





A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska Election Candidates 2019

 <p>"Peppermint" Patti Bogan</p>	<p>Patti has been an ABATE member for more than 20 years and would like the opportunity to help this great organization as it moves forward.</p> <p>Patti started riding in 1991 and has held a number of offices in H.O.G. and is a charter member and current director of the local Women on Wheels chapter. She's also a former ABATE board member.</p>	 <p>Scott Lowe</p>	<p>US Marine Veteran Former Law Enforcement Officer Moved to Alaska 6 years ago from Colorado I've been riding for 10+ years I've ridden all over the country and I am a strong believer in rider rights and choice.</p>
 <p>Debi "Rodeo" Cooper</p>	<p>I began riding as a young girl but returned to riding in 2018 and have become dedicated to promoting lifetime skill & education in riding. I'd like to see ABATE reach a wide demographic beginning in high school up through the older person returning after years of not riding, as with me. Riding is the most rewarding thing there is, but building a safer rider builds a safer community, and vice versa.</p>	 <p>Dave "Big Dave Grizzly" Monroe</p>	<p>Big Dave has been riding for over four decades and many thousands of miles. He was elected to the ABATE of Alaska Board of Directors in 2015 and the board chair in 2016 and has served since. His goals for ABATE in the last several years have included updating the organization's policies and procedures and combining all of the ABATE chapters statewide under one ABATE of Alaska organization to unite all motorcycle rider's voices in Alaska.</p>
 <p>David Nichols</p>	<p>David is a Teamster, motorist and loves to ride. David is an active Steward and Safety committee member for the Teamsters at UPS. Since he entered into the culture of "bike life," he has put more miles on motorcycles than his cars. It has been his personal and professional commitment to educate and reinforce safety as a value especially when it comes to motor vehicles. David Nichols is an abstract objective thinker that enjoys turning problems into solutions.</p>	 <p>Leslie "Scottie" Moore</p>	<p>Secretary for A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska since 2017, Co-coordinator for 2019 Christmas in July Toy Run, and member of A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska's By-Laws committee. Long time rider with a passion for advocating for the rights of bikers. I believe that education and training create safer riders and drivers for the community. I believe that protecting the rights of all.</p>
		 <p>Bonnie Welsh</p>	<p>I started riding motorcycles in 2003 when I purchased my first bike. I didn't ride my motorcycle until I had taken and passed my ABATE class. I recently became a certified MSF instructor and I am passionate about continuing education. I have worked in power sports since 2008 and believe I can be of service to the biking community.</p>

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	<p>I'm currently Vice-President and Run Coordinator for ABATE of Alaska. I'm a husband and a father. I was born in Anchorage, Alaska and I went to school at West High. I have been doing automotive work since I was 14 reaching master mechanic. I've raced quads and dirt bikes in my teenage years and (allegedly) enjoyed four wheeling behind Anchorage Airport. Nowadays, I spend time with our kids, grandchildren, and friends.</p>
	<p>I enjoy long sunset rides through the mountains or along the beach.....lol. I've always had a passion for giving back to my community and helping to empower others around me. I am currently serving as President for the Diamond Girls Motorcycle Club and feel privileged to be part of this community. I believe in what ABATE's mission is to raise awareness and to fight for our rights as bikers. I look forward to contributing to ABATE in any way I can.</p>
	<p>What do you ride: ZX-14 & ZX-10R How Long Have you been riding: 5 Years Why am I running for VP: I've known the President of ABATE since I was a kid, when I finally sat down and learned what ABATE does for the motorcycle community. I joined and for the last year I have served as PR Coordinator. I believe More awareness is needed in the community, Old Riders, Young Riders, Experienced Riders, Beginning Riders can all learn something new every day. My goal is to bring more members into ABATE especially young riders and bridge the gap allow all riders understand we are one community that is my goal.</p>

	<p>I first started riding motorcycles in 1974 when I bought my first Honda Scrambler 350 and have been riding ever since. I have ridden a lot of the east coast and throughout Germany during my Army career. My first ABATE experience was with Ohio Abate in 1975 during the "helmet" wars. Thank God we got our way then, but have found the battle isn't over. I am a very strong advocate for "biker" rights and especially if it relates to all motorcycle riders. I believe if you ride a bike, you should belong to your State Motorcyclist Rights Organization and support each other.</p>
	<p>A life-long Alaskan who is relatively new to riding, with an appreciation for the education and training the Rider Education program provides. I have several years' experience on non-profit boards. I believe in process and can help the organization continue to move forward effectively and efficiently.</p>

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