



## Grays Harbor Chapter Of ABATE



### Next month's meeting rescheduled

Our next chapter meeting was moved to **Sunday, June 12th at 1 PM at the Hoquiam VFW.**

Many members at the last chapter meeting wanted to join our friends, the Old Hippies on their June 11th Charity Run, and it was felt that rescheduling was worth it to let us join in their fun.

Note that this is a one time rescheduling only, and we are now permanently meeting at the Hoquiam VFW to allow minors to attend.

We are grateful to Ashley and her crew for hosting us during the pandemic, and regard Ashley's Pub a home away from home.

### Coordinator's Report from BOD

Our Coordinator Derek brought some important items back from the BOD meeting last month.

Voting season is coming for our State Officer as well as for our chapters. Derek reported that State Coordinator Scott is going to serve out his term, but is looking for a replacement. Susan Carson was going to run, but withdrew her nomination. Derek also mentioned that all officers are going to change. I can hardly imagine not having some of those officers to fall back on when I need questions answered. They have been a great bunch and deserve our heartfelt thanks, as do the new officers willing to step up and guide us in the future. That should remind us that we will cast our votes again for Chapter Officers in September, we will begin to nominate officers at the July meeting. We have come a long way this last year, so if you are interested in helping your chapter along, step up for nomination.

The BOD is also looking for security volunteers for Spring Opener for the first time at Cascade Peaks Campground in Randle on June 23 through 26. Volunteers pay admission at the gate and are reimbursed for the admission they payed after 8 hours of service. What a fun way to get involved and see old friends again! Perhaps you'll make some new ones. Camping spots are still available.

### Remember last Halloween's Head Witch of the Coven?

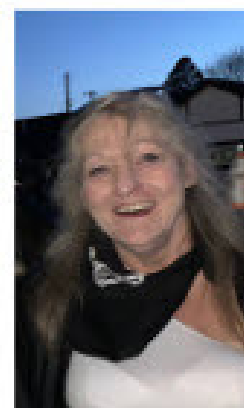
With the Event Chairperson office vacant again we were able to drag Edie Smith back into her previous position.



Last holiday season Edie quietly and singlehandedly organized a Turkey Givaway, Toy Run, and Blanket Donation, while also helping us put shoes on the feet of needy kids. And she did it all on short notice without complaint, and I have to say, without much support. I still feel a little guilty about that, especially since I dragged her back into the job by nominating her.

The many complimentary comments about her work last year after her formal nomination give a hint at how much we value her.

Thank you for coming back into the fray! I for one feel better with Edie in the trenches beside me. And I promise to be there any time she need a hand. If any in our membership feel they want to help, please contact Edie. I'm sure she'll soon have some flyers to hang.



### Spring Opener Raffle Tickets

Derek and Sara have been so successful selling raffle tickets for a motorcycle and guns that they had to re-order!

There are separate tickets for a motorcycle and guns each costing \$10.00. Drawings will be held on the 23rd of June at Spring Opener, but you can still buy tickets until 2 days before the event from our Coordinator and Secretary. You can also buy tickets until just before the drawing at the event itself. Good luck everybody!

### Get well Katie!

Our fellow Grays Harbor ABATE member Katie Hubbard had to be airlifted with pneumonia and a fast drop in blood pressure recently.

Thankfully she was back at this month. She was able to lead us in prayer at the beginning of the meeting, but I think she has a ways to go to fully recover.

Katie has been willing to support her chapter and volunteer for any tasks we might ask of her ever since she joined. You will remember the great Easter egg she crafted to support our Toy Run this year. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her well.



### Upcoming Events

May 22, ABATE of Washington 2nd Annual Motorcycle Awareness Ride, Eagle Leather, 10222 So Tacoma Way, Lakewood, WA, KU 1:00 PM

June 2, R.A.R.E. Cornhole Tournament, at the Eagles, 215 3rd St, Raymond, WA

June 11, Old Hippies MC Charity Run to benefit Pack 4014 Elma and the Elma Food Bank, New Alibi Station, Elma, WA, KU 10:30 AM

### Motorcycle Endorsement Scholarship is going ahead!

The Endorsement Scholarship Program Judy Mobray launched us on last fall is taking off.

Application and Information packets have gone out to the schools. Three young people have already shown interest. We even have our first completed application in hand. And as of yesterday's chapter meeting we are only \$87.00 away from covering the projected costs of the scholarships!

A few decisions worth noting were made at yesterday's meeting:

- We nominated Edie Smith, Sylus Damm, and Derek Binford as the selection committee that will choose our successful applicants.
- The age group for applicants has been expanded from 16 to 21 with the originally intended group from 16 to 18 taking precedent.
- Deadline for applications will be May 31, with successful applicants being contacted and announced the first week of June.

Application forms are included in this newsletter and as an attachment for printing. So if you know an aspiring young rider from 16 to 21 who lives in Grays Harbor and is a little short of the fees required to get an endorsement, print out an application and talk to them.

The DOL Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board statistic states that 75% of motorcycle related deaths involve untrained riders! We want to keep our young folks safe and build a program that grows into a Grays Harbor tradition.

## Application for Grays Harbor Chapter of ABATE Motorcycle Endorsement Scholarship

The Grays Harbor Chapter of ABATE is offering 5 free Motorcycle Endorsement Scholarships to Grays Harbor residents between the ages of 16 and 18. These scholarships will cover the cost of enrollment in the motorcycle endorsement classes offered by WMST Driving School at their Aberdeen campus, and a one year membership in the Grays Harbor chapter of ABATE of Washington.

Experienced riders and members of the Grays Harbor chapter are also ready to mentor young riders during practice sessions before they have earned their endorsement in a safe and respectful environment, and on group rides once an endorsement has been earned.

### **Prerequisites:**

- Must be 16 to 18 years of age and a resident of Grays Harbor County.
- Must have a valid Washington State Drivers License.
- Must have your parents or guardian's consent to take part in riding practice and enroll in endorsement classes.
- Must have basic protective equipment - helmet, gloves, boots, and long sleeve coat and pants.

Please complete the attached questionnaire along with your personal information and parental consent, and mail them to:

ABATE of Washington  
Grays Harbor Chapter  
PO Box 93  
Oakville, WA 98568  
[abateofgraysharbor@gmail.com](mailto:abateofgraysharbor@gmail.com)

Any questions you or your parent or guardian may have can be directed to [abateofgraysharbor@gmail.com](mailto:abateofgraysharbor@gmail.com), and will be answered as promptly as possible. You can also visit our monthly chapter meeting on the second Saturday of each month at the Hoquiam VFW at 1 PM.

The **application deadline** is May 31, 2022, successful applicant's names to be announced during the first week of June 2022.

Good Luck, and a safe and happy summer from all of us at Grays Harbor ABATE.

## Parental Consent Form

This consent form must be signed by the scholarship applicant's parent or legal guardian, and gives consent for the applicant to receive a scholarship for classes provided by WMST Driving School at their Aberdeen campus leading to a motorcycle endorsement. Funding will be provided by the Grays Harbor Chapter of ABATE of Washington, a motorcycle rights organization supporting safety, awareness and education. A one year membership in the Grays Harbor Chapter of ABATE is also included.

I certify that I am the ( ) parent ( ) guardian of:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
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Street Address or PO Box	City	State	Zip Code
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Contact Telephone

I give consent for my son/daughter to receive a scholarship for a motorcycle endorsement for which classes and testing will be provided by WMST Driving School, and to receive a one year membership in the Grays Harbor Chapter of ABATE of Washington.

I also confirm that my son/daughter is in possession of a Washington State Driver license.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Address of Parent or Guardian

Contact Telephone of Parent or Guardian

## Questionnaire

### Grays Harbor County Chapter of ABATE Motorcycle Endorsement Scholarship

The following questions are a survey we would like you to answer honestly. No answer will disqualify you from receiving endorsement classes. In fact an answer you may think will be a mark against you may be why we choose you.

1. Do you have your Washington Driver's license?
2. Do you own a motorcycle?  
Make?  
Model?  
Engine displacement?
3. Is your motorcycle licensed?
4. How much riding experience do you have?
  - a) will you be able to pass the permit class, and the following day pass the endorsement test?
  - b) do you have little experience and need to take a two day permit class, and a one day endorsement class the next weekend
  - c) do you need more time to practice after taking the permit class before taking the endorsement class
  - d) have no experience
5. Do you think you could pass the permit and endorsement tests without training in a classroom setting?
6. Would you consider putting off getting an endorsement until you turned 18 so you wouldn't have to take the safety course?
7. Has the cost of classes prevented you from getting a motorcycle endorsement along with your driver license?
8. Since getting your license do you also ride your motorcycle on public roads and streets without endorsement?
9. Are you a thrill seeker?
10. Do you consider a risk and change your mind?
11. Do you like to watch or participate in an exhibition of speed?
12. Are you a person takes charge (leader), or do you like to follow?

13. Do you wear a helmet?
14. If going a short distance do you put a helmet on?
15. Would you give someone a ride if no helmet is available for them?
16. Who taught you to ride a motorcycle?
17. Have you had any training?
18. Do you get upset with people easily?
19. When driving do you speed if you think you can get away with it?
20. Do you ever text or talk on cell phone when driving?
21. Do you know the laws and the rules of the road?
22. Have you wrecked on motorcycle before? Why?
23. Would you take the safety course if it wasn't offered to you free of charge?
24. What is your weakest point riding a motorcycle: cornering, braking, shifting, etc.?
25. How do you feel when you ride your motorcycle?
26. Have you gotten any tickets since you received your driver license? What for?
27. What do you hope to gain taking this class?
28. Why do you want to get an endorsement and ride a motorcycle? (write a short paragraph)