

## SKY VALLEY CHAPTER REPORT

February 2023

*Note from the editor:* This newsletter was originally submitted for last month, but this editor was amiss in his duties and didn't get it in before the deadline. There's so much good stuff in here though that the Sky Valley Chapter is proud of, so I felt that better late than never. My apologies to my chapter brothers and sisters.

The Sky Valley ABATE of WA chapter wishes Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all of our ABATE brothers and sisters and their families!

Looking back on 2022 it felt like it was a year of re-birth. After 2 years of almost no social interaction, very few rides, scaled back and/or delayed events it was nice to see our friends, neighbors and fellow ABATE members starting to spring back to life, like a flower that had been lying dormant under 6 feet of snow for years. Let's hope the next few years bring us more sunshine and nurturing so that we can all continue to blossom and spread joy.

The Bike Show moved back to its normal date for the first time in 2 years. Unfortunately, Mother Nature decided not to cooperate giving us one of the worst days of rain that the show has experienced in quite a few years. But the show will be back next year, bigger and stronger than ever!

Between money earned from the Bike Show and a couple of fund raisers we did this year, the Sky Valley chapter managed to adopt 2 families for the holidays this holiday season. Our very own Biker Santa, Randy Rutherford, along with other Sky Valley chapter members, presented gift cards, cash and presents to 2 needy families for Christmas. We also donated some funds to the Snohomish Food Bank. We're so glad that we're all able to give back and help those less fortunate than us this time of year. See photos from the presentations of the gifts below.

Note: Special thanks once again to the North Snohomish chapter for their help with our chili feed fundraiser this year!

Until we see you again, Peace, Love & Joy to everyone.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, Ride for Life

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*"Never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly."*

— Anonymous



# Sky Valley Charity Holiday Gift Giving, Christmas 2022

















