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May 2021 Updates

Legislative Report

This is going to be a short report. With the session now ended by the time you read this, our efforts will be shifting to meeting with legislators in the districts and pushing the lane-sharing and right shoulder bills. At the BOD sign-in sheets showing support for lane-sharing were passed out. Feel free to copy them, print more, and get them signed and submit them back to the state LAO as soon as the page is full. The plan is to use the filled sheets to demonstrate to legislators the support for lane-sharing. Don't just try to get ABATE members to sign, but any motorcyclist you might meet, and anyone else who seems interested when you explain what the lane-sharing bill (HB1106) will do. [Keep Reading>>>](#)

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May 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.

Last month we looked at how to up our game when it comes to stopping. Now it's time to figure out how we can avoid needing to use those skills. If you find those things out there that will help you kill yourself early enough then you can come up with a plan on how to deal with them.

"We know, Texas, it's all about keeping your head on a swivel."

That is a really nice platitude, but what does it really mean? Without some sort of system, it's just random eyeball movements and grabbing at visual items. A really good rider has a system for how they scan, such as far (10-12 seconds out), for early warning, medium distance (6-8 seconds) to assess the threats located earlier, and near (4 seconds) to make the final decision on what to do. [Keep Reading >>>](#)



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State Coordinator's Report

Members,

The APRIL Board Meeting was one of the best we have had in some time. We accomplished a lot of needed business and also ate very well thanks to the Lewis County Chapter members.

Family Camp Out is coming along. Make sure you book your spot soon. Chances are we are going to have a full house. No Bands or other activities are being set up. Come enjoy friends and family.

Newsletter - At this time, the Newsletter continues to evolve. Coordinators, be sure and send in your reports by the 15th of each month and make sure you have "Newsletter" in the subject line. We have a new section, ABATE IN THE WIND. Please send the photos as an attachment. It makes the work a lot easier for Shari.

Website - The website was a hot topic at the meeting and we are in the process of adjusting our procedure. The website is the face of ABATE OF WASHINGTON and needs to be up to date with the correct contact info. It is a lot to ask of one person so we have worked out a plan to make this less labor-intensive ... it will take some time. Please send in corrections or other needed changes to LEON at the webmaster address.

Runs and Rides - We want to support all chapter rides and runs but it can be difficult when all the Chapters do the work to have them end up overlapping. Be mindful of the dates you pick. Mt Saint Helens run May 16th Elk Country Chapter has put together a great one-day ride event this is one we want to support. Not only is it a great run and ride it is a big opportunity for ABATE OF WASHINGTON to reach out to others in regard to membership and future runs. This year, State ABATE plans on having a membership booth there, along with Legislative information. If you want to drop off some flyers for future runs, come on by. Be sure and thank Brian Lang for all he is doing.

Motorcycle Awareness Run - This will be on the 22nd of MAY. We will line up at Eagle Leather. Be there by 1 pm. Kickstands up at 1:15. We will be heading to Olympia. We are expecting a couple of Legislative reps who ride to come with us. They will be speaking at the event. We are also working on other guest speakers. Help bring AWARENESS to motorcycle deaths on our roads. We have to speak up and demand they listen to our ideas. We are the experts on this subject matter.

Legislative - Brian Lang made the announcement that for the coming legislative session we will be focusing on only one Bill HB 1106 LANE SHARING this bill has a lot of momentum and with all the states around us pushing for one form or another of the lane sharing. We are going all in. Remember, you do not have to split lanes if you're not comfortable. This is something a lot of riders want and we have a chance to make it happen by supporting the lane sharing bill. FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

Public Relations - Susan Carson is your contact person for advertising any of your events. Please forward all your run flyers and info. She works hard to get the word out and only asks you to send her the info. Thanks, Susan

Public Relations Report



Hello everyone! I would like to encourage our Chapters to get out there and start talking to non-members again. Having rides, events or socials are great ways to introduce new people to your current members. I attended the EPCC Bunny Hop run and met some great new people and I am going to try to attend more of your Chapter events.

I would also like to inform you of our new protocol for getting the information regarding your events to members and non-members. Please send me your information about your event in an email to PR1@ABATE-wa.org and I will make sure not only it will be posted on our social media, it will be sent to the webmaster, communications for mass email but also to the newsletter. This will eliminate multiple emails to all these individuals and also will ensure the correct advertisement. We appreciate any help with this to spread the word to the individuals in your Chapters who plan your events. I am also working with State Officers to ensure that the correct information is shared for any State events or issues that we are working on. If your Chapter needs help with flyers or creating events, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you everyone and safe travels!

Thank you,
Susan "Stars" Carson
Public Relations

Senior Deputy Coordinator

Hola all,

It's starting to get nice out there, make sure everyone is doing the prechecks on their bikes, tire pressure is a big one - don't skip it!

We had a productive Board of Directors meeting on April 17th. It seems like we're all on the same page on most of the issues so this legislation session should go smoothly. Special thanks to everyone able to attend the meetings, products who did a kickass job, not only on the 17th but

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STATE COORDINATOR
ABATE OF WASHINGTON
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every day since she took over, and to all the other officers that make my position easier. Thank you. Don't let me forget Parliamentarian, thank you for keeping me straight and the meeting on track.

Well, that's all I have to say about that. So may roads be curvy, your wind be warm, and throttle open. Ride on my brothers and sisters.

Senior Deputy Coordinator
Chris

Motorcycle Riders Foundation



BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY 2021 ATTENDANCE EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

"Sold out" are not words often positively associated with anything in Washington, D.C. Bikers Inside the Beltway 2021 is rapidly closing in on being booked up. The hotel block of rooms has been expanded to accommodate those attending Bikers Inside the Beltway in person.

With less than a month to Bikers Inside the Beltway, now's the time to take action to ensure you do not miss the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's premier lobbying event.

- 1- Register to attend – registration is free. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)
- 2- Make appointments with members of Congress – Anyone registering with the MRF for Bikers Inside the Beltway will receive a list and script for making their appointments if they choose to use.
- 3- Make hotel reservations: 703-684-5900

Embassy Suites by Hilton Alexandria,
1900 Diagonal Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Bikers Inside the Beltway 2021 will be dual-focused. Some congressional offices are taking meetings with constituents. However, the House and Senate buildings are not open to the general public, meaning the only way you can get in is if you have an appointment beforehand and staff comes down to security to get you. [Keep Reading >>>](#)

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NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

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As businesses are still recovering from a devastating year of COVID shutdowns and lower capacity restrictions, Daytona Beach is coming off one of their best Bike Weeks ever. Bob Davis, president of the Lodging and Hospitality Association in Volusia County, said it was one of the best Bike Weeks they've ever had for revenue, rating it "among the top 5" in event history.

Billing itself as "The World's Largest Motorcycle Event," Daytona Bike Week celebrated 80 years during the first full week in March, the 5th through the 14th, 2021, with crowds coming in a steady stream throughout the ten days of festivities.

Last year, the nationwide lockdown to battle the pandemic began during the last weekend of Daytona Bike Week, and a year later the country is finally beginning to open for business. There are still health concerns, and signs encouraging social distancing and mask-wearing were posted everywhere, but hopefully, the successful turnout will signal better times to come as more and more events find their way back onto the ride calendar. [Keep Reading >>>](#)

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Products

Greetings from Products!

We have a busy, busy start to our summer season. My husband Chad and I have made it to a couple of Chapter meetings (other than our own) with a vehicle full of products and I have mailed out quite a number of orders of the new t-shirts and sweatshirts. The new sweatshirts are a really nice, thick, warm material.

EPCC was the first to get a look at them as they graciously invited us to their meeting last month. I was able to find a home with one of our chapters for the few old style shirts and hoodies we had left. The chapter that hosted BOD this month bought them up for us so I hope they make a few bucks.

I ordered a very limited number of sizes of the new style since I wasn't sure how Covid was going to play out as far as us being able to get out and about to get products to you. I also was waiting to hear if the Swap Meet was going to be a go or not before committing funds to a large order. We now know that the Swap Meet is back on for October 3rd (fingers crossed) so I will now be able to submit an order for a larger number of especially the most popular sizes. I have been told that with Covid and the trade embargos currently in place suppliers are having a hard time getting certain colors, black especially, and certain sizes. I'll be looking at a lighter sweatshirt for evening summer riding as well as some sleeveless shirts for both men and women. As we are able to get what we are asking for I will post it on our State Facebook page as well as in the monthly newsletter.

As always, if you would like us to attend your Chapter meeting, reach out to me and I'll see if we can make it. As with most of the wonderful and committed volunteers in this organization, Chad and I have full-time jobs, families, Chapter commitments and of course a busy riding schedule so we'll absolutely try and make it out to you if we can.

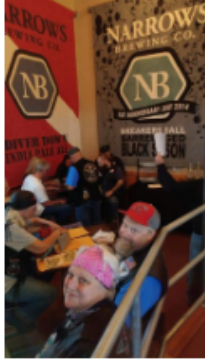
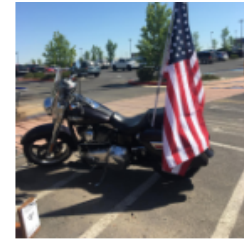
We will also be at the Mt St Helen's Run on May 16th with products and the Run to the Desert event at Soap Lake in August. Hope to see you all this summer.



Events and Runs

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. [\(click image to see larger\)](#)





Local Chapter Reports



Elk Country Chapter Report

Greetings from Elk Country!!
 May is the time for our annual Mt St Helens Memorial Ride. It will be on May 16th, at the Gateway Food & Fuel Shell in Castle Rock (I-5 & exit 49). From the looks of our Facebook event page, folks are downright ready to get some riding in. At last check, there were nearly 400 people saying they were going, and nearly 2,000 were interested. So come on, let's make this the biggest one yet!! We will have a chase truck and trailer to block for us at the start so we all should get out on the road together. We plan a short "riders meeting" at about 10:40 just so we are all on the same page before we all try to head out. I truly hope you can make it. Just pray for good weather and I think the turn-out will amaze you. We even have some ride T-shirts for sale, so come on and let's do this!!

Brian Lange
 Elk Country Coordinator



South King (SKCC)

South King County chapter is starting to get back to having runs and events.

Our chapter has been having socials every week. We are getting out and starting with runs.

April 25 is a Fun Run at 10am
 23012 210th ave se
 Maple Valley, 98038

1030am KSU

BBQ to follow at same place

Chapter meeting still at:
 23012 210th ave se
 Maple Valley 98038

Adalinda Lundt
 Coordinator



East Pierce County Chapter Report

April showers bring May flowers, come out and ride with EPCC!! Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our 1st Annual Leprechaun Memorial Run, for quick planning and short notice we raised \$2,100.00 for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, 68 registered participants & numerous supporters showed up at the end for fellowship & games!! Great job & THANK YOU all for supporting us & Mary Bridge!! We successfully built & delivered 133 Easter baskets the following weekend & blessed kiddos throughout our community as well as Traumatic Brain Injury residents at the Terry Homes. Thank you to everyone that donated & joined us!! Would like to also thank everyone that came out and supported our Support the Supporters run, was a great ride! Even dodging the hail, rain, snow, the sun was our biggest supporter this last weekend!! We are looking forward to this riding season & supporting our communities & fellow chapters. Welcome to our new members & thank you to everyone that has renewed their memberships. Please get your renewals in, if you need assistance, I'll be happy to help. Our next business meeting is Sunday, May 2nd, 10am at the Milton Lodge. Our weekly socials are being held every Taco Tuesday at Firehouse Pub in Buckley. Be vigilant and keep your head on a swivel & the rubber side down.



Tacoma

Hi Riders!

The weather is finally starting to break in favor of our riders! Hopefully, everyone is finding the time to join some of the rides going on.

This past Easter, the VFW post #969, where we hold our Chapter meetings put on their community Easter Egg Hunt event and, even though it was not an ABATE sponsored event, several of our members stepped up and helped make this event a big success. Many thanks to Connie, Lila, Dolly, Julie, and everyone else who donated items.

Some upcoming events include:

- the state BOD on April 17th,
- Tacoma's Roll 'Em Out ride on May 1st,
- Awareness Ride on May 22nd,
- Family Campout from June 25-27th.

Even though Spring Opener is not happening again this year, plans are in place for a family campout and some of us have plans to attend. We have bike and gun raffle tickets for sale and some will be available for sale at the campout as well.

Due to some conflicts with our regular meeting place, our next Chapter meeting will be held on THURSDAY, May 6th, social at 6:00 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Ride Safely, ride often!

Star Lake Chapter Report

Greetings to all from Star Lake Chapter
We had our chapter meeting March 28, 2021 at Purdy's Public House in Sumner. We discussed upcoming rides and future chapter events. We welcomed five new members to our chapter and now topping out at a whopping 34 members. Some of the members in the chapter are working on a ride patch



Key Peninsula Chapter Report

Greetings from the 'Pen!

Just got home from a great outing on a school night ride with some brothers from the chapter along with a couple

for the charity ride in September and special order ride event shirts (View the posted flyer). Sorry, no sneak peeks. Ya'll will have to attend the September charity ride to order these really cool items. We will be doing some small chapter ride events each month. Nothing big or fancy. Just simple rides to get out around and do what we do best, RIDE; and enjoy the great outdoors with friends and acquaintances.

Star Lake Chapter 2021 events and participation:

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

Participate in other chapter sponsored rides.

Now for this month's safety note. So here we are. The sound of rolling thunders in the area prompting us to get out there and join in the fun. Let's be real. As much as we want the freedom to ride the way we want to, we need to consider our actions on the road as it relates to other traffic vehicles. I always make it a habit to ensure I am as visible as possible and not to do anything that would cause harm or potential danger to others or myself. I am especially thankful every time we safely roll into the driveway at home. As always, remember that the road may be the same, but the journey is always different. Be prepared and be safe out there. See you down the road.

Ken Nyland
Star Lake Chapter, Road Captain

with some brothers from the chapter along with a couple other friends. Weather was ideal for it and Brother Randy Road Captained us out to Cumberland for some tacos and beers at City Hall. Great crowd and it really was nice to see along with a sea of strangers several other friends from Abate. Star Lake was well represented and South King County was also in the house and selling raffle tix. Was a real treat getting to see those folks and get caught up or just say hello coming and going. A night that kinda reminds you of the way things were when things were normal and the way they should be. Tacos weren't bad either. As always, Stay Cool!



Grant County Chapter Report

Things are opening up and everyone is back on the roads which is great! Our Chapter is gearing up for our first Poker Run, August 24, we are working on our fireworks stand to be ready for retail sales, and of course Run to the Desert planned for August 27-29. We are excited to support more runs in our area along with Bike Night in Moses Lake. Safe travels everyone!

North Kitsap Chapter Report

Greetings from North Kitsap ABATE!

As the weather is getting warmer we are all hopefully getting a little wind therapy!

The North Kitsap ABATE crew has been busy planning our next adventures and anticipating attending yours as well! We are all happy to see events popping up again – and North Kitsap ABATE is adding to the events popping up in June! Mark your calendars for these upcoming North Kitsap ABATE events!

Memorial Run to Hurricane Ridge! Sunday, June 6th 2021 is our annual Memorial Run to Hurricane Ridge! This is a no-fee group ride Meeting up at the Kitsap Mall Kohl's parking lot at 10am KSU 10:15, then off to Port Angeles for Picnic Supplies, then on to the Ridge for a Picnic lunch in memory of our friends and loved ones, and the great times we had with them. This is an open ride for all – Motorcycles and Cars welcome. Hurricane Ridge is a part of the Olympic National Forest and access requires a pass purchased at the park entrance. The fee is \$25 per Motorcycle and \$30 for Cars/Trucks. The access pass is valid for 7 days, the memories of the experience are valid for a lifetime.

FIRST ANNUAL MUTT PUTT! Saturday, June 19th is our First Annual "Mutt Putt" put on by North Kitsap ABATE – All proceeds go to the Humane Society of Jefferson, Mason, and Kitsap Counties. This is a 5 stop Poker Run around the Hood Canal. Keep an



eye out for the upcoming flyer in next month's FREEDOM Newsletter, Facebook, and of course the North Kitsap ABATE Website at www.northkitsapabate.com

Keep the Shiny Side Up!

Thomas Short – Coordinator
North Kitsap ABATE



Pacific County

Pacific County Chapter had our annual Pigout Charity Run, on Saturday, April 10. The ride to the start location was story complete with hail. Our friends from the North Coast Chapter, ABATE of OR showed up and we had around 20 bikes for the run. The ferry from Westport to Puget Island was down, so we rode to Longview, crossed the Columbia, and then back to Hunter's Inn in Naselle for burgers, dogs, and oysters! Big thanks to Terry, Rollo, and Bill for cooking!

We lost a friend, Josh "Grizz" Tidwell of RARE RC, who has been on our runs over the years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and his RARE family.

May brings our 101 Run, Saturday, May 18. The flyer says the run starts at the Artic Tavern, but since they are closed, will probably start at Charlies Sports Bar in Montesano. Call John or Art for the latest updates. Stay sharp, and ride safe.

John

Photo caption: bikes at Tom & Jerry's in Westport, OR

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Spanaway Chapter

At our last meeting, a few changes were made. The Chapter decided to move our meeting location to the Y Sports Bar & Grill. They have been very accommodating and we look forward to working with them in the future. The Y Sports Bar & Grill is located at 19306 Mountain Hwy E Spanaway WA 98387. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The Chapter also decided to move socials to the Y Sports Bar & Grill for the first three weeks of the month. We have socials every week to get to know people. On the last Wednesday of the month, the social will be a moving social location to be determined at the monthly meeting. This will give new people a consistent place to meet us and a chance to get out at least once a month and go meet people. The best of both worlds. Socials start at 5:30! The chapter has had a few opportunities to get out and support some rides in the month of April. We had a great time supporting the Tenino Drill Team on their ride. Spanaway took High and Low hands on their poker run and also won the 50/50. They put on a great ride and welcomed everyone.

We also went on the East Pierce County chapter to support the supporter ride. A great time was had by all. I would encourage everyone that can to get out and support local chapters and groups that are having rides. East Pierce County Amigos are having a ride for Amigo Flush May Buffalo Run. It starts May 8th at 9 am at City Hall Saloon. KSU 10:30. LeMay Motorcycle Days is at the family Marymount Manor location on June 19th. Great place to see old motorcycles and meet new people. Elk Country ABATE will hold their Mt St Helens run on May 16.

Andy McAfee
Coordinator

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 get hundreds of thousands of dollars of fees and those cases. We also advance all the costs necessary to pursue them.

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

In the past couple of years we've seen:

- 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 punishing motorcyclists from wearing certain patches or expressing support for the victims of abuse.

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 on accident. 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 these issues hire us to handle their personal injury cases.

We look forward to working with you.



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