

SKY VALLEY MOTORCYCLE SHOW SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

Sept. 12 marks 24th Anniversary of Motorcycle Show

The motorcycles will rumble on historic First Street in downtown Snohomish on Sunday, September 12 for the 24th annual Motorcycle Show hosted by the Sky Valley chapter of ABATE.

The event is free to the public, and the money raised from bike entry fees support the Snohomish Food Bank and the Snohomish Senior Center.

One highlight is that the motorcycle stunt team The Seattle Cossacks are returning again this year. They will perform at 1 p.m.

“That’s a big deal,” said Rod Hobelman, Coordinator for Sky Valley ABATE, a motorcycle awareness and freedom group that stands for “A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments” with 23 chapters statewide.

“We are excited to have The Neon Mustang Band play for us this year. They are an amazing band we were able to grab after hearing them at

the Snohomish Eagles!” said Hobelman.

Hobelman estimates that about 10,000 people will come to Snohomish to watch the show, which is usually held every third Sunday of May. Due to Covid, the show was cancelled for 2020 and rescheduled for September this year.

There will be 22 categories for riders to enter, Hanson said, including antique/vintage (pre-1955), classic (1955-1975), custom trike, sport bike, radical custom, old school chopper, metric full dresser and many more. Judging starts at noon and the top-three trophies will be awarded around 3 p.m., he said.

People who want to enter a bike can register from 9 a.m. to noon at booths on either end of First Street. The cost is \$15 to enter a motorcycle. It costs \$150 for vendors to rent a 10-foot-by-10-foot space on a first-come basis.

“All kinds of vendors” will be at the event, according to Hobelman, including Emerald City Harley-Davidson, which will show off new motorcycles and leather goods.

The money raised goes back into the community.

One year, ABATE’s contribution allowed the Snohomish Community Food Bank to purchase 30,000 pounds of food in conjunction with a state assistance program, food bank director Elizabeth Grant said. These contributions are significant, she said.

“It’s really very kind and very community-minded,” Grant said.

Rod Hobelman and his wife Janet, the Treasurer of Sky Valley ABATE, noted that many people, largely drawn from area motorcycle groups, volunteer to help with security, cleanup and other services necessary to make the motorcycle show a success. “Katie from EMC2 has a group of kids

that have helped us tremendously by putting up signage and running barricades, and “I would also like to thank O’Reilly Auto Parts for their sponsorship,” said Hobelman. “They have really helped us out for many years and pay for all of the trophies awarded at the show.”

Sharon Bur-lison, the Snohomish Senior Center’s director, has attended several of the shows.

“The men in my family love motorcycles,” she said. “It’s just beautiful. I love what it brings to the town.”

Hobelman was hard-



pressed to pinpoint his one favorite memory from past motorcycle shows. He has been a part of each and every one of the 24 shows which is pretty amazing. “I would like to thank all of our volunteers that work so hard

all year to put this on, it takes a village,” said Hobelman.

“There have been so many great shows,” he said.

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