

# ABATE OF WASHINGTON



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## April 2021 Updates

### Legislative Report

#### COVID, political set-backs, WSP opposition won't stop ABATE of Washington

With the restrictions on access to the Capitol, even for legislators, and the difficulties of an online only interaction, this was going to be a difficult session to get anything passed. When the Speaker of the House put out information to her caucus that they should only introduce a limited number of bills, and then only on a short list of agenda topics, many of the usual sponsors of ABATE's motorcycle bills refused to even agree to speak with us regarding sponsoring our bills. Apparently allowing motorcyclists opportunities to participate in options for their own protection during high congestion situations, reducing overall congestion, and reducing the highway fatality rate on the state's highways was not of enough value to even allow Democrats to prime sponsor such bills. Of the two bills ABATE was able to get introduced during this session, seven of the eight sponsors were Republicans. Only Rep. Roger Goodman of the 45th District (the chair of the Public Safety Committee) agreed to co-sponsor one of our bills (HB1254 the right shoulder bill). [Keep Reading>>>](#)

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### April Safety & Education - By Texas Larry Walker

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

Well, folks, it's that time of year again. The weather is warming up and the "solar powered" motorcycles are beginning to emerge from their annual hibernation. For all of the riders who drydock their steeds during the winter, for whatever reason, and really, for each

and every one of us, it is a good time to start revisiting some of the basics.

"Geeze, Texas, I've been riding for over 20 years. Why should I revisit that basic stuff?"

Well, if you haven't practiced the basics in a while, such as how to actually corner, how to properly manage the throttle, or how to actually develop good sight lines, then I'm talking to you. The more we work on keeping the rust off of our basic skills the better our rides become.

This month's topic is breaking. Not the gradual slowing to a stop at the traffic light or stop sign, but the braking required when the world is going to hell in a high wheeled handcart in front of you and you have to make your trusty steed squat down right now to keep from becoming a statistical data point. (That's called crashing.) In my profession, or more accurately my paid hobby, I see way too many riders who have almost zero idea on how to actually do a super hard stop. It is universal across all platforms and styles, from 300 CC entry-level bikes through the ginormous road sofas, sport/naked to a heavy cruiser. People cannot stop. [Keep Reading >>](#)



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## State Coordinator's Report

Members,

Good news, we will be having a camp out at the Silver Ridge Ranch June 25, 26, and 27th. All are welcome children, pets, your friends, and your neighbors.

We are not getting the permits required to do anything official. There will be NO VENDORS BANDS.

The rules of the Silver Ridge Ranch apply. Please call The Ranch for reservations of tent sites and RV sites, their rates are listed on the web site. This is just an opportunity for us to get together and enjoy a great time with Brothers and Sisters and their families. This is a BYOB camping trip.

**We will be having the Bike and Gun raffle drawing Saturday night the 26th at 10AM** to satisfy the Gambling Commission requirement. Yes, we will have bike and gun raffle tickets for sale at the camp ground. Reserve your camping site ASAP - space will be limited. Check out flyer in Newsletter.

**SWAP MEET** - We have a new chairperson, Tina Lawson has returned to head up the event. We are still looking for a replacement for the following year if you are interested contact myself or Ecom members and let's get you involved. This is a perfect opportunity to get hands on training for the event. OCTOBER 3RD PASS THE WORD. See ya there.

## Public Relations Report



Hope everyone has been enjoying the better weather.

Sunday the 14th, we had our ECOM meeting and requested clarification on the Public Relations and also the Communication Officer position duties. From this point forward, Brian Lange our Communication Officer, will be responsible to email members of State events, State communications, and any Chapter information such as events that they want emailed to the membership. Public relations will be responsible for social media posts for State events and communication, and will also be the one if you have events you want to mass post to social media, if you do not want to do this yourself.

If you have event fliers and communication for the Communications Officer to email, please submit to Public

**SPRING OPENER RV REFUNDS** - If you booked a RV site for last year's spring opener, please email State Treasurer Koeta your information at <mailto:koeta@comcast.net> and she will send you a refund.

Motorcycle Awareness run is on for May 22nd this year again we will be starting at Eagle Leather and heading to Olympia kickstands up 1pm see ya there, more details later.

APRIL B.O.D. will be held at OAKVIEW GRANGE. We should have state products there. Come on by.

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Relations, [abatewpublicrelations@gmail.com](mailto:abatewpublicrelations@gmail.com), specify for email only or both social media blitz in a JPG, or PDF Format. If you need help with flyer development, please let me know.

I hope this will help clarify things and will help for a future with better communication to our members and non-members.

Thank you,  
Susan 'Stars" Carson  
Public Relations

## Senior Deputy Coordinator

Hola everyone,

Well, what can I say that everyone doesn't already know. The weather is getting better, most events are still shut down, most of us are ready to get together and hangout. I've kept myself busy with my personal life and motorcycle life. I'm glad to see all the people helping ABATE to push our Bills through. You all are awesome. Hope to see everyone soon.

Chris,  
Senior Deputy Coordinator

## ABATE OF WASHINGTON



### BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Saturday, April 17, 2021  
Meeting starts at 12:00 P.M.

Oakview Grange  
2715 N. Pearl Street  
Centralia, Washington 98531  
(360) 736-5639

*Hosted by the Lewis County Chapter*

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

### The MRF pushes back on EPA about Current Ethanol Labeling Requirement

This week the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) joined other national groups in pushing back on proposed rule changes to current ethanol labeling requirements. Representatives of manufacturers, suppliers, and consumers of boats, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and outdoor power equipment made clear that elimination or changes to current E-15 labels at fuel pumps would cause irreparable harm to millions of consumers.



In a letter to the new head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Administrator Michael Regan, the group stated that "The misfuelling of marine engines and vessels, motorcycles, off-road vehicles, and outdoor power equipment place significant burdens on both the American consumer and product manufacturers. The risk to consumers is that they will experience product damage,

compromised performance and emissions requirements, economic loss, and fuel leaks resulting in unsafe products." As a reminder... [Keep Reading >>>](#)

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## NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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

### ARE GAS-POWERED VEHICLES ENDANGERED?

More than three years after President Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement, we're back in. On Biden's first day in office on January 20th, one of his first priorities was to sign an executive order to re-enter the global pact to slow climate change. Rejoining the accord was simple; the next step gets harder: How can the world's second-largest polluter shrink emissions 45-50% by the end of this decade to comply with the deal?

One of Joe Biden's campaign promises was to "Transition away from oil" and create a "carbon pollution-free power sector" by 2035, as part of a \$2 trillion investment to build back the economy by investing in green infrastructure.

The Paris Agreement does not prescribe exact methods for eliminating emissions behind global warming but establishes binding targets for avoiding worrisome temperature thresholds. Research conducted by the German Aerospace Centre, says that passenger car engines as we know it need to be completely phased out from new sales before the end of the next decade in order for Europe to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the most ambitious part of the Paris pact's "well below 2 degrees Celsius" overall aim.[Keep Reading >>>](#)

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## Events and Runs

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

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Pacific County Chapter

## PIGOUT CHARITY RUN

April 10th 2021

Starts at "Fish Trap" Chinook, WA

Sign up 9-10 am

Group Leaves 10:00 am

Last Stop Naselle

\$10.00 Buy In includes BBQ at the end of the run!

Run Pins Available!

For Information Contact

John 360-484-3114

Art 206-412-3624

ALL RIDERS & BIKES WELCOME

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# MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS RIDE

May 22nd

2021



Start at  
Eagle leather  
10222 S. Tacoma Way,  
Lakewood Wa.

Be there by  
1:00 p.m.  
kickstands up  
1:15 p.m.

Traveling south on Interstate 5, final destination Legislative steps, State Capitol, Olympia WA. Guest speakers.



A.B.A.T.E. of Washington

## Wishing you and your family



Happy Easter

**ABATE In The Wind**



## Local Chapter Reports

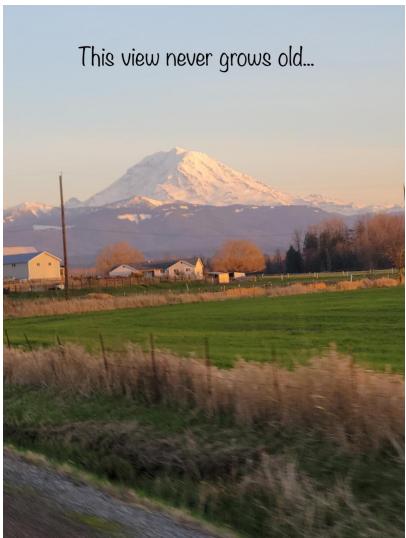
## East Pierce County Chapter Report

Dust off those seats and let's hit the road! By the time this is published, we will have had our 1st Annual Leprechaun Memorial Ride as well as our Bunny Hop Run. Thank you to everyone that joined us & donated to these runs! We are excited for this upcoming year, lots of changes due to 2020s closures, forcing us to get creative. EPCC has held on strong, despite all the circumstances from a broken leg to Covid to reduced membership numbers; we haven't missed a meeting and we have continued to trudge forward through the muck & the mud to make things happen.



On April 10th we have our Support the Supporters Run, watch for the event flyer for that run. Due to Easter Sunday; Saturday, April 3rd is our next business meeting, we will be meeting at Milton Lodge @ 10am. They have a great breakfast, hope to see everyone!! In May we will resume our business meeting on the first Sunday of the month, meeting at Milton Lodge @ 10am. Get out and support your fellow chapters, power by numbers, let's get ABATE of Washington some exposure to make the changes that need to be made for the riding community. If you membership is expiring soon or has expired, please renew, I can help you if you would like. See you on the runs! Keep the rubber side down!

Billi Bowen,  
Public Relations



This view never grows old...



Watch for Elk & other critters next to the road!!



## Elk Country Chapter Report

Greetings from Elk Country!  
Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our January meeting due to issues beyond our control. But we have plans for some great times this coming year. Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. St. Helens Memorial Ride will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will be holding our 3 Pass Poker Run in July as a memorial run for our fallen members. Then on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August we will be having a day ride from the Chevron in Morton to the Brown Shack in Salkum, to Napavine, Winlock, Mossyrock, and ending at ADG Sledge's property on Hwy 7. I am hoping that we can share some good riding together with our ABATE of Washington Brothers & Sisters this year. Elk Country chapter invites you to join us on our rides, and hopefully things stabilize with meeting locations so we can enjoy some after meeting fellowship on the roads.

Take care, and we'll catch you on the road sometime...

Brian Lange  
Coordinator  
Elk Country Chapter



### Sky Valley ( March )

"Greetings from Sky Valley ABATE!

We hope everyone survived the snowstorms in February, and like the rest of you, we are looking forward to some much-needed time on the roads with friends and our ABATE Brothers and Sisters. There are

## Columbia Gorge Chapter Report

Greetings from Goldendale!!

Daylight savings and spring - Better riding days ahead! Spring opener is being relocated for next year. However, word is a camp out will be going on at the Silver Ridge Ranch in Easton, Wa.

6/25-6/26 maybe a poker game♣!! The raffle drawing will happen on Saturday 6/26!! The next BOD will be on 4/17/21 In Lewis County, Centralia, Wa. - Meetings at noon, lunch at 11:00. Hoping we are seeing things slowly get back to reality. Carpe Diem!

Seize the day!! Ride often!!  
Freedom in the wind!!  
Love, honor, respect

Columbia Gorge Chapter  
Ken Bostick/ Road Captain



### Sky Valley ( April )

"Greetings from Sky Valley ABATE

As the pandemic slowly begins to wind down, and a lot of us are getting vaccinated, we are still continuing to meet remotely. At our March virtual meeting, we made plans to start meeting in person again at the Snohomish Eagles in April, assuming it will be permitted. Crossing our fingers, toes and masks.

some great rides being posted by some of you starting real soon!

Well, we added another new member this last month, and our membership currently is at 73...."

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Well, we're down a member this last month, and our membership is now 72....."

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## Star Lake Chapter Report

"Greetings to all from Star Lake Chapter  
We had our chapter meeting March 14, 2021 at Purdy's Public House in Sumner (Photo 1). We discussed upcoming rides and chapter events. The chapter will now be holding our monthly meetings at Purdy's. We are moving forward with making plans for the September 11 Hope Sparks charity ride. The Loose Wheel has offered to sponsor our charity ride this year since they are full supporters of Hope sparks and the motorcycle community. The DC (Deputy Coordinator) notified the chapter about minor adjustments to the verbiage in the chapter by-laws and will be forwarded to the state by-laws. Many of the chapter members have made reservations at Soap Lake for the August Run to the desert. We will continue to discuss our plans for participation in other chapter rides and events at future meetings, ...."

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## Grant County Chapter Report

"We are back to having our meetings at the Ephrata American Legion which is great. Nice to see things starting to get back to normal. Our goal is to try to have monthly rides again and get people involved. We will once again have our fireworks stand in Moses Lake to raise money for our Chapter. Our big event for the year again, Run to the Desert. This is our 5th year of this event. We will be holding August 27-29 in Soap Lake, at the Smokiam City park. Admission again is free but we are asking for food or money donation for the Soap Lake Food bank. There will be a Poker Run Saturday, hosted by EPCC Chapter abate, Bike show for trophies, and Biker games. We have some great bands booked for Friday and Saturday night along with having our Beer Garden...."

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## North Kitsap Chapter Report

"Greetings from North Kitsap ABATE!  
Glad to see we're all still here even after a year of this Pandemic!"

Our Chapter has been active individually more than in any group setting. We have done some small items as a Chapter, trying to start up the monthly rides for the season as well as a fun snow day up in the mountains!

The Pandemic is forcing us to look into other locations for our Chapter meetings... more to come on that. Meanwhile... Special (and ongoing) thanks to the Varner's for opening up their shop so we have a place to meet.



We are really looking forward to a more active spring and summer coming right up! Our Activities Committee is busily planning some Chapter and All ABATE functions right now! Campouts and Poker Runs are coming up fast, so keep an eye on Facebook and the North Kitsap ABATE Website at [www.northkitsapabate.com](http://www.northkitsapabate.com) for details..."

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## Pacific County

"Pacific County Chapter is busy making preparations for our annual Pigout Run. Even with the uncertainties imposed on us by our "Public Servants", the run will come off!"

## Spanaway Chapter

"Spanaway is back to regular meetings and socials. Currently meetings are being held at the Y Sports Bar and Grill. Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm. We have had a good turnout at

At press time, the run is scheduled to start from The Old Fishtrap in Chinook, with additional parking at the Roadhouse across the street. Kickstands up at 10:00 am.

With these nice Spring days calling you to ride, remember to do a pre-ride inspection of your bike. Tires lose air, and batteries lose charge over the Winter. Spend a rainy day getting everything shipshape so you don't end up working on your bike when you could be riding it!"

Ride Safe and Stay Sharp

John Tschanen, Coordinator  
Pacific County Chapter

our last two meetings and are looking forward to seeing people again and warmer weather.

We have started weekly socials to get people involved and be seen more. We have been doing it for about a month now. The socials have produced new members and a number of renewals. The goal is to have a constant time and place for people to come find out about ABATE and get to know people.

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## Key Peninsula Chapter Report

Greetings from the 'Pen!

Nice to see things start to loosen up and more of the sun and warmer temps. I've been riding to work and I leave my house at about 0520 and at that time of the day is brrr chilly! All worth it in the afternoon at quittin' time when I throw a leg over and enjoy the sun on my face on the ride home. It gives me hope! I hope you are getting some saddle time and starting to make plans to get out with your tribes and ride. When you do, be sure to take the long way!

Our chapter got back into our regular meeting location last night for our monthly business meeting. We still have a few folks dropping in via Zoom but having that space back was nice. We even signed up two of the post members who were drawn into our conversation about the raffles. One fellow wanted to and bought some tickets and then joined Abate and one of the bartenders asked about selling tickets from the bar. I said she couldn't because she wasn't a member and her answer was asking how to join! You just never know!

I want to give a big thanks to the folks at Empire Pizza for letting us have meetings there this winter when the post had to close. You guys rock and we will be supporting your business and I hope that you will too. That said we did put our plan together and pinned a date for our Chapter Run which will happen May 22nd. We need to iron out a few details but will have a flyer up soon. We are also looking at and our brothers James and Corey are already putting a route together for our 8th annual Brewery Run. Looking at dates and will make that announcement when we get them firm.

That's about all I got for now. I hope this finds you well and in good spirits. Spring is just around the corner and summer will be here before you know it.

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.

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- 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 victim 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.

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