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## *A Woman and Her Bike*

It all started on a beautiful day in June. Father's day to be exact. Hubby and I were down at the local Harley shop for their annual Father's Day breakfast, when he suggested we look at the new bikes. (his first mistake) up stairs we went. "Go ahead – sit on one" were his fatal words. I felt a bit like Goldy Locks from the three bears as I sat on a several bikes that were too tall or too heavy. And finally the Dyna Low Rider – "Oooh – this one is just right". I was in love. After tossing it back and forth for awhile (the decision not the bike) – we decided to jump in get me a new bike and ordered a brand new Dyna Low Rider out of Fairbanks. It took months and my bike was not ready to pick up until mid September.

I got the call Thursday afternoon. My bike was ready!!! After thinking long and hard about it, I looked at dear hubby and said "you know – I think I need to do this alone". Being a fellow rider – he could completely relate to my need to bond with my bike. So with lots of great advice and many blessings he simply said "You go for it Babe!". Needless to say this decision was viewed as somewhat crazy by many of my friends. It is after all almost

400 miles of pretty desolate road, and I am after all - a woman.

With gear in hand I headed for the airport and landed in Fairbanks on a rather pleasant Sept. morning. I headed to the shop and stepped into what I knew was going to be a whole new world, heart beating a hundred miles an hour, hands shaking in anticipation. I walked back to the shop and there it was – OH MY!! It was even more beautiful than I had imagined, all waxed and polished—I was in awe. I'm

sure the look on my face was a mixture of awe and fear. My mind was racing. Oh my God, what have I done? I just spent \$20,000 on a bike I can't ride!!! What on earth was I thinking? And I'm going to do this alone? Oh - great decision Robin!!! Did I mention I had never ridden

anything bigger than a Kawasaki 750? The mechanic wished me well. "You're all set, have a good trip, and remember shiny side up". Gulp! Well after promptly killing it three times right there in the lot, I finally got moving and hit the highway. Well let me tell you – once on the road that bike handles like a dream. I was in heaven – Hog Heaven to be precise – yes pun intended. The weather was perfect

*You're all set,  
have a good trip,  
and remember  
shiny side up...*

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### *A Woman and Her Bike* *continued from cover*

for riding, calm, no rain, cloudy – but about 55°, and the fall colors were absolutely spectacular, and of course I was riding slow enough to see and even smell them. All my senses were alive.

“Then I reached Nenana. Here is where it all turned to \_\_\_\_\_(go ahead fill in the blank). All of a sudden the wind started howling, side ways gusts, I could see the trees bending in half as I rode by, the temperature dropped to about 40 and with the wind, it was cccooooo!ld. I rode for what seemed like an eternity. I finally reached Healy, and gratefully pulled in, I needed to defrost, and headed in for coffee and warmth. One of the locals, after admiring the bike, (this happens a lot) asked where I was heading. I said Anchorage – he snickered pointed at the weather board and said “you got a trailer?” mixed rain and snow all the way south into Talkeetna. At this point I’m pretty well committed, I mean what am I gonna do? Leave the bike there? I dig in the saddle bags to get out my cold weather gear, electric vest and gloves. This is when I find that the plug in I requested they put on the bike at the shop, is the wrong style plug, so much for staying warm. After a little pep talk with myself, I get back on the bike, and head south . As I’m heading into Deanli Park down a steep incline, I notice a warning sign on the side of the road. CAUTION – HIGH WIND AREA. Really can it be worse?? It got much, much worse. The side ways gusts were so strong, I was blown into the on coming lane several times. At this point – I’m not having a lot of fun, and started wondering if this was some kind of Universal Test of Fire. I looked up at the sky and actually shouted – “Okay – you want to see what I’m made of – come on!!! Bring it on – is that all you got? Yes I was a little crazed at this point, but determined to make it.

I reached Cantwell and the wind died down. I pulled over, gassed up and gulped down more coffee. I must say – people treat you different on a big bike. It’s really quite amazing. I go into a store and folks actually get out of my way, mothers hide their children.. Maybe it was my haggard look at this point – who knows? But I like to think it’s the bike. As I hit the road again, a light rain started to fall and was a welcome relief after what I had just ridden through. I was seriously having the time of my life. I reached Trapper Creek about 7pm or so, after gassing up, eating and relaxing a bit, the riding was such a joy, I decided I could make it all the way home. Even though I had already been on the bike for 6 hours, I was having an experience like no other –those of you who ride know. I never wanted to stop.

Well – everything was great until I hit road construction. By this time it was very dark and I had passed up every opportunity to find a bed. A light rain started to fall, and yup more wind. 12 miles of wet, dirt road at 10 mph behind a pilot car and of course I’m first in line. I pulled over at the first opportunity, got out my cell phone, called home and said “I can’t make it, I have got to stop”. I was becoming a danger to myself and everyone else on the road at this point . I reached the north side of Wasilla, spotted a little motel and pulled in . I pulled up, parked in front and rang the buzzer, one room left – I’ll take it. After inquiring as to the safety of my bike being parked out front, the manager looked at me in my tired and disheveled state, chuckled and assured me it would be fine. I armed the security system, locked the forks, covered it up, said good night and thanked her for giving me a great ride.

The room was abysmal but it had a bed and a tub. I had no idea exactly how cold I was until I got into that tub. I think I emptied and filled it at least 4 times before I stopped shaking, and crawled into bed, exhausted and exhilarated.

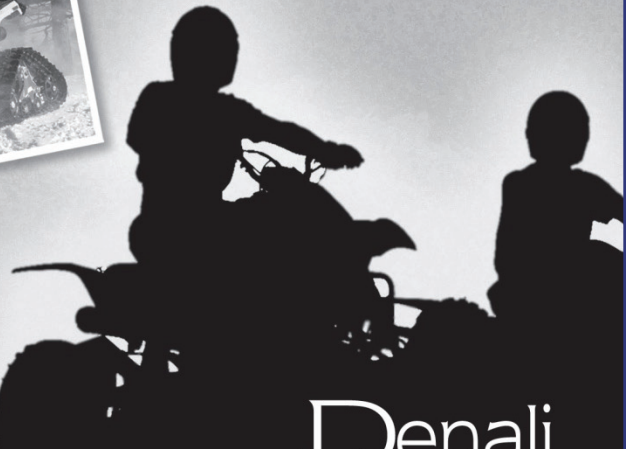
In the morning; eager to get home, I hopped on the bike and fired it up. I’ll tell you firing up that bike just gives me the shivers. It’s incredible – I can just feel all 1450 cc’s rumbling beneath me, and it’s all mine. I arrived home safe and sound, triumphant, happy and with a smile on my face so big, it lasted for days. I had done it – almost 400 miles, in some brutal conditions, on what would be in the states a back road, on a Harley – alone. I have heard bikers talk about “bonding” with their bikes, and never fully understood, until now. That beautiful Low Rider in my garage is no longer just a Harley. It’s truly my Harley, in a way I can never explain to someone who doesn’t ride.

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## WELCOME TO ALASKA HOKA HEY!!!!

Happy Solstice to nearly 500 bikers who are roaring up the two lane road out of Key West!!! They are beginning the first epic race, the Hoka Hey, from Key West to Florida to Homer, Alaska for a single-prize of \$500,000 in Alaskan gold! Yep. ONE prize! There is NO second place!!!! The 7,000 mile race across North America crosses 62 mountain ranges, 25 national forests, eight deserts, 33 Indian reservations and two countries with a celebration on July 4th, Homer, Alaska. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. That, is where ABATE, many Alaskans, and 500 Hoka Hey riders will be July 4th!!!! Be there!!!!

Hoka Hey, is a Lakota Sioux phrase shouted by warriors as they rush into battle. I am told, it means , "a good day to die.....er.....ride!!!!"

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BY ROD TAYLOR - ABATE LEGAL SERVICES

## SAFETY CHECKS – A BIKERS GUIDELINE FOR POLICE COMPLIANCE IN THE MIDWEST

*What Part of the 4th Amendment Is Hard for Them to Understand?*

Is it Berlin 1939 (Papers, please!) time? America's finest is out doing "compliance and safety" checks instead of chasing muggers, robbers, rapists and child molesters. Now they wish to rid the mid-west of bikers who may have left their insurance card, (registration papers in Indiana and Ohio) in the desk at home, and check your MC endorsement. Of course, while they have you stopped on the way to your favorite biker event, riding your favorite means of transportation, on your day off, they want to take that opportunity to go for a "hat trick" – to provide you as many possible citations as possible. Here are the rules when you forced into a line of bikes for a police inspection.

1. Have your paperwork out and ready to provide to the officer. If you have lockable bags, get your paper work and relock the bags as quickly as you can. If you have a windshield storage unit, retrieve your insurance, registration (Indiana and Ohio) and relock it – if it locks. Have your driver's license in hand and insurance papers in hand. The cops will try to inspect and look into everything within reach – they claim that it is for their own safety.
2. Have a copy of the 4th Amendment in hand and register your objection at being detained without probable cause. Keep that part brief – no speeches. They know where you are coming from. Chances are, they may ride as well, and they may just be doing their job. Hopefully, and most likely they will advise their superiors of the objection you made. This will help us in the long haul to head off these kinds of 4th Amendment violations.
3. Although cops have claimed the right to search in the immediate access area for their own protection, they can not search locked bags, trailer campers etc. that are outside your access to weapons, and their so-called danger zone. If they ask for your permission, then they likely do not have a reason to search. NEVER PERMIT A VOLUNTARY SEARCH

OF YOUR PERSON OR BIKE. If you wear a helmet, DO NOT TAKE IT OFF. If they ask you to unlock, refuse and cite your 4th Amendment rights to be free from "unreasonable searches and seizures." Some officers will continue to ask for your permission and will say something like "if you do not have anything to hide, why object to a search?" Just tell them that you do not permit inspections of your personal stuff. If they persist, ask to see the warrant "specifically describing the place to be searched and persons or things to be seized." If they do not have a warrant, ask about the probable cause for the search. Pay attention to exactly what is said and memorize it. If they say they have none, hand them your paperwork and wait while they inspect it. The intrusion should be over then and you should be free to be on your way. If not, ask if you are under arrest. If you are not under arrest, go about your business – quickly. If they threaten to haul you downtown, then you have a decision to make. Either go along with the violation of your rights and save your Saturday or be a hero and tell them to pound sand. Depending on how far "downstate" you are, I am uncertain as to what to promise you that will happen after that, but you will be a star with many of us. If you are arrested or "detained" assert your 5th and 6th Amendment rights by saying the following "I have nothing to say until I speak with my lawyer." Then call me ASAP.

4. Remember that you have the right to terminate your police encounter unless you are being detained under police custody or have been arrested. Ask the officer "Can I go?" If he says yes, get the hell out of there as quickly and legally as you can. After you leave the area advise others that we have a "Rambo" cop so they can avoid the area.
5. Remember that most cop cars are equipped with audio and video devices and are activated on most if not all stops, so be on your best behavior. No lawyer wants to go to court with you and see a video that shows you giving the cop the finger or talking about the cop's family heritage – unless it was really worth it. As a youth, I remember spending some time in the Danville, Illinois, jail thinking it was worth every minute of it. I got an apology out of that one.

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### NAILED DOING HER NAILS

On May 2nd of last year, Anita Zaffke was on her motorcycle stopped at a traffic light when Lora Hunt slammed into her at roughly 50 mph. The police – and today a jury – found that Ms. Hunt was painting her fingernails when she approached the intersection where Anita Zaffke was stopped. Today – one year and four days after this tragedy – a jury in Waukegan (Lake County, IL) found Lora Hunt guilty of reckless homicide for killing Anita Zaffke. Sentencing is scheduled for June 15. This senseless, shameful, criminal act by Ms Hunt has caused an outcry for justice in the motorcycling community. Justice would not have been served if ABATE members had not attended the many hearings regarding this case. Dramatically, many of them showed up at the courthouse with their fingernails painted black!

### PAPERS, PLEASE – BY MAIL!

*Q: Today in the mail I received a form from the Illinois Secretary of State Office with my driver's license number, plate number, make, year, and VIN of my motorcycle. The form stating that I must fill in the form verifying that I have insurance on my motorcycle or my license will be suspended. Is it legal for the state to require this information, and why only on my motorcycle when I have two other plated vehicles? Is this another way for the state to make road site type inspections on motorcycle owners only without actually having to have reasonable cause to investigate?* – Dave DeMik, ABATE of Illinois

*A: Dave, yours is a good question. We have been having several of what I term "intrusions" by government officers checking on us, whether it be "safety checks," "operation checks" or in your instance "a compliance check" from afar. At first blush, the request is confusing; on further reflection, it is unreasonable. Why should you have to go through a compliance check when you are not riding your motorcycle? You have the right to own and not ride as many bikes as you choose. As you know, many of us have more than one bike that may be in the process of repair/modification. George Tinkham, ABATE lawyer, has several in his garage that are in various stages of repair. While the law is clear that we must have insurance on our motorcycles when we ride them on public streets, it is equally clear that we are not required to have insurance otherwise. That means that we can have as many non-road bikes in our garage as we want without getting threatening letters from the government.*

What is disturbing about the notice you received is that it TARGETS MOTORCYCLISTS. As you point out, you did not receive similar notice for your other non-motorcycle vehicles. What gives with that? When is the last time you heard of a motorcyclist causing any serious injury to a person in a car or truck? Last time I checked, it still is not a fair fight between a Harley and Mack truck, so why are they asking for the motorcycle insurance information and not the automobile insurance information? We will find out and report. I suspect some government funding is at the root of this latest episode.

WILL YOU? YOU SHOULD.

I got this note from a reader and I wanted to share it with you. As you already know, I think everyone should have a will, which is why we offer free wills and living wills to ABATE members. – Rod

After reading the letter from the person that got his will done, it reminded me that I need to do that also. Can you send me the paperwork to do this? I want to do a Living Will as well as a regular Will. I am not sure if they are one and the same. I just want to have a say on how things will be done if I am not gone but not able to take care of things myself. It is all about quality of life to me. No artificial means to keep me alive. When it is my time, then it is my time.

– Mike Meyers, ABATE member

*Wise thoughts, and wise advice. If you need a will or a living will, contact us and we will get it for you.*

Ride Safe and Free, Rod Taylor  
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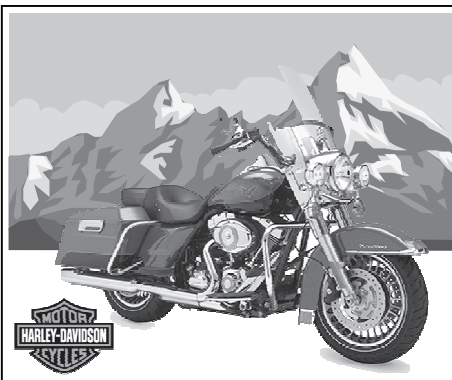
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This experience has changed me in ways I really can't explain. I looked in the mirror after I got home and saw a different woman looking back at me. You know that little child we all have in our heads? The one who never shuts up – you can't do this, ooh that's scary . That child has been forever relegated back to where she belongs, and it's not in my future. I can do any thing. I am stronger, more confident and more at peace than I can ever remember being. And when I feel I'm losing that – I get back on my bike, and once again, I'm there, at one with the bike, the road, myself and the world.

My only regret is that it is now nearly October and time to put the bike up for winter. But on the up side – it's broken in and will be serviced before winter, and ready to rock & roll come next riding season. I am looking forward to Spring when hubby & I climb onto our Harleys and create new riding adventures together – partners on the road, as well as in life. I am truly blessed.



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## ABATE of Alaska Christmas in July Toy Run

July 24, 2010

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Bring Christmas decor for your bike

Snacks before run/BBQ after.

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Contact Laura Goggins – [laurag@gci.net](mailto:laurag@gci.net).

# ALASKA BIKERS ADVOCATING TRAINING & EDUCATION

## July 2010

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
week 26					<b>1</b> 7pm ABATE of Alaska Board Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ABATE of Alaska 4th of July Run
week 27	<b>4</b> ABATE of Alaska 4th of July Run	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
week 28	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7pm ABATE of Alaska General Membership Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
week 29	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> ABATE of Alaska Christmas in July
week 30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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## August 2010

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
week 31	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7pm ABATE of Alaska Board Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
week 32	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
week 33	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7pm ABATE of Alaska General Membership Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
week 34	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
week 35	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



# ALASKA BIKERS ADVOCATING TRAINING & EDUCATION

## September 2010

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
week 35				1	2 7pm ABATE of Alaska Board Meeting	3	4
week 36	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
week 37	12	13	14	15	16 7pm ABATE of Alaska General Membership Meeting	17	18 ABATE of Alaska Freeze-up Run
week 38	19 ABATE of Alaska Freeze-up Run	20	21	22	23	24	25
week 39	26	27	28	29	30		

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## October 2010

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
week 39						1	2
week 40	3	4	5	6	7 7pm ABATE of Alaska Board Meeting	8	9
week 41	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
week 42	17	18	19	20	21 7pm ABATE of Alaska General Membership Meeting	22	23
week 43	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
week 44	31						



## *ABATE of Alaska* *Business Membership Application*

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**Business membership will cost \$60.00 per year.**

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## ABATE of ALASKA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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