding to Black Thursday and rallying together to preserve our freedoms on the same level as any other charity event. Black Thursday is perhaps the best sort of charity event for motorcyclists in Washington. By attending, you are donating your time to help defend the rights of all motorcyclists in Washington to ride free from bureaucratic overreach, dangerous roadway infrastructure, and to build a lasting legacy for the riders in the future. It may sound a little self-serving to donate your day in order to come speak with legislators, or even just be a warm body supporting those that do speak, so that you can protect your freedom on the road. But if we do not stand together, the motorcycling community will slowly be legislated out of existence. State agencies already do not even bother to include motorcycles in transportation policy planning. It is not a far reach from being absent from policy planning, to being absent from the highways. Many of those state agencies would be quite content if motorcycles were no longer even allowed on the highways.

Here is a brief sketch of what you can expect on Black Thursday this year. The Columbia Room under the Capitol Dome will open about 8:00 AM for people to assemble prior to attending meetings with the legislators. This room will be open throughout the day. It isn't unusual for legislators to have meetings scheduled from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Black Thursday appointments with legislators are the true reason for attending. Meeting with legislators in numbers is what this event is about. The COC will lead the annual mass ride-in from Hawks Prairie Casino, arriving at the Capitol Campus at about 10:30 in the morning. Speeches will be held on the steps beginning at 10:45 and running until the speakers are all done. Then there will be the traditional photographs on the steps, and everyone can move inside to the Columbia Room for hot coffee and discussions while waiting to meet with legislators. At the end of the day there will be a Meet & Greet at the Governor Hotel as usual. Again this year there will be a live band, and it should be a good time to mingle with your fellow motorcyclists, legislators and staff in a more relaxed social atmosphere.

Check out the map that shows where the various buildings are on the Capitol Campus. There are only four we really need to learn the location of for Black Thursday. These are; The Legislative Building (LEG) also known as the Capitol Building by many, the John L. O'Brien Building (JLOB), the John A. Cherberg Building (JAC), and the Irv Newhouse Building (INB). It is in these four buildings that the offices of the legislators are held. By familiarizing yourself with the map, you can lessen the chance of getting lost.

Another thing to remember is that when you make your appointments to meet with the legislators, try to always have at least 15 minutes between meetings. It can often take nearly that long to make it from one building to another. So don't slam yourself by not allowing travel time. Also, when you make an appointment, please attend the meeting. It seems every year someone doesn't, and that just makes the job harder to keep our bills moving.

Speaking of bills moving through the process; I am going to try something a little different this year. I have been told by several legislators how effective it is to have a hearing room filled with motorcyclists to demonstrate how important specific bills are to the community. I would like to take it one step farther, and when any of our bills are brought to the House or Senate floor for a vote, I am going to put out a call to action in the hopes that we can fill the galleries, and look down on the legislators as they debate the bills and vote. While this can be an interesting process, it can also be a long drawn out one, and the CTA would be very short notice. That is why I am just going to try this experiment and see how much of an effect actually seeing legislators making their votes might have when they know they may have constituents watching them.

I look forward to seeing you at Olympia for Black Thursday. It's going to be an interesting year, let's make this Black Thursday one to remember.

Catch you on the road sometime.

### ABATE legislative agenda for 2019 Legislative Session

1. **Motorcycle Parking Bill:** Allows motorcycles to park with a wheel against the curb as is traditional for motorcycles around the world. Instead of the current parallel that is required by Washington State law.
2. **Motorcycle Weight Fee:** Reduces the \$25 minimum 4,000 pound "weight fee" to \$6 for motorcycles up to 1,000 pounds, and \$12 for motorcycles up to 2,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
3. **Enhanced penalty for striking a "vulnerable user of a public way":** While already in violation of law (running a stop sign, failure to yield, distracted driving, etc.) to a Gross Misdemeanor (up to 1 yr in jail).
4. **SB5007:** Sen. Rolfes 3 year pilot program to study helmet choice and any effect that has on motorcycle fatalities in Washington State.
5. **Lane-Sharing:** Allowing lane-sharing only on freeways when traffic speed is at 25 mph or less, and with a motorcycle to traffic speed differential of no more than 10 mph.
6. **Motorcycle Anti-Profiling:** Support the COC as requested to enhance the current Motorcycle Anti-Profiling Act.



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# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Chapter Rep Region 1

From DOUG BOWERS, COLUMBIA GORGE - GRANT COUNTY - KITTITAS COUNTY - SPOKANE - TRI-CITIES

Here comes Black Thursday! In an effort to increase participation this year State is sponsoring two rooms per chapter, so you don't have to be a coordinator or LAO to have a place to stay when traveling to Black Thursday. Having constituents from legislative districts means a lot to the legislators, They'll listen to their people who've taken the time and expense to travel to Olympia, especially from a distance to discuss our bills for the coming session. So, talk it up, figure out who's going, more the better. Hopefully you've made appointments to see your Senators and Representatives before now.

The Holiday season with toy runs, charity events, family and friends is slowing down meeting with other groups. We'll get moving on that again after first of the year. But, don't hesitate, if you bump into someone or some group spread the word, ya'll know a lot of these folks. Print out some handouts (last month Freedom page 30), a couple tri-folds in your cage or vest pocket, back issues of Freedom (don't throw 'em out!) Now that there are some back issues of Freedom around (been collecting them, right?) hand them out, leave them where others can see them. Local hangouts, café, whatever. Use your imagination. You, our members, are the front line in adding to our membership. That increases our political clout!

Given the distances we're apart here on the eastside of the state we're working on setting up an electronic meeting to get eastside LAOs together for a brainstorming session prior to Black Thursday. If this works we can expand on it.

Doesn't matter what you ride or if you ride, United We Ride! ◇

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## Pacific County Chapter

From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

NASELLE - Well after a week of dry and cold, we get more wet. Now the year is closing, hope you had a Merry Christmas and a good new year. where did last year go? I think I got a new to me bike for Christmas. Piss on the idiots for making bad thing out of love and happiness. My god a 70 yr old song, "Baby it's cold outside," is a no-no. Stupid. Well we are getting things ready for 2029, hope to see you there. Let's get our country back and do good things. ◇

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*Lewis County Toy Run. (photo: Lewis County Chapter)*

## Lewis County Chapter

From PAUL MORDICK, COORDINATOR

**CHEHALIS** - What a month this has been. We started the month off by riding to the Oly Toy Run on Dec. 1st. A couple dozen members and friends rode up together. It did not take long for the parking lot to fill up with bikes. The T90 Drill Team and The Cossacks from Seattle were entertaining as always. Plenty of vendors. Could use more coffee vendors. Just saying. We paraded through Olympia to the lake. Hung out there for a bit then rode home. It was a great December day for a ride. No rain and just a bit cool out. Our own Scotty Barker has been on 40 out of the 41 Toy Runs. Very impressive. We will do it again next year.

On Saturday, Dec. 8th we had our local Toy Run. We helped Santa deliver toys to kids at the local XII Step Club. After that we participated in the Lighted Tractor Parade in downtown Centralia. We handed out a couple thousand or so stuffed animals to some happy kids along the parade route. I may be a bit bias, but I think we had the best float in the parade. We always get a great reaction from kids of all ages when we pass by. We will do it again next year.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of this organization. I'm very grateful to my brothers and sisters in our Chapter. I have helped in the past with our functions. It just feels a little more special this year. I guess it feels a bit different because I am Chapter Coordinator. Committee chairs put a lot of effort getting the functions organized. Members join in and help to make it happen.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas. I'm looking forward to a productive New Year. Be safe out there and watch out for those that aren't. Check out our website ([www.LewisCountyABATE.org](http://www.LewisCountyABATE.org)) for more information about our Chapter and upcoming events. ◇



*Lewis County Chapter at the Lighted Tractor Parade. (photo: Lewis County Chapter)*

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Tacoma Chapter

From LEON "TREAD" STAUB, COORDINATOR

**TACOMA** - It's a New Year! Bring on 2019! We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary for Tacoma Chapter, we've got lots of great stuff for the year already ramping up. So put your boots on and let's ride!

Since it's January and we have an opportunity to reflect, there's lots of great stuff that we had in 2018. We started the Year Off Right and started at The Chalet, even though they were closed. We had our great Anniversary and Valentine's Day Party with special guests The Mad Hatter's who everyone seemed to think were great. We had our Roll Em Out, and put some miles on. Did our Spring Tattered Flag handing the flag to Luke. Had our Bike Games at Spring Opener and had lots of great food and drinks at the Tacoma Camp. We did our Lost Brother's and Sister's Campout in September and had a lot of fun with a great poker run, a lot of karaoke, and a lot of fellowship. We shared hosting our Halloween Party again with Spanaway Chapter and I think everyone had a great time. We had our Fall Tattered Flag, and Chopper Bob finally won! We finished up the year with our John P. Scapes Memorial Toy Run and helped put smiles on some faces as we passed by the YWCA and brought them all kinds of goodies. Followed by our trip to Orchard Park for Santa For Seniors. We had so much going on and we all had a great time. We're ready to do it again!

We'll be starting the Year Off Right once again, and we'll be getting into loads more fun in this our 40th Anniversary Year! I hope that you'll all join us, help us plan all the festivities and come out and have a great time. 2018 has been a ride, 2019 will be even better!

Cheers to a great 2019! ◇

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## Elk Country Chapter

From ALICE BROWN, SECRETARY

**MORTON** - All of us at Elk Country would like to extend a heart felt thank you to our members and friends who helped to make our annual Christmas Auction Fundraiser such an overwhelming success. We raised more for our scholarship efforts at this auction than ever before. It couldn't be done without the generous donations of our local merchants. The participation of our own members as well as guests from Olympia, Tacoma, Lewis County and Spanaway chapters bidding on these items made this auction work. We had a great time together! Thank you one and all.

Welcome to new member Kim Lamontange! Our membership keeps hanging in the high 60's. It's about time for it to grow into the 70's. Kim Hope has stepped up to become our new Products representative. She has some new ideas and the enthusiasm to move forward. Thank you, Kim!

Black Thursday, January 17, is just on the horizon. Our State LAO, Brian, has activities planned in and around this date, so be sure to check out his missive.

We are looking forward to hosting the April BOD in Morton. Beyond that, please keep in mind the annual Mt. St. Helen's Run, Sunday, May 19, 2019. Save this date on your calendar now.

Be Safe out there! ◇

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## Mason County Chapter

From JAMES WARD, COORDINATOR

**SHELTON** - Well hello again from beautiful Mason County. 2018 is almost over and we will soon welcome 2019. I wish everyone well and to not only have a heck of a time welcoming in the new year, but also to do it safely.

Lots of little things happening in Mason County lately and many people to thank for stepping up. First, I'd like to thank our newly appointed LAO's Mikel & Alex Tittsworth. Mikel & Alex have accepted the appointment of LAO and will work together in conducting those duties. I'd like to thank Archie Pecor for accepting the appointment of Sergeant at Arms. Archie has a Sergeant at Arms patch and everything, so I know he'll do great.

I also want to thank DC Rob Ward and his lovely wife Anna for doing the groundwork in selecting our Christmas family and working out all the particulars. I really look forward to getting together with the chapter members and handing out the gifts to our Christmas family. Just the smiles on their faces make it all worth the while.

And a huge thanks goes out to Dickie & Jenna Adams for hosting an excellent Bikers Christmas Party. People were great, food was wonderful and Mr & Mrs Claus showed-up to distribute stockings filled with goodies to all the kids. Thanks again and we look forward to next year's gathering.

Be safe. ◇



## Spanaway Chapter

From **BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR**

**SPANAWAY** - Wow there just so much going on this time of year. And we all have obligations with family and friends and chapter events. I don't know where to start. Our chapter and Tacoma Abate chapter did our annual Christmas for seniors at Orchard Park rehabilitation center in Tacoma where we took our Santa and did Christmas for 146 patients and we sat and talked with the ones who wanted to talk and tried to make their day just a little better. At the end of the day it was a great over all experience. And I know everyone is looking forward to do it again.

Next we had our bake sale and it was off the hook it was the very best one we ever had. Thanks to all the bakers and helpers. Big thanks goes out to Tamra Calwell who chaired the event you did a great job like no other. Thank you Tamra. Also want to thank Beerman for letting us do it at his place.

That night we had our Chapter Christmas party Pot luck and whited elephant gift exchange we had 54 players the most ever. Followed by a smaller auction that was very good. Thanks to Libbie Lozier for your help you are appreciated. Thanks to all that brought out all the good food it was very good and lots of choices.

Our next event we did was make Christmas for our Lady's over at Marymount Manor. There are 39 low income individual's there that we do Easter and Christmas for. And we love them all. We make sure they all get something. One year we had one of the elder lady's there block traffic for us till we all got off the road. She was an old school biker lady from years back. I did know her back in the day. We lost her about 6 months back. She will be missed.

Next we take care of Christmas for the Kids in our two half way houses. Plus of the folks who ask us for help with kids that need some thing for Christmas. What a great time of the year.

Special Thanks goes out to all the places who Helped us in our toy drives this year. Scotty's Bar and Grill in Puyallup, The Oak Tree in Spanaway, , Kricketts in Spanaway, And Rollies on 112th in Lakewood, And TJs Tavern in Spanaway, and Last But not least Orchard Park 148th and Orchard. We love you all thank you so very much.

I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Spanaway Abate. ◇

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## North Kitsap Chapter

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*NK Chapter Toy Run. (photo: Kimberly E.)*



*NK Chapter Ride. (photo: NK Chapter)*



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## North Kitsap Chapter

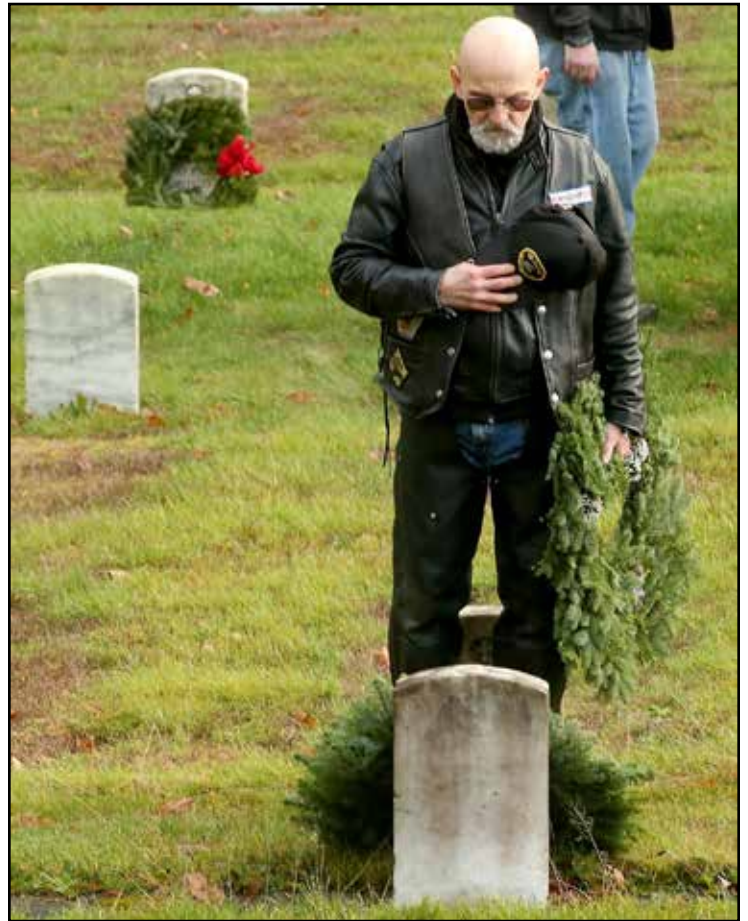
From AMY DOYLE, CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

**POULSBO** - Greetings all! By the time this issue makes it to your hands we will have been past several major yearly events and hopefully survived the Holidays. Happy New Year everyone! Well wishes to you and yours.

We closed up 2018 with the most successful toy run to date. We even had a visit from North Pole royalty. Barrel pickups had a great turnout and the business owners and employees seemed very happy to be a part of this with us. We left the staff at Harrison Hospital waist deep in toys and pieces of our hearts. I was very honored to be a part of this wonderful event for the 1st time this year. There are too many people to thank in this small article, but if you're reading this Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Several of our members participated in the Wreaths Across America event at the Washington Veterans Home Cemetery in Port Orchard. 2143 wreaths were placed on the headstones of veterans and their family members. A huge shout out to Michael Shoemaker for your passionate commitment to making this event happen.

We look forward to another year of riding, defending our freedoms, and good time with good people. Be with us! I'm cutting this article short to make more space for pictures. ◇



NK at Wreaths Across America event (photo: Meegan M. Reid)

NK Toy Run. Think they need a bigger tree!  
(photo: David R.)





## Key Peninsula Chapter

From CHAD HOLTQUIST, COORDINATOR

**PURDY** - Five Key Peninsula Chapter members plus four visitors joined the Veterans Allegiance VMC, VFW Riders, several others Veterans groups and others to lay wreaths on Veteran's graves at the Retsil Cemetery in Port Orchard. All Veterans were honored as part of the Wreaths Across America program. Most of the widows of the veterans also got a wreath. More than 2,400 wreaths were placed during the event. Many hands and a donated forklift to stage pallets of wreaths around the site made the work go quickly. Next year the goal is to have a wreath for every grave in the cemetery. The sun came out to bless the day too. ◇



*Key Pen at Wreaths Across America, Retsil Cemetery, Port Orchard.  
(photo: Key Pen)*



*Key Pen Chapter's special people dance chapter group pic.  
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*Key Pen at Retsil Cemetery, Port Orchard.(photo: Key Pen)*

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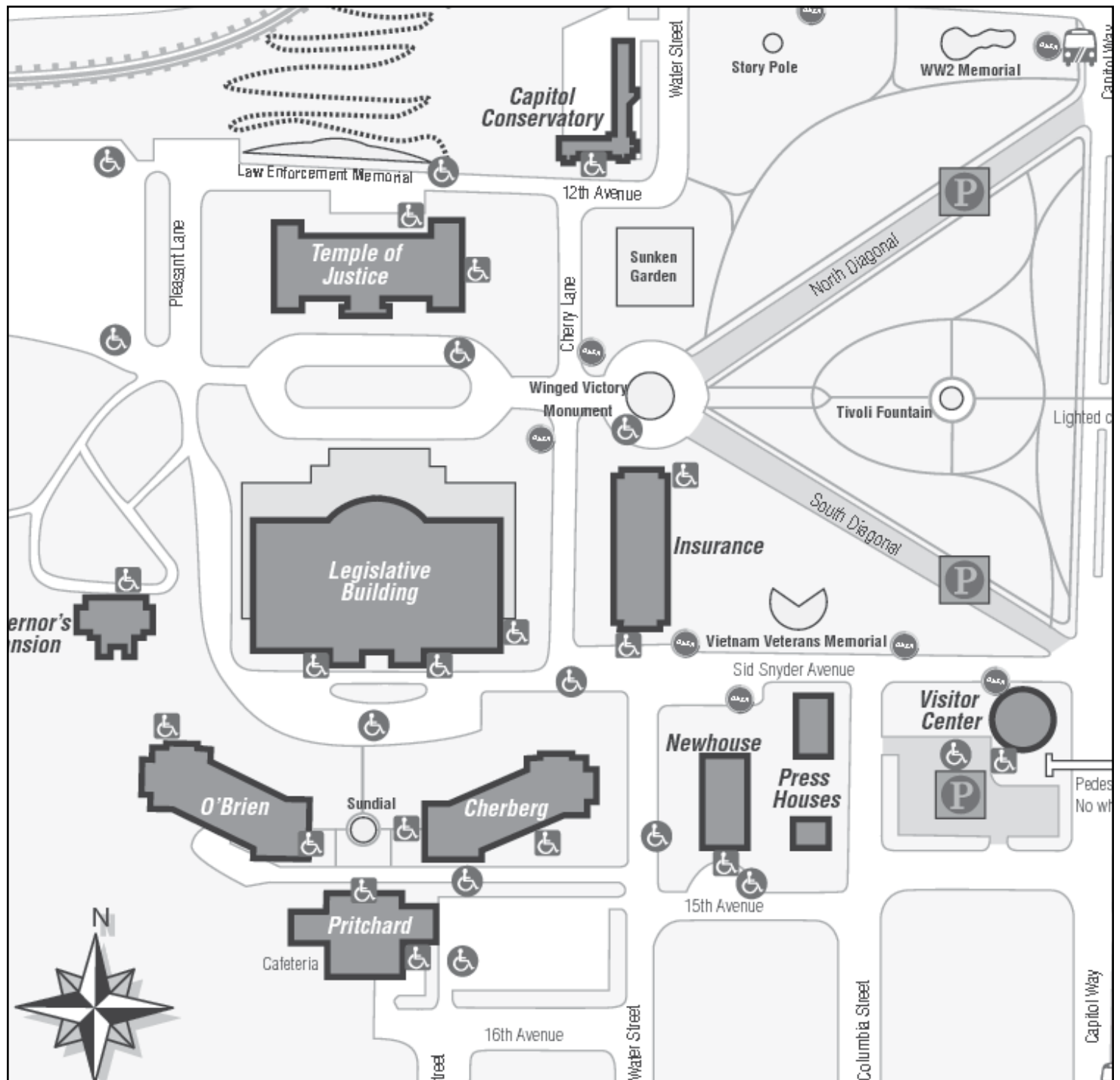
## Sky Valley Chapter

From HIGHWAYMAN (ROGER HANSON), DEPUTY COORDINATOR

**SNOHOMISH** - Well by the reading of this Christmas and new years is now behind us. Now onward to another new year with new rides and new folks to meet and sign up for ABATE! Wish it was that easy!

Well looking back for a minute our chapter did the "holiday family" thing with food and presents for all. Now it's time to get back to work on our new years bike show on the third Sunday in May. We have T-shirts to design, tie-dye and lots of planning to do. Working with police chief Rogers we have worked out a deal for our show with more money going to the community and less going for police protection that we have never needed in the 23 years of doing this show.

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