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Newsletter Submittal for Mason County Chapter

Hello from Mason County! With summer coming to a close I thought it was about time we submitted something. First off, we were very honored to be able to hang one of the ABATE of Washington metal signs on the fence of Ray 'Gramps' Anderson.



Ray is an honorary lifetime member of ABATE and father of one of our chapter members. Ray joined ABATE in 1982. You can see in the pic that Ray had a "Share The Road" sign on his fence from many years ago. We were proud to hang the new sign next to the old.

The Mason County Chapter also had our annual chapter run. We did things a little different this year. We decided to make it a "themed" run. It was named The Fugitive Run. It followed the story of John Tornow, or as he was referred to the Wildman Man of the Wynoochee. It is quite a story which you can find easily on the Google thing. So the first stop was at his gravestone sight.



After riding through Elma, we headed up the Wynoochee Valley Rd which in itself is a great ride. We had a stop along the way at the site of his infamous shootout. After that we headed up to the Wynoochee Dam for food and fun. One of the drawings was for a chance to participate in a duel to commemorate the shootout. Only we did it with Nerf guns.



The weather was perfect and we had about 35 bikes participate. A good time was had by all. A huge shoutout to Anna Olson-Ward for the idea and all her hard work in organizing the run. And thank you to the entire chapter for making this a successful and memorable run.

Stay safe all!

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