

May, it's always declared to be Motorcycle Awareness Month, but what does that really mean, and where do we fit in that picture?

We have all heard the stories.

"That dirtbag came out of nowhere."

"That idiot just cut me off so that he could get his precious latte."

"The moron just pulled out in front of me."

My question is this; are they really so cavalier as to not care about riders or is there some underlying reason as to why they do not see us? The answer can get really complex if you let it, debating various situational scenarios, but it normally distills down to a couple of

factors. The first one is that many drivers simply do not see motorcycles because they do not have any sort of connection to motorcycles. When their brains are telling them to search for potential points of conflict in traffic motorcycles are not really in their consciousness, ergo they do not land on the immediate scan list. The primary thrust of declaring May to be Motorcycle Awareness Month is to get motorcycles in the minds of the driving public so that we make their immediate scan list. Nuff said on that factor.



The other factor hits a bit closer to home. When someone tells me, either in person or on some media platform, about their near-miss, pucker moment, or crash, I almost always ask them what they did to get into that situation, my bottom line being did they give the other driver any chance at all to locate them in the mix. [Keep Reading >>>](#)

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State Coordinator's Report

Members,

Riding season is in full swing and if you're like me you're enjoying the great weather we are having. Stay safe out there and ride often. Like every day, every hour, and every minute you can.

FAMILY CAMPOUT - coming soon hope to see you all there, this year will be a different event for ABATE OF WASHINGTON bring the dogs and cats, parrots, snakes and whatever they will allow at the Silver Ridge Ranch. The only rules that apply are those of the ranch. We will be having our drawing Saturday evening. That's it for State ABATE. Get your tickets for the drawing. We should have them available at the Camp Out.

Look forward to seeing and talking with you all. The big news is we have found a location for the 2022 SPRING OPENER. We will be going to Cascade Peaks camp ground out by Packwood Washington. The wheels are already turning for the future event. So mark your calendar and save the date for the best party ever.

MT SAINT HELENS RUN - We had the best turnout ever for the event lots of riders and groups from all walks of life just looking for a good ride and we provided. The weather made it even better temps in the 80s awesome run.

BRIAN LANG - Gets the big thanks for putting this together along with Elk country Chapter. Great job all. Many thanks also to Tacoma Chapter for setting up the pop-up and sell tickets and providing ABATE INFO DAN and TERRI Thanks. State products did not disappoint anyone either they were set up at the finish of the run and had great items for sale. Thank you Cheryl Holtquist for your time and effort. Look forward to next year's ride the scenery is worth the trip year after year.

CHAPTER SUPPORT RUN JUNE 12TH - Grays Harbor chapter has been working through some hard times and they are still trying

to pull it together. Being one of the first Chapters in the state we are organizing a run to the June meeting join us on the 12th of June to show support and have a group run to the meeting check out the flyer for the details. We will be riding from Olympia to Hoquiam in a pack run! Need reps from all Chapters to show support. Let's work this and make it a big run.

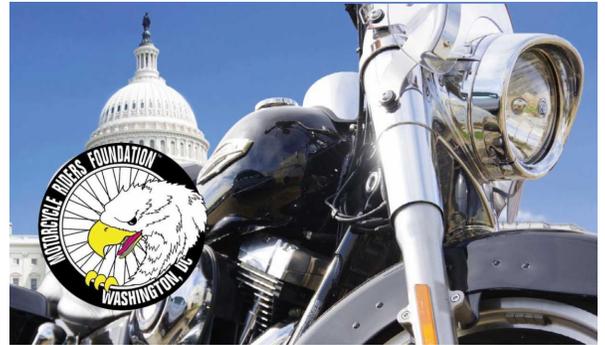
SWAP MEET, OCTOBER 3RD - At this time we are moving forward with this date. Unless something changes which we have no control of we are on. Start gathering your parts or making your shopping list for the Swap Meet more info coming out as we move ahead.

SCOTT ROBINSON
STATE COORDINATOR
ABATE OF WASHINGTON

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

For Immediate Release - Taking Back the Hill

For the last 15 months, the halls of Congress have been silent. Health and safety restrictions have all but eliminated the normal atmosphere on Capitol Hill. However, this week things began to return to normal. Bikers from over 25 states made their way to Washington D.C. and spent Monday and Tuesday meeting in person and via zoom with lawmakers and their staff. In many cases, MRF members were the FIRST in-person guests many members of congress had hosted since March of last year!



Bikers advocated on issues related to profiling, autonomous vehicles, the highway bill, ethanol, and a host of other items. The action wasn't limited to D.C. as MRF members who couldn't make the trip spent the last few days meeting with elected officials and staff back home. In the coming weeks, the MRF will put out calls to action on many of the topics we covered this week. You can help move our agenda forward by responding to these calls to action and build off of the great work done in D.C. But for now, enjoy some of the pictures your fellow rides snapped while in our nation's capital!



Click the images to see them larger!



Bikers Inside The Beltway, A New Definition For Motorcycle

New vehicles entering the roadways with little resemblance or operational characteristics to that of a motorcycle, have been arbitrarily classified as motorcycles. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has drafted language to put an end to the confusion. When identifying bill numbers are attached to this position, you will be notified. See the attachment for more details. In the meantime...

- Have you registered for Bikers Inside the Beltway? It's free but time is running out! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- Have you made your appointments to visit your members of Congress? Make your appointments now in your district or in Washington, D.C.
- Have you made your hotel reservations? Final date for hotel registration, May 13, 2021: 703-684-5900 Embassy Suites by Hilton Alexandria, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is moving forward to make the 2021 Bikers Inside the Beltway our most effective event ever. Thank you for your commitment to the MRF's mission. Thank you for making appointments with your members of Congress. [Click here to see the position paper for Definition of a Motorcycle.](#)

Thank you for your membership and support of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Fredric Harrell
Director, Conferences & Events
Motorcycle Riders Foundation
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Products Report

Greetings from Products.

I am writing this on May 16th and Wow, what a ride today. I met my husband and the 1,000 other bikes at the Johnstone Ridge Observatory at Mt. St Helen's. The Elk Country Chapter members know how to throw together an event! My son and Grandson from Alaska as well as my husband Chad pitched in and helped me set up and sell a ton of products. Unfortunately, I had no service so our PayPal wouldn't work (cash only) or my guess is we would have sold every short sleeve shirt we had. As it was we sold out of many sizes. I'll be putting in an order for not only more of the short sleeve shirts but sleeveless as well. I am always taking ideas for styles of logo wear so feel free to send me an email with your fabulous ideas. If you have an event you would like the Products Mini-Mall to attend let me know



and we will be at the campout as well.

The Products Mini-Mall will be at The Family Campout from June 25-27th as well as the ABATE sponsored Swap Meet currently scheduled for Sunday, October 3rd in Monroe.

Ride safe and have a blast this summer.

Cheryl Holtquist

Email: products@abate-wa.org



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\$24



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\$20

PIC-COLLAGE

SIZES

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2XL, 2XLT
3XL, 3XLT
4XL, 4XLT



Events and Runs

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. (click image to see larger)

ABATE OF WASHINGTON
NORTH KITSAP ABATE PRESENTS:

THE 1st Annual MUTT PUTT

5-Stop Poker Run Benefiting the Humane Societies of Kitsap, Jefferson, and Mason Counties
Saturday, June 19th 2021 - Meet up at 9am for Breakfast, Registration begins at 10am - KSU 10:30
\$10 per rider or \$15 for 2-up - Pets ride free!
Start/End at the Cloverleaf Sports Bar & Grill - 1240 Hollis St. Bremerton, WA 98310
1st Stop - Humane Society of Mason County - 18400 WA 3, Allyn, WA 98524
2nd Stop - Lucky Dog Casino - 19330 U.S. 101, Skokholm, WA 98584 - FUEL STOP
3rd Stop - Jefferson County Humane Society - Critter Lane, Port Townsend, WA 98368
4th Stop - Emv Bar & Grill - 19559 Viking Ave. NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370
5th Stop - Cloverleaf Sports Bar & Grill - KITT-Y drawing and Raffle Prize!



ABATE OF WASHINGTON

North Kitsap ABATE Presents: MEMORIAL RUN TO HURRICANE RIDGE



SUNDAY - JUNE 6th - 2021
KOHLS - Kitsap Mall
10:00am KSU 10:15

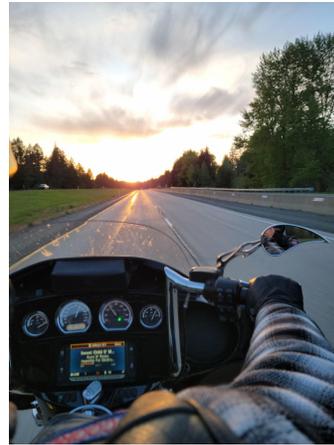
This is a no-fee group ride to Port Angeles for Picnic Supplies, then on to the Ridge for a Picnic Lunch in memory of our friends and loved ones, and the great times we had with them.

They were an important part of North Kitsap ABATE we shall not forget.

Open Ride for All - Motorcycles and Cars Welcome
PASS REQUIRED!

Motorcycle (\$25, valid for seven days)
Private Vehicle (\$30, valid for seven days)
Direct Inquiries to: NKAbateriders@gmail.com

ABATE In The Wind

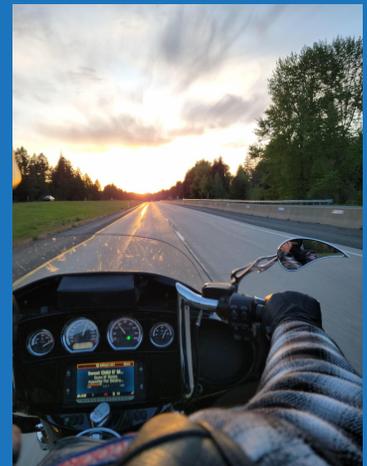


Local Chapter Reports

East Pierce County Chapter Report

Greetings from EPCC! First, our hearts and prayers go out to Billy De's family, both blood and Red and Gold. We lost a great man. Rest in Peace Billy. Our EPCC Annual Mystery Run is coming up on Saturday, June 19th. It's always a great time. If you don't know where you're going, any road can take you there they say, so let's see where we end up! Guess the mileage and win the pot! See the flyer in the newsletter for details. As always, keep the rubber side down, and get out there and ride as much as possible. See you on the flipside!

Joe Cain
Deputy Coordinator



Elk Country Chapter Report

This has been an amazing month so far. As I write this, it



North Kitsap Chapter Report

What a ride that was! Yes, I asked for an extra day or two

is mid-May, and we have already had an interesting month so far. A couple of our members went before the Morton City Council and got them to unanimously proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Morton. On the Sunday of our business meeting, the Christian Crusaders Motorcycle Ministry performed a Blessing of the Bikes on the bikes out front of the Moose Lodge just prior to our meeting. The local newspaper covered the blessing and then printed up a half-page article on the event, ABATE, Elk Country Chapter, and the local motorcycling community. The article prominently mentioned ABATE of Washington's State Chaplain Sam Bonomo and really promoted what ABATE does for both the motorcycling community and the broader community that we all live in.

At our meeting, our member "Link" Hamilton brought in several really nice bits of electronic technology to use as door prizes for the folks attending the meeting. One of which was a pretty sweet little drone that Mo Thomas won. He says he is beginning to get the hang of flying it, but I don't think his skill is quite up to flying it at our big Mt St Helens Ride...yet.

In just two days, we will be having our 15th Annual Mt St Helens Memorial Ride. With the forecasted nice weather, we are expecting the turn-out to be mindboggling. On the Facebook event page, over 500 people say they are going, and over 2,100 people are "interested" in going. And that's not counting the people who have seen the flier online, heard from friends and family, or have just made this ride an annual tradition to start off the Summer riding season. Our biggest turn-out was in 2018, when we had 430 bikes. Something tells me that we will easily beat that mark this year. I am hoping to have some good photos for next month's report.

Enjoy the Summer, and the awesome roads that are out there to ride!

Catch you on the road sometime...

Brian
Coordinator
Elk Country Chapter

on the newsletter deadline so I could include the report from the 15th Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Run put on by the fine folks from Elk Country ABATE! What an epic event that was! Over 1,000 Motorcycles turned up for the ride! Our Chapter started in Kitsap County (duh) at the Kohl's Parking lot, then met up with the Key Peninsula folks on the way to Eagle Leather in Lakewood. There, we ran into a couple hundred folks from various groups, including EPCC and Spanaway ABATE, then it was on down I-5 to Castle Rock to join the "Movement" All in all, it was a great day of riding - Thanks for coming out!

Here is what the North Kitsap ABATE is up to for the month of June! Mark your calendars, fuel up those bikes, and we'll hit the winding roads and enjoy the beautiful vistas of the Olympic Peninsula with TWO different runs this month!

June 6th is our Annual Memorial Run to Hurricane Ridge! Meet up at the Kitsap Mall Kohl's Parking lot at 10am - KSU 10:15 Group ride to Port Angeles for picnic supplies, then on to Hurricane Ridge for a picnic lunch. This is a no-fee ride, but there is an entrance fee to the National Park of \$25 per Motorcycle or \$30 per cage - Sorry 'bout that!

June 19th is the 1st Annual "Mutt Putt" - A 5 stop Poker Run benefiting the Humane Societies of Mason, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties! A ride you can really sink your teeth into! We're raising money and taking donations of pet food/supplies for our local animal shelters. There will be a "Kitty" drawing at the end and raffle prizes of course! This is approximately 180 miles around the Hood Canal, with a fuel stop at the "Lucky Dog" casino. Ride Fee is \$10 single or \$15 for 2-up, Pets ride free. Start at the Cloverleaf Sports Bar & Grill with a hearty breakfast at 9am, Registration begins at 10am, KSU 10:30 1240 Hollis St. Bremerton, WA 98310

I still have winning tickets available for the drawing coming up on the 26th at the Family Camp Out - See me at any event for one or ten!

See ya down the road!

Thomas Short - Coordinator
North Kitsap ABATE



South King County Chapter Report

Greetings

I see that we are mostly starting to get back to our normal meetings for our chapters.

Runs and events are happening. That's exciting!

South King County chapter has been having weekly socials. We've been roving around different locations getting to know people and places we normally don't ride to. That's been fun to socialize with our brothers and sisters.

We are back at Jet City Harley Davidson selling raffle tickets, getting members signed up and educating people about ABATE. And socializing.

We are still holding our meetings at Lundtland. If you need the address please let me know.

Continue to stay healthy and ride skillfully.

Adalinda Lundt
Coordinator



Tacoma Chapter Report

Well, ABATE of WA was hit with some very sad news in May. We were informed that Billy De Hunter passed away from his bout with cancer. It is well known how dedicated and influential Billy De was to ABATE of WA, especially the Spanaway chapter, and he truly will be missed. Our hearts and blessings go out to Barb Hunter and his whole family. And, on May 15th, a memorial was held for Kat Bolton's husband. Our sincerest condolences go out to Kat Bolton (Tri-Cities chapter) and her family.

Also, in May, our chapter held its Roll 'Em Out ride. The weather was nice and about 30 or so bikers joined the fun on this ride. As of the writing of this report, most of us are preparing to join the Mt St Helen's Run, and the Awareness Ride (May 22nd). Keep in mind that there is a support ride scheduled for June 12th. This ride is intended to show support for the Gray's Harbor chapter.

Legislatively, the regular session ended April 25th but, we are still working on our Bills. Specifically, there is a Lane Sharing Petition going around and members should sign it and present it to other motorcyclists outside ABATE of WA. And, a few things have changed for Black Thursday next year. We were unable to schedule our event as usual (3rd Thursday) so we had to make arrangements for the following Friday. So, next year's Black Thursday will actually be Black Friday.

Hopefully everyone is finding some time to ride while the weather is so nice.

South King County chapter at Jet City HD promoting ABATE. Selling raffle tickets and signing up members.



Star Lake Chapter Report

Greetings to all from Star Lake Chapter

We had our chapter meeting on May 2, 2021, at Purdy's Public House in Sumner. We discussed upcoming rides and future chapter events. Some chapter members volunteered their time Saturday to support the Kinship Care Giver Appreciation event in King county. The governor signed a proclamation that May 19th will be Kinship Appreciation Day in Washington State. Mayors from Kent and Auburn also participated in presenting gift tokens of appreciation to the caregivers. Our very own SL Chapter Coordinator and DC were among the volunteers (photos 1-6). Thank you to those who participated in supporting this especially important recognition. SL chapter made a grand appearance and participated at the Mt St. Helen, Elk County Chapter Memorial ride (photo 7). The weather was certainly supreme for that event as evidenced by the thousands of riders and bikes. Our next major chapter event will be the chapter camp out at Kaner flats state park.

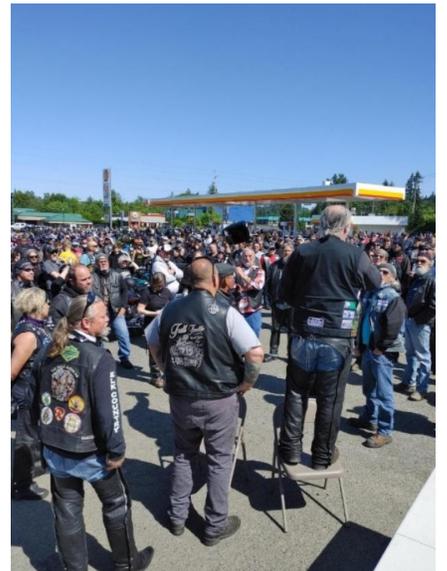
Star Lake Chapter 2021 events and participation:

- 2nd annual chapter campout at Kaner Flats (11-13 June)
- Chapter weekend ride event TBD (23-25 July)
- Participate in the 'Run to the Desert' at Soap Lake (August 27-29)
- Attend the EPCC 'Teddy Bear Event' (August)
- 3rd year Hope Sparks charity 'Run for the Hills' event (September 11)
- Participate in other chapter-sponsored rides.

Now for this month's safety note. As a Road 'Safety' Captain, I take my responsibilities seriously. As a Road Captain, I do not just lead the ride. I want to ensure all riders can enjoy the ride and avoid hazards on the road as much as possible. It begins with a rider briefing at the start and updates before each leg of the route. We never leave a rider behind. I like to have a contingent plan to assist riders if something happens. We always include our chapter riders for support by participating in the pre-ride(s). As always, remember that the road may be the same, but the journey is always different. Be prepared and be safe out there. See you down the road.

Ken Nyland
Star Lake Chapter, Road Captain





Pacific County Chapter Report

Pacific County Chapter would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of Billy De Hunter of Spanaway Chapter. He left a big legacy and a standard to strive for!

We had our 101 Run, Saturday, May 8, and had a good turnout. Our Brothers from RARE rode with us as did Bill and Mike from South King Co. Chapter. They were our

Spanaway Chapter Report

Spanaway ABATE Update: Billy Dee Hunter
 After writing and submitting the June article ABATE of Washington and the Spanaway chapter suffered a big loss. One of the founding members of the Spanaway Chapter and a very big influence on ABATE of Washington and a lifetime member Billy Dee Hunter passed away.

Billy Dee passed away early in the morning of June 11

long distance champions, logging the miles, and even taking the long way home through Oregon! The weather was a bit damp (rainy), but the showers mostly held off, and everybody had a good time.

As we head into the heart of Summer riding season, remember to keep an eye on fluids, tires, and belts.

Hope to see ya on the road.

Stay sharp and ride safe.

Naselle~

John Tschannen, Coordinator

supported by his Red and Gold Brothers and his wife at home. His impact on motorcycling in the State of Washington will be long-lasting. He has mentored and helped a number of ABATE members and chapters in this State and others. I am humbled and honored that he called me one of his brothers. There will be more about future plans to honor Billy Dee in the future.

Remember to love people while they are here and tell them how much they mean to you. Someday it will be too late to tell them.

Thank you all for honoring him with a Lifetime membership last year. A small honor that meant a great deal to him. Rest in Peace my friend ride free without pain.

Andy McAfee

Spanaway ABATE Coordinator



Gray's Harbor Chapter Report

Coordinator's Ramblings
(Who put the quarter in?)

Brothers, Sisters, and Friends. What is A.B.A.T.E., and what is it to you? We all know what the mission of A.B.A.T.E. is, but for many of us it has far more meaning.

For myself, it is why, at the last minute, I got involved again. I could not sit back and watch this chapter die! For many of us, it's much more than a legislative soapbox. Look at some of the officers who got involved along with me to get the chapter going again. Why? Because in some way, somehow, it has a deeper meaning

For me it was how I got to form bonds with the biker community on the Harbor, and connections with the Brotherhood abroad. I was 23 in 1988 when I moved to Westport with my first Harley that I built myself, full of



Rat City Chapter Report

The FREEZE YOUR BUTT OFF event took place on March 27th this year. We (unfortunately) had beautiful warm and dry weather... which brought out MANY members and guests to support the White Center Food Bank. Many thanks to all who participated, and the winners who ended up donating back their winnings! We had 58 people attend, and the total raised for the food bank was \$821. That's a great payout to a great cause!

Caption: Joe Cosgrove delivering check to Carmen at White Center Food Bank

pride and bullshit. One Eye Mike took me under his wing and taught me how to be a brother, not some dumb-ass magazine biker. He introduced me to Kenny and A.B.A.T.E, and most of my lifetime bonds started there. I was even shanghaied by Gramps to be the coordinator in '97, '98. So to me there is deeper meaning regarding A.B.A.T.E...*Keep Reading >>>*

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Key Peninsula Chapter Report

Greetings from the Pen!

Just got home from a great day of riding with about 1000 of my favorite people! Rode with the group up to Mt St. Helens for the memorial ride. Awesome weather made for a stellar turnout for the event. Great seeing friends, catching up, and kinda just taking in the scene of so many people doing the same. Felt pretty normal. Nice getting and giving hugs again too, I'm a hugger!

My wife Cheryl is the State Products rep and we brought up the mini-mall and folks came through getting some of the latest goods. Really kept us hopping even before we got shop set up!

As far as the chapter, we are planning our 9th annual Worlds famous Brewery Run. Date is set for August 28th and all the proceeds will be donated locally on the Key Peninsula. One of our chapter members has a pretty swanky bottle of bourbon we'll be auctioning off. I'll start the bid right now at \$75! Make plans to join us and come taste some great brews on the Kitsap Peninsula for a good cause. Deep Draft brewery in Gorst will be our final stop and they already have live music lined up.

That's about it for now, as always stay cool!!



THE SOCIAL CONTRACT

We're personal injury attorneys. We represent people who have been hurt in motorcycle wrecks and other types of accidents.

We also handle "motorcycle civil rights" cases. Every year we put hundreds of thousands of dollars of time into these cases. We also advance all the costs necessary to pursue them.

Up until this point we've really focused our work with issues that have come up for Club members.

In the past couple of years we've sued:

- City of Kennewick for not responding to a public records request about its surveillance of motorcycle riders.
- City of Kennewick for extending a traffic stop in order to gather information about motorcycle club members.
- State of Oregon for taking negative employment action because the plaintiff was a member of a motorcycle club.
- Walla Walla County (three times) for unconstitutionally prohibiting motorcyclists from wearing certain patches or expressing support for the victims at Waco.

The idea of the Social Contract originated during the Age of Enlightenment. One of the proponents was Thomas Hobbes.



There's a social contract here too. Some people would probably leave it as subtext. But we think it makes sense to be 100% up-front.

Here are the terms: We make a substantial effort to advance motorcycle civil rights and people who really care about those issues hire us to handle their personal injury cases.

We look forward to working with you.



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