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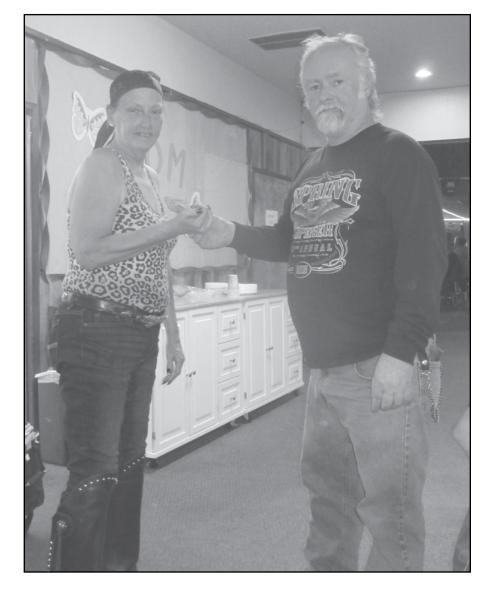
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## **UPFRONT** SHAWN WEST, EDITOR

August 7th is Primary Election day. November 6th is the General Election.

Just a headline reminder here for everyone. With positions around the state up for grabs we also have chapter members somewhere nearby each of them. Brian's article this month is a good read and I'm just adding a note here that this is the time to get a move on. Early voting for the primary starts July 20th. That's next month as you are reading this. So while November seems a long way away it all starts in just a few weeks. It really is so much easier to help a candidate now who supports us than spend the next several years trying to convince one that doesn't.

http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/

Not only a good tool to look up where you are and who your legislators are but can also be used to link you to their website, Olympia office location, local office location and more often than not phone number and email. I know of at least one chapter that has Legislative District # on meeting sign-in sheets next to your name and email since this is something we should all know. It's also a good place to steer new members at and include in your chapter's new membership packet.

As for the newsletter we've got more run flyers sent in. If you have runs or events for September and beyond planned go ahead and send them in.

Speaking of it was brought up in May with the newsletter that there's some confusion on when and what a chapter can submit. It is apparently out there that a chapter only gets one flyer per year. Or only one flyer per month. With that I've heard one picture only with a report and have been asked if color needs to be paid for. At the back of the newsletter on page 31 are the guidelines on where to start.

The parts not in the guidelines are based pretty much on size and content. Our newsletter is either 24 pages or 32 pages. If I don't have enough material from the chapters to do 32 (see pages 28, 29) which is tougher with the MRF asking we not reprint their reports then I have to take the scissors out. If you're wondering where that something you sent in is then it's prolly a 24 page issue.

For color paid advertisers come first. State ABATE functions come second. And chapter flyers run for free are last. If there's a tie between chapters then the best looking flyer gets the spot.

For 1/4 or full page submissions again it's space. The month of your event I try to run a full page but again if I have only 24 pages then there's only 24 pages.

Your chapter gets as many flyers theoretically as there are months per year. If you have an event every month they you could run a flyer every month. Might not always be a full page (see above about space) but I'd rather run your chapter pics or flyers than some free use clipart to fill a page.

Hope that helps and see you in July!

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#### FEEDBACK

We want to hear from you. Do you have ideas how we might improve this newsletter? Is there something you would like to see here that isn't here now? Send comments and suggestions to newsletter@abate-wa.org

SUBMIT A LETTER, ARTICLE, PHOTO OR FLYER See submission guidelines, page 31

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### CALENDAR

#### JUNE

01	Spring Opener, ABATE of North Idaho - Kingston
09	Chapter Ride, Star Lake Chapter - Orting
09	6th Annual Throw and Roll, Freedom Seekers MC - Spanaway
10	Spring Swap Meet, ABATE of Oregon - Milwaukie
10	ECOM, ABATE of WA - Spanaway
10	Youth Academy Ride & Rally, North Kitsap Chapter - Bremerton
15	The Flat Mattress Run, Grays Harbor Chapter -
21	Spring Opener, ABATE of WA - Easton
	JULY
21	Board of Directors,
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Grant County Chapter - Ephrata

8th Annual Red, White and Blue Run, Veterans Allegiance VMC - Tacoma

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## **OFFICER** REPORTS



## From the State Coordinator

#### Lyle Coyle

Well it is the beginning of June and the election of our new State Ambassador is just a few days away, to be exact the deadline to have your ballots in is June 8, 2018. What will happen next is Chris Varner State Deputy coordinator who will be filling in for the State Sargent at Arms because a conflict of interest (the current Sargent at Arms running for the ambassador position) will gather the ballots from the post office box in Sumner then along with the teller committee will count the ballots. If you have not mailed in your ballot you still have a few days to get it in, there has been a lot of work that has gone into making sure this election has been done per state bylaws, even more work getting files created for the ballots and envelopes (thank you Sarah Staub for stepping up and helping get this done), then Chris Varner and family and friends had to put labels on 1586 envelopes, stuff the other envelopes so the least you can do is reward this hard work by voting and

mailing in your ballot. I have had a number of calls and been asked who I would like to see in this position and I had to let people know that I would not feel comfortable telling anyone how to vote and their response is "I don't know these people" so what I suggest is to contact a chapter coordinator or an active member and get their opinion.

Another thing happening in June is the Spring Opener June 21st through the 24th, this I think will be the premier event of the year for Washington State. Jimmy George has been working his behind off trying to make sure there will be something for everyone to enjoy. There will be vendors, music, bike show, bike games, poker run and so much more. The bike and gun raffle will have more for the people attending spring opener. You can purchase spring opener tickets online at http://www.abate-wa. org/Events/Tickets until 8:00 PM on June 19th. Please come and make the event the success that it was created for.

It is with deep regrets that I tell you we have lost another longtime member of ABATE of Washington, Neil Eckerson passed from a battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers out to Neil's family. Unfortunately I only knew Neil through ABATE but he seemed to me as a stand up guy, he will be missed.

People may hear your words, but they feel your attitude.

#### ABATE of Washington Board of Directors & Executive Committee Meetings BOD Jul 21st, Grant County Oct 21st, Kittitas County ECOM Dennys - 20420 Mountain Highway E. - Spanaway 98387 Jun 10th Sep 9th Nov 18th

# **OFFICER** REPORTS

## Senior Deputy Coordinator

Scott Robinson

The membership drive continues reaching our goal of 2000 members by the end of the year is looking very achievable. We all have to step up and push for the 2000 as it's not only funds to support Black Thursday but also builds stronger chapters. There has never been a more worthy cause so get involved and bring in some members.

I have been talking about Central Washington Chapter getting going again for over a year and with the help of Olgy Ray it has finally become a reality. We held the first meeting of CWC on May 13th and it was well attended the new pro tem Coordinator Andrew Elkington stepped up and took charge. You can look forward to meeting the entire CWC crew at the July BoD in Moses Lake.

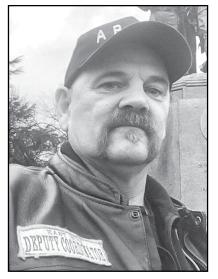
Looking ahead we now have the Red Lion Inn over in Ellensburg Washington booked for STEAM. Tri-Cities Chapter has taken on the dinner arrangements and Star Lake is

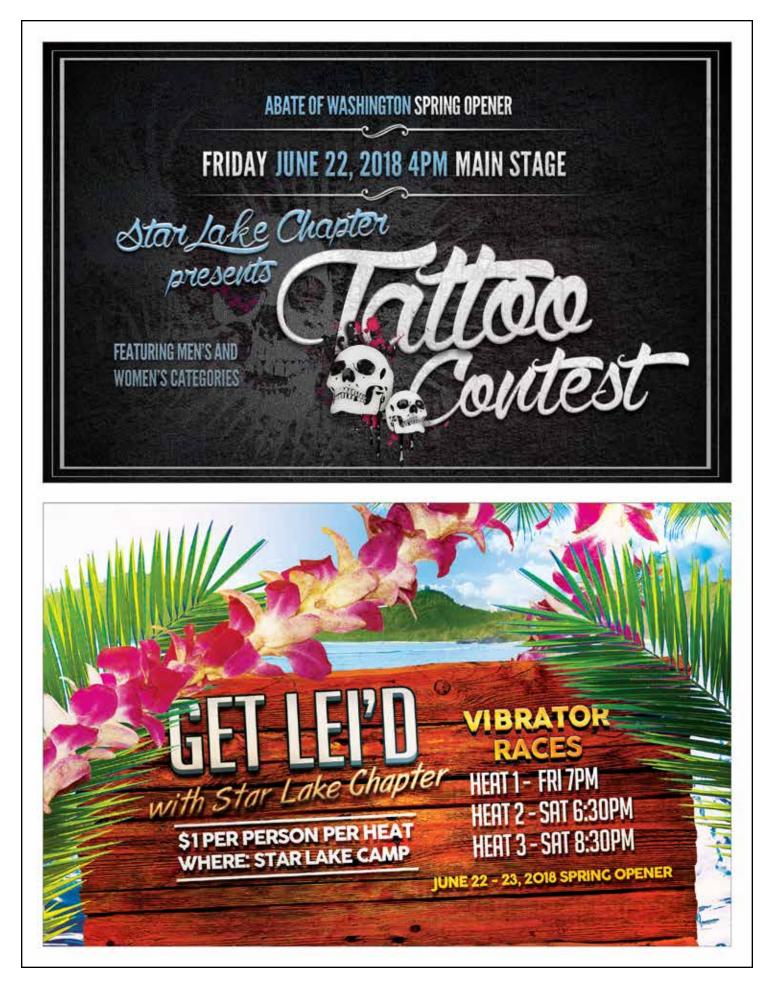
stepping up to put on the training. Thanks to everyone for helping and coming forward to make our training event even better. Working on the band and other details with more info later.

Spring Opener is next big event and it is right around the corner. Once again the committee members have worked hard to put together a fun weekend of camping and bike events to include opportunities to win bikes, guns and other items. Members support your organization and show up for this annual event as it's the 40th year we've done it and we want to make it a special event. Lets blow the attendance record off the chart!



Central Washington Chapter Members (photo: Columbia Gorge Chapter)





# YOU'RE PROBABLY GETTING A LOT OF BAD ADVICE

#### FROM FRIENDS

"The Formula for settling your case is '3x the medical bills.""

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"We've got a treatment plan just for accident victims and we've signed you up for it."

#### FROM INSURANCE ADJUSTERS

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## **LEGISLATIVE** NEWS



#### Legislative Affairs Officer Brian Lange

#### June 2018 Legislative Report

Over the past couple of months I have spoken with a lot of members in regard to building a relationship with their legislators, and in this upcoming election year, the candidates. It seems that so many find themselves coming up with excuses not to contact their legislators, or the candidates because they aren't sure how to express our issues. So here is a simple way for each and every member of ABATE to begin to build a relationship with their legislator; sit down and think about what issues are important to you, not just motorcycle issues, but any issue that gets you fired up.

What do you feel your legislator can do for you on that issue? Whatever that issue is, find the answer to that question, and then contact your legislator's office about it. Whether you call them on the phone to just talk with staff about that issue, or make an appointment to speak with the legislator, you have to take the initiative and contact them. Speak with staff, many times the staff knows how to deal with an issue without even involving the legislator. No matter what issue you have, speak to staff and they may have you come in and speak to the legislator about it. Giving you some one on one time to discuss your issue, and laying the foundation for a relationship you can build upon with that issue and others in the future. The issues don't have to be motorcycle related at all. Just something you feel needs to be dealt with, and that the legislator's office can help you with. Get involved with your issue and the legislator's staff, and you will soon find you have a first name relationship with them and a much more comfortable feeling when bringing them motorcycle issues in the future.

However, if you still aren't getting any support from your legislator, you can always use as an example Olympia Chapter's Allen Acosta is doing, running for office in the 22nd Legislative District himself. As an activist for community outreach, family court reform, Second Amendment, motorcycle rights, as well as many issues, Allen Acosta decided the lack of support from his legislator, Representative Doglio, demanded that he run against her. Working on all these various issues Allen has formed strong bonds with legislators and staff at the capitol. Use him as an example of community involvement, and using the issues within the community that you feel strongly about to build working relationships with your two state Representatives and Senator. Any of us who cares about not just our community but the broader statewide community should begin building your own relationship with the staff and legislators in your district. While it would be wonderful if ABATE members filled all the seats in the legislature, having all of our members build working relationships with the legislators will also be a very good thing. By doing so, ABATE members can learn whether their legislators actually support us or not, or are even really aware of us. In this upcoming election season, virtually the entire House and half of the Senate is up for re-election. Contact the offices of your legislators and find out where they stand on the issues that matter most to you. If you don't like the response you get, contact the opposing candidate in the election and ask them about your issue.

Since this is an election year, another very simple way to build a relationship with your legislators, or the candidates running against them, is to help in their campaigns. Volunteer to fill envelopes, place yard signs, be a door knocker. Do whatever you can. This will really help build a relationship with them during the upcoming session. Working in the campaigns can reap many benefits. Not the least of which is being able to discuss your issues with the candidate during the campaign. After the successful election, you already have a common shared bond with the legislator, and that can help when working on your issues.

With several legislators retiring from office, this election looks to be one that may be of historic importance. Across the state there are legislators who actively supports ABATE and the motorcycling community in the Legislature. I am asking you if you would do me the favor of at least contacting both of your state Representatives and your state Senator, and simply asking if they support ABATE of Washington's efforts for motorcycle rights in our state. Let their answer help you decide who you support in the upcoming elections this year.

One of those legislators who openly supported ABATE in Olympia; Cary Condotta from the 12th Legislative District, announced his retirement from the legislature. It was always a pleasure meeting with him. Especially when the door to his office had a prominently displayed Share The Road sign on it. Rep. Condotta, I would like to extend to you the thanks from

ABATE of Washington for all your support over the years, and to wish you the best of things to come in your future endeavors. You will be missed.

On the other side of the coin, for those of you who do not know, Rep. Judy Clibborn of the 41st Legislative District also retired. While most of the motorcycling community considered her one of the main opponents of motorcyclists in the legislature, she was the one who introduced the amended version of the Senate motorcycle parking bill onto the House floor for a vote. She not only introduced it, but spoke in favor of it, and voted for the bill as well. The main problem with Rep. Clibborn in her position as Chair of the House Transportation Committee was an apparent lack of appreciation for the role of motorcycles in the transportation policy. It seems to her we represented a small and dangerous aspect of transportation whose issues seemed to be filled with risk. Let's hope that this election brings a new Committee Chair that is more open to motorcycle rights and issues. That happening depends on every member of ABATE working to elect legislators who support us and our issues. To steal the name of an East Pierce County Chapter run, ABATE members need to SUPPORT THE SUPPORTERS and vote out our opponents. IT'S UP TO YOU.

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#### **Columbia Gorge Chapter**

#### From MICKI ROBINSON, COORDINATOR

GOLDENDALE - Hello ABATE members: Once again, where does the time go?

Well, summer is upon us. It came in fast.

We did our 2nd Bike night and we had a paint night that was pretty cool. We are working on the next one already (stay tuned) and planning for July 12th when we are doing a poker night at the Simcoe (charity event). If you have no plans for the 2nd Thursday in June & July plan on coming to the Simcoe for a great event.

A few of us went to Yakima and helped get a new chapter started so here's a welcome to the new Central Washington Chapter members. You will meet them at the July BoD.

We're planning on going to Fossil this Memorial weekend where I'm sure it'll be a great time. Might see some of you there. Everyone ride safe and watch out for other crazy drivers. Until next time.  $\diamond$ 



Columbia Gorge members at their chapter paint night. (photo: Columbia Gorge Chapter)

#### **Pacific County Chapter**

#### From LENNY PLETSCH, COORDINATOR

**NASELLE** - Well the sun is alive and the fun has started. Our second run will be over by the time you read this. We lucked out on the first run and only got 25-30 drops of rain, so we were very happy. Brian Blake [rep] even showed up and shared lunch with us who answered many questions. Our second run has 70+ weather predicted so it sounds like it should be fun. Winter was extra hard on our roads so be careful when you come down. DoT is trying to keep up and fix the worse spots. Looking forward to having fun and seeing folks. Till next time, check out your bike and ride safe.  $\diamond$ 

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#### Key Peninsula Chapter

#### From CHAD HOLTQUIST, COORDINATOR

**PURDY** - Greetings from the Pen! We've been busy planning a couple of our upcoming events. Our Swap Meet on the 28th of this month has most of our current focus with our chapter run on May 12th rapidly approaching. Randy has the route set that will take us on some nice back roads on the sound end of the Kitsap Peninsula. Come join us if you have time and support Key Pen. Chapter. All the usual biker games will be available.

After we get these two events behind us we'll go full tilt into planning for our world famous Brewery Run in late August. We are looking at maybe having a bit more of a party at the end this year. More to follow.

I would like to give a special thanks to Dave Lewis for visiting us at our last chapter business meeting and giving us his pitch in his efforts to become our state's next Ambassador at Large. Thanks Dave for putting in the effort. It speaks to your willingness and desire to get and more importantly DO the job.

That's about it for now. Stay dry, ride safe and free and as always, Stay Cool!  $\diamond$ 



Key Pen chapter stopped at The Woodshed In Belfair on their chapter run (photo: Crystal Rusk)

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#### **Elk Country Chapter**

#### From ALICE BROWN, CHAPTER SECRETARY

**MORTON** - Wow, it's so great that we're getting back to riding season again! We'll have plenty of fun activities coming up this Summer!

We have two new members this month. A warm welcome to Eric and George who will be joining us in our escapades. Our Scholarship donations have been sent to three high schools in East Lewis County. We are waiting for the respective committees to choose their candidates so that we can make the awards. Our Scholarships are directed towards students pursuing technical educations and we look forward to giving three graduating seniors a boost towards obtaining their goals.

The St. Helen's Ride will be but another great memory by the time you read this. Look for some pictures next month. Our Pasta Cook-Off was a great success! All who participated were winners, just for having the fun and tasting great new dishes. Everyone ate their fill and took home some to spare. Congratulations to C J the grand prize winner for her absolutely delicious Tortellini.

The Elk Country Golf Cart will be making rounds at Spring Opener, thanks to the tireless efforts of Mo, Peg Leg and John. Thanks for all the hard work guys!

Looking forward, we just proposed a group ride to Rock and Libby's Party on July 14. Our annual Three Pass Ride as been scheduled for July 28. More details to come.

Have fun in the sun!  $\diamond$ 



Elk Country Pasta Cook-off (photo: Elk Country Chapter)

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ABATE Spring opener Primer party Date: June 9<sup>th</sup> Location: Steve & Linda's place Directions are available at the Kapowsin Tavern Live music will be provided by Harrison St. Band Meat will be provided, please bring a side dish & your own drinks.

Plenty of space to pitch your tent & is encouraged. Hope to see you there!



#### North Kitsap Chapter

#### From MARGIE VARNER AND KIM HINNERS, GHOST WRITERS

**POULSBO** - Our Chapter will be having our Annual Hurricane Ridge Memorial Run on Sunday June 3rd and all are welcome. We will meet at the Chevron Station on Big Valley Rd and Highway 3 in Poulsbo. Leaving there at 10:00 A.M. and riding to Port Angeles where we will stop at the Safeway to each purchase picnic food and drink. Then we'll continue our ride to the Ridge, where we will picnic while reminiscing about our friends and the great times we had with them. They were an important part of ABATE, we shall not forget. This is a No Fee Ride but there is an admission into the park.

On June 10th is our Youth Academy Rally, leaving Pendergast Park, Bremerton at 11:30. Registration at 10:00. \$15.00 rider \$5.00 passenger. Lunch included. Please see our Flyer in this issue (opposite page) and join us.

At Spring Opener we will be hosting the Bike Show on Saturday June 23rd. hope you join in as it's always a fun event. All summer long we go to other events and rides, so keep us posted about your event too, on Facebook. And mark your calendar for our Steelhorse Rodeo weekend, August 3,4 and 5. It will be at the Bremerton Raceway, a camping weekend with games, bike show, auctions rides, dealership rides, beer garden , food, retail vendors and more. Look for our flyer in next months issue and on Facebook.

Enjoy the sunshine.  $\diamond$ 

#### **Mason County Chapter**

#### From JAMES WARD, COORDINATOR

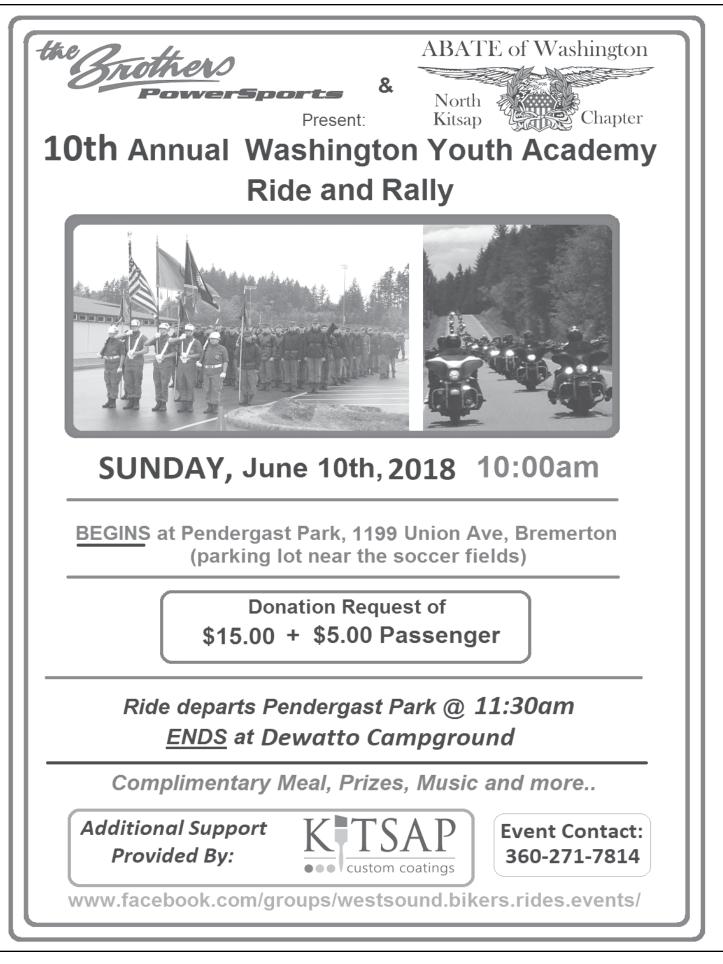
**SHELTON -** Wow, spring has sprung and bikes are popping out as much as the pollen from the trees. I like seeing that and being part of it.

As I write this it's a Saturday and it's supposed to get into the mid 70's. What does that mean? It means I'll be out on the bike for darn sure but it also means every kid in a hurry with a new license or jack-ass that's inconvenienced by a motorhome going slow will also be out and they'll inevitably do stupid things to endanger not just motorcyclists but everyone else on the road. Be careful.

OK, just had to get the aforementioned out of my system. Getting out on the bike is a bit easier these days as I've checked the 'retired status' block. I know most of my riding buddies are still working jobs but that won't stop me from asking if they want to go for a ride sometime mid-week. They'll promptly reply with the middle finger emoji on their cell phones which I've come to expect. Just thought the latter was worth mentioning just for fun.

Recently a member of the Mason County Chapter fell victim to an arsonist. Longtime MCC member Rob Pearson's house was set on fire and destroyed in the City of Shelton. The Shelton PD got the guy responsible so kudos to them. I'd like to thank the Society's Deviants MC and the members of the Mason County Chapter for their sizable donations to Rob to help with some of the financial burden he'll be faced with.

I'd like to recognize Greg Hansen for spearheading MCC's participation in the 'Adopt a Highway' litter control program. Although still in the works, Greg has made the necessary contacts to gain our chapter a place in this program. It was agreed that getting the Mason County Abate Chapter name on a highway sign was another good way to get the Abate name out there to the public, and, helping clean-up the crap left behind by knuckleheads is the right thing to do. Be safe.  $\diamond$ 



#### **Sky Valley Chapter**

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

**SNOHOMISH** - By the reading of this our Sky Valley Motorcycle show will be history. Hope everyone had fun and the weather was great. Weird writing about something that hasn't happened yet but oh well here we go! If you have been to our show you know it's second only to the Oyster run. We usually have at least 10,000 people come to the show if not more. Check it out sometime it's a blast!

Well since that is over next is the Spring Opener. I'll cross my fingers for you that it doesn't rain and the sound system is better this year. I hope next year if they run the gun tickets that none of the guns say must be present to win. I just think we could sell many more tickets if you could just throw down your 10 bucks and get a chance at all the guns. Not everyone wants to come to a biker party (with a heavy gate fee) and see if you won a gun or not. They all have to be transferred from a FFL license to a FFL licensed dealer anyway. As a competition shooter I could sell many tickets at my meets if this was the case.

Well it is riding season and it's time to put some miles on and go and live life. Not much else to report on our chapter at this time....so I'll see you "in the wind".  $\diamond$ 

#### **Spanaway Chapter**

#### From BILLY DE HUNTER, COORDINATOR

**SPANAWAY** - How about this weather. Lets hope it sticks around for our Spring Opener. Hard to believe it is such a short time away. I hope everyone has been busy selling our raffle tickets for a new Harley plus four other bikes and for the Five Guns. Remember your only asked to sell or buy five tickets and we would be sold out. Five tickets is not that much to ask. I have been selling at the Harley shop most every weekend.

We here in Spanaway went on the Memorial Ride with Elk Country to Mt. St. Helens as always was a very nice time. We did the pre ride for the Spring Opener poker run. I believe everyone is in for a fantastic ride. It should be one of the best Poker runs yet we have done. Lots of back roads through some of the prettiest country you will ever see. I hope lots of members will take the time and come enjoy the day with us. Its Friday June 22 we leave at 10:00 AM from the Turtle lounge where Terry the owner says he will have a great Breakfast special for us all.

Our election for Ambassador at large should be over by now or soon . If Ron Scott didn't win I hope Dave Lewis does a good job.

I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day weekend.

Lots of Motorcycle accidents most every weekend please look twice and be careful out there.  $\diamond$ 

#### **Tacoma Chapter**

#### From LEON "TREAD" STAUB, COORDINATOR

**TACOMA** - It's already June, Spring Opener is coming up quick and will be a fantastic time. We've gotten the riding season started with our Roll 'Em Out run and our bi-annual Tattered Flag. Both were a good time. We rode about 160 miles on Roll Em Out and the weather was great! It only started to sprinkle after everyone was leaving the last stop. We got to hand the Tattered Flag off to another winner and had a great day of riding together.

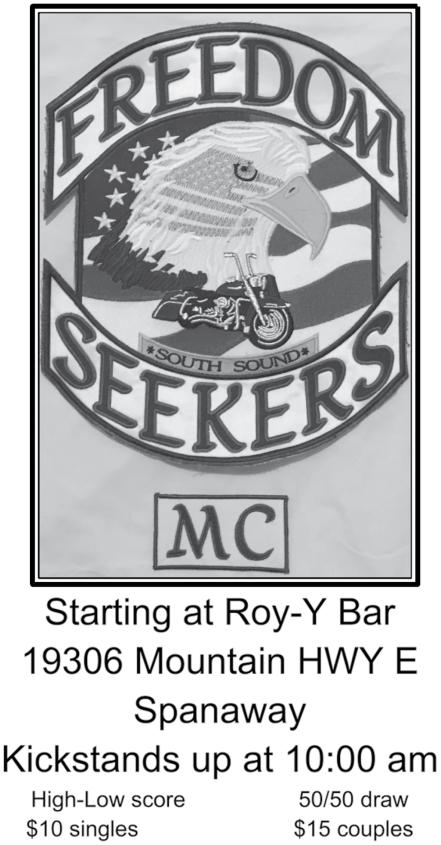
We completed our spring road cleanup on May 6. April was super wet and since we only had a couple of people show up, thought it best to postpone it. We got it done and picked up 79 bags of trash, leaving the road better than we found it. Thanks to all of those who helped come out and pick up trash, and particularly to Rob LaVergne who always coordinates the effort and makes sure it gets done.

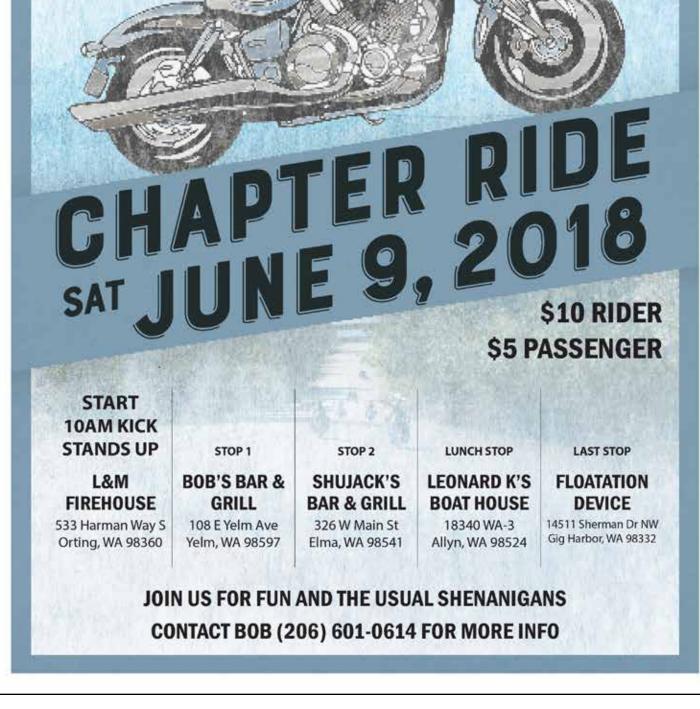
I'm very excited for Spring Opener, and can't believe that it's almost here. Tacoma Chapter, as usual, will be hosting the games and our very own Steve "Boxman" Carlsberg and Shari "Hotbox" Rose will be tying the knot so come on down to see! I'm also looking forward to Spanaway's Poker Run, they always pick out a awesome route, so don't miss that on Friday.

It's just the beginning of the summer festivities, and I'm looking forward to them all.  $\diamond$ 

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#### Star Lake Chapter

#### From PHILBEAST, CHAPTER SERGEANT AT ARMS

**FEDERAL WAY** - Greetings and salutations to all my brothers and sisters on two wheels! Spring has finally arrived, and I, for one, have been taking advantage of the nice weather to get my knees in the breeze as often as possible.

Speaking of Spring, the Spring Opener is right around the corner but before I get into that I want to mention Star Lake's upcoming Chapter Ride on June 9 (provided you get and read the newsletter before then). We're kicking the ride off at 10 a.m. from the L&M Firehouse in Orting so dust off those helmets and get on the road with us!

Now for Spring Opener news: Star Lake is forging ahead with two different events this year. The annual Tattoo Contest in the Bowl on Friday evening and our second year's highly regarded vibrator races. Be sure to be in Star Lake's camp to get lei'd on Friday night after the Tattoo Contest with finals to happen Saturday night. Both events will be highly entertaining so be sure to pencil them into your Spring Opener schedule.

Now that's enough reading so get out there and ride!  $\diamond$ 

#### **Spokane Chapter**

#### From SHAWN WEST, COORDINATOR

**SPOKANE** - May went by way too fast with runs happening every weekend and the great fortune of good weather for them all. It was a fun month for riding. Our Awareness ride was a big success and we can't thank everyone who attended enough. Also a thank you to Brothers Bar in Springdale, The Rio in Oldtown, The Bayou in Spokane Valley and the Illinois Bar & Grill in Spokane for hosting stops and putting up with us. Reed was all over both states in a mad dash to take pics of a few rides and most likely rode about as much as all of us combined. We'll have some more pics of the ride in future reports. And last but not least thank you very much to Ashleigh, Terry and Dori with the Hillyard Kiwanis for rounding up and serving breakfast for all of us before the ride. That was very cool.

At our next meeting on June 9th come on down to the Illinois at 10am and pitch your ideas on how to make next year's Awareness Ride better. So far we have keeping the same route and making the Rio an official lunch stop suggested. We also have two social rides we need to finalize a destination for and settle on whom our big charity ride will be benefiting. Also suggested we do two charity rides instead of one. So bring your calendars and pitch some dates and opinions.

In April and May our chapter set up an ABATE information table at Lone Wolf Harley with the ANI folks. That has been a first for ABATE in our area for both sides of the border. It was short notice and I'll have a more detailed report for the chapter at our meeting. Just a mention here to thank Lone Wolf Harley for their support and we look forward to their next event. Also thank you to Duane J. over in North Idaho for his getting the word out while coordinating pretty much everything.

Last up is old business. Back in March we voted to officially steal the Kootenai ABATE Chapter's idea of instead of having just one Ambassador at Large we make every member one instead. So as of reading this you have about one week to do something representing ABATE of Washington, Spokane Chapter to the community before giving your report.

And that is all the space I have for this month. As always give a wave when we see you on the road!  $\diamond$ 



Spokane Chapter Awareness Ride at Brothers Bar & Grill, May 12th, Springdale WA (photo: Shawn West)



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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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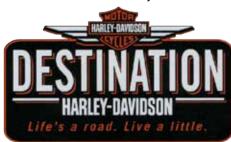


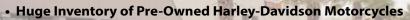
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