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ABATE of Alaska Hosts Their Fifth Annual Meet and Greet



There was a full house this year despite the heavy snowfall and multiple road closures in Anchorage prior to the event.

ABATE of Alaska kicked off the new year in 2017 with our Annual Meet and Greet dinner at La Cabana in Anchorage, AK on Saturday, January 21st, 2017. This dinner is where we thank our membership for their support and introduce the newly elected officers and board members for ABATE of Alaska in 2017.

The dinner was well attended despite the heavy snowfall and low temperatures. (Several local roads and highways had been closed most of the day with the 2 to 3 feet of ongoing new snowfall.) This event is a popular time for many members to renew their annual

membership. (We had 20 members renew and 25 new members join ABATE of Alaska which are good numbers for us.) We also take this time to thank our volunteers for 2016.

Time was spent discussing ABATE membership, volunteer participation, MRF membership, and the most recent MRF call-to-action regarding the Motorcycle Advisory Council. Members were told about the amazing response on Facebook sharing the MRF Call-To-Action information, but the meager response to actually using the website to send the letter to their federal legislators. Many members responded that they would go home that evening and make sure they had used the MRF engagement site to



We were able to recognize our membership for their efforts and thank them with door prizes.

respond.

ABATE of Alaska then chose to honor three of our Business Members who did so much for us this last year. These businesses did more than just help us keep the lights on, they stepped up and furthered our message and donated time and materials to our training courses and ABATE members.

Alaska Leather

Ron Webb Paving

Neighbors Windows and Doors

David "Big Dave Grizzly" Monroe ABATE of Alaska, Board Chairman MRF State Rep Alaska MRF Reps Rep, MRF Board of Directors



A lot of great food and company was shared at the annual ABATE of Alaska Meet and Greet dinner for 2017.

The Warren Garrison Award

ABATE also awards the ABATE of Alaska Warren Garrison award, our highest honor to an outstanding member for their work in 2016. Warren Garrison was an outstanding member of ABATE of Alaska. Though he did not hold an office or a board position, he was always there with his insight, knowledge, and helping hands. Upon his death in 1993 ABATE of Alaska, decided to honor him by creating an award in his honor. This is ABATE of Alaska's highest award and is

given to the person or persons that the membership feels has exemplified and promoted ABATE of Alaska and its volunteer mission to the highest standards for the past year. This award is open to anyone that is a current member of ABATE of Alaska.

This year, the ABATE of Alaska members elected to award long time ABATE member, Membership Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and Treasurer, Bobbe Reilly. Bobbe was unable to make it to the dinner, but we called her to present the award and put her on the speaker phone. She was very grateful and sounded very excited when she thanked everyone.



Bobbe was very grateful and thanked everyone via phone call.

That first time you hit the road again after a long hiatus, make sure your bike looks as good as you feel.

"Spring is here, the sun's hanging around longer, and we know you're itching to get riding! But don't hit the road just yet - read our guide, and make sure your bike is as ready to hit the road as you are!"



2015 ABATE of Alaska Break-Up Run Sheep Creek Lodge

Our Sign at the Three Angels Memorial Track

The Three Angels sign started out as a vinyl sign to draw attention to the track appropriately named to honor three fallen riders that meant so much to the motorcycle community. Elaine Loew, Jim Carlyle, and Sabrina Carlyle were tragically killed May 3, 2014.



Neighbors Windows and Doors heard about the sign and contacted ABATE of Alaska with an idea of making a bigger, sturdier, and longer lasting metal sign while keeping the cost manageable. With their business contacts they were able to produce a spectacular sign paying homage to the name "Three Angels Memorial Track".

The outcome of this wonderful sign could not have been possible without Neighbors Windows

> and Doors involvement. We would like to thank them for their contribution in honoring our "Three Fallen Angels".

In addition we would like to thank Pen Dragon

Alaska for their contribution of the design and Shaman Traffic Control for the application, assembly, and mounting of the signs to the Three Angels Memorial Track fencing.



Please stop by the Three Angels Memorial track and see their amazing contribution and if you are interested in having your business's sign here, please contact Ken Coston at pr@abateofalaska.com.

Ken Coston ABATE of Alaska Membership Coordinator Public Relations Coordinator



A CRASH COURSE FOR THE MOTORCYCLIST

A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist

The Accident Scene Management Instructor Course was held at Anchorage House of Harley on February 17, 18 & 19, given by Vicki Sanfelipo and taken by Judith C. L. (Judy) Smith, Mike Sweet and Kim Mozingo.

The general Accident Scene Management Course was held on February 18th. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. It was a fun and exciting course full of good pointers and knowledge. We learned how and when to remove a helmet after a crash. How to assess if a person has lost enough blood for it to be life threatening. We learned how to wrap an injury and various other assessment

and techniques to be able to help save a life after a crash. This is the Best course over my 40 some years of emergency training that I have ever taken. There was a lot of common sense things but there were a lot of "hands-on" demonstrations that everyone participated in. Mike Sweet, Kim Mozingo, and Judith C L (Judy) Smith can

now teach the courses because of the training that we have had. If anyone is interested please contact one of us via Facebook, can call me at (907) 830-5257 or contact Vicki at vicki@roadguardians.org.

Judith (Judy) C L Smith ABATE of Alaska Treasurer\Products



Benefits of ABATE of Alaska

As a motorcyclist why should I be a member of ABATE of Alaska?

What does it do for me anyway? Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

These are good questions.

First and foremost ABATE of Alaska is the Motorcycle Rights Organization for the state of Alaska. Regardless if you wear a patch or are an independent rider or if you ride a cruiser or a sport bike all motorcyclist should have the right and freedom to ride the open road without interference from Local, State, or Federal government. One of the things ABATE of Alaska does is consult with officials on the local, state, and federal level along with other SMRO's from around the country to help assure we all have those rights. This includes the right not to be profiled or pulled over simply because you are on a motorcycle among other freedoms that could be taken from us simply because of our passion for the open road.

ABATE of Alaska runs the MSF motorcycle riding course. Whether you are a brand new rider or an experienced rider just wanting to refine your skills we offer a course to make sure you have the tools to help you



be safer and more aware while you are riding.

ABATE of Alaska also sponsors various events. Among these are the annual Gathering and Bike Blessing on the Park Strip. This event is held the first Saturday in May and is meant to bring together the entire motorcycle community for a day of brotherhood and sisterhood. It includes booths from various organizations, food, and presentation of the colors by the Alaska Vets MC. It is also the kick off for motorcycle awareness month which is May. Motorcycle awareness month is geared to bring motorcycle awareness to the public at large and let them know we are on the road and to watch for us. We do this through things such as radio advertising and print. In 2016 we had over one thousand motorcycles at the Park Strip. Another major event is our annual Christmas in July Toy Run. This event brings together motorcyclist to deliver toys and some joy to various locations for children in need. We do this because bikers know that bikers care about those less fortunate. Especially, when it comes to children.

These are just a few of the things your membership in ABATE of Alaska help provide. For more information you can go to ABATEOFALASKA.COM or contact one of our Officers or Board members for more information.

ABATE of Alaska is a 510(c)3 nonprofit organization. All of our Officers and Board Members are volunteers and do not get paid. We encourage all our members to volunteer where they can to help us maintain our rights as motorcyclists.

RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE

Tom "Zookeeper" Evans President ABATE of Alaska Assistant MRF State Rep Alaska



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Please donate to support your ABATE of Alaska



Bike Blessing 2016 (Photo Courtesy of Amy Andrus)



Women ADV Riders WoW

"As the riding season approaches, we are getting ready to launch Women ADV Riders WoW"



Pyro gives a ride during the 2015 Eagle River Triathlon

Women ADV Riders



Hey there!

So you know how Women ADV Riders was born? That's right - accidentally. But it's because of you, our readers, that we grew and got better with every article, every story, and every effort. So we figured, it was high time to show you how much we appreciate you!

We've got a big surprise in store for you, and it's coming in the form of WoW. As the riding season approaches, we are getting ready to launch Women ADV Riders WoW - the first digital magazine for motorcycling adventuresses all over the world!

We put together our very best features, stories, and conversa-



tions with influential ADV women and wrapped them all in beautifully designed pages. We added some exotic ride reports, adventure riding hacks and tips, and travel inspiration in the mix. We sprinkled it with honesty, curiosity, and travel inspiration, and cooked it slowly with lots of love. The end result? Keep your eyes peeled: we are launching Women ADV Riders WoW project next week!

In the meantime, we've been busy working on the web content as usual. Kris has figured out what women want when it comes to dealerships, Pat

Jacques shared her advice about getting cross-rutted,
Dusty Wessels has some tips about riding in the dark, and our mysterious Low Ryda has reviewed the Puget Sound Off Road training program.



Two Decades On the Road

Read these stories and more on the <u>Women ADV Riders website at: https://womenadvriders.com/</u>

How to Prepare your Motorcycle for Spring

Spring is officially here, and it's about time to get riding again. If you were able to get all your winterizing done when you were forced to hang up your riding boots for the cold season, your bike should be almost ready to ride; but if not, getting your bike road-ready might take just a bit more effort.

Either way, using our guide, it should only take a couple of hours to get your bike in tip-top shape for riding season, so you don't miss a single day of it when it gets here!

So here's a quick rundown of the 7-point plan to Winter recovery, in order of importance:

 Manual Labor - Dust off your trusty service manual and skim through it

- Fuel First Why you shouldn't use old fuel
- 3. **Battery Maintenance** Lead-acid or lithium, you probably need a charge
- 4. **Tires** Will they be good for the whole season?
- 5. **Oil & Filter** Now is a good time to change them
- 6. **The Forgotten Fluids** Don't forget your brake

fluid and coolant

 Spring Cleaning - Days are getting longer, make your bike shine!

Please read the remainder of the article here for details on the specifics for each point: https://goo.gl/6ldC6L

<u>Aaron Cortez</u> The Biker Bandit Blog



Spotlight Business Highlights

In effort to make a more solid connection with our business members we have added a Spotlight Business addition to our general membership meetings held on the 3rd Thursday, of every month at Sea Galley. This allows business members to demonstrate, explain, and answer questions about their business to the membership and also serves as a reminder of the businesses who support ABATE of Alaska.

The general membership meeting on March 16, 2017 featured Alaska Leather. Barb, (owner of Alaska Leather) spoke about her business, answered questions, and gave away some door prizes. Everyone who attended the meeting received sheepskin shoe/boot inserts to help keep his or her feet warm and comfortable. We would like to "thank" Barb for coming out and sharing her business with us.

Alaska Leather is an amazing ABATE of Alaska business supporter as they help with the riding courses by answering questions, helping prospective riders decide which class is for them, and most importantly do a lot of behind the scenes helping ABATE of Alaska.

At our general membership meeting on April 20, 2017 the Spotlight Business was Neighbors, Windows & Doors. Steve and Dayna the owners,



took the time to share their business with us.

Neighbors Windows & Doors is another great ABATE of Alaska business member. They have helped ABATE of Alaska stretch advertising dollars by partnering with us to promote motorcycle safety in our community.

At our general membership meeting on May 18, 2017 Spotlight Business member will be Anchorage House of Harley. House of Harley Marketing Manager Sara will be sharing her business with us.

Anchorage House of Harley is helpful to ABATE of Alaska by making most of the posters for various even. Along with donations, and they also hold monthly potlucks for varies clubs to promote the brother/sisterhood in the motorcycle community.

General membership meeting on June 21, 2017 Spotlight Business will be The Motorcycle Shop. The Motorcycle Shops Sales Manager Andrew will be on hand to share his business with us.

The Motorcycle Shop has helped ABATE of Alaska to promote motorcycle safety by advertising rider education classes, giving various donations, and bringing new enthusiasm for their partnership with ABATE of Alaska.

General membership meeting on July 21, 2017 Spotlight business will be Denali Federal Credit Union.

Denali FCU has helped ABATE of Alaska promote motorcycle safety through donations and the vividly colored bumper stickers you see around town "Watch for motorcycles". They also helped sponsor Big Dave "Grizzly" make an MRF trip to Washington D.C.

Ken Coston ABATE of Alaska Membership Coordinator Public Relations Coordinator



A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska works closely with our business partners

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"The Motorcycle
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The MRF fights for your rights as a motorcycle rider in Washington, DC

A Message from MRF President, Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard - CALL TO ACTION



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A Message from MRF President, Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard – CALL TO ACTION

As many of you know, last year the MRF assumed a new endeavor related to the unconstitutional practice of motorcycle profiling. After reports began to rise from our own membership citing instances where they felt singled out by law enforcement simply because of their appearance, apparel, or because they are simply riding a motorcycle, the MRF decided to take action.

Working with its partners within the Anti-Profiling Action Group, the MRF developed a strategy at the national level to help combat profiling, an issue that affects ALL riders and is unfortunately increasing. We know this to be true because of a survey put forth by the Motorcycle Profiling Project. In 2015, the survey found over 50% of riders across the U.S. reported being unjustifiably stopped by police at least once while riding their motorcycles. With a participation level of over 5,000 motorcyclists nation-wide, these facts and figures will help support and solidify our concerns over this issue when addressing lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

This year, the Motorcycle Profiling Project has launched another survey designed to reach an even broader audience. Like the previous survey, its results will be used as critical tools in the efforts to obtain legislative relief across the country.

I am asking you to take a few moments and fill out the survey, which can be accessed by clicking on the link below. It's completely anonymous and it's only 15 questions.

YOUR VOICE MAKES A DIFFER-ENCE!

http:// www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/ national-motorcycle-profling-survey/

On behalf of the entire MRF membership and its Board of Directors, thank you for your support on this issue.

RIDE FREE-

Jul R. Willand

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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Why I Joined?

I am not a "joiner". What's the old Groucho Marx line? "I'd never belong to a club that would have me as a member". There's nothing wrong with the group activities, but it's just not for me. I would rather ride alone or with a few trusted friends and hang out away from the crowds.

But in the last few years' things have been happening in this country that bother me. The rights that have been won and preserved for us (at a great cost, by the way) are slowly slipping away. In our society there is always someone else to blame. We make a choice to use tobacco, and then blame the tobacco company when it makes us sick. We eat junk food and blame the restaurant for our heart disease. Even when it is a result of our own action (or inaction), we look to the courts or the government to look out for us. That's when I realized that by not taking responsibility for things we have control over, there is always someone to take over for us. It seems to me that as we give up our personal responsibilities, we are also giving up our liber-

In this world of uncertainty. many of us will embrace security regardless of the cost. I agree that we should give au-



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thority as needed to deal with the enemies of our country. But should every citizen sacrifice his privacy? And even if those currently in power would never abuse the power now being given to them, what will prevent someone in the future from abusing them to go after their personal or political enemies?

So what can I do about all this? Probably not much. But I realized that there may be a fight that I have a chance of winning. A smaller fight, but a fight for some of the important things in my life. The freedom to choose the way I ride. The freedom to ride what I want to ride. The freedom to ride without being discriminated against. The right to medical coverage even if I ride a bike. To have a voice about our freedom and the opportunity to speak out against those who want to restrict it.

That's why I joined a Motorcycle Rights Organization. There are MROs fighting for our rights in

our home states. There are national rights organizations working with Congress in DC. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) are two that have worked closely with both House of Representatives and the Senate on the issues important to us. There are also state organizations like ABATE and others. MRO's are involved in safety issues, from assuring the involvement of motorcyclists in highway planning and safety, to educating cagers to make them aware of our vulnerabilities. Oh yeah, and fighting for the freedom to choose whether to wear a helmet.

The safetycrats, EPA, and insurance companies have lots of big bucks to help spread their misinformation. MRO's are supported solely by their membership. See a funding gap? So join the MRF - even if you personally don't get involved, your membership fees will help support freedom fighters.

So I belong to something now. I can join in rides, attend meetings, make new friends, or take part in "social events". Or I can choose to ride by myself. It's my right.

RAZ is a newly involved biker rights activist from North Carolina. You can contact him at Dragonglide91@yahoo.com

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Our mission is to continue developing an aggressive, independent national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle which is financially stable and exceeds the needs of motorcycling enthusiasts.

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The freedom to ride without being discriminated against





Motorcyclists come from all walks of life

"...two of Capitol
Hill's biggest biker
enthusiasts, are
launching the
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bipartisan
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Caucus."



House of Representatives also has a Motorcycle Caucus

Senate Launches Motorcycle Caucus

Some positive news out of our nation's Capital. Today, Senators Joni Ernst and Gary Peters, two of Capitol Hill's biggest biker enthusiasts, are launching the Senate's first-ever bipartisan Motorcycle Caucus. The caucus will focus on issues impacting both riders and manufacturers.

On his website, Senator Peters, a friend of ABATE of Michigan and the MRF, said this of the launch:

"Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can't think of

a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I'm looking forward to working with Senator Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the country."

As a reminder, the House of Representatives also has a Motorcycle Caucus, chaired by Reps. Tim Walberg and Michael Burgess. Their caucus recently made a push for more members....see the attached letter.

The MRF is pleased with the activities in the Senate and looks forward to working with both caucuses on our 2017 legislative agenda.

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Dear Colleague:

More than 27 million Americans are estimated to operate a motorcycle annually, representing almost 9% of the population. Motorcycle riders and enthusiasts are spread throughout our country; it is likely that you have some of them in your Congressional District.

Most riders are also adventurers who traverse the entire United States enjoying the exhilaration of cruising the open road. It is imperative that we support motorcyclists and enthusiasts in order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of both riders and users of other modes of transportation. Therefore, we invite you to join the bipartisan Congressional Motorcycle Caucus (CMC).

The purpose of the CMC is to support riders – both on-and-off street – through education and awareness in order to encourage responsible motorcycling. The CMC also serves to ensure that the motorcycling community is treated equitably by Congress as it considers infrastructure and environmental policies, as well as safety and education programs. Motorcycling is an important part of the transportation mix; it should be part of the discussion when developing intelligent transportation systems, decreasing traffic congestion, and improving roadway safety.

In addition to promoting sound policy, CMC members can help highlight the safety of motorcyclists through the recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month, hosting and participating in industry fly-ins, drawing attention to the national "Ride to Work Day", promoting rider awareness and safety at national events—such as the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and the Summer X Games—ensuring motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process, and working to remind vehicle operators to be aware of motorcycles with whom they share the roads and highways.

We invite you to join the CMC to help promote these and other initiatives. If you are interested in joining, or learning more, please contact Rachel Huggins in Representative Burgess' office at 5-7772 or rachel.huggins@mail.house.gov or Jonathan Hirte in Representative Tim Walberg's office at 5-6276 or jonathan.hirte@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (TX-26)

Tim Walberg (MI-07)



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April 11, 2017 - The Senate's First-ever Bipartisan Motorcycle Caucus

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The Senate's First-ever Bipartisan Motorcycle Caucus

The Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF) is extremely pleased to announce the formation of the Senate's first-ever bipartisan motorcycle caucus. Led by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), the caucus will focus on issues that impact both riders and industry manufacturers.

Sen. Peters, a friend of the MRF, said of the launch, "Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can't think of a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I'm looking forward to working with Senator Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the

country."

Once up and running, the Senate motorcycle caucus will work in partnership with the bipartisan Congressional Motorcycle Caucus (CMC) in the House of Representatives, chaired by Reps. Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael Burgess (R-TX).

It is safe to assume that the mission of the Senate motorcycle caucus will be very similar to that of the CMC-to support riders through education and awareness in order to encourage responsible motorcycling. In addition, the CMC also serves to ensure that the motorcycling community is treated equitably by Congress as it considers infrastructure and environmental policies, safety and education programs. It serves to promote the safety of motorcyclists through the recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month, hosting and participating in industry fly-ins, drawing attention to the national "Ride to Work Day", promoting rider awareness and safety at national events, and ensuring motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process, and it works to remind vehicle operators to be aware of motorcycles with whom they share the roads and highways.

The MRF applauds the efforts of Senators Ernst and Peters and stands ready to work with both their newly-formed caucus and the CMC in regards to our 2017 legislative agenda.

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The Senate forms the firstever bipartisan motorcycle caucus



Motorcycle Riders Foundation Motorcycle Statistics Fact Or Fiction?



Analysis A number of inaccuracies and inconsistencies have been uncovered in examining data related to motorcycle crashes, injuries and fatalities. If the information is incorrect it can only lead to theories and conclusions that are also incorrect, or at the very least suspect.

Solution Since much of the data is obviously flawed and most of the conclusions are therefore speculative at best, the only true solutions to motorcycle safety are proactive measures which prevent a collision from occurring at all rather than reactive steps that may offer some level of injury reduction only after a crash has already taken place. Rider education that prepares the motorcyclist to interact with other road-way users by learning and practicing the skills necessary for hazard avoidance and developing a strategy to deal with real world traffic is the primary component of a comprehensive motorcycle safety plan. Additionally, educating all motor vehicle operators to be alert and free of impairment as they share the road with others is critical in deterring crashes caused by inattention.

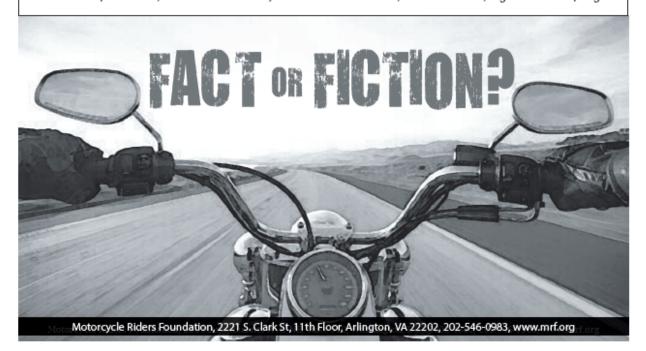
Training and Awareness are the Keys...



Examples of how the motorcycling community works to address and implement these measures are as follows:

Lobby for state legislated rider education programs and work with state program coordinator to develop and promote training courses. Present "Share the Road" programs to driver education classes, civic and social organizations and public meetings. Introduce "Right of Way" legislation that provides prosecutors more opportunities in cases where a motorist's negligence causes injury or death to another. **Create** Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month to remind all motor vehicle operators of motorcyclists' presence on the road. Deliver "Ride Straight" messages within the motorcycling culture encouraging everyone to ride and drive free of impairments.

For more information, contact the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, 202-546-0983, legislative@mrf.org



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Possible Errors? When errors, omissions or inaccuracies are discovered in reports or statistics it makes any conclusions or recommendations based on those findings suspect. Additionally, small numbers can be easily skewed by slight or seemingly insignificant variations. Furthermore, numbers may be exploited if uncharacteristic highs or lows are used as a baseline. None of these facts are intended to argue against helmet use, but rather to demonstrate that imposing a helmet law is not the solution to motorcycle safety. Individual states need to maintain the ability to determine what measures best address the needs of their residents as suggested in the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety (NAMS).

Virtually all current motorcycle fatality comparisons are referencing 1997 as a baseline. The 2,116 fatalities reported for 1997 represents an all time low.

During one or more years from 1997-2003, 20 states reported zero vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for motorcycles. Included among those states, South Dakota which plays host to a half million motorcycling enthusiasts in Sturgis each August.

The August 2007 "Traffic Safety Facts" from NHTSA points out that two of the states with the highest increase in motorcycle fatalities were Alabama and California which have universal helmet laws.

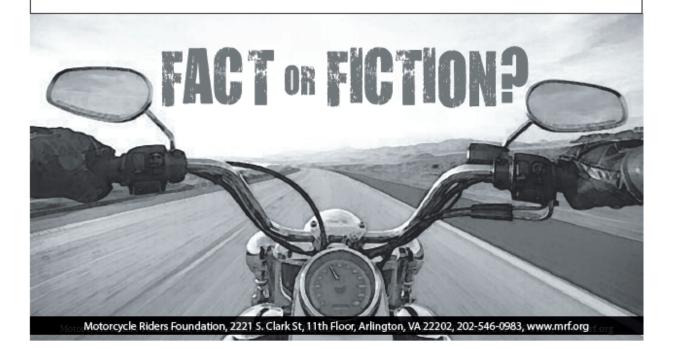
The same document advises that Alabama is also among the states with the highest percentage increase in motorcycle fatalities at 69.4%.

The report shows that 12 states with universal helmet laws experienced increased fatalities while at least 19 states without such laws recognized a decrease.

This statistical summary also lists 110 fatalities in Indiana for 2006 while information maintained by the Indiana State Police and published in the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's 2006 "Traffic Safety Facts" lists 96 fatalities for the same period.

The Motorcycle Industry Council has reported 14 consecutive years of increased sales of new motorcycles. This obviously results in increased exposure, a fact that is often omitted.

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Bike Blessing 2016 (Photo Courtesy of Kirsten Knight)



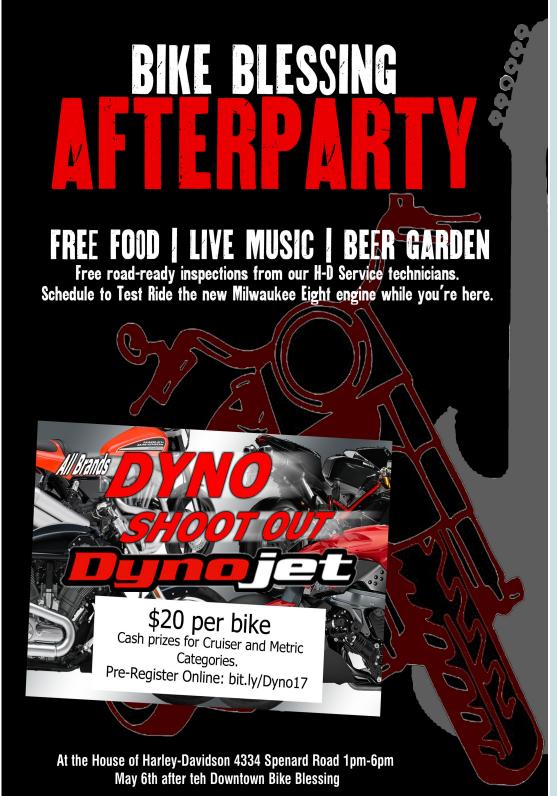
Greg says, "Pfffft.... The Mayor and Miss Alaska are always photo bombing me!!! I guess I can't blame them..." — with Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, Miss Alaska Kendall Bautista and Gregory M Porter



Bike Blessing 2016

Disciple Christian MC







Bike Blessing 2016 (Photo Courtesy of Kirsten Knight)



Bike Blessing 2016
Ed Rutledge and
Mayor Ethan Berkowitz



Bike Blessing 2016 The Ascendants RC



2016 Break-Up Run stopping at Birchwood Saloon





2016 Break-Up Run at our destination — Sheep Creek Lodge



- . 50/50, BIKE GAMES
- . BROTHERHOOD
- . BBQ AT 4: 30 PM
- . LIVE MUSIC



1 ST CARD: THE ROCK WOOD FIRED KITCHEN 2ND CARD: BIRCHWOOD SALOON

3RD CARD: DENALI HARLEY-DAVIDSON
4TH CARD: MILLER'S LANDING (ICE CREAM)

LAST CARD: SHEEP CREEK LODGE





2014 Spring Opener Parking outside the Birchwood Saloon

2017 Spring Opener Birchwood Saloon May 13th 3:00 PM



2016 Spring Opener Flyer

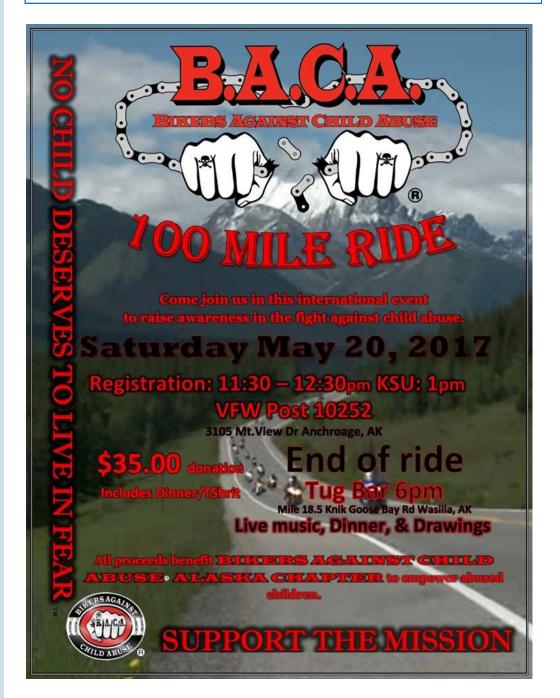


Visit http://BACAWORLD.ORG
for more information and to find your local chapter.

"Bikers Against Child Abuse across the world will ride for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention."



B.A.C.A. member riding in Alaska



B.A.C.A. 100 Mile Ride

On May 20th, 2017, members and supporters of Bikers
Against Child Abuse across the world will ride for Child Abuse
Awareness and Prevention.
Each rider will collect pledges to support our ride and further our fight against child abuse. I am seeking out sponsors for this year in hopes of meeting my personal goal of \$500. By

sponsoring me with a tax deductible donation, you will help make a difference in the life of an abused child. No donation amount is too small and every penny is appreciated. If you would like to sponsor my 2017 ride, please let me know and I will send you a mailing address for your donation. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

I will be carrying the forms with me on my bike, I can hand you a receipt.

All donations go to helping a Child.

Thank You for supporting BACA.

Scott Crisp Bikers Against Child Abuse Alaska Chapter





Getting registered prior to the 2016 Ride AWAIC.

and the Diamond Girls Motorcycle Club for our second Ride

AWAIC!"

"Join AWAIC

RIDE AWAIC

Ride AWAIC is a local fundraising motorcycle ride to support victims of domestic violence.

AWAIC and Diamond Girls Motorcycle Club partner for this fun poker run with food, prizes, and giveaways along the way!

Motorcycle riders come together for this great cause!

AWAIC's mission is to provide domestic violence safe shelter, intervention, and prevention to the Anchorage community. Since 1977 AWAIC has provided shelter, education, advocacy, partnerships and sustainability.

AWAIC is the largest domestic violence shelter in Alaska, providing a full continuum of services for victims and those who care about them. AWAIC's services are available to all women, children and men impacted by violence. Empowerment is a key to success for any

victim and is accomplished by providing resources to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. We believe that everyone has the right to live in a fear-free environment and work towards both preventing domestic violence and intervening with current victims.

For more info, go to http://www.awaic.org/donate/financial-donations





Bikes are lined up waiting for the 2016 Ride AWAIC to begin.



Memorial Day Run 2013 Byers Lake



Memorial Day Run 2012 Byers Lake



Memorial Day Run 2013 Byers Lake







Memorial Day Anchorage Park Strip 2014



Memorial Day Anchorage Park Strip 2016



Memorial Day Mat-Su Visitors Center 2014



Rally to the Ranch 2016

Nugen's Ranch
"Family Fun Day"
Second to None
MC will be
leading the pack!



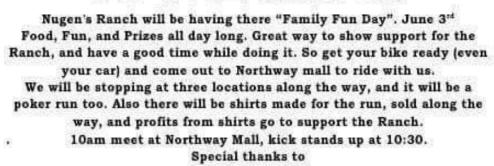
Rally to the Ranch 2014



4th annual

Rally

TO THE RANCH



Second To None M/C, they'll be leading the pack out to Nugen's Ranch.







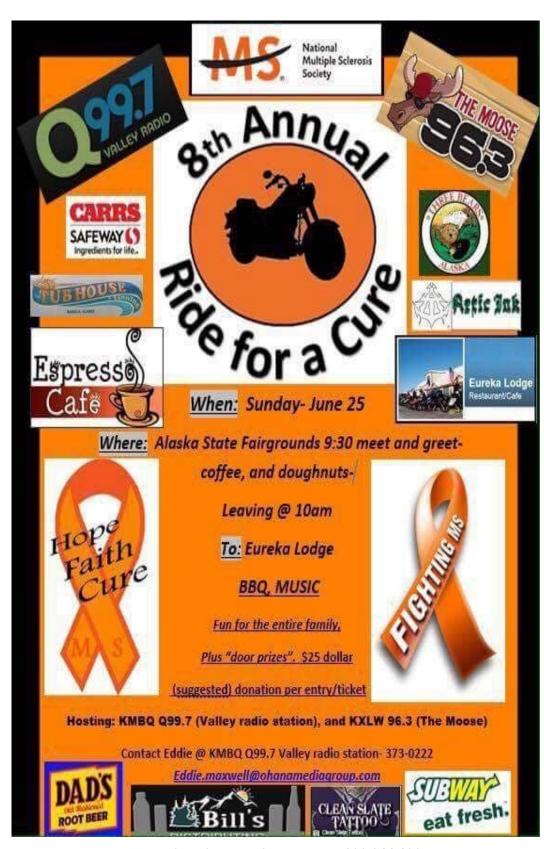
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1:00.	Stay and enjoy the fun .
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For more info on fighting MS, you can call 800-344-4867 or email them at <u>socialmedia@nmss.org</u> <u>http://www.nationalMSsociety.org/</u>



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What Is MS?

Multiple sclerosis
(MS) is an
unpredictable,
often disabling
disease of the
central nervous
system that
disrupts the flow of
information within
the brain, and
between the brain
and body.



We have to work together to find a cure.

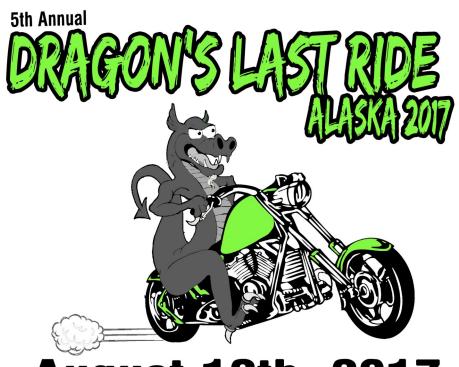


Serving Alaska's children in foster care and children at risk of going into foster care through the love of Christ.

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August 12th, 2017

Register at www.nwsarcoma.org

Staging begins at Anchorage House of Harley-Davidson, 4334

Spenard Rd at 10:00am.

Kickstands up at 10:45am.

Ride to Tug Bar Goose Bay Inn at Mile 18.5 Knik-Goose Bay Rd in Wasilla where Terri Cornelius and crew will have put together a delicious meal.

\$50 per rider

(Passengers must also register. Includes: entry, t-shirt, lunch, and raffle)

\$40 Per Rider (No T-Shirt)

\$20 Lunch & Raffle Only (for non-riders)

\$15 T-Shirt Only

The Dragon's Last Ride funds the Jenna Westerholm Pediatric Help\$ Program. \$1000.00 grants to families are administered by Northwest Sarcoma Foundation to families in Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The ride originated in Washington in memory of Jenna. It continues here now in memory of Katie, a young lady dear to many in the Alaska motorcycle community who lost her life to the dragon January 28, 2015.

Please join us or help spread the word to help us raise money for families directly affected by childhood sarcoma. **THIS IS NOT A HARLEY RIDE** All bikes are welcome.







Wristbands from the 2016 Dragon's Last Ride

"Benefits the NW Sarcoma Foundation's Jenna Pediatric HELP\$ program, which provides \$1000 grants to families of pediatric sarcoma cancer patients. "



Riders checking in for the 2016 Dragon's Last Ride

Help Support ABATE of Alaska By Purchasing Advertising in This Newsletter

Did you know that you can purchase advertising space in future editions of this newsletter?

You can reach out to our members with your unique message.

ABATE of Alaska publishes our very own newsletter up to four times a year and emails or prints out 350 to 500 copies to distribute directly to our members, display at our Business Member locations, and also to hand out the motorcycle community events that our members attend.

Running your advertisements in our newsletter is a great way to not only support ABATE of Alaska, but also show our members that you support ABATE as well.

ABATE of Alaska always encourages our membership to frequent the businesses that support our freedom to ride and rights.

For more information, please contact us at: pr@abateofalaska.com

Ken Coston ABATE of Alaska Membership Coordinator Public Relations Coordinator

Ad Size	Approx. Dimension	Member Price	Full Price
Business Card	1.7" x 3.0"	Free	\$15.00
1/4 Page	4.75" X 3.5"	\$20.00	\$25.00
1/2 Page	9.5" x 7.2"	\$35.00	\$45.00
Full Page	9.5" x 3.5"	\$75.00	\$100.00

ABATE of Alaska Needs Your Help

Sadly, our Newsletter Editor, Deb Russ, had a family emergency and understandably felt that she needed to step down and focus on her family's needs. ABATE of Alaska asks that you please keep Deb and her family in your thoughts.

To keep our members informed, ABATE of Alaska publishes a periodic newsletter. We need your help! We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to step up and assist us with publishing our ABATE of Alaska Newsletter.

1. Do you have experience with publishing newsletters, or know someone who you would recommend?

- 2. Are you comfortable using Microsoft Publisher or any similar software?
- 3. Would you attend ABATE of Alaska Board Meetings, General Membership Meetings, and ABATE of Alaska Events and report on those?
- 4. Would you be willing to solicit advertisers to help pay for the cost of printing the newsletter?
- 5. Would you spend 6 to 8 hours a month to work with the other ABATE Officers to edit and layout the Newsletter and help get it printed and distributed?

ABATE of Alaska is always seeking out volunteers, but we have an immediate need for someone with "very particular set of skills".



Are <u>you</u> that someone? Please contact us at <u>webmaster@abateofalaska.com</u>



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Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

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- For more information, please visit <u>www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards</u>.

Please check the Alaska Biker Runs calendar for the most up-to-date info:

http://www.akbikerruns.com



Alaska Biker Runs

May 2017 Biker Runs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	May 1	2		4	5	
NAPA's 27th annual Alaska Custom Car 1pm Beauty & the Bike Women's Intro to		8pm LFMCC Rides - All are welcome 6pm Matsu Hog 1836 Weekly Ride 8pm Tuesday Evening Ride - All are welco 6pm Free Group Riding Class			8am Hog Chapter 66 Slacker Ride	10am Kenai Peninsula Hog Spit Run 10am ABATE of Alaska Gathering and Bik 10am Ketchikan DGMC Female Ride Day 10:30am Free Intro to Group Riding 1pm Bike Blessing AFTERPARTY & Dyno S
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June 2017 Biker Runs





Boyd McFail working the 2015 Eagle River Triathlon

July 2017 Biker Runs

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m Valley Tattoo Party		6pm Matsu Hog 1836 Weekly Ride				10:30am Free Intro to Group Riding

ABATE of Alaska 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.

ABATE of Alaska Business Member Listings

Support these businesses who support your freedom to ride!

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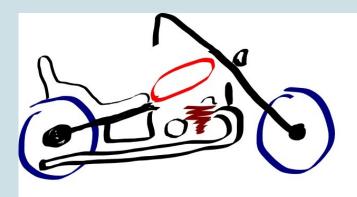
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