

## February 2023 Newsletter



# Grays Harbor Chapter Of ABATE



### **Welcome back to me**

I'm back after a short break. Life has been horribly busy at the Post Office, it seems I'm never home. I promised at our last meeting that I'd do better, and here I am with another installment. I usually like to include pictures, but there hasn't been anything to take pictures of. Due to Pat's health problems we didn't even get to Black Friday. Let's hope this year will be a much better one for all of us.

### **New Meeting Time and Location**

At our meeting on 02/11/2023 we decided to meet on the second **Sunday** of the month at 1:30 PM at the Diner at Swanson's. February saw our second meeting at the Diner, and folks seem to enjoy the food available. Come give it a try.

### **We are putting up ABATE signs**

Pat promised to put my sign back up on South Bank Rd. That makes me very happy! You guys will be able to find me again. Let's just hope that Pat doesn't run this one down.

Another one will go up at the ORV park on State Route 8. My Postmaster agreed to put one on her property on HWY 12, just as you enter Grays Harbor from Rochester. Another one will be placed on Pat's uncle's property in Grayland on State Route 105. This covers all the major routes into Grays Harbor from the south. We are hoping to cover the major routes into Grays Harbor from the north in the following years.

I had been hoping to make the sign placing a picnic, but if that doesn't work out I will cook you something weirdly foreign if you make it to the sign raising at my house. Wait, I might not get any help if I threaten people with strange vittles.

### **Speedin Bull wants to have some fun and company**

He is planning to have a campout with seafood this year. I'm really looking forward to that. I've

eaten his salmon before, and that man certainly knows what to do with a fish! It will be a campout worth attending. I'll report as soon as dates and times have been worked out so we can all put it on our calendars.

### **Endorsement Scholarships**

Pat asked if any of our members have talked to friends and family about the Endorsement Scholarship Program. We are primarily looking for young people in the hope that they will go into the next summer with some training instead of going off down the road at 150 mph as soon as school lets out. We also decided at the last meeting that anyone regardless of age or even possibly from other counties can apply and be held as a second choice if we don't have younger local applicants. A life saved is a victory, no matter what their age and location.

Felix has his eyes on a few youngsters from Taholah to send for riders training, and he wants to ride the HWY 101 loop around the Olympic Peninsula, hit the Casinos, and get some oysters and steamers to show them what it's all about. That sounds like a lot of fun, and it's one of my favorite routes, I'll stick to fish though, he can keep the oysters and any other bivalves.

### **Upcoming Events**

Old Hippys Cornhole Tournament 02/25 at the Elma Eagles, sign up at 12 PM, tournament starts at 1 PM (It was a lot of fun last year. Good food and good company. An event not to be missed.)

It just so happens we are planning on a Silent Auction at the same time and place, but unaffiliated with the Old Hippys, so try to think of some things you no longer want and join in.