



Chapter Update: Key Peninsula ABATE Keeps the Momentum Rolling

It's been a while since our last update — but we're back, and there's plenty to share! The Key Peninsula Chapter has had an eventful and productive season, packed with learning, recognition, and important conversations about the future of motorcycling and our freedoms.



Road Guardian's Accident Scene Management Course: Eye-Opening & Empowering
Key Peninsula Chapter had the opportunity to send two members to the Road Guardians Accident Scene Management course, sponsored by Emerald City Harley. They earned certification in Emergency Scene Management. What an incredible and educational experience it was! Not only did we walk away with vital knowledge, but it also made us realize just how unprepared many of our past rides have been! We strongly encourage EVERY rider to consider attending this course — or at the very least, familiarize yourself with the material. Knowledge is power, and it can make all the difference in critical moments on the road.



The 2025 Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds

We're proud to share that **ABATE of Washington** was awarded the national **"Braggin' Rights" Award** for having the **highest membership growth**

Next up: the 2025 MRF "Meeting of the Minds" in Shreveport, Louisiana. It was an incredible experience to attend this event alongside State MRF Rep Kim Adair, her husband Huck, Jo and Mark Breneman and Spokane Coordinator Diana Picone.

A proud moment for ABATE of Washington came when we were recognized with the coveted "Braggin' Rights" award for having the highest percentage of membership growth in the country for the previous year!

Huge thanks and congratulations go out to Kim Adair, whose hard work and relentless dedication made this achievement possible.

Kim, you wear many hats, and you wear them well. You're the definition of a selfless, dedicated team player — thank you for everything you do!

Learning, Networking & Sharing Ideas Nationwide

At Meeting of the Minds, we connected with ABATE chapters from across the country, more specifically Tulsa, Iowa and Wisconsin and of course Louisiana, to name a few. These conversations gave us valuable insight into how other states approach legislation, membership, and outreach. One major takeaway? Let's work smarter, not harder. If another state has a successful bill or legislative strategy, there's no shame in adapting it to our needs. We're all fighting for the same freedoms — let's support each other and share what works.

- Bridging the Generational Gap — It Starts With Us

One of the most impactful discussions came from listening to the younger ABATE members from Iowa and Wisconsin, who reminded everyone of the importance of bridging the generational gap within the motorcycle community.

Their message was clear: it's time we actively bridge the generational gap within our motorcycle community. We — the older generation — need to lead with respect, and not demand it.

Let's guide through action and mentorship, not by judging, yelling, or dismissing those with different perspectives.

If we want to keep this movement alive and strong, we must pass the torch with purpose.

We have a responsibility to prepare and support the next generation of freedom fighters — the riders who will carry our legacy forward and defend our way of life

In late September we held our Annual Officer Elections to which the Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer ran unopposed and therefor have been re-seated incumbents. Chad Holtquist, retracted his nomination for Deputy Coordinator and nominated Mike "Bear" Fournier, whom accepted the position unopposed, and unanimously voted in by chapter members in attendance and rightfully seated as Key Peninsula's Deputy Coordinator. Welcome Aboard Mike, we appreciate you stepping up Brother. Chad, thank you for your leadership, dedication and devotion to the Key Peninsula Chapter and membership for the past decade + of service. Yours and Cheryl's contributions are not unnoticed, they are well received and greatly appreciated !!!!

 Our 13th Annual Brewery Run, to raise money for the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center was on October 7th. While it was the lowest attendance to date, mother nature provided us with great weather throughout the day, at least until the last stop.

We enjoyed good fellowship, great conversation and even gained 2 new members, Brian and Teresa!

Many thanks to the following businesses for their continued support...Peninsula Brew House, Deep Draft Brewing, Bent Bine Brewery, High Steel Beer Co and Bandana Brewing.

Huge thanks to Corey, Jamie and Chad for putting together a GREAT Day of riding!!!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support and strengthen this chapter. Whether you're a longtime rider or new to the movement, your voice and your presence matter. Let's stay connected, stay active, and ride forward — together.

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