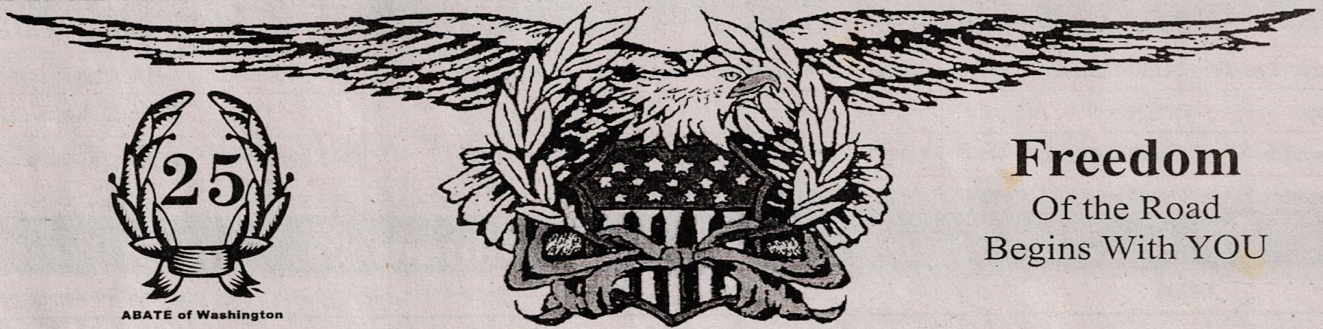


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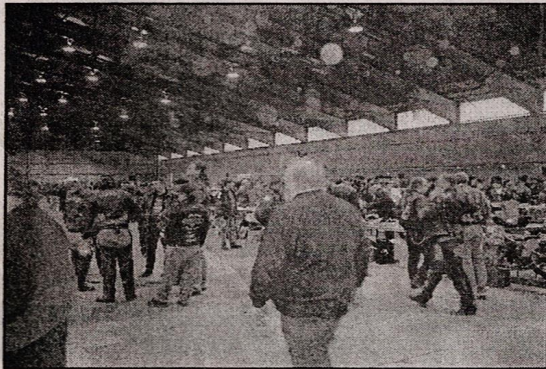
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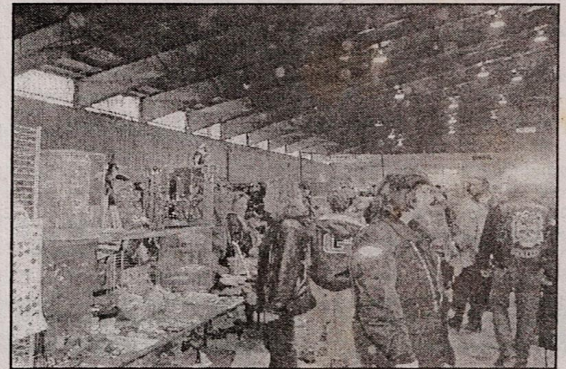
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Hey, thank you folks for all of your Newsletter submissions. Without YOU this Newsletter doesn't work! Also a big thanks goes to all of those e-mails and phone calls thanking me for the job I have done the past 16 months. Well I want to just take the time to thank each and every one of you for your support! You folks have been awesome! I do hope you give the next editor the same patience and understanding that you have given me. I have many concerns about where this great Organization is headed as I'm sure many of you do as well. But one thing I know for sure is that this Newsletter is and will remain the greatest link of information source that we share.

Thank you

Till I see you "In the Wind"

BA

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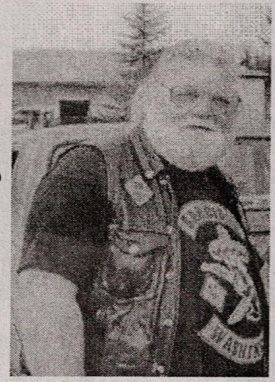
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*Jason Mallick, Mick Gillispie, Birdman and Otter,
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4th Annual Memorial Party For Mississippi Charlie



To be held Saturday, April 17th, 2004

The fourth annual Memorial Party for Mississippi Charlie will be held Saturday, April 17th at the Tropical Tides; 1941 Marine View Drive; Tacoma, WA 98422. (253) 383-1144. Music will be by "WHISKEY CREEK" and "The SWAINS". Doors open at 7 pm. Music starts at 8 pm. There will be a \$10 cover charge for this event. 21 & over ID required.

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BLOOMBERG NEWS

Honda Motor Co., Harley-Davidson Inc. and other motorcycle makers must cut tail-pipe exhaust by 60 percent starting in 2006, U.S. regulators said in the first such change since 1978. The rules require "highway" bikes, such as Honda's Gold Wing, Harley's Fat Boy, scooters and mopeds, to emit less smog-forming hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, the Environmental Protection Agency said Tuesday. "This ... harmonizes

national guidelines with those of California, which has regulated motorcycle pollution," said EPA spokesman John Millett. After 2007, the EPA will require fuel hoses and tanks that curb pollution from gasoline evaporation, the agency said. The EPA estimates the cost of new catalytic converters and emissions controls will be about \$75 per motorcycle by 2010, in the final phase of the new rules.

AMA NEWS

AMA OUTRAGED OVER MANDATORY MOTORCYCLIST ORGAN-DONOR BILL

The American Motorcyclist Association has expressed its outrage over a proposed law in California that could force some motorcyclists to be organ donors against their wishes.

The proposal is an amendment to Assembly Bill 1200. The original proposal would allow adults 18 and older to decide whether to wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle. The amended version states that those who chose not to wear a helmet "is deemed to have consented to the making of an anatomical gift under this act."

AMA Western States Representative Nick Haris said that while the AMA supported the bill in its original form, it can't support the measure with the new amendment.

"Riders who wish to donate their organs should be under no undue pressure to do so," Haris said. "This provision makes a mockery of the spirit and kindness of voluntary organ donation."

Assemblyman John Longville (D-San Bernardino) amended the bill to require motorcyclists who wish to ride without a helmet to be organ donors. To express your opposition to the amendment, go to the California section of StateWatch at the Rapid Response Center at www.AMADirectlink.com to send an e-mail. Or you can send a letter to: Assemblyman John Longville, State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249-0062.

A New Mexico lawmaker introduced similar legislation last year and quickly withdrew the proposal after the AMA mustered opposition to the bill from motorcyclists around the nation.

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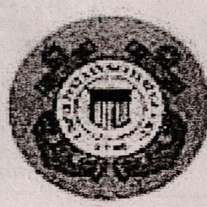
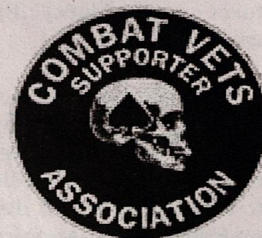
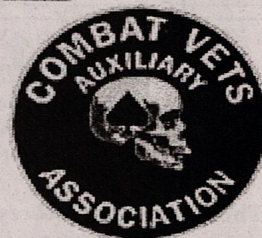
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For an online membership application go to: <http://combatvet.org/application/>

If you are a Combat Vet, Ride Motorcycles, then you could apply for CVMA membership



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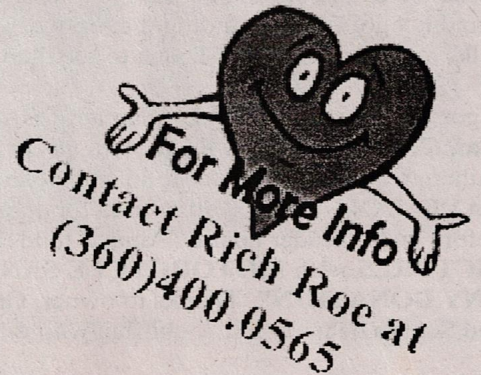
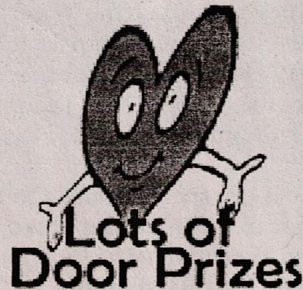
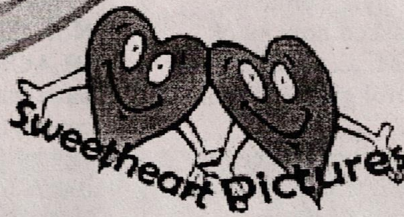
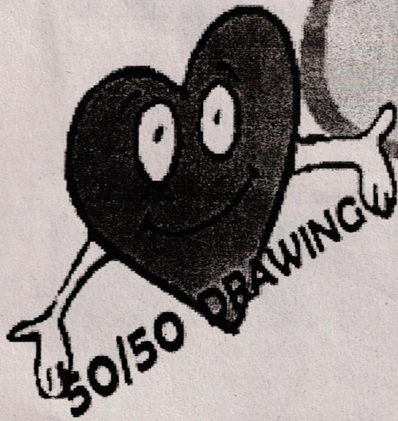
25th Anniversary

Valentines Party

Feb. 14th 2004
8p.m.

AT THE
**TROPICAL
TIDES**

(Formerly the Shipwreck)
1941 Marine View Dr.
Tacoma, Wa.



WOWSER, WOWSER, WOWSER, What a busy month was December. Done the Seattle Motorcycle Show and I will call it a success, Close to 22 **NEW** memberships, six renewals, and close to three hundred \$\$ in products! Thanks to all of you who volunteered to man the booth, We had an excellent location on a corner and directly across from the stunt riding arena. I had to leave the show early on Friday night when I received a call from Diana letting me know that the ceiling in our spare bedroom collapsed, water, blow in insulation and wet sheetrock totally engulfed the bed and room. Oh well thankfully we have insurance and my mother in law wont be here for the holidays for two more weeks!

We did the ABATE of Washington's **TACOMA Chapter** toy run to the women's shelter, it was a great run, a little wet at some spots but a very rewarding time, We ended up at the Rite spot in Fife for food and spirits. After recuperating for a few hours it was time to head home.

After getting home, Diana insisted that I take a shower so we could go for a beer with Jeff and Teri, (our dear friends), We headed to Nifty Fifties on Canyon Rd. When we got there Diana headed past the tables and on in to the back, (I followed). There my friends were all gathered to celebrate my **50th Birthday!!!** What a surprise!!! Lots and lots of people. Party we did, Oh and by the way, guess who was there as a surprise? My mother in law... The one who I didn't figure was going to be there for two more weeks! OH MY! At 10:15 or so came the two hard body strippers.... They rubbed and slithered until I thought I was gonna go... Then they had to do a game called the beaver bash.... The more \$\$ people dropped the more they bashed the beavers on my cheeks... oh my... Someone (Sonnyboy?) dropped in a twenty and asked how much is this gonna get him? BAM BAM BAM..... That's when I heard Diana holler out "Be careful girls, he's got false teeth".....

Special thanks to Robin and Betty for tying all the balloons to me and putting confetti in places where confetti shouldn't go, I'm still finding it everywhere. Oh yes folks a party it was! Ask Diana to see the video!

I got the pleasure of playing Santa for BASH at **Cave-man Coffee** on Canyon Rd for two weekends where we gathered a pickup truck of food and close to \$500.00. **CAVEMAN COFFEE** advertises for about two weeks before on his reader board, "Annual food drive" **"FREE PICTURES with MOTORCYCLE SANTA with ANY DONATION"** Thanks to owner, Greg Brossart and Santa's helpers, Kathy and Jen who diligently

worked the coffee shop while Michelle and Theresa playing Elves took pictures of all who participated. What a great bunch of **people helping people!**

Then I was off to play Santa again for BASH at the BASH office for their Christmas Basket give away, Thanks to all of those that volunteer their help in that much needed program. CONGRATULATIONS to Rebecca and Shawn Neal for their NEW little bundle of joy! I don't know who is more proud, Them or the Grandfolks, Bob and Vicki Houck....

Once again I donned the Little Red suit for ABATE of Washington's "NARROWS CHAPTER" at their first annual Christmas party, At first I was a little hesitant but it turned out to be a whole lot more fun than one could imagine, My oh my, you can't imagine what **"YUKON JACK"** (thanks BA) and some good music can do to Santa! A great time was had by all! **"HO HO HO"** A **DANCING SANTA?** Diana's mom from Fair Oaks Calif. was here and went to the party with us, even if the band didn't know the song "Tea for Two" it didn't slow her down a bit from dancing the night away, She kept saying **"fun fun fun"** on the ride **all the way home!**

The day before Christmas Diana and I came down with some sniffles, by Christmas Day it was worse, and for the next eight days or so we coughed, hacked, sneezed and in general felt like crap! So much for our Holidays! Finally we made the Narrows Numb Nutz ride at the Pegasus, we were late and all was gone, so off to the house we go,

I hope all of you had an excellent Holiday season, Now the next big event is important to all that ride, **BLACK THURSDAY** is really close! I hope you all have made your appointments, At least show up at the capital to show support to those that did.

Okay folks, Better riding weather is coming, Don't forget the Spring Swap meet February 15th and **Sky Valley's** Shaking the Winter Blues party February 14th.

Also, **Tacoma Chapter's** 25th Anniversary Valentines Party is the 14th of February at the Tropical Tides in Tacoma. Happy 25th Tacoma Chapter! See you in the wind!!!

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"⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

Abraham first described himself as "a foreigner and a visitor" when he was buying a burial plot for Sarah (Genesis 23:4). Time and death makes you think about such things.

Most elderly believers say the same thing: There's no home for us this side of heaven. Like Pilgrim in Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*, once we've caught sight of the Celestial City we can never be content with anything less. Like Abraham, we look for a city whose builder is God (Hebrews 11:10). In Tolkien's *The Lord Of The Rings*, as Frodo and the other hobbits set out on their great adventure,

they sing, "Home is behind, the world ahead." But for Christians, it's the other way around: The world is behind; our home is ahead.

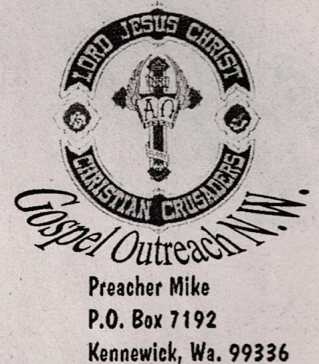
There are no valleys of weeping there, for "God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). That promise makes the present journey easier to endure.

It's the hope of going home that keeps me going. I can hardly wait to get there!

The more you look forward to heaven, the less you'll desire of earth.

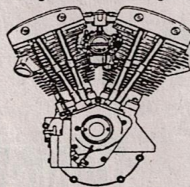
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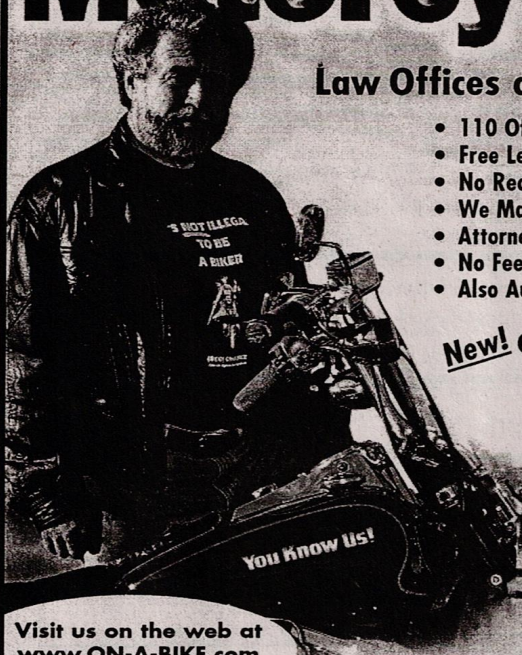
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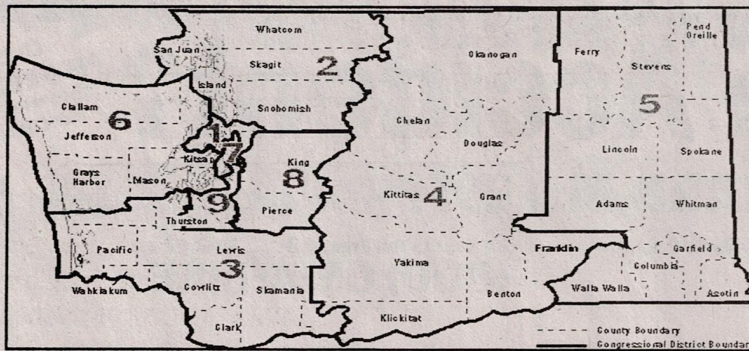
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CHAPTER REPORTS

GRAYS HARBOR

Thirteen members and guests met at Chris' Motorcycle shop on Saturday, January 3. The chapter is planning a fundraiser for Hiway Cycle Racing, a project by Spider, our ace wrench and brother, and his son Matt, the pilot of the fast Sporty. Hiway Cycle Racing begins its third year, and they plan to improve upon their success over the last two years. Currently we are planning a raffle with some very fine prizes, with proceeds to benefit the racing cause.

Can you say May Day!? The Grays Harbor chapter is reviving our very successful Cystic Fibrosis Run in May. This was a popular run for our Chapter in the '80s and '90s. We are including a very sweet poker run this year on the Saturday of our

run. The dates for the weekend run are May 1st and 2nd. We'll have more details in the next newsletter.

We are encouraging as many members as possible to attend Black Tuesday, and if that is not possible, we will be contacting our elected officials by other means. We look forward to a successful day of politicking.

Our next meeting will be on the first Saturday of February. All are welcome. Aberdeen and Hoquiam are always dry in the "Month of Love", so take a break, hop on your dirty old scooter and come to the end of the known universe for a visit.

Steve Levold
#2126

RAT CITY

It's time for the Rat City Chapter "Freeze Your Butt Off Run" February 8th. We had a great time last year when 132 motorcycles showed up on a cold but clear day. What an awesome sound when almost all of the motorcycles started out the run together. This year, the donations will be divided up, 50/50 to the Confederation of Clubs, "COC", and the White Center Food Bank. Come meet us 2/8/04 at The County Line Restaurant 8456 Dallas Ave. S. in South Park on 14th Ave. at 11:00 a.m.

Our Chapter is also working together to get a ride going to benefit the WRLTF. We hope it to turn out to be a Multi-Chapter run of Rat City, South King County, East Pierce County, Lakewood & the Narrows Chapter. Hope to do it on 04/03/04. Keep watching the ABATE calendar for the firm facts.

Unfortunately, December was not an ABATE event month for Kent & I. I envy the memories of some of our members who enjoyed taking in some of the Toy Runs and the other ABATE holiday

events. This is a wonderful time of year. It's especially comforting when somebody reminds you that they care about you, or to show somebody else that you really care about them. Sometimes people we don't even know. Remember, this awesome feeling can be carried throughout the year if we all work together and remember to show love and respect for each other.

We are looking forward to being at Black Thursday 01-22-04 then, our Freeze Your Butt Off Run 02-08-04 and the Swap Meet February 15th.

The Royal Bear in Algona is open now, and rumor has it, the Yella Beak in Enumclaw will be open any day now.

Hope to see you soon,
Suzie,
#16914
Rat City Deputy Coordinator,
Editor

CHAPTER REPORTS

SOUTH KING

Happy New Year!!! : SKCC is looking forward to the New Year.

I want to take a moment and thank the members who have been attending our regular meetings and have stepped forward and have become involved. Dan Laukala (El Gallo) - Deputy Coordinator, has been working on membership roster, E mailing and phoning membership. Ken Smith, Treasurer, stepped forward last year and has continued to keep us up to date on our financial position. We had a great day riding to Olympia on the Freedom Run. (No Helmets) (Let us decide). Chris Olsen, Sergeant of Arms, attended the STEAM and Fall Board Meeting, Doug Cordova, recently stepped forward to get our Web Page Up and our news letter going. Doug's first priority, the Web Page followed by a newsletter to keep the folks, unable to access our web site. Doug is looking for photos and material for the Web Site.

We were glad to see Elaine Lester at our last meeting; she was hit by a drunk driver at the Oyster Run. She was very grateful to all the folks who have been there to help her out in recovery.

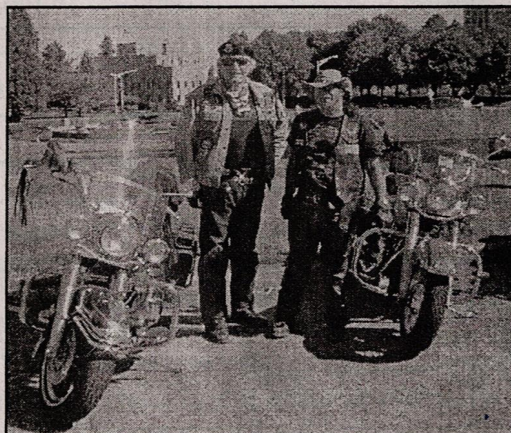
At our last meeting we matched our donation to B.A.S.H., \$925.50. Remember our food bank is there for those who might need it.

"BLUES ME OR LOSE ME" is back. We have

set a date of Sat. February 21st, with the new owners of the ROYAL BEAR. CRASH LANDING, formerly Blues Stew, Managed, by Mike Murphy and on the Keyboard, Grant Davis, previous member of our chapter will be playing. During the breaks some of the CLAN GORDON PIPE BAND will be playing the Pipes and Drums. Cost is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 a couple. (See Flyer)

Our Chapter is back on track, come and visit us.

Mick Gillispie,
Coordinator, ABATE of WA. SKCC



BELLINGHAM

Well, January is here. As I write this, there are 17 days until Black Thursday, January 22. We will be leaving Bellingham around 6:00 a.m., traveling down I-5 to Olympia. Hopefully, we will hook-up with people going down. As this is not an organized ride, there will be no road captains, so please be safe and watch out for one another.

I will be going to the Regional NCOM Conference

in Sacramento starting January 9, and will report back to the Chapters in my area about any further legislative ideas for Black Thursday.

"If you are not working for motorcycle rights, you're stealing a ride."

Warren

CHAPTER REPORTS

KITTITAS

Hello everybody I'll try to keep this as short as possible.

We had our chapter Christmas party at the Legion this last weekend. The food was great the drinks were stiff. All we needed was some good music. That job was handled by a cool local band named "So Damn Insane". Cordell, Zane and Randy donated their time as a personal favor to me. So I would like to say thanks to these guys. They put on killer show. They will also be playing at our New Year's Eve party at the American Legion club. We will be getting together around 7pm. If you missed the x-mas party you won't want to miss this one. We are looking for people to bring some snacks if you would like to help out call me or Jenn and let us know. This party is for every one so bring some friends hope

to see you there.

Black Thursday is right around the corner I know, I sound like a broken record but if we don't go stand up for our rights we can't sit around bitching about not having them.

The CWC group is having a crab feed January 24th at 6:00pm at the V.F.W club in Yakima. If you did not get tickets by now you probably won't. They went fast.

We got some cool runs planned for next summer. So don't let the cold weather get you down. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Jason Mallick
Kittitas County Coordinator



CHAPTER REPORTS

SKY VALLEY

Hello from Sky Valley, right now like most of our brothers and sisters were sitting at home wishing for sunshine and 80 degree weather. But plans for the future must still go on. We hope that you will join us for our Shakin the Winter Blues party on the 14 of Feb. after this winter we have a lot to shake off.

We realize that it falls on Valentine's Day this year so the Eagles are preparing a special dinner and for the first 50 women or so we will have corsages. So guys if you forget to buy them flowers we have already taken care of it for you. Sorry to

hear Bob is not running again but I totally understand it. You may not have agreed with everything that was said or done but at least he didn't set back and complain He did something so from Sky Valley Good Job Bob!!

Well, I'm going out and see if I can defrost my garage door, I may not be able to ride due to the ice storm but at least I can go out and start it up and look forward to the future.

Geno #14460
Sky Valley Coordinator

ISLAND COUNTY

Greetings one and all,

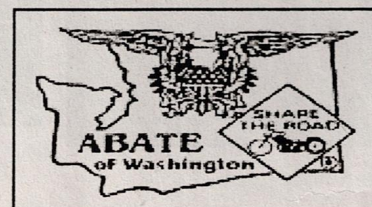
Boy, didn't I just send in January's report? I guess that's what the holidays(daze) do to you. Our chapter had our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange, pretty cool stuff was to be had by all. We had a couple of more guests that our new member Bert Ward brought with him. Seems like the gentlemen liked what they saw with the tentative legislation this year, I'm thinking they'll be at the next meeting with completed applications in hand (I'm gonna hope really hard anyway).

Speaking of meetings, ours have been changed once again to the first and third SATURDAYS now. This has been an ongoing dilemma with the way the work schedules are around here, we are still at the American Legion in Bayview, and the time is still 11:00 am. Y'all can pretty much figure on all functions to be at the Legion Hall here on out, we have developed quite a repor with them and we now have a "home base" of which to work from. It's a good feeling to know that we have a

location for anything we decide to do. We sure do appreciate it.

Look for our flier on our Bazaar Breakfast coming in next issue, we'll be having a bottle / white elephant auction as well as bargains galore and a raffle or two to boot. The breakfast part alone will be worth the trip to the Island! Pancakes, bacon, eggs, juice & coffee have all sat quite well with me when I had a few miles in first. Our April Fooled Us Party will be right around the corner before we know it, so we're pretty well lined up with those details already. Hey! the chapter might be able to enjoy the party also this year if we get our ducks in a row early enough. Now, that's a concept! Till next month, keep the rubber on the bottom and your knees in the breeze.

Tracy Kim "TK" Johnson
#12866 / Coordinator
Island County Chapter
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CHAPTER REPORTS

NARROWS

WOW! What a party The Narrows Chapter 1st Annual Christmas party went off like a rifle shot! Many thanks to all of those who attended! It was a little tough being we had a party in two different bars but everything went very smooth. A big thank you goes to the Golden West Saloon and the Opal Tavern for having us and thanks for the wonderful raffle prizes you donated. Another big thanks goes to "Santa's Little Helpers" Leann Horn, Cheryl "Otter" Meyer and my lovely wife Trena. Other big thanks go to Rich "Birdman" Meyer, Jerry and Marj Graham and who was in that Santa suit? Why none other than Tom "Santa" Wortman! Thank you Tom for calling the raffle prizes and doing the auction thing! In all the party was a huge success and we look forward to doing it again next year! A big thanks to the raffle prize donators, Psycho Bro's, T&T Tire, Cloud 9, Puget Sound Cycle, BBQ Pete's, Hooters, Eagle Leather, Destination HD, Cool Beans Espresso, Starbucks, Freedom Cycle, Tacoma V-Twin, Hinshaw's Honda, Tacoma Motorsports, Benno of Germany and Leann Horn who made those cool Christmas wreaths!

Tom, who by the way just celebrated his 50th birthday a week before! Maybe on your 100th you can get four of those little honeys to come down and visit you! Whew, had me sweating! Thank you Diana for throwing the birthday party! A great time was had by all!

My deepest sympathies go the family of Glenn "Phoneman" Rice. Many people attended his memorial

Dec. 20th at the AMVETS in Tacoma. You will be greatly missed my dear friend. Until we meet again...

Keep in mind the brave men and women who are in Iraq at this very moment putting themselves in harms way so that a country can hopefully enjoy some of the freedoms we have here in the good old USA. One of our own, Robert Ash is in Iraq as we speak with the Stryker Brigade. My hats off to you Brother. God Bless You and God Bless America.

Black Thursday is just around the corner as I write this. I do hope the helmet repeal goes through. I long for the days when I could take off on one of those rides and feel the wind in my hair! Hopefully I will see most of you at the Capitol!

The 1st Annual Narrows Numb Nutz Run was quite an event! A little rain, a little snow and then some more snow! Who could ask for more? We gave the gals a bag of nuts so they wouldn't feel left out and they wore them proudly! All in all it was a great time and we look forward to doing it again next year!

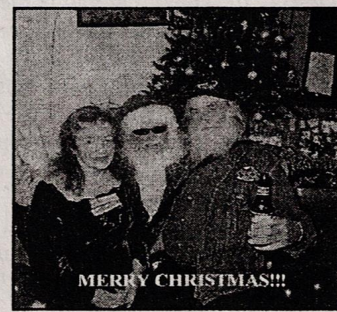
For the rest of our runs please read the "In the Wind" section by Birdman and Otter or log on to our web site at (www.narrowsabate.com)!

Till I see you "In the Wind"

BA

Coordinator

Narrows Chapter



NARROWS "IN THE WIND" by Birdman and Otter

Olympia Toy Run 12/6/03 57 ITW Miles

We started the day out to beautiful weather. The weather man was wrong, "again". We arrived at the Canned Food Warehouse, where we joined four bikes. Within forty-five minutes, the parking lot was nearly full. It amazes and delights me the amount of people that show up to contribute so at least less children will not have to go with out. As of this writing, I haven't heard how many attended, but my estimate would be that we met if not exceeded last year's count of 6800. When we entered the Sears parking lot at the

So. Sound Center in Lacey, it was already packed. We left the So. Sound Center and paraded through Olympia. The Streets were lined with well wishers waving and thanking us and having as great a time as we were. Events like this really bring people together. We paraded to Marathon Park, but never got to the park. There were so many bikes, we were parking along the road leading to the park and walking our gifts to the park. Many of us ended our ride at the Cloud Nine for visits with friends. More information will be added as it comes in.

Tacoma Toy Run 12/13/03 43 ITW Miles

A large group met at Nifty Fifties 3(formerly the Brookedale Inn). We left there shortly after 11am and headed to the Steilacoom Deli. We made it there none too early. It was raining lightly on the way there, but dumped sheets of rain after we got there. We were so glad to be indoors. It finally stopped and we all saddled up and left before it could start up again.

We rode along the bay. It was a really nice view. We arrived at the Goldfish, the place was elbow to elbow, but that's what makes the Goldfish the Goldfish and we all enjoy going

there. It began to dump rain again when we left to get to the Women's Shelter. The view of the waterfront was very nice. Even the rain couldn't spoil it. At the shelter it was so heart warming to see the smiles of all the children and their mothers when we arrived and the gifts were chosen. That's what it's all about. Making someone one else's life and emotional being better. We loved it and thank Tacoma Chapter for once again putting on a wonderful Toy Run. As for us, Merry Christmas to everyone!

Narrows Chapter Christmas Party 12/20/03

Well we did it, our 1st annual Christmas Party and WOW, what a party it was. It exceeded our expectations by far. The party was held at the Opal Tavern and The Golden West Tavern, both on So. Tacoma Way in Tacoma. Both places were very gracious for hosting us. Both places were packed the entire evening.

We held raffles, auctions and a 50/50. We've had lots of feed back from many party goers and they all said that they had a great time and even thought it was fun going back and forth between the Opal and Golden West.

We auctioned off a motorcycle jack, donated by Trena, a leather riding jacket, donated by Hinshaw's Honda, two Harley Davidson folding knives, donated by the Opal and a coffee basket worth \$75.00 from Cool Beans on Hosmer in Tacoma. There were so many raffle prizes. There were lot's of winners. I'm not even going to attempt to name them, there were too many for me to remember. Debi Bloss won the 50/50 however, for \$93.50. We want to congratulate everyone that won and we want to especially thank everyone that

attended, bought tickets and or just came out and had a good time.

For our first official party/fund raiser, we are proud to announce that we raised \$787.00. We could not have done it without everyone that came out.

We want to thank all those that worked to make the party a success. We want to thank all of our sponsors for their generous donations.

In closing out this article Rich "Birdman" and I would like to wish each and everyone a prosperous and happy 2004. Over the past few years, we as Americans have been through quite a bit, but for all the bad that's happened, We've seen people pull together to become stronger as one. We believe in America and our troops, past, present and future. God Bless them all. We send our love and friendship out to everyone. Hold your loved ones and friends close to your hearts, you may never know when they may be taken from you. May this year bring fewer broken hearts and may it be filled with happiness and peace. God Bless.

Narrows Numb Nutz Ride 1/1/04 73 ITW Miles

Despite the snow that hadn't melted entirely, twenty-six people showed up at the Pegasus on Puyallup Ave. Upon arriving, Trena passed out nut sacks to all the girls. (We couldn't allow only the guys to have numb nutz). Twenty people left and six saw us off. There were fourteen bikes and three cages as backups. From there we stopped at the County Line, then it was on to the Alki Beach. It was raining at Alki, but the view was beautiful.

While at the Alki, Sonny called and suggested we head for home. He let us know it was dumping snow in Tacoma. When we arrived at the Cloud, it was coming down

heavy. We visited and warmed up a bit, but as the snow got deeper, everyone headed for the safety of home, while it was still safe to ride.

Kudos to those brave hearts that made the ride on their bikes. It got bitterly cold, but they finished the ride. All of us from Narrows Chapter want to wish all a Happy and prosperous and safe 2004. God Bless you all and we will see you in the wind. Thanks to everyone for all your support in our new Chapter.

CHAPTER REPORTS

9th Annual Benefit for Pathways

It was a beautiful day! Cold & sunny in downtown Edmonds. Coming down into Edmonds, with a view of Puget Sound, blue, calm & smooth, the Olympics glistening in the west, and a ferry pulling into the dock, I knew the day was off to a good start. Motorcycles lined the street in front of Engel's Pub (second oldest Pub in the state, with the first being the Brick). Bikers arrived to enter a poker run as part of ABATE of Washington Sno King Chapter's 9th Annual Benefit for Pathways for Women YWCA. Thirty four entered the run (one rider being the new owner of Engel's Pub, Skip Churchill). Riders left Engel's to the China Clipper, Shoreline to Big Daddy's, Woodinville to Buzz In at Harvey Field, Snohomish and ending at Thrasher's Pub in Bothell where a chili cook off (18 chili's entered), auction & raffles took place. Our auctioneer, chapter member Ed Goettel, was awesome! Throughout the evening he kept the crowd pumped & bidding as the Coors Light girls, Aleah & Laurieanna, showed the items & drew tickets for raffles. After all the donations for auction were gone we had raised \$875 for Pathways. Thanks to Arne for keeping the items coming to Ed; Laurie, Kay & Sheila who sold the 50/50 raffle tickets; Judy for manning the bowls & ballots & anything else that needed to be done and to Bruce, Arne, Kay, Lloyd & Rick for dealing the cards. Thanks to Sound Beverage Dist. Inc., Friendly Distributors & Crown Distributors for their generous donations of auction items & give aways. Thanks go to Arne for collecting the following: One day Motorcycle rental from CYCLEBARN, gloves from BENT BIKE, a helmet from LYNNWOOD MOTOPLEX, a \$25 gift certificate from FRED MEYERS in Shoreline, 3 radio cars from SCHUCKS AUTO SUPPLY, Edmonds, a car radio from STEREO WAREHOUSE, a \$25 food basket from SAFEWAY in Edmonds & a shirt & hat from SEATTLE CYCLE. Thanks also to Charles for his generous cash donation to Pathways!

Thanks to everyone that supported this benefit by attending, bringing chili & spending money! To Thrasher's Pub for the continued support & Nancy

& Jen & staff for their hard work & commitment! We really appreciate you!! Thrashers collected a car load of donations for Pathways from their customers.

Jay Keron took first place in the run with a full house of Queens & Kings. He donated his winnings of \$85 back to Pathways. Thank you Jay! Low Hand went to Pooh. Chris Walker won the 50/50 and received \$161. Roger Hanson (chili #8) walked away with 1st place in the chili cook off winning a free motorcycle rental from Cycle Barn. Lloyd Gardner's entry took 2nd place & won a \$50 gift certificate to Eastside HD & Tracy Reeves & Jeff Hoffman took 3rd place & received a \$25 gift certificate to Fred Meyers.

Winning the HERO award of the day was Sheila Warren, who, when leaving Big Daddy's, spotted what she thought was a saddle bag but turned out to be a purse laying on the side of the road, stopped, ran across the street, picked it up & discovered it belonged to someone on the run! Purse & owner were reunited at Thrasher's. Thank you Sheila!! It was a great day & I think we all had a good time raising a total of \$1761 for Pathway's for Women YWCA.

Sno King Chapter Adopts a Family

Sno King Chapter adopted a family for Christmas. Our family was a single Mom & 17 year old son who resided at Pathways & just recently moved out on their own. Chapter members brought gifts & grocery certificates to the December chapter meeting on 12/18. We will filled a basket & delivered to Pathways. We purchased all the items on their wish list plus gave them over \$150 in grocery certificates. Since I was in Louisiana for three weeks, chapter member, Tammy Winslow & her 17 year old daughter, Kelsey, bought the big item (a trench coat) & a basket & brought it to the December meeting. I think Sno King Chapter members made this the most special Christmas ever for this family!

Carol Kraemer
Coordinator Sno-King Chapter

CHAPTER REPORTS

NORTH SNOHOMISH

As the Holidays fast approached us in December , our chapter along with Santa Clause (chapter member Ray Jans), delivered food & Christmas Presents to a family of 5 (A single mother of 4 young girls). In return Santa received warm smiles & hugs not only from the Christmas Family , but from neighbor children who spotted Santa in the parking lot & came out to say Hi. Then for New Years , this year , we not only had our annual New Years Day ride for those who wanted to freeze there butts off .. But also a New Years Day Brunch for those

who didn't (Yes ... I attended the latter !!)
To Close out 2003 , I would just like to say, we have had good times & good rides , made new friends & sadly lost old friends ... Ride Safe & Ride Free we have a lot to look forward to in 2004.

Kevin A. Larson
Coordinator
North Snohomish County Chapter

PACIFIC COUNTY

Thanks to a lot of hard work and generous people we had a very successful Care Bear Program this year. We were able to donate 825 animals as well as \$300 to the local food banks.

Santa was good to most of us and we are looking for a good year in 2004

Lenny

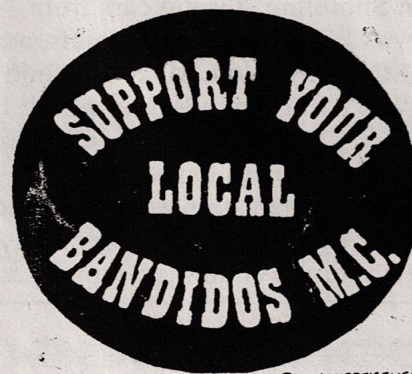
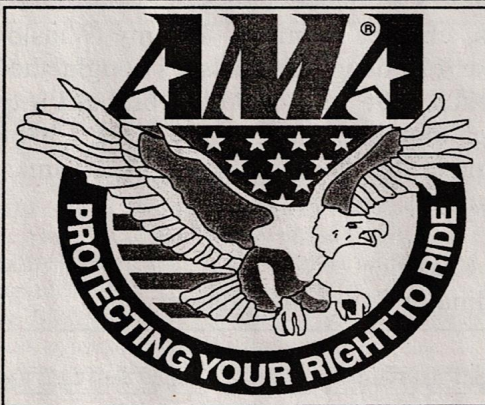
SAFETY AND EDUCATION by Lenny Pletsch

- Black Ice sneaks up on a driver. Most of the time, motorists don't know they are on black ice until they begin to slip and slide—which is usually caused by traveling too fast for icy conditions. Check the weather reports before heading out and drive according to the conditions (which means “slow Down”).
- Be aware that your snow plows drivers may not be able to see you due to blind spots or poor visibility. Give them room to work on the roads and parking lots. Don't follow too closely or pull out in front of them. It is always a good safety policy to “yield” to the snow plows.
- Walking from the vehicle to the building also de-

mands extra safety precautions including: (1) appropriate footwear for navigating through snow and ice, (2) using a slower, more deliberate pace.

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LEGISLATIVE By Marty Horn

By the time you read this, **Black Thursday** 2004 is over. Did you make it? Were you there to speak with your legislators about motorcycle issues? Did you inform them about the rights and freedoms that we believe in? Did you have a good time that evening at the reception? Even if you didn't make it, there is still plenty of work to do. There will be hearings to attend, phone calls to make and emails to send out. When you are called upon to perform these duties, I hope you will take action.

Remember, this is a government of, by and for the people. If we don't get involved and make our voices heard, some other group will do it for us instead. These people are the ones who give us mandatory helmet and other laws that restrict our freedoms.

Our legislative efforts not only benefits the members of ABATE but it also benefits all bikers. For that matter, we do this for everyone who believes in personal rights and freedoms.

A group of ABATE members attended the NCOM Western Regional Conference in Sacramento, California. It took place January 10th and 11th. This event was great way to get information on what other MROs in

our neighboring states are doing. The information we brought back from this event will help ABATE of Washington in our continuing fight for freedom of the road. I would like to thank everyone who was able to take the time to attend the conference.

If you ride a Trike, it is time for you to obtain your Trike endorsement. From January 2nd through June 30th, 2004, you can get a three-wheeled motorcycle endorsement added to your license without a skill test. If you do this just be sure to tell them you want a "Type 7" endorsement. A Type 7 endorsement allows you to operate two and three wheeled motorcycles. You can find more information on this at the Washington State Department of Licensing website at www.dol.wa.gov/ds/sidecarfaq.htm or contact me at mhorn@wamail.net or 253-905-5056.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me out. There are too many to name but you all know who you are. I wouldn't have made it through **Black Thursday** without all of your support.

Thank-you,
Marty Horn
State Legislative Chairman



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NCOM Sacramento Ca. 1-10 to 1-12, 2004

My name is Leanne Horn and I'm a new member with ABATE of Washington. This week I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Sacramento to attend the NCOM Regional Seminar and Meeting. It was quite the experience! There were several topics that were address at the conference that I would like to share with you.

At the onset, I attended the ABATE of California Board of Directors (B.O.D.) meeting on January 10th. Like every meeting at B.O.D., they started by taking roll call. Unfortunately, the number of ABATE chapters in attendance was relatively low. It seems that ABATE of California is experiencing the same apathy among members that Washington State is struggling with. They also have been experiencing difficulty in recruiting other bikers, i.e. Gold wingers, sport biker riders etc, to join ABATE to help fight for their freedoms. In general, there is widespread apathy among the motorcycle community. However, it is ABATE of California goal to increase its membership to 50,000 bikers in the next five years. Currently their membership roster only includes about 4,000 members at this time. It is the ABATE of California intention on recruiting a sizable membership to help increase the numbers and presence at their state capital. I wish them all the best in their endeavors.

Next, the ABATE of California open the floor to their guest that attended the meeting. ABATE of Washington made a very strong showing despite the horrible weather conditions!!! ABATE of Oregon was also there at the meeting. Way to go!!! Both Washington and Oregon ABATE really made an impression on the ABATE of California members. It was nice to see several committed members attend NCOM.

During the meeting, I was updated on the legislative issues that ABATE of California was dealing with. Like us, they are struggling with the helmet repeal legislation. Their legislators feel that the helmet repeal would be deemed a financial burden on the community if motorcyclists were injured or killed. California legislators seem to be of the same opinion as our legislators. ABATE of California is still running a clean bill on their helmet repeal but they do have an insurance amendment available if the bill does not pass on the clean bill legislation. The insurance amendment will only be used as a last ditch effort. On January 12, ABATE of California clean helmet bill will go before the committee for a vote. I hope they are successful in their efforts.

Another issue that California is dealing with is the new EPA legislation and standards on motorcycles. EPA has issued new emission standard for motorcycle manu-

facturers. However, the larger motorcycle manufacturers are able to buy "points" against these standards in order to make more motorcycles that would not meet these standards. As you can imagine, this legislation would have crippled smaller manufacturers since they do not have the means of purchasing "points" like the larger corporations (This is just a general idea. Please do not take this verbatim). ABATE of California was instrumental in reversing this legislation for the small bike manufacturers! ABATE of California was able to get small bike manufacturers, i.e. businesses that make 2,500 motorcycles or less, completely exempt from this law! Wow!! Am impressive success story for ABATE of California.

Probably the biggest and hottest legislative issue on their plate is the Patriot Act. As you may already know, the Patriot Act is the biggest threat to our civil liberties and rights. NCOM has produced three pamphlets of information about this matter. It is my hope to have copies of these pamphlets available to chapter reps at the upcoming B.O.D. meeting on January 17th. If you are unable to attend the meeting, I will try to figure out a way to have the material sent to you. ABATE of California, NCOM, and the Confederation of Club (C.O.C.) had several ideas on how to combat future legislation on the upcoming Patriot Act II. Several individuals strongly encourage people to write, not email or fax, their U.S. Representatives and Senator about your opposition to Patriot Act II. Another suggestion is that ABATE should team up with other groups, such as PETA, Right to Life, ACLU etc, that are listed as potential "terrorists" and lobby against the Patriot Act II in Congress. Some people suggested that we hire a lawyer to take on the Patriot Act II in the Supreme Court. Unfortunately, it would require at least 250K just to retain a lawyer for this cause. Some recommended that we take up a nationwide collection to help pay for the lawyers' cost to take on the Patriot Act. Others suggested that ABATE members go out into their community and start educating voters about the Patriot Act. These are all great ideas. I feel we can accomplish this goal even if we need to form alliances with other groups that are different from ours. The point is that we need to stick together on this issue whether we are bikers, working professionals, homemakers, religious patrons etc. Lets face it, ABATE and other organizations will have to help one another with their fight against the Patriot Act. I would like to encourage each of you to pick up a copy the NCOM's Patriot Act pamphlets when you can. The truth will scare you. There were other topics

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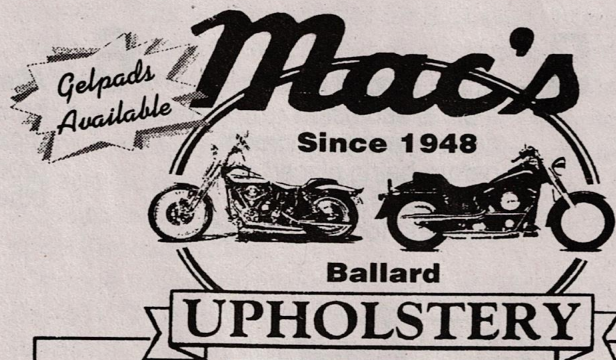
discussed at the conference. One of these topics was motorcycle training and education. Currently, ABATE of California offers motorcycle training and education classes for a fee to those individuals that want to learn how to ride. A motorcycle driver's Ed!!! This program generates revenue for ABATE of California so they, in turn, can afford a lobbyist in their state Congress or whatever they may need! I believe that Washington State motorcycle training and education course are solely offered by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (someone correct me if I'm wrong). This may be an opportunity to capitalize on this potential market! It was suggested that grant money or federal money could be used to start up this potential revenue option. Now granted, this may be a bit touchy to ask the government for money since we are under great scrutiny of the Patriot Act. However, it might be something to look into. This type of program would give ABATE of Washington the exposure they need to possibly recruit new members and to educate people about motorcycles. Just a thought!

There were some good suggestions on how to get PR without spending money. One idea was to write letters to editors of newspapers and biker magazines and signed them with you name and the name of the organization that you belong to. Another suggestion was to include photos of new members of your chapters in your chapter publications or state newsletters. Another recommendation was to assign a representative to appear on radio talk shows and discuss your issues and concerns. The list goes on. Perhaps, these ideas may benefit us in the future.

There were a few meetings that I was not able to attend due to flight schedules. I regret that I do not have any additional information to report about the C.O.C. meeting. I have heard that their meeting was very informative.

Overall, I believe the NCOM conference was a success and an inspiration. I know now that we are not alone in our fight for our freedoms and rights. I also know that we have a wealth of resources at our hands if we are able to manage and use them effectively. Everyday, we have won or lost battles but we have all gained something in the process, whether it is freedom, knowledge or peace of mind. I hope my information will encourage all to participate more in ABATE and take up on its cause especially against the Patriot Act. Remember, freedom is not given, it is earned. If we give into the Patriot Act, freedom will be nothing more than a distant memory.

Leanne Horn
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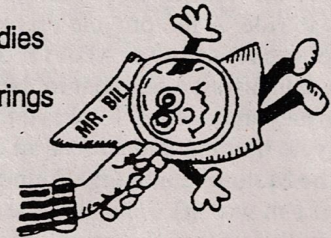
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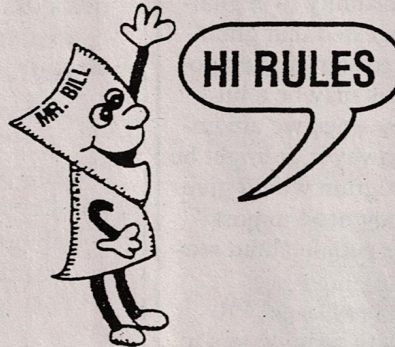


1. A bill may be introduced in either the Senate or House of Representatives.

2. A committee studies the bill and often holds public hearings on it.



3. A committee report is read in open session of the House or Senate, and the bill is then referred to the Rules Committee.



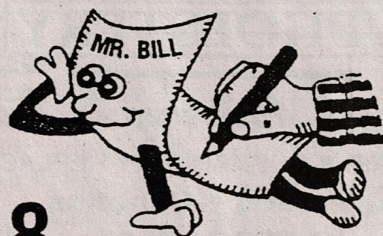
4. The Rules Committee can either place the bill on the second reading of the calendar for debate before the entire body, or take no action.

5. At the second reading a bill is subject to debate and amendment before being placed on the third reading calendar for final passage.

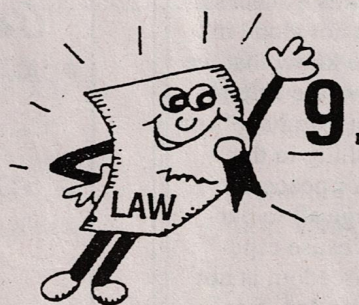
6. After passing one house, the bill goes through the same procedure in the other house.



7. If amendments are made, the other house must concur.



8. When the bill is accepted in both houses, it is signed by the respective leaders and sent to the Governor.



9. The Governor signs the bill into law or may veto all or part of it. If the Governor fails to act on the bill, it may become law without a signature.



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THE RAIN

Looking out the window at the rain,
She daydreams about a field of grain.
The long shoots swaying in the wind,
She thought of the warmth of the sun and grinned.

Then she turned to look around,
And other children is what she found.
Some were sleeping, others just stared,
The newer ones were really really scared.

Many of them had lost their hair,
But after a while you really don't care.
Feeling sick is what bothers her most,
She can't play like before, beat the boys and boast.

And then in the distance she hears motors roar,
Again she grins widely, puts her feet to the floor.

A.B.A.T.E. has returned as they promised they would,
To deliver items of need which is all very good.
Chap stick and phone card bowls are running low,
But again they are here and those bowls will overflow.

(: THE GAS STATION :)

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resumed their trip.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table. She didn't miss them until after they had been driving about twenty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up one minute. They finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car to retrieve her glasses, the man yelled to her,

"While you're in there, you might as well get my hat too."

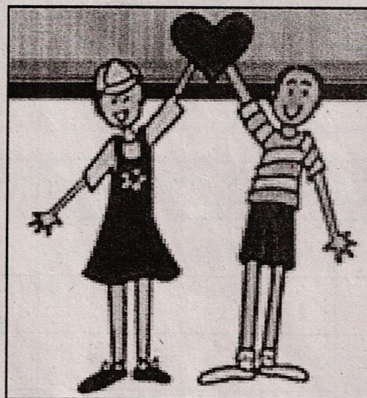
As the bikers walk in,
All the children do grin.
Emotions are mixed as we all come together,
Some children are gone, some are a lot better.

The tears they do flow,
But her love for these bikers continues to grow.
She dreams of the day that she too will ride,
To deliver love to children, to sit by their side.

Patrick "Chemo" Healy
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He's a recent High School graduate; he was probably an average student, pursued some form of sport activities, drives a ten year old jalopy, and has a steady girlfriend that either broke up with him when he left, or swears to be waiting when he returns from half a world away. He listens to rock and roll or hip-hop or rap or jazz or swing and a 155 mm howitzer. He is 10 or 15 pounds lighter now than when he was at home because he is working or fighting from before dawn to well after dusk.

He has trouble spelling, thus letter writing is a pain for him, but he can field strip a rifle in 30 seconds and reassemble it in less time in the dark. He can recite to you the nomenclature of a machine gun or grenade launcher and use either one effectively if he must. He digs foxholes and latrines and can apply first aid like a professional. He can march until he is told to stop or stop until he is told to march.

He obeys orders instantly and without hesitation, but he is not without spirit or individual dignity. He is self-sufficient. He has two sets of fatigues: he washes one and wears the other. He keeps his canteens full and his feet dry. He sometimes forgets to brush his teeth, but never to clean his rifle. He can cook his own meals, mend his own clothes, and fix his own hurts. If you're thirsty, he'll share his water with you; if you are hungry, his food. He'll even split his ammunition with you in the midst of battle when you run low.

He has learned to use his hands like weapons and weapons like they were his hands. He can save your life - or take it, because that is his job. He will often do twice the work of a civilian, draw half the pay and still find ironic humor in it all. He has seen more suffering and death than he should have in his short lifetime.

He has stood atop mountains of dead bodies, and helped to create them. He has wept in public and in private, for friends who have fallen in combat and is unashamed. He feels every note of the National Anthem vibrate through his body while at rigid attention, while tempering the burning desire to 'square-away' those around him who haven't bothered to stand, remove their hat, or even stop talking. In an odd twist, day in and day out, far from home, he defends their right to be disrespectful.

Just as did his Father, Grandfather, and Great-grandfather, he is paying the price for our freedom. Beardless or not, he is not a boy. He is the American Fighting Man that has kept this country free for over 200 years.

He has asked nothing in return, except our friendship and understanding. Remember him, always, for he has earned our respect and admiration with his blood. And now we even have woman over there in danger, doing their part in this tradition of going to War when our nation calls us to do so. As you go to bed tonight, remember this shot.. A short lull, a little shade and a picture of loved ones in their helmets.

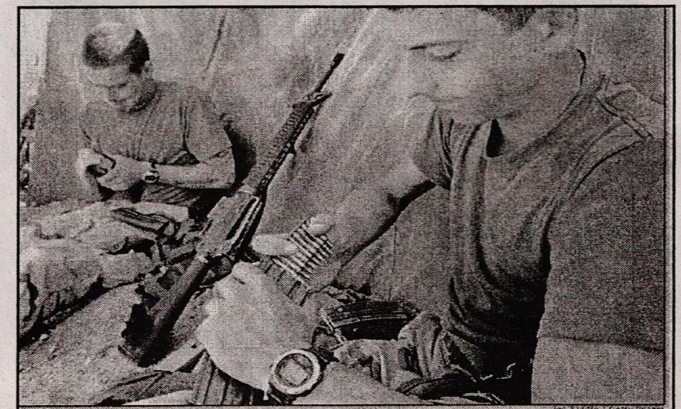
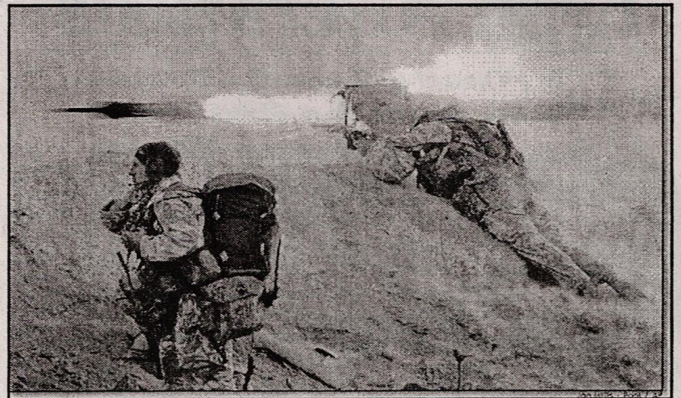
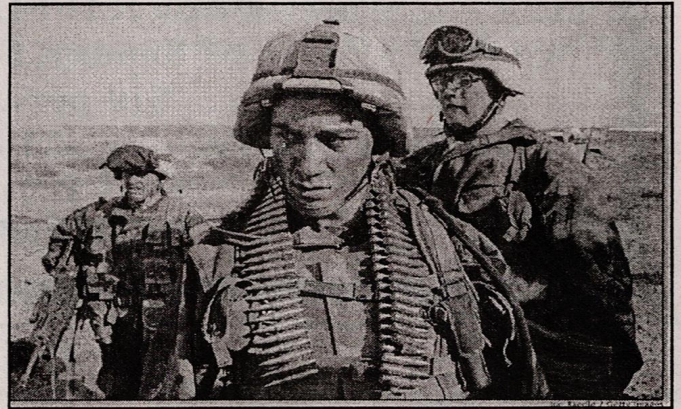
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"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they

protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

Prayer : When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our ground troops in Afghanistan, sailors on ships, and airmen in the air, and for those in Iraq. There is nothing attached.... This can be very powerful..... Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier, Sailor, Coast Guard man, Marine or Airman, prayer is the very best one.

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A fully assembled shovel / swingarm in trade for a basket case of NEW parts, including fully assembled 92 Evo motor, still have the bench block from the factory most parts aren't even out of the packaging yet! I'm tired of "collecting".... I *need* to ride! It's beginning to become a health issue, my *mental* health.... c'mon guys, anybody (or shop) out there interested? Value estimated around \$8,000.00

Tracy Kim "TK" Johnson

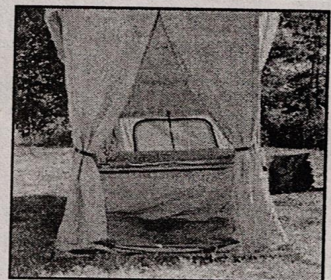
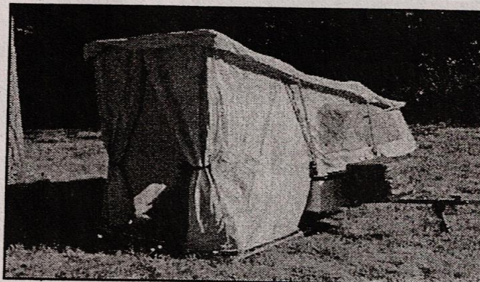
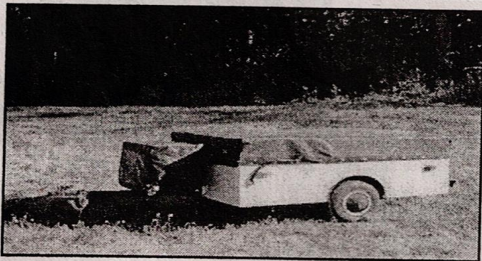
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B.A.S.H. UPDATE

I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped out for Christmas. We supplied presents, Christmas breakfast, and Christmas dinner for 25+ families. We could have never done this without the help of the community. Lousia Lee, who started Give a Heart, donated all the presents for all the families. For her and her organization to do this for BASH was overwhelming to us. They took the time to shop, wrap and label all the presents for us. WOW! Give a Heart has done so much for BASH that you just can't say thank you enough. With their donation BASH was able to make the Christmas food boxes just that much bigger! So thank you Give a Heart!

I would also like to thank Tom Wortman for playing Santa again for us this year. When the kids see Santa they are so excited, they jump in his lap and start telling him what they want for Christmas. Knowing that most of the parents can't afford to

take the kids to see Santa and get a picture, BASH supplied a picture for them. We believe that everyone should be able to remember when their kids still believed in Santa!

I would also like to thank Eagle Escrow Inc., Linda Bartel, Lakes Moose Lodge 1865, Women of the Moose 1865, Western Builders Supplied, Grant Makers, South King County Chapter of ABATE, and Caveman Coffee, for the generous donations that they made. There are so many people and businesses to thank and I apologize if I have left anyone out.

What a wonderful year BASH has had. We could not have asked for more support than what we got. So let's keep it up for 2004! Here's to another wonderful year!

Thank you,
Rebecca Neal

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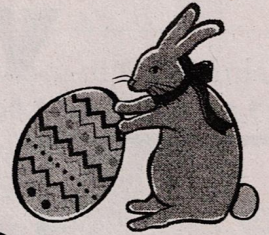
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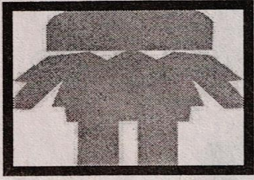


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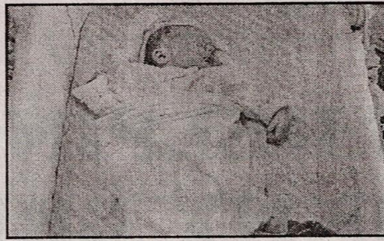
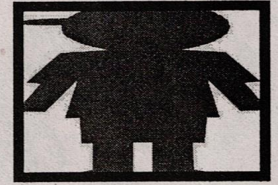


**JOIN BASH IN HELPING THE
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FIXINGS FOR A BASKET
\$12.00 W\ O**

VITAL STATISTICS



BIRTHS



Bob and Vickie Houk would like to announce the birth of their first born grandson **Isaac Anthony Neal** born December 17th 2004 in Auburn, WA at 10:59p.m., weight 7lbs 13.9 oz, length 21". Isaac is the first born son of Rebecca and Shawn Neal and is the little brother of Isabella Rose Neal.



ADOPTIONS



On December 25th 2003 Bob Houk became the expectant father of Rebecca Neal, Jennifer Tracy and Heather Sullens, the daughters of Vickie Houk. Adoption papers have been filed with a hearing scheduled in the matter of becoming the legal father. This was the gift that my step daughters gave me and it was the best Christmas gift that I could ever have been given.

Signed,
Bob Houk

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DECEMBER 14, 2003 E-BOARD MINUTES

Called to Order by Bob Houk 11:00 am
Roll call taken.

Agenda Changes

Secretary Report: Diana

Review minutes from 11/09/03. MSP with corrections

Treasurer's Report: Ollie

Handed put report. Discussed products inventory. Discussed Consolidated Press, Ollie to call Them and try and get a credit for past problems. Ollie wants to get in touch with ABATE of Washington's accountant to make sure he is doing his job correctly.

Ambassador 1: Swede

NCOM regional meeting Jan 10, 2004 in Sacramento, Marty Horn would like to attend and Should contact Marty Fox for help with funding. Discussed appeal for Outsider Ed. Motion to Print NCAM Anti Discrimination 25 copies on ABATE's copier. Second and passed. Will also Make copies of the Patriot Act. Both will be available for the BOD in January.

Ambassador 2: Lee (absent)

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Roy

Legislative: Rich- Absent

Marty Horn is appointed by Bob Houk to head this committee. People need to contact the Gwinwood ASAP. Reception for Black Thursday at the Aladdin 3:00 to 8:00. Discussed Helmet Bill w/amendment, Profiling & Discrimination, Trike definition, Left Turn Bill, Joint Resolution on Patriot Act. Discussed the monies collected at the Oct BOD need to write a check To WRLTF.

Education: Lenny-Absent

Discussed Jingles from Bellingham taking over Safety and ED. Island County has trained 530 Students and Bellingham has trained 1000.

Membership: Bruce Ramsey-Absent

Ollie- Discussed new forms created by Ollie only to be given to Bruce. Discussed 2 members From 1986 want to rejoin w/their old numbers. MSP to receive one-year membership due to Problems.

Newsletter Report: BA

Discussed tracking of advertisements and payments in the newsletter. BA will resign as editor In January.

Products Report: Marj (absent)

No report

Public Relations Report: Tom (absent)

Discussed creating a video on ABATE for future shows.

Webmaster: Dr. Dave

Website is getting 10,000 hits a year. Discussed submissions to the website must have contact e-mail or phone number. Vickie Houk would like to purchase ABATE's computer for \$300.00 MSP.

Event Reports:

Bob

04 Spring Swap Meet Feb 15, 2004

Documents have been signed for the Fairgrounds.

04 Fall Swap Meet

No report.

04 Freedom Run

No report

04 S.T.E.A.M. October 16

Tacoma

04 Black Thursday January 22

Covered under Legislative report.

04 Spring Opener June 17-20

Old Business:

1. HRC
2. Tom has relied and offered a public apology, present a
3. plaque and give 1-year membership. Would also like the HRC to give a class to the BOD.

New Business:

BOD Agenda

MSP as corrected

Software- Ollie

Discussed purchasing new Software from QuickBooks for non-profit, will be supported for 5-6 years \$379.00 MSP

3. Resignations

Diana and Bob will be stepping down at Jan BOD

4. Narrows Bylaws

5. MSP to accept revised Chapter Bylaws.

Good of the Order:

Bob spoke of past years w/ABATE and reasons for stepping down. Also gave thanks for being in this position for the past 4 years

Announcements:

Next E-Board Meeting Feb 8, 2004 (To be determined)

Next Board of Directors Meeting is January 17, 2004

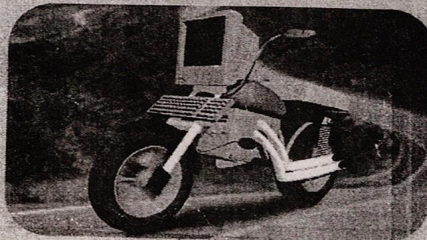
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Adjourn MSP

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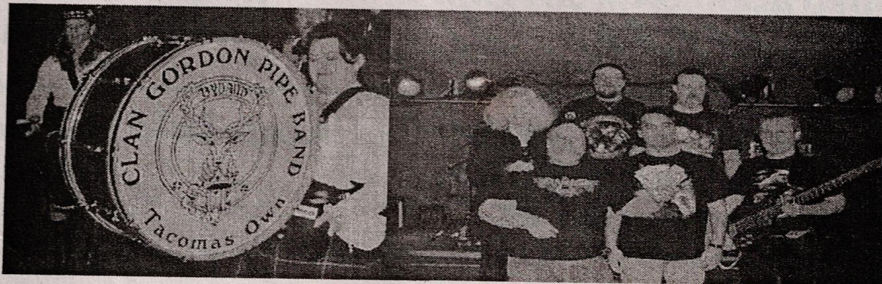
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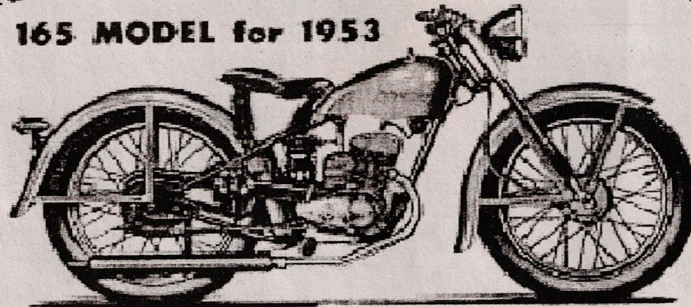
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EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

8	Freeze Your Butt Off Run-Rat City Chapter-206.243.6935-Pg. 36
8	Mass Occurrence-Resurrection MC-Pg. 29
14	25th Anniversary and Valentines Party-Tacoma Chapter-360-400-0565-Pg. 9
14	Shake the Winter Blues Party-Sky Valley Chapter-360.568.2374-Pg. 11
15	Spring Swap Meet-ABATE of Wa. 253.475.4944 or 360.354.7449-Pg. 38
21	Blues Me or Lose Me-South King County Chapter-253.840.3093-Pg. 37
MARCH	
13	Mary Bridge Run/Chili Feed-Lakewood Chapter-253.588.8410
20	Freeze Your Butt Off Ride-Kittitas Chapter-509.962.4117
27	BASH BASHket Run-253.531.9600-Pg. 33

APRIL

10	Bike Blessing-Olympia Chapter-360.459.7749
10	Easter Basket Ride-Kittitas Chapter-509.962.4117
MAY	
15	Dice Throw Run-Tacoma Chapter-360.458.4822
16	Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show-Sky Valley Chapter-360.568.2374
TBA	Kitty City Poker Run-Kittitas Chapter-509.962.4117
22	Wenatchee Poker Ride-Kittitas Chapter-509.962.4117
22	Mystery Run-EPCC-253.653.0575
22	Chili Cook Off Sno-King vs. N. Kitsap & Run-425.774.7243
22	101 Run-Pacific County-360.484.7726
23	Hospice Run-Sky Valley Chapter-360.568.2374



ABATE of WASHINGTON
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 At the Monroe Fairgrounds
 See page 38 for details!

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