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## Alaska Leather Swap Meet

**April 25<sup>th</sup>!!!! 10-6 pm**

**Burgers, dogs, salads, desserts,  
screamin DEALS**

**ABATE membership Booth!!!!**



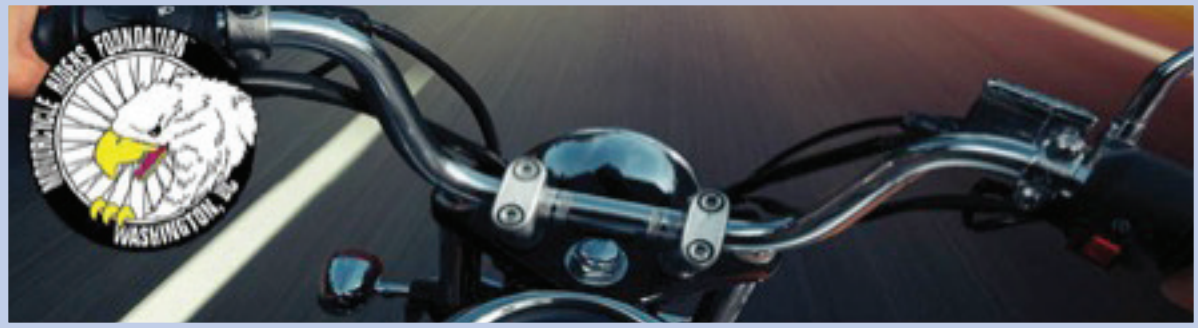
### Editor's Note

Hey There!!! We've got a lot of events and I'm glad to say, the Riding Community is alive and well!!!! For your convenience, the Alaska Combined Run Schedule for May, June and July, is in the newsletter. Remember, you can get the latest updates on-line @ [akbikerruns.com](http://akbikerruns.com). Keep current and check the calendar. **DON'T FORGET THE BREAK-UP RUN, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>, @1100, THE WHALER!!!!!!** Flyer inside!!!!!!

**This Editor wants Drivers Education to become a required course for High School graduation, at no extra charge to students or parents.** Sadly, we've already had a rider critically hurt. The rider was stopped at a light and was rear ended. Please champion the return of Drivers Education to public school. When riding, always be aware of your surroundings. Watch your mirrors and the drivers around you. Keep yourself in one, operational piece and let's end this carnage. Return Drivers Education to public schools!

Thank you everyone for all you do. Send me your thoughts, articles, ads, and photos. Remember, current ABATE members advertize the sale of personal items for free in the newsletter. Thanks for your support of ABATE and keep the rubber on the road!

— Bobbe Reilly



### Congress Addresses Three-wheeled Vehicles

March 19, 2015

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) introduced legislation that would create a new class of vehicle, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. S. 685 would create a new class of vehicles known as autocycles, to accommodate a growing trend in vehicle design. An emerging vehicle style, three wheeled enclosed vehicles equipped with a steering wheel are growing in popularity. These types of vehicles have been lumped in with motorcycles and therefore tagged and registered as motorcycles. Clearly these vehicles are not motorcycles and they do need their own category. It is easy to see why the efficient, affordable transportation would catch on so quickly.

U.S. Senate file 685 would require the new class to meet both motorcycle safety standards as well as passenger vehicle standards in vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds. ***These standards include seating systems, belted occupant protection, child restraints, roof crush resistance, and flammability protections.*** (Italics and bold are this Editor's addition.)

There are many new three-wheeled vehicles coming into the marketplace. Some examples are the Polaris Slingshot and Toyota i-Road (built by Elio Motors). Elio is based out of Senator Vitters home state of Louisiana. Senator Vitter is the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

It remains to be seen whether this is the answer to this growing vehicle class, but with numbers climbing something is going to have to happen with government vehicle classes. According to the Elio webpage over 40,000 of the enclosed three-wheeled vehicles have been reserved. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you updated on this issue.

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## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### HOW MUCH INSURANCE DO WE NEED ANYWAY?

**Q.** *We have a few questions regarding ABATE event insurance we are hoping you might be able to assist with. We of course get a Certificate of Insurance (COI) from the state office for our sanctioned events for the specific day and event location, but what should we be requiring, if anything, from vendors that might setup at our event? Should we be requesting COI's (to CYA) from all vendors? Maybe for only food/alcohol/equipment vendors? We are looking for the best route that covers ABATE, the officers, the event itself, and of course the participants. However on the flip side of that we realize that not all vendors might be an established business (such as artsy/craftsy vendors) and might not be able to obtain a COI for the event if requested. If you could please provide any information and input on this we would greatly appreciate it! Thank you.*

— Christine Boyer, ABATE Officer

**A.** As much as we can reasonably get is the short answer. Certificates of Insurance should be obtained from all food and alcohol vendors – always and no exceptions. Also included in that compulsory list are those who provide unique services and items for entertainment. Keep in mind that many of the arts and crafts-type vendors may not have insurance, so we are relying on the waiver/release that is required for admission for all attendees to cover us. However, we should require an indemnification agreement from these vendors just in case our waiver for attendees is held unenforceable. This means that if any of the vendors screw up and injure one of our attendees, and we get sued, we have a claim against that vendor. Our required Waiver/Release, if enforceable, should get the vendor off the hook along with us, as they are generally identified in our waiver. If our waiver is determined unenforceable for some reason, we can hold that vendor responsible so that we are not paying for his sins.

### AND I THOUGHT WE HAD THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT – THE COWBOY CASE

**Q.** *My wife and I were pulled over by a local police officer for having a cracked windshield. My wife was driving and I was in the passenger seat. It was 8:30*

*AM and we were on our way home from working a midnight shift. The car is in my wife's name. The officer asked for my wife's license and proof of insurance which she handed to him. Then the officer looks at me and says he wants my ID also. I asked him what I did wrong, and he said to just give him my ID which I reluctantly did. He came back to the car and gave my wife a warning for the cracked windshield and didn't say a word to me. Did I have to give the officer my ID even though I wasn't driving, the car wasn't in my name, and I committed no crime? All I was doing was sitting quietly in the passenger seat with my seatbelt on.*

— Joe and Edie Irwin, ABATE members

**A.** Well, my worse angels would want to tell the officer to go pound sand, but I'm afraid the answer is that you most likely required to provide basic identification to the investigating officer. Since you were not driving, you had no obligation to carry a driver's license, but if you had it in your billfold or access to it in your car, I believe the courts would rule against you if you failed to produce your driver's license. The U. S. Supreme Court did not serve us well in what I call the "cowboy case." In that case we had an independent-minded citizen from the West who thought he had the right to remain silent when asked by the local cops to give his name. He refused and was promptly charged, the case went all the way to the Supreme Court, and the rest is history as they say. In today's climate of I.D. paranoia and hyper-surveillance, I believe the Courts would have ruled against you if you had refused to surrender your driver's license. At the very least, I bet the cop would have given your wife a ticket—with a fine—for the cracked windshield. You know, some cops are like that.

There are a few states also have "stop and identify statutes," which require individuals to comply with police requests for identification. In Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, such cooperation is required when the officer has a reasonable suspicion that the person is committing, has committed, or is about to commit a criminal offense, or that the person witnessed an act of violence or an act which would create a risk of serious physical harm to another person or

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to property. In those cases, the person is required to give his or her name, address, and date of birth. The statute in Indiana is much broader, requiring that a person provide either his or her name, address, and date of birth or a driver's license, if in the person's possession. Illinois requires that if an officer reasonably infers from the circumstances that the person is committing, is about to commit or has committed an offense, he may demand the name and address of the person and an explanation of his actions. In Missouri, officers have the power "to stop any person abroad whenever there is reasonable ground to suspect that he is committing, has committed or is about to commit a crime and demand of him his name, address, business abroad, and whither he is going" (although it appears that this provision may only extend to officers in Kansas City – see Mo. Rev. Stat. §84.710(2)).

For some interesting reading, check out the following US Supreme Court cases: *INS v. Delgado*, 466 U. S. 210, 216 (1984), *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U. S. 1 (1968), *United States v. Brignoni-Ponce*, 422 U. S. 873, 881 (1975).

### TRADE MARKING ABATE CHAPTER NAMES AND EVENTS

**Q.** *We have a chapter name that we are very proud of, along with chapter events that are very important fundraisers for our organization. Do we have to do anything legally to protect our interest in that name?*

– ABATE Member

**A.** We receive inquiries about trademarking the names of regions/chapters and their events several times a year. Technically, a trade name is not considered a trademark or entitled to protection under trademark laws unless it is accompanied by a product or service. If a name is used to identify a service or event, the name will then be considered a trademark and entitled to protection if it is distinctive enough.

A trademark includes any word, name, symbol, or device or any combination used or intended to be used, in business, to identify and distinguish an event or organization.

One of the good things about trademarks as opposed to patents is that trademarks have protection forever, as long as they are being used. Another question is: Should our organization trademark an event and its name? The common law provides for protection if

you do nothing more than use the name and were the first to utilize the name of that event. Certainly one is afforded greater legal protection if the name of the event is "trademarked" but that may not be worth the expense, particularly if you can prove the first usage of the name for your organization.

### ARGUING WITH COPS IS OK IN ILLINOIS, OHIO, INDIANA AND MAYBE EVERYWHERE ELSE

**Q.** *I was stopped by a cop on my motorcycle. When I tried to argue with him about the facts, he told me to shut up or I was going to jail. Do I have the constitutional right to argue with a police officer about an arrest?*

– ABATE Member

**A.** Many are under the assumption that once you are stopped and questioned by a police officer, you have no right to debate your position with the officer. Wrong. An Illinois Appellate Court, along with the courts in Indiana and Illinois, has reaffirmed our basic right to argue our position with an investigating police officer. However, one needs to be mindful that an errant cop has the ability to charge you with resisting and obstruction. In the Illinois case, the prosecution told the jury that the defendant had no right to argue with the police officer. On appeal, the Court held that this was a gross misstatement of the law and reversed the conviction. We have and should always have the right to call into question the facts of an officer's arrest. This probably goes without saying, but once you've made your point, it's wise to clam up. Now, are you resisting if you are on a cell phone? No, but it could become resisting if you persist in refusing to get off the phone when requested.

So to sum up, according to the Court, nothing in the law suggests that you can't initially question the validity of the officer's actions. Certainly you can ask why you are being arrested, and you can point out the officer's mistake(s) and protest and argue against the officer's actions. That said, if there was ever a time to practice diplomacy, it is when interacting with a police officer. Some of us have found out the hard way that jail is not good. They won't let you do what you want in jail.



### Ask Our Lawyer, continued

#### TIRED OF AN UNCIVIL CONGRESS? SOLUTION: BRING BACK DUELING

There was a time when politicians were civil. My theory: Dueling was the cause. If you run the possibility of getting shot for your foul mouth and ill ways, it may just make you a little nicer. I say bring it back for to state capitals and Washington, D.C. Who knows? It might even work with lawyers.

In one famous duel, James Shields challenged Abe Lincoln to a duel. As challengee, Abe had the right to choose weapons. Since Shields was diminutive with short limbs, lanky Lincoln chose "long swords." Apparently, Lincoln's reach was such that the duel would have been completely unfair. The story goes that the absurdity of the proposed duel was so comical that Shields and Lincoln patched things up and remained friends for life. Interestingly, Lincoln commissioned Shields as Brigadier General, and he later served as a U.S. Senator in 3 different states; which is still a record.

#### SENATE ADDRESSES MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS

Speaking of lawmakers, I would like to take the rare opportunity to positively acknowledge the efforts of the US Senate to ban federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. As you may have heard, the bipartisan bill was introduced in January by Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine). "The Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act" would restrict the Secretary of Transportation from granting funds to any government entity for a program to check helmet use or to create checkpoint for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle." Motorcycle checkpoints are clearly discriminatory, and motorcyclists are already subject to various state regulations subjecting them to inspection at the same checkpoints as other motor vehicle operators. Furthermore, I think you'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who actually believes they prevent accidents, which is their supposed *raison d'être*.

#### CHASERS AND BITERS

**Q:** Everybody in my family loves Harleys, including our dog. Sadly she isn't with us any more because the other day she was running with a motorcycle. The bike hit her and the rider was tossed over the handle bars. Both the rider and the bike were pretty messed up. Now the rider is suing me.

**A:** Call your insurance agent asap. The number of

riders injured by "chasers" has increased dramatically. Most riders cannot appreciate the devastating effect of a "dog strike." According to the motorcycle safety professionals, there are usually one of two results. The first, best, result is that you are traveling fast enough and the dog is small enough that you play "Evel Knievel" and ride over the top of the dog. Hopefully, you can keep it shiny side up after contact. The other scenario is not so good for you (both are bad for the dog). Let's say you hit "Mongo the Ox-Dog." Your front wheel will instantly snap to full left or full right, and you and your bike will go head over wheels down the road. This type of incident is responsible for many serious injuries. (Long time ABATE member Gary Byers can tell you all about that).

Our ABATE Motorcycle Safety course teaches us to maintain our scan and be on the alert for dogs. Dogs usually attack in a straight line. Riders wary of dogs should anticipate that line, slow down and then, when the dogs get near, gear down and speed away. Unfortunately, this only works if we have picked up the dog in our rider scan.

Dogs are many things to many people, but to all them, dogs are a responsibility. Many localities have ordinances that require that pets be kept under control, and the common law of most states have holdings similar to this one: "The keeper of an animal has a duty to provide for the restraining and confinement of that animal, ... and may become liable for damages the animal causes when the keeper is otherwise negligent in the manner of its keeping and control. In such cases, the person in control of the animal is bound to take note of the natural propensities of the type and breed of the animal in question." *Vetor v. Vetor*, 634 N.E.2d 513.

If your dog is a known "chaser," then you have a duty to protect motorcyclists from the dangers of a "dog-strike." That means that you are responsible for what your dog does, especially if you are aware of the "natural propensities" of the dog, like chasing motorcycles. If you know your dog likes doing certain things, like chasing Harleys, and somebody gets hurt because your dog was chasing the Harley, then you are likely responsible for the damages.

Of course, your responsibilities don't end at the property line. One of the most prevalent claims arising from dog ownership involves dog bites. Most claims involving dogs will be covered by your homeowners policy. However, insurance companies report that

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dog-bite claims are rising. Because of that, some insurance companies are cancelling policies for homeowners whose dog has bitten someone. Some companies have even began cancelling policies (or refusing to write new ones) for owners of particular breeds of dogs, especially Rottweilers and Pit bulls. While few insurance companies admit that they blacklist these types of dogs, those breeds cause insurers to review the file more carefully.

Responsible dog ownership of all breeds is the key to claim prevention. Factors such as whether the dog is spayed or neutered, properly socialized, supervised, humanely trained, and safely confined, play significantly greater roles than the breed of the dog alone. The best way to make sure your home insurance doesn't get canceled because of your dog is to make sure it won't bite anyone and to take reasonable precautions to prevent the dog from getting out of the yard.

**Rod Taylor**

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All questions from ABATE members are answered confidentially unless otherwise authorized and only after the matter is concluded, except when authorization for publication anonymously or otherwise is given for pending matters. Remember, injured ABATE members pay only 28 ½% of total recovery and expenses as approved by client, consistent with and conforming to applicable state law. Elsewhere, you may pay 33 ⅓%, 40% or even 50% of your recovery. ABATE members are not charged for recovery of damage to your motorcycle, and have access to a 24-hour toll-free telephone number. Call us at (800) 25-RIDER. Questions? Submit them to RodTaylor@abatelegal.com. © 2015

## Driverless Tech Inches Ahead

**From Scientific America, April, 2015**

Technology for driverless cars is moving ahead. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), an arm of the Department of Transportation, (DOT), is tasked with establishing and enforcing car-safety standards and regulations, including control and machine-vision systems. These "automation features will save lives" says Corinne Iozzio. These life saving features include:

Forward Collision Avoidance: In January, NHTSA announced it would begin to factor crash-preventing braking systems into its car-safety ratings. The systems forward-facing sensors, which can be radar-camera, or laser based, to detect imminent collisions, and either apply or increase braking force to compensate for slow or insufficient driver reactions. Honda was first to introduce such a system in 2003. Since then, nearly every automaker has rolled out similar features on high and mid-range models.

Backup Cameras: Every new car sold after May 1, 2018 must have a back up camera, per a safety regulation issued by NHTSA in 2014. The rear-facing cameras, available now on dozens of models, provide drivers with a full rear field of view and help to detect obstacles in blind spots. The NHTSA estimates that improving visibility in this way could save 69 lives every year.

Lane Detection: For self-driving cars to navigate roads en masse, each must have the position, speed and trajectory of nearby automobiles. Last summer, NHTSA announced that it would explore how to standardize such vehicle to vehicle communication. The feature could improve coordination for human and machine alike during accident-prone maneuvers, such as left-hand turns.

Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication: NHTSA in 2013, established how to test the effectiveness of camera systems that watch existing painted lane markers and alert drivers if they drift. Some cars, such as the Toyota Prius, now even take over steering if a driver does not respond quickly enough to warning signals. New 2015 models from Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen go further using cameras and sensors to monitor surroundings and autonomously steer, change lanes and swerve to avoid accidents.



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**May**

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<b>3</b> Who: community What: memorial ride When: 9am Where: Sullivan arena parking lot	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Who: Hog What: GRIP class When: 6PM Where: HOH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Who: Abate What: Break up Run When: 11 am Where: The old Whaler Parking lot in Anchorage  Who: community What Palmer bike blessing When: 1200pm Where: Palmer
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Who: Abate What: general membership meeting When: 7pm Where: Sea Galley	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Who: Hog What meet in the middle When: Where: grizzly bear camp ground Denali
<b>24</b> Who: AK VETS MC What: Memorial day run When: 2pm Where: Byers Lake memorial	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Who: Hog What: GRIP class When: 6PM Where: HOH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Who: Community What SOB poker run When: 11:00am Where: Mat-Su Alano Club
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## June

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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Who: Hog What: GRIP class When: 6PM Where: HOH	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Who CVMA (Anc) What Poker Run When 12pm Where: Kavas on Muldoon
<b>28</b> Who ? What 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual ride for a cure When 9:15 Where Palmer fair grounds	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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## July

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<b>19</b> Who Abate What Christmas in July When Where	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Who Hog What HOG over night When: Where: Drift wood in Homer  Who: LB4LB MC What: BBQ & Blood Drive When Where:
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**2015**  
**A.B.A.T.E BREAK-UP RUN**  
**“RIDE FOR RIKKI”**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2014**



**POKER RUN / BENEFIT RIDE**

**Proceeds Go To Rikki's Family To Assist with Medical Costs**

Meet @ 11:00 AM, the Whaler parking lot in Muldoon

Draw First Card, Depart @ 11:30 AM

Second Card – Birchwood Saloon in Chugiak

Third Card – Valley Bike Blessing in Palmer

Fourth Card – Ice Cream Parlor in Houston

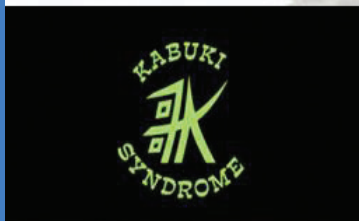
Last Card – Sheep Creek Lodge in Willow

Dinner at 5:30 PM @ Sheep Creek Lodge - \$20 All you can eat!

**PROMOTE KABUKI SYNDROME AWARENESS**

One of the five main characteristics needed for a clinical diagnosis of Kabuki Syndrome is skeletal abnormalities. A second characteristic of Kabuki Syndrome is dermatoglyphic abnormalities. A third main characteristic of Kabuki Syndrome is postnatal short stature. A fourth main characteristic of Kabuki Syndrome is mild to moderate intellectual disabilities. About 5 percent of persons with Kabuki Syndrome have no intellectual disabilities. A fifth main characteristic of Kabuki Syndrome, is facial features. Those with Kabuki Syndrome have long palpebral fissures with eversion of outer third, arched eyebrows with sparse outer half, prominent eyelashes, prominent and/or misshaped ears, and depressed nasal tip. Facial features are very important in clinically diagnosing Kabuki Syndrome.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL JBER MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS

26 Mar 15

FROM: JBER Installation Commander

SUBJECT: Commander's Letter on JBER Motorcycle Riding (JBER-20)

1. The Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Motorcycle Safety Program is managed IAW DoD 6055.04, *DoD Traffic Safety Program*; AFI 91-207, *The US Air Force Traffic Safety Program*; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Instruction 91-202, *Safety Standards for the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Mishap Prevention Program*; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Instruction 31-118, *Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision Program* and Army Regulation 385-10, *The Army Safety Program*.
2. Motorcycle riding is only authorized during the JBER motorcycle riding season. The 673 MSG/CC will determine and modify the riding season as needed based upon weather and road conditions. Call 552-INFO (4636) for current road conditions on JBER.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements are outlined in the noted guidance and must be followed. Installation Safety will distribute these requirements through the various available media outlets, Unit Safety Representatives and the Motorcycle Safety Representative. Installation Safety is my authority having jurisdiction regarding interpretation of this guidance.
4. All riders are encouraged to wear PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material. This practice is in line with Air Force and Army policy. As such, our JBER instructions (JBERI 91-207 and JBERI 31-118) will be revised to align with these HHQ directives.
5. The hazards on our roadways in Alaska are numerous. Riders must be wary of wildlife, changeable road conditions and loose gravel, just to name a few. I ask that you keep Risk Management (RM) in the forefront of your mind at all times. This, along with exercising good judgment, both on your bike and in preparation for your ride, will allow all of us to enjoy a safe riding season.
6. Questions or concerns with motorcycling on JBER can be addressed by contacting the 673 ABW Safety Office at 552-6850, or 673abw.seg@us.af.mil.

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Also: [www.abateofalaska.com/](http://www.abateofalaska.com/) for class schedules, photos and all kinds of information.

Send your contact information to: Big Dave, [www.bigdavegrizzly.com](http://www.bigdavegrizzly.com)



### Amazing Rides!!!!

Check these rides out!!! <https://www.youtube.com/embed/5vr66IMAcPA>  
and <http://www.autoblog.com/2010/09/27/video-moscow-motorcyclists-crazy-high-speed-commute/#continued> These rides are not recommended and are not to be practiced at home.

*Here's one I use often, with several cams around Los Anchorage:*  
**[www.akmining.com/webcams.htm](http://www.akmining.com/webcams.htm)**

*Here is a cool site for looking at sites in real time...does not get better for riding!*  
**<http://akweathercams.faa.gov/index.php>**



*Sorry, ... I'll be busy last Thursday.*

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# ABATE of Alaska

## Business Membership Application

### Business Membership Policy

A business membership will be established to benefit both the members of ABATE and our business partner.

Business membership will cost \$60.00 per year.

The benefits to ABATE members will be a discount on all merchandise and services from the participating business if they choose to provide a discount. The discounts that are offered by a participating business would be listed in the business member section of the newsletter.

The benefit to the business member will be:

- A free monthly business card ad in the newsletter and 25% off on all additional ads placed in the newsletter.
- ABATE will also list the business members in a section of the newsletter identifying them as a business member.
- ABATE will provide a certificate for the business to hang in their store identifying them as a business member.
- ABATE will provide Tri-Folds and holders to the businesses for displaying ABATE information on their countertops (if requested).
- ABATE will provide at least 10 copies of the newsletter and a holder to the businesses for countertop display (if requested).
- ABATE will display the business's logo identifying them as a business member on the ABATE web page, and provide a link to their web page (if applicable).

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Website Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Business \_\_\_\_\_ No. of copies of the Advisor ☐5 ☐10 ☐15 ☐20 ☐25

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_ Discount to Members ☐5% ☐10% ☐15% ☐20% ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ %

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Other Discounts \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Annual Membership \$60.00

☐ 3-Year Membership \$150.00

Please send your application and payment to:

ABATE of Alaska  
P.O. Box 92213  
Anchorage, AK 99509-2213

Would you like ABATE info for your countertop?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to have an ABATE Web link?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to make a tax-deductible cash donation  
for ABATE projects? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you willing to make a tax-deductible product  
donation to ABATE? ☐ Yes ☐ No



## ABATE Business Sponsor Listings

Support these business that support your freedom to ride!



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ABATE of Alaska, Inc is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the rights and promoting the safe riding practices of Alaskan motorcycle enthusiasts.

ABATE of Alaska is a freedom of choice organization. We embrace the maxim "Let Those Who Ride Decide." We believe that the rider is best able to decide the type of motorcycle to ride, and the type and extent of safety gear worn. Our objectives include monitoring motorcycle related legislation locally and nationally; offering affordable rider safety courses as prescribed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation; and demonstrating our commitment to civic affairs through charitable measures.

ABATE of Alaska offers activities and the brotherhood of fellow motorcyclists. We stand for the rights of ALL motorcyclists to ensure that we and our children will be able to enjoy the freedoms we hold so dear. Membership is open to everyone interested in preserving personal freedoms.

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## ABATE OF ALASKA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year Membership \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Membership \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal _____  | (Previous Member Number)        |

By signing this application, I agree to waive any and all claims against ABATE of Alaska, Inc., its officers, board of directors, and general members for any personal or property loss or damage which may occur as a result of my participation in ABATE of Alaska, Inc. functions. I understand that ABATE of Alaska, Inc. cannot and will not assume responsibility for my safety and that if I participate in any ABATE of Alaska, Inc. sponsored ride or event I do so voluntarily, and I assume all risks. I release and hold ABATE of Alaska, Inc. harmless for any personal injury or property loss, which may result therefrom. I agree not to sue ABATE of Alaska, Inc. or any property owner for any injury or damage that may occur as a result of my own or my guests participation in any ABATE of Alaska, Inc. sponsored event. I agree to reimburse ABATE of Alaska, Inc. for any and all losses it may suffer as a result therefrom. PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE AGREEMENT AND SIGN BELOW.

### Member Signature and Date

Please mail payment with this application to: ABATE of Alaska, Inc PO Box 92213 Anchorage, AK 99509-2213

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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