State Coordinator May 2023

That's a wrap! Just arrived home from the Monroe Swap Meet and all I can say is Thank you! There were a lot of hours put into scheduling and behind-the-scenes setting up for this event.

I would like to thank the Evergreen Fair Grounds for allowing us this great venue to hold the swap meet. To the Vendors that come year after year with their wares to barter and bargain. To the citizens who show up to spend their money on great finds and food. Lastly to those who made this possible, Eric & Adalinda Lundt, Scott & Micki Robinson, Phil & Jeri Snow, Chad & Cheryl Holtquist, Jenny Rogers, and Dave Crawford. There are many others and I apologize for not remembering everyone however you all are so appreciated. Next year is already in the planning stages so if you are interested in having 'vendor space' please reach out.

I would like to welcome and thank those that renewed their membership at the Swap Meet along with our new members! If you need to renew, go to the website: https://www.abate-wa.org/.

Let's not forget about the $50 reimbursement from Abate of Washington for those who complete a 'state-approved **basic rider** completion course'. Submit a valid receipt and receive a 'free' one-year membership to Abate of Washington, an Abate of Washington patch plus $4,000 accidental death/dismemberment insurance while a member is in good standing. I would like to see us pushing this to not only get new members into this great organization but to make sure people are getting rider training. Reimbursement forms can be found at https://abate-wa.org/, click on 'Join Us', scroll down to the flyer, and click on 'reimbursement.

As you are aware, Abate of Washington is in the process of converting over to a 501(c)3. The process is long and arduous, involving the State of Washington Gambling Commission and attorneys. We have submitted our 'new' By-laws and Articles of Incorporation to the attorneys for approval. Changes will be made, I'm certain, to make sure we comply with everything. Once the attorneys sign off these changes will be sent to the membership body.

Spring Opener is just a few months away. There are several bands confirmed along with vendors. If you know a vendor who would be great for this event, please refer them to our website: https://www.abate-wa.org/events, select Spring Opener, and then scroll down to Vendor applications. Also, remember that tickets to attend Spring Opener are online only at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5569531. You can also reach

the page through the website; https://www.abate-wa.org/events, select Spring Opener, and scroll down to tickets. We realize this is a new process from previous years. We are trying to streamline our process and hopefully cut down on costs.

We are going through some changes in our leadership and volunteer roles. There may be a few glitches along the way. If you are having issues with something, reach out to your chapter coordinator or representative, they should be able to help you out or get your questions answered.

The weather is starting to warm up with motorcyclists out and about. Check other chapters' events and try to attend one. You can find some fantastic ideas at these other events that will work for your chapter.

Board of Directors (BOD) will be held on April 15, 2023, at noon, hosted by Elk Country, at the Eatonville Eagles, 100 Weyerhaeuser RD N, Eatonville, WA 98328

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