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ABATE of Alaska and City Church Bike Blessing  
Over 1000 Bikes!!!



### Three Angels Range Dedications

ABATE of Alaska and all of the riding community thanks the known and unknown people who donated to the memorial plaque at the newly dedicated Three Angels Memorial Track. We thank the unnamed who donated at the Meet N Greet, as well as Doug Bloom, Ann Valone, James Picard, and unidentified people from the Bike Show. Your generosity contributed \$1,103.76 to the memorial plaque which remembers and commemorates our fallen friends. To everyone, thank you for your respect, support, and generosity.

### Letter To The Editor

Let's be neighborly

I attended a Municipality of Anchorage Assembly meeting, May 26, to speak to naming the ABATE training range the Three Angels Memorial Track.

After I'd spoken, and the resolution had passed, a gentleman from the Assembly came and asked if he could speak to me. I followed him out into the lobby where we had a short chat. He said he had always heard the term "Loud pipes save lives," and while he could understand that, many of his neighbors had been calling him about that very thing. He asked if I could pass the word among my friends and groups and ask that all of us try to be good neighbors and considerate of others when riding through the neighborhoods and try and keep the pipe noise at a minimum.

I said I'd be happy to pass the word. I believe we can be considerate, and besides, he helped pass a resolution we wanted in naming the ABATE training range the Three Angels Memorial Track.

Peppermint Patti



## Note From The Editor

*from Bobbe Reilly*

Hi Everybody!!! It's been great seeing you at the gatherings and parties and on the road! Way to go and we have more riding left!!! Wa Hoo!! Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped forward to help at the Bike Blessing, Break-Up Run, and Eagle River Triathelon. Your work is greatly appreciated. Thank you Denali Alaskan Federal Credit Union for sending out 20,000 "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month" flyers with their account statements advertizing the Bike Blessing. You did a great job with a fabulous photo and listed all the festivities with times and location. You certainly furthered May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Thanks!!

Throughout this newsletter you will see topics on lane splitting, distracted drivers, driverless cars, and data ownership of event data recorders. That's the world we ride in today. I have not written of helmet laws, because here in Alaska, it's riders' choice, except for the passenger. I haven't touched on Zero Visibility because I think it's so outlandish that I don't give it any space. I haven't touched WiFi topics because I think we have a bit of time before they are relevant to us in Alaska. But what I do care about is distracted drivers, drivers' education, and lane splitting. I care about staying alive. I care about rotten drivers.

ABATE can and will do all it can to educate riders and increase riding skills. You can remain alert and aware and train yourself to recognize hazardous situations and behaviors, but what can we do to educate drivers? ? How can we protect ourselves? How can we increase driver awareness? How can we improve the driving attention and skills of the mass public??? ABATE of Alaska is seeking to increase public driving skills by:

\*\*\*Make Drivers' Education mandatory high school curriculum

\*\*\*Enact legislation against distracted drivers

\*\*\*Require satisfactory completion of a driving course for a driver's license

\*\*\*Legalize lane splitting

All of these actions have been pursued by other States and they have won!!! We can too! We can look at their laws and tweak them to suit Alaska.

+++ Washington State requires completion of a drivers ed course before you can get your license.

+++ Texting has been banned in California, Louisiana, Washington, and Minnesota. Perhaps we can read their laws and adjust them to suit us.

+++ California and soon Washington, Oregon, Texas and Tennessee will allow lane splitting. We can do these things and we can do more!!!! A LOT MORE!!!!

If you are interested in assisting with any of these efforts, please contact ABATE, or come to the general membership meeting the third Thursday of the month at the Sea Galley Restaurant, at 7:00 P.M. ABATE and the rest of the riding community would really appreciate your energy and knowledge. We need you to work these issues. We can't do it alone. Please pick one and step up!

Remember you can get all the latest updates on the riding schedules on [akbikerruns.com](http://akbikerruns.com). Go there to see what's happening and I look forward to seeing you on the road and at the general membership meeting. Our Board meetings are open as well. The Board meets the first Thursday of the month @ 7:00 P.M. Let's get things the way riders want. The way YOU want!



## Loud Pipes Save Lives

*by Ed Rutledge*

If you're anything like me, you probably believe that loud pipes save lives. I know I do.

I love twisting the throttle and hearing that roar. I vividly remember idling in traffic and the cage driver next to me rolled up his window. And I was only idling. Yeah, I had shorty drag pipes.

I have two bikes. One is an 18 year old red Softail. I figured other drivers would see me because she's "Real Red" and they would hear me because I had drag pipes.

You would think so, wouldn't you? Didn't work like that. Cage drivers would look right at me and still pull out in front of me. Can't they see me? Or they would change lanes on top of me. Can't they hear me? Oh they could. But they don't. They aren't paying attention. They're talking to their passenger or they have the radio on or, God forbid, they're texting on their cell phone.

No matter the reason, they are distracted drivers.

If a red bike and drag pipes won't get their attention, what will?

Let's consider where the threat to our safety is coming from. Cages are either ahead of us, behind us or alongside us.

Cages ahead of us may either be approaching us in traffic, ahead of us in traffic, or about to enter traffic at an intersection or driveway or some such.

Probably the easiest threat to deal with is the cage we are following in traffic. Leave plenty of distance so you can stop quickly if they stop quickly. I know this sounds very basic but think about how close you ride to the cage ahead of you. You might want to back off a bit. The vehicle I hate to follow is the one with an unsecured or inadequately secured load. And it isn't always a pickup. It could be a Subaru with a bicycle rack on it. You just know something is going to fall off and kill you. I always pass these cages as quick as I can. I don't care how fast they're going. I'm gonna go faster.

How about the cages that are approaching you or sitting at that intersection just waiting for an opportunity to pull out in front of you? What can you do? They probably aren't going to hear your loud pipes. You need to do something visible. And if a Red bike isn't visible enough, maybe more or brighter lighting is the answer. Try running with your hi-beams on when riding in the daytime. If you have a bagger, run with your auxiliary/passing lights on.

Even better, toss those OEM bulbs and install seriously brighter, whiter lighting. Available by different names but HID, LED or Projector are common terms. The Harley brand HID lights are called Daymaker. You can see them from a great distance and they are bright white. This is what I'm putting in my Tri-Glide because I ride it in the winter and will appreciate the extra light. I should probably do this to my Softail just for the enhanced safety.

The next step for enhanced lighting/visibility might be pulsating headlights. I occasionally see a bike with them but I personally don't like them. But I bet cages will see you!

Hi-Vis riding gear is another option that I personally don't like only because some jurisdictions are trying to make it mandatory. Freedom of choice! It's OK for rain gear and the military but I don't want to wear it. But it might save your life.

Another threat is that cage alongside of you. They can change lanes on top of you and really ruin your day. This is someone that should be able to hear your loud pipes. But it doesn't seem to work. Just last week I had a brown SUV almost push me aside. Fortunately I had another lane to the left with no one in it. I honked my horn and yelled and shook my fist at her and she wouldn't even look my way. She kept focused straight ahead and ignored my rant.

What went wrong? Besides the cage driver not paying attention (she was talking to her passenger), I didn't make eye contact with her. I would have liked to pass her so I wasn't beside her but I was in downtown traffic so that wasn't an option. But I should have pulled further up so I wasn't in her blind spot and made eye contact with her so she knew damn well I was there. I actually consider the alongside driver to be the most dangerous cage because your options are so limited.

Now, how about those cages behind you? What can you do? First of all, make sure your brake light(s) work. I see non-working brake lights frequently. This is a recurring problem with my Softail so I am personally familiar with this problem. Check your bike NOW!

You can get LED kits for your brake lights and turn signals. Good idea. Perhaps pulsating taillights are OK. Especially the ones that start to work as soon as you roll off the throttle – even before you put the brakes on.

So consider alternatives to loud pipes. John Q Citizen may be threatening our freedom to run loud pipes. Let's not get ourselves choked to silence. If you are more concerned about saving lives than loud pipes, think about your alternatives.

I no longer run drag pipes. My 18 year old redhead now has a two-into-one exhaust system. She still rumbles but she doesn't wake up the neighbors. Just me. And I love her for it.

If you still want to run loud pipes, please try to keep it down when you're in residential areas. Let's try to preserve our freedom to run the pipes we want.

Thanks, Highbeam.



## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### GRAND-DAD'S HARLEY DAVIDSON WLA - IS IT COVERED?

**Q.** *You are restoring your grandfather's Harley. It is not plated/licensed because you have it taken all apart in your garage and are restoring it like new. Granddad would be proud. But before you plate/license the bike, your garage catches fire and destroys the family heirloom. You call your insurance company and make a claim for your loss under the fire policy for your home/garage. They pay for the garage fire loss and all of the personal property, but deny your claim for the motorcycle. How can this be?*

**A.** Most homeowners/fire insurance policies have an exclusion for "unlicensed motorcycles/autos". So if you want your restoration project covered you must call your insurance company and request that the "project" be specifically scheduled on your homeowners insurance policy. The charge is usually modest. Failure to get this bike scheduled will leave you without insurance on your bike if it is destroyed by fire. Interestingly, if the motorcycle has been totally disassembled into parts, a good argument could be made that under most homeowner policies, the parts would have been covered. But as to a completed bike, not so. A long-time ABATE member from Springfield, Illinois discovered this the hard way. "Digger" was restoring his vintage bike when his garage caught fire and destroyed his prized possession. His insurance carrier took a hard line and denied coverage for his bike. Moral of the story: call your insurance company and ask them whether or not your unlicensed bike is covered. If they say yes -- send a confirming email/letter. If they say no, acknowledge to yourself that you are going bare (no coverage) or get the bike scheduled on your policy for the proper value.

### MEDICAL BILL HELL

**Q.** *I was in an motorcycle accident recently, and the medical bills are starting to pile up. The other guy's insurance company won't pay the bills, even though the accident was clearly his fault. I believe it is unfair that my insurance company should have to pay. What should I do about all of these bills?*

— O ABATE of OHIO MEMBER

**A.** There are several things you can do to protect your credit rating while you convalesce and try to maintain your household. Of course, you could let ABATE Legal Services team deal with the insurance company for you! First, notify your motorcycle insurance carrier of the accident, and ask if you have medical payments coverage. If you have this coverage, the insurance company will pay your medical provider if you are injured in an accident, regardless of who was at fault - up to the limits of your coverage. Also, you should notify your health insurance carrier, so that they can pay the balance of the bills for your care.

Many people are reluctant to have their own medical/health insurance cover the bills, especially when it was the other person's fault. Don't let that stop you! You paid insurance premiums for a reason, usually an hour at a time - so use it!

Most insurance companies have policy language requiring reimbursement for medical bills paid for you caused by someone else's fault. If you are involved in an accident, your insurance carrier will send you a letter asserting a "right of subrogation." That is lawyer talk for the right to be repaid. Basically, the insurance company will pay your bills now in exchange for the right to be paid from the proceeds of a settlement or judgment against the guy who caused the accident. Almost certainly, your contract with the insurance company obligates you to reimburse them for the money they paid from the proceeds of your settlement.

This can work to your advantage, and here's how. Most settlements and judgments are based on the amount of the medical bills the accident victim incurred. And insurance companies understand that the amount of the medical bills is a reflection, however imperfect, of the severity of the injury and factor settlements accordingly.

You should know that insurance companies have previously negotiated rates with health care providers that permit them to pay less than the billed amount for services rendered. While the bill for the hospital may be \$10,000, your insurance company may have only paid \$6,000. In that case, all you are obligated to

pay back is the amount actually paid to the medical provider.

And ABATE Legal Services can help. We have had great success in negotiating with insurance carriers to minimize or eliminate subrogation repayments, so that \$6,000 subrogation obligation described above could be significantly reduced depending on the facts of your case.

Don't forget, you can always call the ABATE Legal Services team if you have **any** questions about your legal rights.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - HOW TO**

The ABATELEGAL.com web site is fully equipped to handle all of your FOIA request needs. If you can think of it, you can generally get it from the government by following our easy steps. At our site we teach you how to prepare the document and file it with the appropriate government official.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws are laws ensuring public access to government records. The federal FOIA (and the various, similar, state laws) carry a presumption of disclosure; the burden is on the government, not the public, to substantiate why information may not be released. Upon written request, agencies of the government are required to disclose those records, unless they can be lawfully withheld from disclosure due to a number of specific exemptions in the FOIA. This right of access is ultimately enforceable in the appropriate court.

### **When requesting information, be mindful of the following:**

1. Do your research – Determine whether or not the information you seek is readily available. Information

requests can take a long period of time to receive and cost money.

2. Write clearly and be specific – Overly broad requests may not reveal the information you seek.

3. Target the appropriate agency – Make sure you are sending your request to the appropriate agency to avoid delay.

4. Establish a contact within the agency – Typically you will receive an acknowledgment letter or response letter with a case officer. If not, contact the agency to identify who is fulfilling your request. Your effort will help show your interest in a timely response.

5. Stay on top of things – Agencies are allotted specific time limits in which to respond to your request. However, the more extensive the request, the more time you should allow for a response.

6. Delays can be expected – While delays can be frustrating, they are par for the course. FOIA requests are usually not an agency priority, meaning delays are quite possible. Responses regarding National Security may take months, even years to fulfill due to resources and sensitivity.

7. Be reasonable and friendly – Establishing a good rapport with your case officer, while providing a well-written request, will only help your cause. Confirm all of your telephone contacts in writing. E-mail is best.

Having helped our members fulfill requests for information in the past, we decided it was time to give you the tools necessary to fulfill your own interests. Please find more information on FOIA requests at AbateLegal.com.

**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.



# Christmas in July TOY RUN

Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-3:00pm

start from AVMC clubhouse

DEPARTURE

10:00AM

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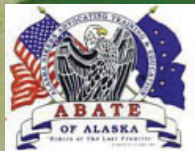
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# Eagle River Triathlon!!!! THANK YOU ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!



See yourself?????



# **BREAK-UP RUN**

## **Sheep Creek, May 16, 2015**



**Thanks for all the photo's !!!!**

## Reports

**Gaming:** No Report

**Products:** ABATE has ordered long sleeve shirts with a pocket over the chest and the ABATE logo on the back. There is no date or event on these shirts, so they are timeless. They will come in a variety of colors and we will keep you posted when they come in and their price. Also, we have a new supply of "Watch Out For Motorcycles" signs for purchase. These are great for your yard or place of business.

**Run Coordinator:** No Report

**Legislative Affairs:** No Report

**Membership, (IF24KT):** There are about 280 active members in ABATE of Alaska (AoA), Inc now. We thank you for your support. In particular AoA thanks the Alaska Vets and Second To None MC. If not every, almost every member of these clubs are a member of AoA. We thank you for your strong support. We also thank Diamond Girls, Tooth and Claw, HOG and all the other riding groups for your lasting support. AoA has a fantastic Web Master, Big Dave Grizzly, so you can join and renew your membership, place an ad, become a business member, update your contact info, all on line!!! Way to go Dave! Let the Rider decide!

**Editor, (Bobbe Reilly):** Remember, if you are an active member of AoA you can advertize any item for sale in the newsletter for free. The next newsletter will be published in September, in time for the Freeze-Up Run!! If you would like to write a Letter to the Editor, please do so. It will be published. Or, if you'd like to submit an article, it would be great!!! Thank you to everyone for sending me your pictures. Everybody appreciates the pics and thanks you!!!

**Riders Education:** No Report

**Treasurers, (IF24KT):** AoA applied for (through the fine work of grant-writer, Mary Paye) and received a \$17,000 grant from Alaska Highway Safety Office (AHSO), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). With a matching figure around \$7,000.00, AoA purchased seven new 250 cc training bikes for the Riders Ed. Below is a photograph of six of the bikes at the Three Angels Memorial Track. This was a long hard fought purchase and I thank everybody for all their help. Let us know if you have ideas for a 2017 grant.

**Web Master:** No Report

**Public Relations:** No Report



## Motorcycle Safety Recalls

by Bobbe Reilly

**STOP SALE and STOP Ride** for Polaris Slingshot. Some of the vehicles may have defective bearings in the steering rack, which should they fail; will result in unexpected loss in steering control. Due to the potential safety risks, persons should immediately refrain from operating their vehicle until the necessary repairs have been made.

They are also replacing some of the hoops on the Slingshot due to the fact that the supplier stated that some hoops do not meet the Polaris safety standards. Customers affected by this recall will not be charged anything for these repairs.

**Harley-Davidson Recalls 2012** cruisers because the threads for the brake lines banjo bolt in the front brake master cylinder may corrode. The affected years are:

2012 FXST103, FLSTC, FLSTC103, FLSTF, FLSTF103, FXDL, FXDWG, FXDWG103, FXDC, FXDB, FLSTN, FLSTN103, FLSTC103 Shine, FLSTFB, FLSTFB103, FXS, FXS103, FLS, FLS103, FLD, FLD103, FXDF, FXDF013 Dyna and Softail motorcycles manufactured August 22, 2011, through February 24, 2012.

HD will notify owners and dealers will flush and inspect the front brake master cylinder and if necessary, will replace the master cylinder free of charge. Owners may contact HD customer service at 800 258 2464. HD's recall for this is 0163 and 0164.

**2013-2015 Polaris Victory Motorcycles for Fuel Pump Problems:** Polaris has issued a recall to correct an issue with fuel pumps. The fuel pumps may have been accidentally crimped during manufacturing which may result in the fuel pump seizing. If this happens the motorcycle will stall, increasing the risk of a crash. The recall affects the following models:

Victory/Cross Country, 2013-2014

Victory/Cross Country, Eight Ball, 2014

Victory/ Cross Roads, 2013-2014

Victory/Cross Roads Eight Ball , 2014

Victory/Jackpot, 2013-2014

Victory/Vegas Eight Ball, 2013-2014

Victory/Gunner, 2015

Victory/Hammer, Eight Ball, 2013-2014

Victory/Hardball, 2013

Victory/High Ball, 2013-2014

Victory/Ness Cross Country, 2014

Owners may contact Victory Customer Service at 877 737 7172 and reference recall number V-15-01 A/B.



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## MRF Report

**Petition for Ban on Motorcycle Rides in Yarmouth, MA.** Concerned Citizens in the town of Yarmouth, MA have raised two petitions affecting the right to ride a motorcycle within the town of Yarmouth. The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) has scheduled an informative meeting in Barnstable County for motorcyclists to learn more details regarding these petitions, and seeks riders willing to attend both the MMA information meeting and the Town Meeting. If motorcycles are banned in one community, you can expect other communities to attempt to follow suit.

**Bipartisan Senate Bill Bans Federal Funding for Motorcycle** was introduced by U.S. Senators which would prohibit the use of federal funds in establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints. Specifically it restricts the Secretary of Transportation from granting funds to any government entity for a program to check helmet use or to create checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle. Motorcycles riders already (in some States, Eds. Note) are subject to state registration, inspection, licensing, helmet laws and must stop at sobriety check points like all other motorists. New York announced plans to set up 15 checkpoints in 2008 to stop riders on their way to summer motorcycling events. California, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire and Virginia have passed legislation curbing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

**Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists** is pleased to announce House Bill 1700 (HB 1700) which eliminates the five second limit on the time that a motorcycle brake light may modulate. The bill also allows for auxiliary lighting for motorcycles. Delegate Tony Wilt will carry this bill for Virginia motorcyclists and is credited with successfully removing the prohibition again two, two-wheeled motorcycles riding abreast in Virginia.

**Congress and Three-Wheeled Vehicle** came up when Senator D. Vitter (R-LA), introduced legislation that would create a new class of vehicles. S685 creates "autocycles" to accommodate a growing trend in vehicle design. Tan autocycle is a three-wheeled, enclosed vehicle equipped with a steering wheel. According to the Elio webpage over 40,000 of the enclosed three-wheeled vehicles have been reserved.

U.S. Senate file 685 requires the new class to meet both motorcycle safety standards as well as passenger vehicle standards in vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds. The standards include seating systems, belted occupant protection, child restraints, roof crush resistance and flammability protection. These types of vehicles have been lumped in with motorcycles and therefore are tagged and registered as motorcycles. (Eds. Note: These vehicles are not motorcycles. Standards and restrictions are fine for these vehicles as long as they do not become requirements for motorcycles. Watch this.)

**Riders in California Can Lane Split** because there are no specific laws addressing the issue. California is not the only state in which there is no traffic law that explicitly prohibits lane splitting, but officials rely on other laws to regularly interpret lane splitting as unlawful. (Eds. Note. Lane Splitting Is not authorized in Alaska according to; 13 AAC 02.427. Driving motorcycles and motor-driven cycles on roadways laned for traffic (b) No driver of a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle may overtake and pass another vehicle in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken. A driver of a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle may not drive between adjacent lanes or lines of traffic, or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

The State of Washington has HB1515, a Lane Filtering Bill in the House, and SB562 is its companion in the Senate. Brian Lange, Legislative Affairs Officers, Washington ABATE, reports that the bill moved so quickly WSP and the Washington Traffic Safety Board barely had time to try and figure out how to oppose this bill before the hearing.)

**The U.S. Senate has addressed the event data recorder (EDR)** data ownership issue. S.766, a bipartisan bill, would make the data the property of the vehicle owner or lessee. Not many motorcycles have EDR currently, but that can change quickly. More to come.

**Texting has been banned in California, Louisiana, Washington and Minnesota.** Perhaps we can read their laws and adjust them to suit us in Alaska.

**Georgia General Assembly Allows Red Light Go-through** if his or her bike fails to trigger the traffic signal. This bill has been sent to the governor as it has in Maine, and Pennsylvania. Kentucky is the 16th state to pass this type of legislation.

### Driverless Cars, Cycle Helmets that Predict Accidents

Audi is making the RS7. The RS7 has front mounted cameras to read road signs and the road ahead. The cameras work in tandem with sensors and radars dotted around the vehicle which monitor the proximity of the car to the road and other objects. This information is fed to a central computer which processes the information and operates the car accordingly. It has a differential GPS that is accurate to within four inches of a conventional GPS.

Google has a driverless car that it expects to be out on the market in five years. Google's car is a pod like vehicle that contains a single cushioned bench with "bendy" faci and plastic windscreen to help cushion the blow to a human in the event of a collision. Volvo is making a driverless car but the roof mounted radar and bigger computers have often proved unsightly and impractical. Apple is rumored to be developing its own driverless car.

Volvo is manufacturing a new smart helmet that detects accidents waiting to happen. It looks like a conventional helmet but has Bluetooth connectivity to a smart phone app and tiny lights affixed to its front. When the system recognizes that another vehicle is about to interrupt the trajectory of the cyclist, red lights flash to warn the cyclist of impending danger. The cyclist and driver have registered to the cloud via a smart phone app, which connects to the smart helmet and sends messages of potential danger in the vicinity. The cloud acts as a central database that constantly logs and maps the location of all its users, which is key to the safety system. Cars also log onto the cloud system in order to communicate their location and proximity to cyclists. The helmet is part of a two-way system where cyclists and drivers continuously upload their location to a cloud system.

So, why do you care? If cell phone conversations and texting aren't distracting enough, what will this technology do to drivers? Will it give them more time to rummage around looking for the cell phone, coffee, lunch, wallet? Reading the phone? What if the cyclist assumes everyone has this system and doesn't pay attention? What if the system goes down? How about if the system is "slow"? How about no signal in the area? Dropped signal while you're depending on it? Driver/cyclist does not know really how to operate equipment? Everything you ever hated about your computer: slow, crashed, virus, hacked, traceable is possible here.

It's important to be aware because education and information are great tools for safety and protection. Support ABATE so we can make sure that manufacturers cameras can "see" motorcycles. No piece of technology operates to its maximum capacity without the operator being trained entirely. There was a day when there were no cell phones. There will be a day when this technology is a reality. Be prepared and aware.





### Self-Driving Google Car Hits The Streets

Mountain View, Calif, Associated Press: The latest version of Google's self-driving car-a pod-like two-seater that need no gas pedal or steering wheel- will make its debut on public roads this summer, a significant step in the technology giant's mission to have driverless cars available to consumers in the next five years.

The prototype is the first vehicle built from scratch for the purpose of self-driving, Google says. It looks like a Smart car with a shiny black bowler hat to hide its sensors, and it can drive, brake, and recognize road hazards without human intervention. It has more capability than the prototype Google introduced last May, which was so rudimentary it had fake headlights.

The new pod isn't designed for a long trip, or a joyride. It lacks air bags and other federally required safety features, so it can't go more than 25 miles an hour. It's electric, and has to be recharged after 80 miles. And the pod can only drive in areas that have been thoroughly mapped by Google. (Editors Note: There are around four car manufacturers developing driverless cars. Think about it. Do they see a motorcycle?)



## ABATE of Alaska/City Church Bike Blessing-Gathering May, 2015, Anchorage, Alaska





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- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping ABATE of Alaska earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).



### Christmas in July

*by Laura Goggins*

This is an annual event that ABATE of Alaska does each year, for the past 20 years or so to provide gifts to all the children in the local Anchorage hospitals. This event takes place each July. Santa and elves go to the children's ward to visit each child and provide them with a gift – hugs – and smiles. Mark your calendar so that you can attend this rewarding ride – partake in bikes games – enjoy the BBQ at the end - socialize with friends – or make some new acquaintances. The 2015 run will be July 19th (see attached flyer), rain or shine. Please feel free to make copies of this poster and pass them around. Toys, money, and donations can be dropped off at Alaska Leather or Alaska Vets MC clubhouse. Feel free to decorate your bike for the event. Food is provided during the event and there is a BBQ at the end.

Contact Laura Goggins at [anchkfp@gci.net](mailto:anchkfp@gci.net) for more details/information/questions/volunteering.

Thank you in advance and see you there...

Laura

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

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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!**

**Alaska Leather**

**House of Harley Davidson & Buell**

**Halliburton**

**TJ's Custom Cycle**

**Reilly's Irish Pub**

**Mad Hatter**

**Bosco's**

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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____ MC	Exp. Date _____
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Suggestions for ABATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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