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See you at the ABATE Meet and Greet Saturday, January 26, 2019







Abate of Alaska Raffle Winners

Thank you everyone for participating in this raffle. Please congratulate the winners.

1st prize - \$1500.00
David VandeVooren
2nd prize - \$600.00
Debby Eliason
3rd prize - \$400.00
Debbie Hoelscher

"Thank you" to all the volunteers for helping sell raffle tickets. Big "thank you" to STN with their help on making this raffle happen.



WASHINGTON, DC – This week, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) released its 2019 Legislative Agenda to its partners and supporters. A direct result of the commentary and discussion from attendees at the Legislative Strategy Session held at the annual Meeting of the Minds, this exercise establishes the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the upcoming year.

"Our legislative agenda, which is determined by our members each year, ensures that the MRF is laser-focused on those issues important to motorcyclists nationwide," said President Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard. "Our network of volunteers and staff are some of the most talented and influential in the world of motorcycle rights, and we look forward to working with the Administration and our Senate and House leaders in identifying legislation that will not only defend, but enhance the motorcycle lifestyle and community."

The MRF's legislative agenda showcases the diverse range of interests that the organization advocates on behalf of each year, with issues impact-



ing independent riders, State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, motorcycle and riding clubs, the aftermarket industry and others in the community.

In addition, the Agenda prioritizes aggressive campaigns to combat government intrusion with a particular emphasis on motorcycle profiling, overreach by the Environmental Protection Agency, highly automated and connected vehicles, as well as new initiatives on the clarification of the ownership of vehicle data and information.

To learn more about the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and review the 2019
Legislative Agenda, click here: https://mrf.org/legislative-tools/

Megan J. Ekstrom Vice-President, Government Affairs & Public Relations Sept 28, 2018



ABATE of Alaska's

Meet and Greet

will be held

Saturday, January,

26, 2018.



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation announces the 2018 Freedom Fighter

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to release the names of the class of 2018 Inductees to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These were presented in Denver at the annual Meeting of the Minds conference.

To include deserving activists from the motorcyclists' rights community that have already been recognized elsewhere, the class of 2018 Legacy Inductees are: Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, Ed Netterberg, Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermyde, Paul Vestal, Penny Walker and Ed Youngblood.

The first new inductee into the MRF HOF is President of ABATE of Michigan, Vince Consiglio.

Vince joined ABATE of Michigan in 1975, and almost immediately was elected to the Board of Directors. He had spent almost four decades fighting against the mandatory helmet law in his home state before the victory finally became a reality in 2012. Vince has been a Chief Instructor since 1980 and has managed rider training ever since. He is also the current President of ABATE of Michigan and has held that position for over two decades.



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to welcome this inaugural class and wishes to thank all the Freedom Fighters that work so hard to ensure that future generations can enjoy the freedom of the road through motorcycling.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

Megan J. Ekstrom Vice-President, Government Affairs & Public Relations

Sept 25, 2018







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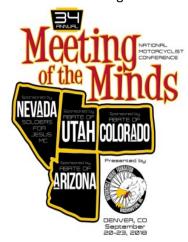




Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 2018 Meeting of the Minds in Denver, CO

The annual MRF Meeting of the Minds was held in Denver, Colorado this year from September 20th through September

23rd. Representatives and speakers from all over the US attended the event this year and a lot of great information was exchanged.



Although Wednesday and Thursday were long days spent in committee and board meetings, they were productive days and the final preparation for the conference was completed efficiently.

Thursday night, the attendees meet the MRF board members and the individual states present their reports on what legislative activity they are working on or have accomplished in 2018. Some of the common issues across several states included; "Dead-Red" legislation, stiffer penalties for distracted drivers, lane filtering, lane splitting, and "Shoulder use" for motorcycles, stopping anti-motorcyclist legislation or legislation discriminatory toward motorcycles or motorcyclists.

Many of us travel to Washington, DC

in May each year to lobby Congress for your rights as a motorcyclist. At the Meeting of the Minds each year, we set the legislative agenda for the following year. For 2018, the three top priorities remain Motorcycle Profiling (http://

www.motorcycleprofilingproject.co m), Ethanol and the Renewable Fuel Standards, and advocating and monitoring for motorcyclists concerning laws and regulations related to connected and autonomous vehicles. You can read the full 2019 MRF Legislative Agenda release here: https:// www.mrf.org/wp-content/ up-

loads/2018/09/2019 Legislative Age nda.pdf. To stay updated on the leading MRF issues that you can act on, please check the site here: http://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/.

The next big announcement for the MRF was the creation of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame (MRF HOF). These were presented in Denver at the annual Meeting of the Minds conference. To include deserving activists from the motorcyclists' rights community that have already been recognized elsewhere, the class of 2018 Legacy Inductees are: Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kittredge, Ed Netterberg, Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermyde, Paul Vestal, Penny Walker and Ed Youngblood. The first new inductee into the MRF HOF is President of

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 2018 Meeting of the Minds in Denver, CO CONT.

ABATE of Michigan, Vince Consiglio.

In preparation for the MRF HOF announcements, former MRF President and Life Member of the MRF, Mark Buckner took us on a motorcycle ride down memory lane with his presentation "The Face of Freedom". In that presentation, he showed the faces of and spoke about most of the former and current motorcycle freedom fighters. It was an amazing look at the motorcycle rights movement for the last 47 years. He spoke about the origin of helmet laws and the laws preventing custom modifications to privately owned motorcycles. He spoke about the origins of ABATE through Easyriders and Bikernet.com.

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"Let's organize against arbitrary bike laws"



Another general session included a presentation by Jeremy Gunderson of NHTSA. His presentation called "NHTSA: Knowing Enough to Know What We Don't Know" marked on a new approach NHTSA has begun taking this year. In short, they are determining that arbitrarily issuing rules and standards is not working for them. They are now engaging in fact-finding and participation with the motorcycle riding community, with the vendors, and with the MRF so that they can find effective ways to work with these groups to improve



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safety and save lives instead of fighting with them. Many in the room remain understandably skeptical, but if they are being forthcoming in this effort, it is an incredible change of approach for a federal agency. Time will tell!

Slider Gilmore also provided thorough presentation on "Living to Ride". He spoke about making healthier choices in our eating habits and lifestyles. This was not a presentation we necessarily expected, but noting the average age of the attendees in the room, it was definitely well received and useful information.

We also had several very informative Break-Out Sessions including Matt Danielson presenting his updated "Fact or Fiction" and Brett Robinson speaking about "The Future of Motorcycle Safety".

As it has always been in the past, it was a very educational and informative event. I also hope to have several of these speakers up to Alaska as well to speak at our local events here.

BigDave







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November 1, 2018

Dear ABATE Member,

Enclosed is your Ballot for the Election of the new Officers and Board Members for 2018, along with a selfaddressed envelope to return your ballot in.

Ballots must be returned by 7:30 PM Thursday, November 15th, 2018.

You have three options to submit your ballot:

- Bring the ballot with you to the November General Membership meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2018 @ 7pm. Meeting will be held at Guido's Pizza, 549 W International Airport Rd.
- Mall your ballot to PO Box 92213, Anchorage, AK 99509. Ballot must be received by November 15, 2018. Mall will be picked up at noon day November 15, 2018 and delivered to the meeting.
- Drop off your ballot at Alaska Leather before the meeting. Ballots will be picked up at noon. November 15, 2018 and delivered to the meeting.

Please do not copy your ballot. Duplicates will not be counted. If someone you know did not get a ballot in the mail they must call or see the membership coordinator with their correct address to receive their ballot. (Ken Coston 907-350-6861)

Instructions for mail-in or drop off ballots:

After filling out your ballot place it in the return address envelope. Insure that your name and membership number is printed on the return envelope. You will need to have your ballot inside the return envelope whether you mail it in, drop it of at Alaska Leather, or bring it to the meeting to drop it in the ballot box.

The ballot will be removed and placed in the ballot box after your name has been verified as a current member of ABATE of Alaska which qualifies you as a casting vote.

Please note meeting place and time for elections:
General Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018
7:00PM
Guido's Pizza, 549 W International Airport Rd

BALLOT BOX WILL CLOSE AT 7:30 PM NOVEMBER 15, 2018

The Warren Garrison Award:

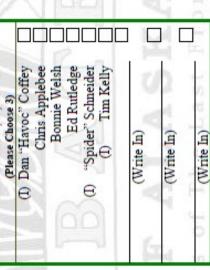
Warren Garrison was an outstanding member of ABATE of Alaska. Though he did not hold an office or a board position, he was always there with his insight, knowledge, and helping hands. Upon his death in 1993 ABATE of Alaska, decided to honor him by creating an award in his honor. This is ABATE of Alaska's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

ABATE of Alaska Inc. November 2018 Election Ballot

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President	Ken Coston	John "Da Hulk" Schuelke	(Write In)	Vice-President	Ken Coston (I) John "Da Hulk" Schuelke	(Write In)	Treasurer	(I) Tim Kelly	(Write In)	Secretary Continuation of the Secretary		(Write In)	

that you feel have/has been an outstanding member(s) for year 2015. This award is in honor of Warren Garrison who devoted time and talent to ABATE without question and much loyalty to our causes. The membership elects the individual(s) that fulfills his legacy.

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Christmas in July Toy Run July 22, 2018

ABATE of Alaska and the community benefited from its annual Christmas in July Toy Run on July 22nd providing gifts to approximately 125 children at Alaska Native Medical Center, The Ronald McDonald House, and McKinnell House. ABATE has sponsored this run annually for over 25 years and is dedicated to making sure that all the children are included in the excitement of seeing Santa and receiving some joy as well. Our first stop was to Alaska Native Medical Center and The Ronald McDonald House where children and staff got to enjoy Santa and Elves in the Pediatric Unit. In January of 2017 the RMH moved into one of the ANMC buildings which houses children and adults with some in critical condition. We are thrilled to have this opportunity to help with the Units children and families. Outside approximately 70 riders and

supporters hung out and played biker games. The next stop was at McKinnell House, an 18 unit facility for families in need, and where we are able to intermingle with the families. Here is such an overflow of good will and merriment, staff, families, and kids all had a visit with Santa. We appreciated the interaction and hospitality they showed us as well.

The Alaska Vets Motorcycle Club again provided their clubhouse for ABATES use starting at 9 AM with all the volunteers who took time off with their families to support this run. Just goes to show you how committed the biker society is towards serving its community. Bikes were decorated with garland while riders were fueling up with refreshments in the AM. The sleigh was loaded up with tons of toys/baby clothes/books & stuffed toys.

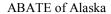
At approximately 10 AM all riders lined up with RC from AK Vets MC leading the procession, followed by Santa and sleigh, approximately 70 bikes in tow, with the Green Knights as road guards, and followed by the run truck. The ride took approximately 4 hours and all returned around 2 PM to a BBQ at the clubhouse.

ABATE appreciates all who showed up for this special run to support the kids when you could have stayed with your family or took care of chores. There is overwhelming support from the biking community to want to help and participate in this event. This is the most important and gratifying run our organizations can do, and the reason this event takes place year after year. Thank you very much to the clubs-associations-independents: AK Vets MC/Red & White/Second to None MC/Disciple Christian MC/Hangmen MC/Mechanized Calvary MC/Original 13/CMA/Green Knights/Ascendants/Combat Vets/Iron Wolves MC/ BACA/Diamond Girls/Freedom Flag Riders/Pavement Pounders/HOG/independents that showed up on run day.

The great success of this run is attributed to all whom volunteered their time before, during, and after. First ABATE would like to sincerely thank the Alaska Vets MC, for use of their clubhouse to host the run/cooked the food for the BBQ. Of course to Santa, Boyd McFail and Head Elf, Jan Plummer who volunteers tirelessly every year and enlists the help of all the Assistant Elves, we appreciate how much you all come back each year to lend your assistance. Ed Rutledge – who brought in his trike to pull the sleigh this year, all the shoppers, the sleigh assembly team, and the communication team. And of course all who donated toys and money.

If ABATE has not named you personally we apologize and hope you know how much your aid, assistance, and participation helps make this event an awesome time for all the kids and a successful and rewarding experience for each of us.

So, to all of you, ABATE of Alaska and the families involved want to give you a tremendous **THANK YOU** and appreciate your generosity of time and money for this year's run. We look forward to your continued assistance and participation in next year's run. See you then and have a great winter.







Business Member Spotlight

Abate of Alaska has nearly 350 members and continues to grow. Their aim is to help promote rider safety, education, and training. This could not be possible without help from the motorcycle community and the Abate Business members. Business members help in many ways, partnering with radio ads, printing motorcycle safety bumper stickers, that pass along messages to look for motorcycles. This allows Abate to setup booths at their events. They also pay for the signs at the Tudor track do door prize donations, allow meetings at their businesses. This and many more countless ways they strive to help Abate. With the holiday season upon us, remember to think of the Abate business members as without them the mission of promoting motorcycle safety, education and training would be an even more daunting task. Below is a list of Abate businesses members. Remember to stop by and "thank" them for their continued support and make purchases to support them if possible.

Alaska Cycle Center – Motorcycles, snowmobiles, UTV's, power equipment, parts/service center, and motorcycle/snowmobile apparel. Multiple brands. Located at: 4908 Old Seward Hwy., 907-279-9478

Alaska Leather – Motorcycle and snowmobile apparel, vehicle custom seat covers, vehicle rooftop tents, dog training gear. Location: 3611 Minnesota Dr., 907-562-2324.

Alaska Mining and Diving – Snowmobiles, UTV, mining equipment, boats/outboard motors, generators, snowmobile apparel, parts/service center and diving equipment. Multiple brands. Located at: 3222 Commercial Dr., 907-277-1741

Anchorage Billiard Palace – Pool hall with 7' and 9' foot tables, & sports bar. Located at 903 W. Northern Lights, parking located in rear., 907-562-4251

Bosco's - Comic books, games, collectables, and cards. Two locations: Dimond Mall, 907-349-3963, & 2301. Spenard Rd., 907-274-4112.

C'N'R Services – Snow removal and landscaping. Contact: 907-717-7968

Denali FCU - Banking. Locations: 12 locations in Anchorage, 1 in eagle River, 2 in Palmer/Wasilla.

Domino's Pizza - Pizza, pasta, chicken and more, delivery, carryout, catering, Locations: 8 in Anchorage, 1 in Palmer/Wasilla.

House of Harley – Motorcycles, motorcycle apparel, and motorcycle parts/service. Sells Harley Davidson brand. Located at 4334 Spenard Rd. 907-248-5300, other locations in Wasilla, 1497 S. Hyer Rd., 907-373-3366, & Soldotna, 41605 Sterling Hwy. #8150, 907-260 -6777.

Neighbors Windows & Doors - Windows & doors, shower doors, sales and installation. Location: 6251 Tuttle Place, 907-868-7883

Pen Dragon - Digital art work and design. Contact: Grafixak@gmail.com

PrimeLending — Mortgage lending, Location: 2- locations- 3800 CenterPoint Dr. suite 920, 907-205-3400, other location in Wasilla, 901 N. Leatherleaf Loop Suite# 102,, 907-205-3439

Reilly's Irish Pub — Cocktail/Sports bar. Location: 317 W. Fireweed Ln., 907-274-6132

The Motorcycle Shop – Motorcycles, UTV's, motorcycle apparel, parts/service center. Multiple brands. Location: 944 E. 73rd Ave, 907-561-1165.

Team CC — Motorcycles, snowmobiles, UTV's, motorcycle/snowmobile apparel, parts/service center. Location: 2 locations- 16770 Snowmobile Lane, Eagle river, 907-694-3200, other location in Wasilla, 491 S. willow St., 907-357-3200.

Ron Webb Paving & Snow Removal – Asphalt maintenance, concrete, paving, and plowing & snow removal. Location: 241 King Cir., 907-349-3724.

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Dec 2018 Biker Runs



Jan 2019 Biker Runs

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27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2

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.

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