



Happy December!

Wishing everyone great Holiday Events and Toy Runs!

With Thanksgiving in the mirrors and December upon us, it's a good reminder to never let our passion for motorcycle rights dim.

Remaining actively involved in all of the aspects that affect us, as riders, is a full-time job. This means supporting other Chapter events, and stepping out of the box and reaching out to other transportation entities as well. Are we engaging with the other road using communities to learn and share? Are we attending zoom meetings with DOT and the WA Motorcycle Safety and Education Advisory Board, so readily available, while we sip our favorite beverage from the comfort of our chair?

Take the opportunity of this season to become empowered to strengthen your voice, however you can.

We can't take our wrist off the throttle. While we sleep, the erosion of our rights continues.. Just observed, from the recent Washington State Department of Ecology public meeting(10/27/25):

*Low-emission vehicle (LEV) standards*

- *Requirements that new engines in vehicles of all weight classes meet stronger emission standards.*
- *Reduced greenhouse gas, NOx, particulate matter, and other pollutant emissions.*
- *New vehicles that do not meet these requirements cannot be registered in Washington state.*
- *Used vehicle: 7,500 miles or more (trying to sell a bike with only 6000 miles?)*

This is why our brotherhood and sisterhood and supporting one another is vital.

If we don't unite for our rights, WHO will do it FOR us?

So share our events with others, get yours on our website calendar, get them to Public Relations and the Freedom Newsletter. Our State Secretary is listing a calendar of events, use that to get the word out. SHOW UP at the Capitol. Don't like the agenda?

Come up with a proposal for a better one, but show up, because our voice amplifies with numbers.

Encourage productive discussions about solutions to some of the issues we have, here in Washington, and be prepared to learn, and listen to be the most effective Freedom Warrior you can be! Tell people what ABATE means to you and amplify it by encouraging others to use their voice, too!

My Christmas gift to you all, is a simple reminder that YOU are the present, YOU guide the future, and YOU make a difference! YOU are the heart and soul of motorcycle rights.

Have a great holiday!

Ride Free!

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