

Karen has been riding motorcycles since her Dad traded in the Shetland ponies for a couple of dirt bikes. After years of dirt bikes, a "sleazy C-Z" and riding on the back of an old Triumph, she met Willie in 1986 and promptly snagged his '70 Sportster. After completing a rider education course she then graduated to a new '91 Sportster for the next 5 years.

Her involvement with the motorcycle rights movement began in the late 1980's when she joined *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Idaho* becoming the Spokane, WA Chapter Treasurer in 1988 and then the Kootenai "District" Secretary and Treasurer for Idaho 1989 thru 1992.

While serving *A.B.A.T.E. of Idaho, Kootenai District* (now Chapter), she became Co-Founder and Incorporator of *A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho, Inc, (ANI)* in 1993 and served as it's State Secretary and Treasurer from 1993 through 1996.

Karen has again recently served as ANI's State Secretary/Treasurer and is a Charter member of ANI's [River City Chapter](#), as well as serving as the chapter Charity and Fundraising Committee chairman. She is also a Lifetime member of *A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho*, a member of the *American Motorcyclist Association* and has attended *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* Regional Conferences. She is active in the local safety and education/awareness program, as well.

These days Karen has joined the "geezer glide" sect and is riding a 1990 Harley-Davidson Heritage Softail Classic that has been modified with a [Quadrig](#).