

State Coordinator

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Well there are a few things going on. First, I hope to see everyone at the Swap Meet in Monroe March 26. If you are on the East side or ready for a ride the Spokane Motorcycle Show is March 10-12 in Spokane. ABATE will have a boot at both locations with products and raffle tickets. Hope to see each of you there.

Unfortunately, we will be losing a Deputy Coordinator. Chris Varner has informed me that he will be stepping down. Chris has done a great job for ABATE and will be hard to replace. I personally want to thank Chris for his mentorship and leadership. If you are interested in being a deputy coordinator, please reach out to me. Following the by-laws, the position will be appointed by me per and confirmed by the Board of Directors. We also have membership secretary position becoming vacant Greg Hansen has requested to step down. Greg has also done a great job over a number of years. This position is a position that is ongoing and takes a few hours each week to accomplish. All of the positions in ABATE are volunteer positions. It takes a special person to do this work. Unsung workers doing the job behind the scene. If interested in these positions or any other in ABATE please reach out to me.

We have committees working on a few things and I have not gotten reports back as of yet, but I am sure they are making progress. The age limit at Spring Opener is one of those issues. The other is the possibility of having a printed newsletter again. The options and possibilities of that including the cost associated with that. More to come, as we know more.

We are still working on changing to a 501C3. This is a long process and you will see draft articles of incorporation and bylaws coming out soon. For the most part most things will stay the same. However, some changes will need to be made to make this happen.

Yakima area is in the middle of forming a new chapter that will be based out of Apple Harley Davidsons. They have had two formation meetings and intend to request a formal charter approval at the next Board of Directors Meeting in April.

Finally yet importantly, get out and ride. Support your neighboring chapters and have fun.

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