

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: A-1
DATE: January 24, 2009
SUBJECT: ABATE Motorcycle Show
CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Knight, City Administrator

ISSUE:

The issue before the City Council is to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding hosting the Antique and Classic Motorcycle Show (Show).

The ABATE group met together on February 18, 2009 and made a decision **not to hold** a Show in 2009.

Since the Show will not be held in 2009, the Council's discussion and direction to staff is limited to hosting the Show either as the primary sponsor or in partnership in the future.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Hear input and comments from the public regarding the City's interest in hosting the Antique and Classic Motorcycle Show.
2. Discuss the City's interest in hosting the Show as the primary financial sponsor; in financial partnership with organizations such as the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce; or as the host city with no fiscal support.
3. Discuss special events permit requirements.
4. Provide direction to staff.

SUMMARY:

ABATE is seeking a new venue for its Antique and Classic Motorcycle Show (Attachment A). The City Council discussed hosting the Show at its February 12, 2009 Council meeting.

Members of the public who attended the meeting spoke in favor of the City hosting the Show. The City agreed to hold a special Council meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 to take public comment on the proposal and provide a response to ABATE in time to plan for the 2009 Show.

Members of ABATE met together on February 18, 2009 and decided to cancel the 2009 Show. At this point, the discussion between the City Council, Sultan community and ABATE is to determine the shared interest in hosting a future Show in Sultan.

Policy Questions

City staff are seeking direction from the Council on next steps. Since the event is now possibly more than one-year away, there is sufficient time to prepare.

There several policy questions:

1. Does the City want to host the Show in the future?
2. What financial support if any does the City want to provide if the Show is held in Sultan?
3. What regulatory requirements does the City need to enact for this event and other events?

DISCUSSION:

Hosting the Old Antique and Motorcycle Show

The pros and cons of hosting the Show in Sultan were considered at the Council meeting on February 12, 2009. During public comment and discussion, the City Council may want to revisit the following questions:

1. Does the City have an interest and staff capacity to host the event?
2. Is the necessary infrastructure in place to adequately host the event?
3. Are the necessary policies in place to ensure a successful event?
4. What costs and benefits need to be considered and recouped?
5. What are the costs and benefits to local business owners?
6. What are the costs and benefits to Sultan residents?
7. Is the event consistent with the image the Sultan community wants to project to the general public?
8. Are there concerns about safety, event organization and support that have not been adequately addressed?

The question of public safety and the potential for violence between rival motorcycle "gangs" was discussed at length during the February 12, 2009 meeting. Police Chief, Jeff Brand provided a handout (Attachment B) to the City Council on past ABATE events and potential public safety issues. Chief Brand recommended the City Council adopt a policy to ensure adequate public safety at all special events including the ABATE Motorcycle Show.

Financial Support

ABATE provides all event support for set-up, clean-up, road closures, garbage collection, porta-potties, hand washing stations, and vendor coordination.

In the past, ABATE has provided up to \$5,000 for public safety services to the City of Snohomish. The City of Snohomish and the Sheriff's Office split the cost for additional officers to work at the Show. This year, as a result of budget cuts, the Sheriff's Office notified the City of Snohomish it would be charged for off-duty deputies requested for the Show. The City of Snohomish estimates the cost of off-duty officers in 2009 will be approximately \$25,000. The City of Sultan and/or event sponsors would also be required to pay for off-duty officers.

Chief Brand estimates the \$25,000 cost for police services is a ball park figure based on 1.75 officers per 1,000 visitors for 8 hours at an overtime rate of \$68/hour.

ABATE members indicate the event earns about \$25,000 in profit. The money is used to support local charities (food bank, Boys and Girls Club, etc), give scholarships to high school students and provide seed money for the following year's event.

The Sultan City Council will need to carefully consider the financial support the City is willing and able to dedicate to Motorcycle Show and other events. Special Events do not provide enough in sales tax or other revenues to pay for the costs. If 10,000 people visited the event, each person would need to spend approximately \$125 that's \$250 per couple or 12 - twenty-dollar items.

Special events are in effect "loss leaders". Visitors are introduced to the community – they may or may not come back and spend money.

Currently, the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce hosts the three-day Sultan Shin Dig in July. The Chamber pays for all off-duty officers and reimburses the City for any public safety overtime.

With ABATE's decision to postpone the 2009 Show, the City Council has some time to consider the criteria and level of financial support the City is willing to provide as a part of the larger discussion on regulatory requirements (see below).

The Council may want to consider financially supporting the event in future years, co-sponsoring the event, or providing only the public property necessary to host the event.

Regulatory Requirements

The Municipal Research website (www.mrsc.org) notes, "special events, such as fun runs, parades, carnivals, shows and fairs promote tourism and can foster economic revitalization of downtowns and provide cultural activities for residents. Events such as neighborhood block parties help build community when properly controlled. Cities and counties normally encourage such events within an environment that allows for the

excitement and fun anticipated, yet adequately provides for the protection of citizens, visitors and all participants involved.”

Mitigate Impacts. Regulatory requirements are necessary to mitigate the impacts of private events on public property and city services such as police, fire, garbage and health services. Attachment C contains sample city codes and policies to regulate special events.

Regulations protect the safety and health of the participants, protection of public property and impacts of the event on non-participating citizens. A corollary purpose to most policies and codes is to ensure that those who benefit from an event bear proportionate shares of the cost of the event.

Reimburse city costs. A staff overview of several city codes found some codes specifically required reimbursement of all direct and indirect costs as determined solely by the City (e.g. Issaquah, Kirkland, Oak Harbor and Snohomish, . The sample codes did not discuss specific costs or requirements. Rather, these were determined administratively by staff or in some instances for larger events by Council action.

Temporary business licenses. Some cities required event vendors to obtain a temporary business license (e.g. Kirkland, Snohomish and Ocean Shores)

Exemptions from permit requirements. Some cities exempted certain gatherings from either requiring a permit or charging a fee such as neighborhood parties, city sponsored events, and events protected by state or federal law such as the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the US Constitution are exempt from license requirements and/or fees.

Insurance requirements. The majority of cities specified insurance requirements for event sponsors (usually \$1,000,000) and required sponsors to indemnify the city from liability.

Staff Recommendation. The City Council had formed a small work group to begin drafting a special events ordinance. City staff recommend this work continue with any specific direction from Council following input from the public.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Snohomish has hosted the Motorcycle Show for the last 12 years. In the past, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office has donated staff time for public safety. The City of Snohomish has notified ABATE, the event organizer, of its intent to charge the actual cost for police and public safety staff needed to support the event. Snohomish estimates the public safety cost at approximately \$25,000.

ABATE is seeking a new venue for the event. Members of the ABATE organization met with the Mayor, Councilmember Flower and the police chief to discuss the event and Sultan's potential interest in hosting the event in 2009.

Show Logistics

The Motorcycle Show is held on the third Sunday in May (May 17, 2009) from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Event set up begins at 6:00AM. Clean-up is usually complete by 6:00PM.

The event requires closing several city blocks. ABATE organizers would be looking to host the event in River Park on the west end of Sultan between US 2 on the south and Birch Avenue on the north and between Fourth Street and First Street. Parking for event visitors is likely to spill over into residential and business neighborhoods adjacent to the event.

The Show in Snohomish attracts between 12,000 and 20,000 visitors. Visitors include motorcycle enthusiasts, club members and the general public. The event is known to attract motorcycle "gangs". There are no specific accounts of violent activity in Snohomish the day of the event as a result of the Show.

In the past there have been approximately 200 "show" bikes competing for trophies and prizes. ABATE members estimate the number of visitors will decrease if the event is moved to Sultan in 2009.

ABATE invites vendors selling food, gift and event related items (the City of Snohomish requires a one-day business license for event vendors). ABATE hires a live band to play in the afternoon and invites the Snohomish high school band to participate.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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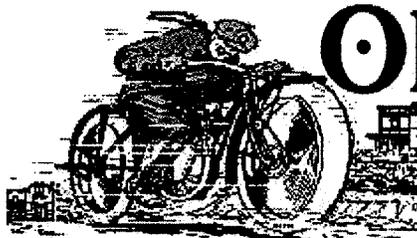
ATTACHMENTS:

- A – ABATE Motorcycle Show background materials
- B – February 12, 2009 Memo from Chief Brand to Sultan City Council
- C – Sample Special Events Permits
- D – Everett Herald articles

Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show Home Page

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2008 Bike Show



Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show

Sunday, May 17, 2009 **13TH**

ON FIRST STREET IN DOWNTOWN OLD SNOHOMISH
Between Avenue D and Cedar Street
Live Performance by Motorcycle Stunt Drill Team

Bike Show Competition Fee \$10
Registration Begins at 9 am
Show Voting Begins at Noon

Seattle Cossacks



Bikes Food Vendors Museum Music Trophies

**Chapter Meeting will be at the The new Red Lotus starting on
December 11th at 7pm**

215 Cypress Avenue Snohomish WA,

**The first Tuesday of the month is the Bike show meeting at
7pm**

The 2nd Tuesday of the month is the Chapter meeting at 7pm

At The new Red Lotus

Hope to see you all there,

We could use some help this year,

On Sunday May 18, 2008

Thank you !!

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We are pleased once again to sponsor the PNMOM photography display during the 2006 show. Location and hours to be announced later.

A big thanks to our sponsors and to all our guests at the 2006 show!

.Spike O'Neill, morning show host on Seattle radio station, was the emcee again this year. We had 3 bands playing through out the day, , and the Seattle Cossacks provided the entertainment, while Sky Valley ABATE provided the manpower.

The 2006 winner's list and show photos are available.

Here's a brief history review of the show:

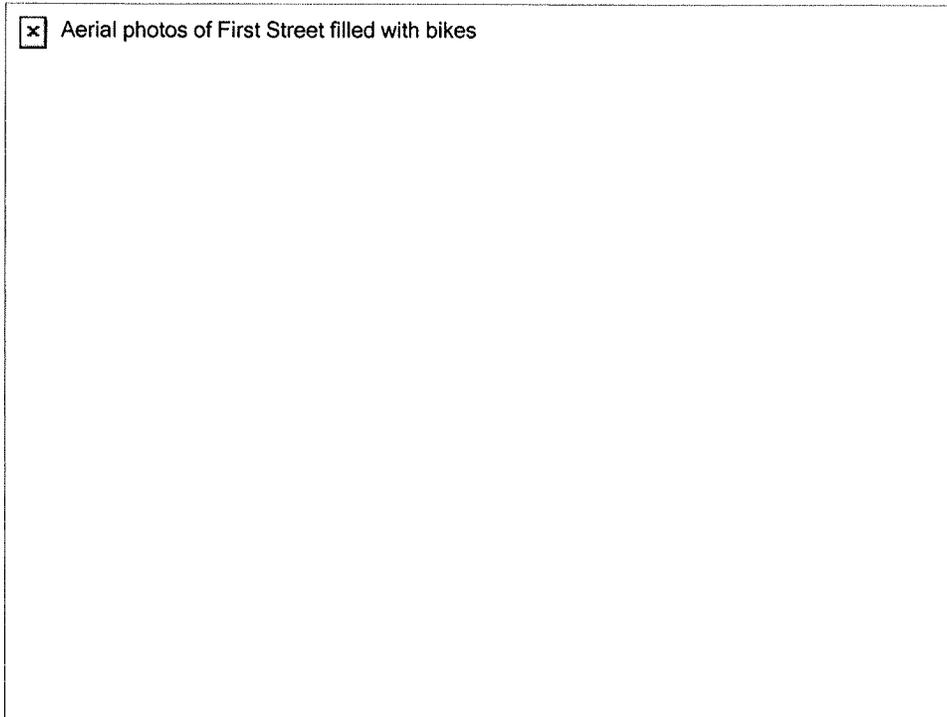
2006 Snohomish Motorcycle Show was a huge success. The weather certainly helped, but is mostly thanks to your sponsorship and support of this event that we had the best year ever! We began in 1997 with 500 motorcycles and 1200 people. Estimates for 2006 indicate there were over 9,000 motorcycles and 24,000 people attending the show. We are the largest ride-in motorcycle show in the Pacific Northwest. Joined us to celebrate Motorcycle Awareness Month and kick off the riding season.

- Over 9,000 people and 3000 motorcycles came to town on a wet, rainy day in 2005. The rain kept some people home all day, but we had a good time anyway.**
- Over 15,000 people and 6300 motorcycles came to town on a gray, cool, cloudy day in 2004. Our best show yet, in spite of the weather!**
- Over 15,000 people and 6200 motorcycles came to town on a beautiful sunny day in 2003.**
- Over 12,000 people and 2000 motorcycles came to town on a cloudy Sunday in 2002.**
- Over 8200 people and 1600 motorcycles came to town on a beautiful sunny Sunday in 2001.**
- Over 6000 people and 1500 motorcycles came to town in partly sunny weather in 2000.**
- Over 3000 people and 800 motorcycles came to Snohomish in a light rain for the 1999 Bike Show.**

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- **Over 2,500 people and 600 motorcycles came for the 1998 show (also in a light rain).**

We've grown each year, and everyone seems to have a good time.



View of Downtown Snohomish from a helicopter facing east about 1:20pm at the 2002 show.

Snohomish is a small town about 45 minutes north of Seattle. Snohomish was founded in 1859, and the historic district features many homes and businesses from the early years of our town.

The historic business district is an excellent setting for the Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show. Motorcycles of all makes and ages fill First Street during the show, and the Seattle Cossacks perform amazing stunts on vintage motorcycles in the shadow of historic architecture. Browse through our photo gallery, or try these links for a quick view:
[Downtown](#) [Seattle Cossacks](#)

In memory of Jeff Rasmussen, founding coordinator of Sky Valley Chapter ABATE and founding force behind the first Snohomish Bike Show in 1997. 1953-2004. We will never forget.

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About the organizers of the Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show

The Bike Show is run by ABATE on behalf of the citizens of Snohomish and the motorcyclists of Snohomish County. This is a community event. All are encouraged to partipate. Membership in the Bike Show Committee is open to all. [Click here for a list of the 2005 committee members.](#)

In 1996, a tavern owner and several members of Sky Valley Chapter, ABATE of Washington, got together and discussed having a motorcycle show on First Street to bring people to town. Snohomish already has 2 car shows a year, it has blocks of historic store fronts, and it seemed like a good idea.

Our goal has always been to:

- Publicly raise awareness of motorcycles and motorcycle safety
- During Motorcycle Awareness Month (May)
- By parking motorcycles downtown for one day
- While involving members of our community
- And supporting local community organizations

Along with this major goal, other minor goals have followed and intermingled:

- To express our rights of free speech and assembly
- To promote tourism in Snohomish
- To promote local businesses
- To give back to our community
- To keep free admission for all visitors
- To express the history of our region through the history of our machines

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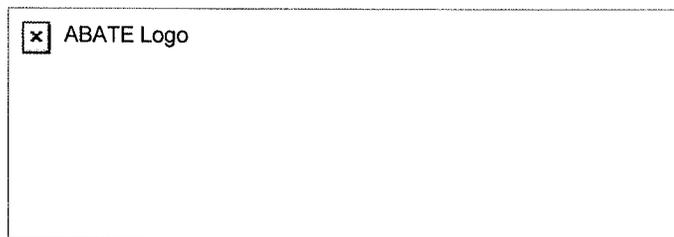
The Bike Show Committee oversees all details of putting on the show. Admission to the committee is open to any volunteer who is willing to offer time and support. The committee is composed of people from ABATE and people from the community. The committee's main responsibility is to provide an enjoyable show each year, tackling any obstacles that may come up. It takes a lot of people to make the show happen, but we have a lot of fun.

Now, a little more info on ABATE and our show.

Sky Valley Chapter ABATE of Washington

Sky Valley Chapter organizes, coordinates, and runs the Annual Old Snohomish Antique Motorcycle Show. We are a group of volunteers that work to promote awareness in our community. Sky Valley Chapter covers Snohomish county from east Everett to Index.

[chapter web site](#)



Who Is Sky Valley Chapter, ABATE of Washington?

ABATE of Washington is

- **A nonprofit organization with 23 chapters in our state.**
- **Composed of motorcycle enthusiasts.**
- **Dedicated to promoting freedom.**
- **Concerned with motorcycle legislation and education.**

ABATE

- **Promotes safety education, public awareness, and rider training programs.**
- **Supports community involvement and charitable deeds.**

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Sky Valley Chapter

- **Is active in the State Legislature at a grass roots level.**
 - **Annual Freedom Run to Olympia each January to meet with members of legislature.**
 - **Motorcycle ride and escort for Representative John Koster from a town meeting in Snohomish to a town meeting in Monroe.**
 - **Senator Val Stevens' first motorcycle ride.**
- **Provides donations and services for the entire Sky Valley community.**
 - **Donates to the Snohomish Historical Society, Snohomish Drug and Alcohol Committee, Snohomish Food Bank, the Snohomish Senior Center, and the Snohomish Youth Acticity Center.**
 - **Adopts two needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and provides a motorcycle escort for Santa to deliver donated toys.**
 - **Collects canned food and cash for local area FOOd Banks, including Snohmish and Sultan. Over \$7000 donated through various fund-raising events since 1996.**
 - **Participates in the annual Show and Tell Run at Delta Rehabilitation Center in Snohomish.**
 - **Participates in the annual Christmas Toy Run from Arlington to Everett Eagles.**
 - **Provided traffic control assistance for the 1998 Kla Ha Ya Parade in Snohomish.**
- **Participates in fund raising activities for injured motorcyclists.**
- **Provides vendor booth space for local charities at the annual bike show. Charities include:**
 - **Diabetes on the Cure in Seattle (DOCS Ride)**
 - **Muscular Dystrophy Association (Sun and Surf Run)**
 - **Childrens Ride benefit for Children's Hospital Foundation**
 - **Valley General Hospital Foundation**
 - **Lion's Club**
 - **Pacific Northwest Museum of Motorcycling**

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- **Indian Jeff Benefit**
- **Is the host chapter for ABATE's annual Spring and Fall Motorcycle Swap Meets at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.**

What Is the Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show?

The Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show

- **Celebrates the history of motorcycling in America.**
- **Educates the public about motorcycle safety issues.**
- **Is one of many motorcycling events scheduled throughout the state. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, as proclaimed by the governor.**
- **Draws tourists to our town from all over the state, BC, Oregon, and Idaho.**
- **Enhances Snohomish's reputation for antique-related activities.**
- **Provides a positive image of the motorcycling community.**
- **Encourages family discussions about riding experiences and historical events.**
 - **1903 was the Wright Brother's first flight and the first year that Harley-Davidson manufactured and sold motorcycles from a 10x10 shed in Milwaukee, WI.**
 - **From 1901 through 1936 more than 200 motorcycle brands were made in the US.**
- **Is a community event run by ABATE on behalf of the citizens of Snohomish and the motorcyclists of Snohomish County.**

The Show Bikes

- **Are often mechanical marvels that still perform decades after their first ride.**
- **Provide a working history of transportation modes.**
- **Demonstrate an environmental alternative to automobiles.**
- **Demonstrate the quality workmanship available in the Puget Sound region.**

- **Creativity and artistic skill**
- **Industrial design**
- **Engineering developments, such as CNC aluminum billet work and engine performance enhancements**
- **State-of-the-art paint and finish technology**
- **Celebrate individual expression.**
- **Stimulate commerce among local motorcycle-related businesses.**

How Does the Motorcycle Show Benefit Our Community

Snohomish benefits from

- **Tourism**
 - **The 1997 show brought over 2500 people and over 500 motorcycles to town on a sunny day.**
 - **The 1998 show brought over 2500 people and over 600 motorcycles to town in a light rain.**
 - **The 1999 show brought over 3200 people and over 800 motorcycles to town in a light rain.**
 - **The 200 show brought over 5000 people and over 1500 motorcycles to town on a sunny day.**
 - **The 2001 show brought over 8000 people and over 1600 motorcycles to town on a sunny day.**
- **Positive news coverage**
 - **Announcements of the 2001, 200, and 1999 show were printed in The Herald Calendar and Key and were posted on The Herald's web page.**
 - **KISW radio in Seattle mentioned the bike show in their on-air events calendar the weekend of the 1999 show.**
 - **The Herald covered the 1998 show on the front page of the Local section.**
 - **KING-5 news ran a 2.5 minute feature on the 1997 show during their Sunday evening broadcast.**
 - **Photos from past shows are available on the web, advertising our**

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community 24 hours every day.

Why Does First Street Need to Be Closed?

Closing the bike show area to auto traffic

- **Provides a safe arena for pedestrians and the motorcycles. People are free to move about and explore the many specialty shops without worrying about traffic concerns.**
- **Concentrates more vehicles in fewer parking spaces, with less chance of property damage.**
- **Provides space for a safe performance by the Seattle Cossacks stunt team. First Street from Avenue D to Union Ave is the best location**
- **Level street for safely parking motorcycles.**
- **Wide street for access by emergency vehicles.**
- **Concentrates people and vehicles in the historic business and shopping district.**
- **Minimizes traffic congestion as compared to the Classic Car Show and Kla Ha Ya Days.**
- **Side streets remain open for auto use.**

What Will Sky Valley Do to Help Local Business?

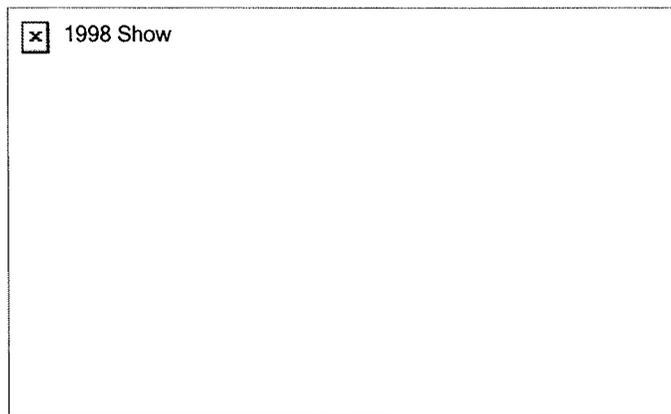
Sky Valley will

- **Include notices in promotional materials requesting support for local shops and businesses.**
- **Promote local businesses through paid sponsorships.**
 - **PA announcements throughout day naming sponsors.**
 - **Sponsor names on T-shirts (deadline is 4/15).**
 - **Sponsor names on flyers and web page.**
 - **Ad or coupon included in handouts for registered bike show contestants.**
 - **Vendor and banner space available for sponsors.**

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- **Provide flyers for local businesses.**
 - **Bike Show flyers.**
 - **Store signs for Bike Show Specials, Ask About Delivery, and Ask About Lay-away. See samples in the Appendix.**
- **Provide this web page for the show flyer and sponsor names.**
- **Provide extra garbage cans and ash cans during the show.**
- **Help local merchants with customer loading.**
- **Assist local police in traffic and crowd control during the show and at other community events.**

For more information, visit the Chapter web pages, or leave a message with the bike show hotline: 360-568-7820.



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Ride-in Motorcycle Show Rules 2007



2002 Best of Show Winner, Trey Coley

11 th Annual Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show **May 20, 2007 First Street** **Snohomish, Washington**

This is a ride-in Bike Show. Anyone can enter any number of bikes (at \$10 each), provided you ride each bike into the show registration area. Everyone at the show can vote for their favorite bike for People's Choice Best of Show, but please only vote one ballot slip!

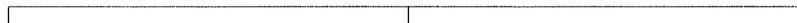
The bike ridden to the show from the farthest verifiable address will win the Furthest Ridden-In Entry award. Too many of us tie for shortest ridden-in entry. The decision of the show judges is final.

Sky Valley Chapter, ABATE of Washington, is the show sponsor and runs the registration, ballots, and prize distribution.

- **Entry registration is from 9 am until 12 noon.**
- **Showing and balloting is from 12 noon until 1:30 pm.**
- **Trophies are awarded at 3:00 pm.**
- **Photo session is immediately after trophy presentation.**
- **Ride-outs start after trophy presentation. No fire-ups during presentation. Roll it out if you need to leave early.**
- **During registration, each rider will pay the \$10 entry fee.**

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- **Registered riders receive an entry number.**
- **Registration information includes name, address, city, state, zip, year of bike, model of bike, license number, and category. We need this info to contact the award winners.**
- **Qualification - Each entry must be ridden into the registration area and show area to qualify. Even if you only ride it a few blocks, we want to see working bikes. There is a Rat category for puddle-lovers and muddy commute bikes.**
 - **Exception: Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the judges for bikes in the Antique, Vintage, and Classic categories. We want to see old bikes!**
 - **Any Trailer Queen that slips past the judges is not eligible for a First Place trophy. This is a RIDE IN SHOW.**
- **Safety - No fuel leaks allowed.**
- **Fuel must be shut off while parked in show area.**
- **No fire ups during show. Roll it out of the Show arena.**
- **Categories may change from one year to the next, especially the dates for Antique, Vintage and Classic bikes. Suggestions for new categories are always welcome. (We do not offer brand-specific categories.)**
- **New categories for 2005: Manufactured Custom, Mild Custom, and Radical Custom. The Manufactured Custom category has been broken into 3 categories to sort bikes by the number of modifications. See the category descriptions.**



2007 Show Categories

<u>250cc and under</u> <u>Antique (pre-1933)</u> <u>Bicycle</u> <u>British</u> <u>Classic (1955-1975)</u> <u>Dresser</u> <u>European</u> <u>Furthest Ridden In Entry</u> <u>Japanese</u> <u>Manufactured Custom</u>	<u>Mild Custom</u> <u>Old School Chopper</u> <u>Radical Custom</u> <u>Rat</u> <u>Sidecar</u> <u>Sport Bike</u> <u>Stock</u> <u>Trike</u> <u>Vintage (1934-1954)</u> <u>Woman Rider</u>
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People's Choice Best of Show



Awards, Ballots, and Judging

Beginning in 2005, most categories have changed to judged competition.

- **Best of Show is determined by ballot count.**
- **Furthest Ridden Entry is based on distance, not votes.**
 - **All other categories are judged.**
- **Sky Valley Chapter ABATE selects the panel of impartial judges based on knowledge of workmanship, knowledge of paint and finish techniques, knowledge of styles and periods of history, and integrity.**
 - **To assist in proper judging, assistants will be on hand during registration to ensure that each bike is entered in the appropriate category. [Click here for category descriptions.](#)**



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Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show

Please fill out the form completely. Return as soon as possible, with check or money order, payable to

Sky Valley Chapter, ABATE of Washington
P.O. Box 2111
Snohomish, WA 98291
(360) 568-7820

Vendor Registration Form for May 18, 2008 Type or print legibly.

Your Name:			
Company Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City, State:		ZIPCODE:	
Phone: Day:		Evening	

Vendor Application Form

How many spaces?	Spaces are 10x10 All spaces are outside.	Type of	
	Price per space:	Merchandise:	
Price each: x	\$150 Pre-registration until 3/31/07 \$250 Registration 4/1 until 4/30/07 \$500 Late Registration 5/1/07 & after	Comments, Special requests:	
\$	Total enclosed		
Do you need electricity?			
Do you have parking needs? Car, truck, RV, bus, trailer, etc???			
Your 10x10 space does not include room for your vehicle. Vendor vehicles must park in designated areas only.			

Please follow instructions and procedures when applying for vendor space. When we receive your completed application, a confirmation will be mailed.

PLEASE READ the RULES on BACK of FORM

∞ Sponsorship Packages Available ∞

Let us promote your business as a Bike Show Sponsor.

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Please request a sponsorship package for more information, or visit our web site for details.

2008 Registration and Vendor Rules

Call us if you have a question. Leave a detailed message at 360-568-7820.

Registration deadlines: NO Exceptions.

Pre-registration: until 3/31/08. Registration: 4/1/08 until 4/30/08.

Late Registration: 5/1/08 and after. Prices for space depend on the postmark date of your application.

A City of Snohomish Business License is required. You will receive the application form with your Vendor Confirmation Letter. Return it to the Bike Show Committee with the \$5 'Special Event Vendor' fee ASAP. License must be posted in your space day of the show.

Charity raffles must comply with State of Washington Gambling regulations. See www.wsgc.wa.gov/Newsletters/5-164.pdf.

Vendors are required to comply with City of Snohomish regulations and shall be open for business during posted hours of the show. Check the City web page for info: www.ci.snohomish.wa.us

No Vendor vehicles permitted in road closure area after 8 am. Vendors may set up from 6 am until 8 am. A vendor vehicle access pass is required, and one will be sent with your confirmation. Trailers, fifth-wheels, buses, motor homes, etc. require prior notice to park. Park only in designated areas.

Food vendors need a Snohomish County Health permit and fire extinguishers.

Generator use or cooking requires fire extinguishers.

[Click here for Sponsorship Package descriptions and prices.](#)

Please fill out the form completely. Return as soon as possible, with check or money order, payable to: Sky Valley Chapter, ABATE of WA.

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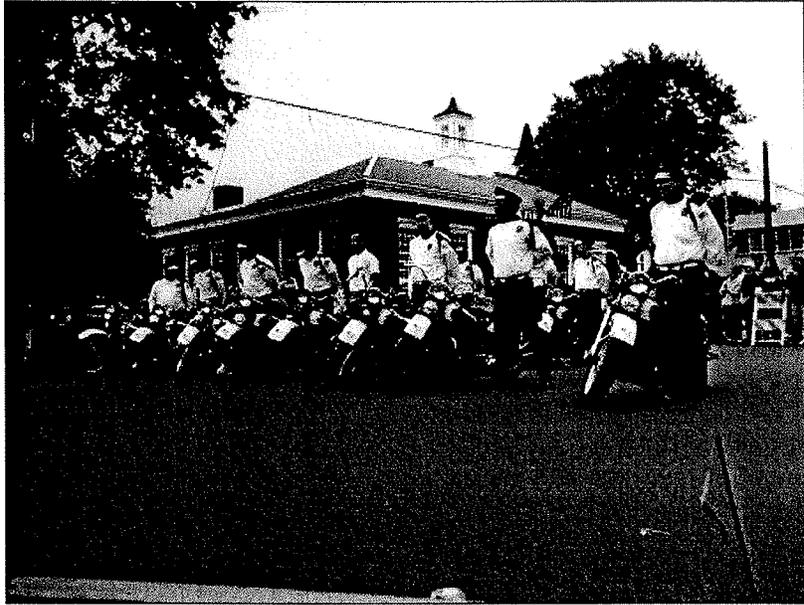
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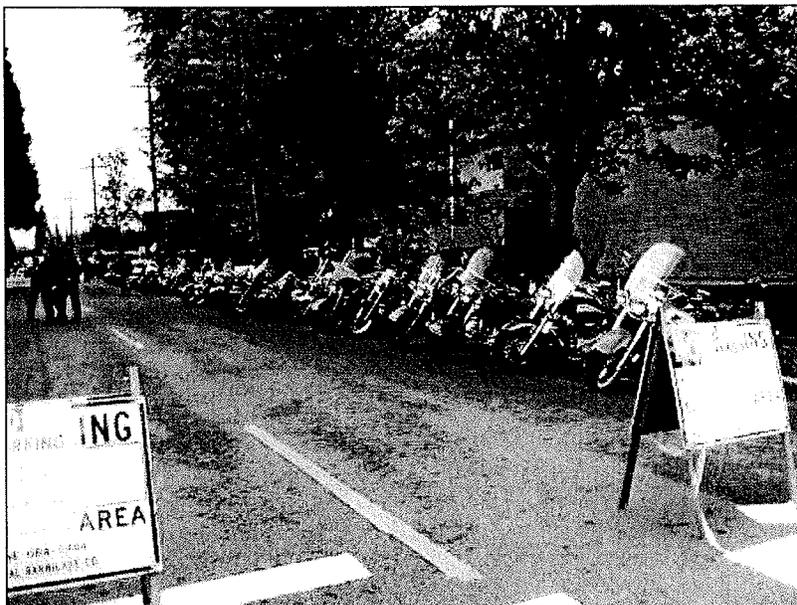
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15,000 motorcycles at Snohomish spectacle

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Nina Alexander rode behind her husband on his motorcycle for 16 years before she grew tired of being a passenger.

In 1992, he built her a steel horse of her own, from a 650 Suzuki.

By then, Alexander, now 49, was comfortable in the bike crowd, even though she's always been one of the few women present, and one of an even smaller group of women who actually ride on their own.

"I'm on my own," she said. "I don't have anybody saying anything to me. It's just me. I love that."

Though the men far outnumbered them Sunday at the 12th annual Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show in Snohomish, the spectacle of 15,000 motorcycles was heaven for the women who have taken their own reins.

It was the largest turnout ever for the show, which is organized by the Sky Valley chapter of ABATE, an acronym for American Bikers Aimed Toward Education.

Total numbers for last year's event aren't available, but Sky Valley ABATE members say the show drew 9,000 motorcycles in 2006. A rainy 2005 event lured 3,000 motorcycles.

Nearly 200 motorcycles were entered into the competition Sunday, which offered trophies as prizes for best vintage, best classic, customized and other categories. Last year, there were only 124 bike entries, said Kristine "Pickles" Sidewell, who helped organize the event.

Every year, more women enter their own bikes, said Sidewell, who rides a Volkswagen Trike she named "Skeleton."

"I've been riding 13 years, and I see more women out," she said. "They want the freedom, they don't want to wait until someone can take them out. And the guys are more encouraging now."

Motorcycle culture may always be about leather vests, intricate tattoos and bike club patches, but forget the big, bushy beards and men's-only biker gangs. Today, nearly one in 10 bike owners is female, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Many more -- an estimated 4 million women -- know how to ride.

That's a path Michelle Buckle, 49, began blazing 33 years ago. She started riding on her own when she was just 16 years old.

"You have to be a very competent person," she said. "You need to be a Type-A personality."

It takes a high level of confidence -- and brawn to match -- to steer behemoth Harley-Davidson motorcycles, many of which are built for a man's taller body.

Buckle, of Shoreline, rides a Yamaha V Star customized with wood trim and paint to resemble a pirate ship. The bike replaced one she totaled last year in an accident that broke her pelvis in five places and severely dislocated her clavicle, she said.

After three weeks in the hospital and more than five months of rest, Buckle was back on the road.

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Presentation Notes for ABATE Motorcycle Rally

History

- The Skykomish ABATE Group has held their show in the city of Snohomish for the last 13 years.
- Initially they had about 3 – 6,000 participants.
- During the early Motorcycle show days, there were Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs present but there were not the tensions and turf wars there are now.
- The event only filled the area of 1st Street for four blocks.
- The City of Snohomish initially only requested partial reimbursement of security costs because the event was fairly small and other police departments donated staff to work the event.

What has changed?

- In 2008 there were 22,000 participants and about 15,000 motorcycles in attendance. (At its peak)
- According to intelligence reports from several police agencies, including the SCSO, there were at least 300 Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members from 5-7 motorcycle gangs present at last year's event in Snohomish.
- According to police intelligence and news media reports, there has been a marked increase in violence and turf wars by many of these motorcycle gang members. (Examples Mongols vs. Hells Angels shooting in California, Iron Pigs vs. Hells Angels at Sturgis) All of these groups attend the Snohomish Motorcycle Show.
- The Snohomish show now requires a 12 block foot print.
- Because of budget cuts, all of the police agencies that have donated police to this event now require reimbursement. Estimated 2009 cost \$29,920.
- The International Association of Police Chiefs (IACP) and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)

have both developed staffing standards for special events.

- Recommendation; staffing of 2 deputies per 1,000 participants.
- Snohomish Cost Formula= 2 officer per 1,000 @ 22,000 = 44 officers/deputies.
- The event runs for 10 hours on one day and officers average \$68 @ hour on overtime.
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| 10 | x | \$68 | @ | = | \$680 | x | 44 | = | \$29,920 |
| Hours | | per hour o/t | | | per officer | | Rec. # of officers | | Total |
- The city of Snohomish now requires that ABATE pay the cost of security.

Recommendation

- If we are going to host the Motorcycle Show we need a year to plan
- We must follow the accepted staffing guidelines for security, traffic and safety
- We need an area large enough to hold the event.

Special Events Permits and Participation Policies: Street Fairs and Other Special Community Events

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About Special Events

Special events, such as fun runs, roadway foot races, fundraising walks, bikeathons, parades, carnivals, shows, exhibitions, circuses and fairs promote tourism, foster economic revitalization of downtowns and neighborhoods and provide cultural activities for residents. Events such as neighborhood block parties help build community when properly controlled. Cities and counties normally encourage such events within an environment that allows for the excitement and fun anticipated, yet adequately provides for the protection of citizens, visitors and all participants involved.

This Web page contains sample municipal/county code excerpts, policies regulating various special events, and application forms. The first section relates to regulations that protect the safety and health of the participants, protection of public property and impacts of the event on non-participating citizens. A corollary purpose to most policies and codes is to ensure that those who benefit from an event bear proportionate shares of the cost of the event. The general coverage of the special event regulations has been listed on many of the regulations, but it is not to be considered inclusive, and in some instances certain gatherings are exempt from license requirements and/ or fees.

The second section contains sample policies and procedures for city or county participation in special events, whether joint funding or provision of services.

Regulations for Special Events

- [Lets Have a Parade](#) (📄 361 KB), by Fred Crumley, *Managing Your Risk*, July-August 2008, AWC
- Bainbridge Island Municipal Code, [Chapter 12.06](#) - Parades and Assemblies - Traditional parades, fun runs, roadway foot races, fundraising walks or runs, auctions, bikeathons, parades, carnivals, shows or exhibitions, filming/movie events, circuses, block parties and street fairs.
- Battle Ground Ordinance No. 06-09 - Adopts permit requirements and standards for special events, passed 07/06
- Bellevue
 - Bellevue Municipal Code [Chapter 14.50](#) - Special Events
 - Bellevue Municipal Code [Chapter 5.12](#) - Temporary Special Events (Licensing)
 - College Place Municipal Code [Chapter 12.04](#) - Special Events Activities
- Coupeville
 - [Coupeville Policy & Procedural Guidelines for Special Events](#)

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- [Town of Coupeville Special Events/Filming Application](#)
- Enumclaw
 - [Block Party Permit](#) (📎 6 KB)
 - [Parade and Special Event Permit](#) (📎 30 KB)
- Federal Way
 - Federal Way Municipal Code [Chapter 13 Article V.](#) - Rights-of- Way Activities
 - [Federal Way Right-of-Way Activity Permit](#) (📎177 KB)
- Fircrest
 - Fircrest Municipal Code [Chapter 9.90](#) - Special Events - Special Events
 - [Fircrest Special Events Permit Application](#) (📎 280 KB)
- Friday Harbor
 - Friday Harbor Municipal Code [Chapter 12.28](#) (📎 54 KB) - Private Use of Public Property
 - [Friday Harbor Event Permit Application and Indemnification Agreement](#) (📎154 KB)
- Gig Harbor
 - Gig Harbor Municipal Code [Chapter 5.28](#) - Special Events - Runs, parades, street dances, special events, or other demonstrations or exhibition
 - [Gig Harbor Application for Special Events License](#) (📎 228 KB)
 - [Gig Harbor Client Assistance Memo: Special Occasion/Event Licenses](#) (📎 138 KB)
- Issaquah
 - Issaquah Municipal Code [Chapter 5.14](#) - Special Event/Special Use Permit - Fun runs, roadway foot races, fundraising walks, bikeathons, parades, carnivals, shows, exhibitions, circuses and fairs - includes events that occur on private property
 - [Issaquah Special Event Permit Application](#) (📎 219 KB)
 - [Issaquah Ordinance No. 2371](#) (📎 216 KB) providing special requirements for retail sales or solicitation activities during Salmon Days, passed 9/03
- Kirkland
 - [Kirkland Special Events](#)
 - Kirkland Municipal Code [Chapter 19.24](#) - Temporary Special Events - Any fair, show, festival, or other attended entertainment or celebration, conducted by a nonprofit, public service organization, which entertainment is not of a political, religious or commercial nature; and which event is to be held in whole or in part upon publicly owned property and/or public rights-of-way, or if held wholly upon private property, will nevertheless affect or impact the ordinary and normal use by the general public of public property or public rights-of-way within the vicinity of such event.
- [Leavenworth Ordinance No. 01-2001](#) (📎 15 KB) - Establishing Standards and Requirements for Festivals in the Public Right of Way
- Marysville

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- Marysville Municipal Code [Ch. 5.46](#) - Special Events - Any event which is to be conducted on public property or on a public right-of-way; and, also, any event held on private property which would have a direct significant impact on traffic congestion; or traffic flow to and from the event over public streets or rights-of-way; or which would significantly impact the need for city-provided emergency services such as police, fire or medical aid
- [Marysville Application for Special Event Permit](#) (📎 31 KB)
- Monroe Municipal Code [Chapter 5.28](#) - Special Events - Any parade, fair, show, festival, carnival, rally, party, filming of movie, video or television show, motorcade, run, street dance, bike-a-thon, race, walks, athletic event or other attended entertainment or celebration that is to be held in whole or in part upon publicly owned property and/or public right-of-way, or, if held wholly upon private property, will nevertheless affect or impact the ordinary and normal use by the general public of public property or public rights-of-way within the vicinity of the event. Special event shall also mean any activity to be held in whole or in part upon publicly owned or controlled property and/or public rights-of-way where merchandise or services are offered for sale, whether by for profit or nonprofit organizations
- Oak Harbor [Ordinance No. 1490](#) (📎 44 KB) - Parades, Athletic Events and Other Special Events
- Ocean Shores Municipal Code [Chapter 5.24](#) - Special Events - festivals, parades, competitions, marine events, shows, exhibitions, fairs, outdoor dances, concerts, rodeos, swap meets, outdoor sales, or activities at which booths, stalls, concessions, food sales, rides or other activities are allowed, using city facilities or property
- Olympia Municipal Code, [Chapter 5.17](#) - Community Events - Any festival, celebration, fair or other similar event held in the city with local participation and sponsorship
- Poulsbo
 - Poulsbo Municipal Code [Chapter 5.04](#) - Business Licenses (See [Section 5.04.090](#) related to special events)
 - [Poulsbo Business License Application](#) (📎 29 KB)
- Redmond
 - Redmond [General Information About Special Events](#) (📎 14 KB)
 - Redmond Municipal Code [Chapter 10.60](#) - Permits for Special Events - Any activity which occurs upon private or public property that will affect the standard and ordinary use of public streets, rights-of-ways and/or sidewalks. This includes, but is not limited to, fairs, festivals, foot runs, bicycle runs and block parties.
- Seattle
 - [Seattle Street Use Permits for Special Events](#) (Exempts events of 300 or less)
 - Client Assistance Memo [Street Use Permits for Special Activities](#) (📎 45 KB) - Street fairs, Farmer's Markets, Sidewalk Sales and Block Parties
 - Seattle Municipal Code [Chapter 15.04](#) - Use and Occupation Permits

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- [Sequim Ordinance No. 2003-008](#) (📄148 KB) - Amends Chapter 18.68 (Temporary Activities, Structures and Special Events) - Any parade, festival, exposition, show, sale, party or other similar activity conducted wholly on public property or partly on public property
- Snohomish
 - Snohomish Municipal Code [Chapter 5.10](#) (📄16 KB) - Special Events - Fairs, festivals, carnivals, sporting events, foot runs, bike-athons, markets, parades, exhibitions, auctions, dances, and motion picture filming
 - [Snohomish Special Event Limited Vendor Business License Application](#) (📄67 KB)
 - [Special Event Permit Application](#) (📄167 KB)
- Tacoma [Special Events Permits](#)
- Tumwater Municipal Code [Chapter 10.28](#) - Public Events - Any festival, celebration, fair, rally, sporting event or similar occurrence which is open to the public and is conducted, at least in part, on city streets
- Woodinville Municipal Code [Ch. 8.12](#) - Includes block parties
- University Place Municipal Code [Ch. 5.10](#) - Special Events - Includes block parties
- Out of State
 - Hillsborough California Municipal Code [Chapter 5.16](#) - Fundraising Events (Regulates Impacts on Public)
 - [Application for Fundraising Event Permit](#)
 - City of Malibu, California [Special Events Permits](#) - Parties and Special Events
 - Malibu Municipal Code [Chapter 17.68](#) - Temporary Use Permits - Includes indoor and outdoor entertainment and assembly events such as weddings, fund-raisers, retreats, fairs, festivals and concerts, art, cultural, and educational exhibits and displays

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- Sequim - Sponsorship Package - Events on public property or that impact public property
 - [Special Event Application Process](#) (📄 20 KB)
 - [Special Event Package](#) (📄 25 KB)
 - [Special Event Information Guidelines](#) (📄 28 KB)
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 - [Co-Sponsorship Packet](#) (📄 25 KB)
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- Walla Walla - Fee Waiver Package
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 - [Special Event Fees](#) (📄14 KB)

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Bikers cancel Snohomish show -- and look elsewhere for next year's event

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SNOHOMISH -- The organizers of a motorcycle show that draws thousands to downtown Snohomish have canceled this year's show over a dispute on how much to pay for fees to police the event.

It's unlikely the event will ever take place in Snohomish again, organizers said.

The motorcycle group that puts on the Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show said they can't pay \$30,360 for 44 police officers to staff the event. The Sky Valley chapter of the American Bikers Aimed Towards Education paid about \$5,000 last year.

The event drew an estimated 22,000 last year, and police say they need more officers because they are concerned about the potential for motorcycle gang violence. There have been no major incidents in the 12 years of the show.

The group feels "disappointed and relieved," organizer Rod Hobelman said.

The group considered moving the show to Sultan, but they decided they didn't have time to regroup before the May event. He said the group didn't learn about the fees until January, after forms and brochures had already been sent to the printer.

"If we did it in Snohomish, it would have been a cookie-cutter event," Hobelman said. "We've done it for 12 years exactly the same way. We know exactly where every Porta-Potty and vendor goes."

This isn't the end of the show.

"We're already planning for next year," he said. "It will give us a year to plan a bigger and better event."

The group hasn't decided on a location for next year's show, but they're still talking with Sultan officials and have placed calls to the Tulalip Tribes.

The Sultan City Council has said it might be willing to pay for any extra security costs, Hobelman said.

In the past, the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office provided extra deputies for free to cover the motorcycle show. This year, it can't afford to provide free help.

Snohomish Police Chief John Turner had suggested the group find other ways to raise the money for security, including setting up gates and charging admission fees. In the past, other police agencies had donated time for extra security coverage, and they can't afford to do that any longer.

The motorcycle group decided it wasn't practical to charge admission and it wanted to keep the show a free family event, Hobelman said.

"I'm so upset about this," Lynn Harrison, a longtime attendee of the show, said. "I can't even believe it."

The Lynnwood woman, who rides a Harley-Davidson Road King, has attended the event for years. Members of outlaw bike gangs do attend the shows, but they don't cause trouble, she said.

"It's a big event," she said. "Bikers spend a lot of money. They go into all the shops."

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Most business owners in downtown Snohomish supported the event, said Mark Nuss, owner of Fred's Rivertown Alehouse on First Street.

It's more than just the people through the door on the day of the show, Nuss said.

"The exposure helps a lot with future business," he said. "They may not buy the goods that day, but they may come back the next weekend."

If business owners downtown had known about the city's decision, they might have been able to organize to help pay for the extra costs.

"It's going to be sad to see this not happen this year," Nuss said. "We're trying to get it back next year."

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Bikers cancel show in Snohomish

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SNOHOMISH — The organizers of a bike show that draws thousands to downtown Snohomish have canceled this year's show after a late night meeting Wednesday.

It's unlikely the event will ever take place in Snohomish again, organizers say.

The motorcycle group that puts on the Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show said they can't afford to pay thousands more in fees this year.

City officials wanted organizers to pay \$30,360 for 44 police officers to staff the event. The Sky Valley chapter of the American Bikers Aimed Towards Education paid about \$5,000 last year.

The event drew an estimated 22,000 last year, and police say they need more officers because they are concerned about the potential for motorcycle gang violence. There have been no major incidents in the 12 years of the show.

The group feels "disappointed and relieved," organizer Rod Hobelman said this morning.

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Bikers miffed at Snohomish's \$30K event fee

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SNOHOMISH -- A motorcycle group may cancel its popular bike show in downtown Snohomish or move it to Sultan after being asked to pay thousands more in fees this year.

City officials want organizers of the annual Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show to pay \$30,360 for 44 police officers to staff the event. The Sky Valley chapter of American Bikers Aimed Towards Education paid about \$5,000 last year.

"The charges we are being asked to pay are way out of line," James Blowers, a coordinator for the show, told the Snohomish City Council on Tuesday. "If we can't get costs cut, we won't be able to put on this show."

The event drew an estimated 22,000 last year, and police say they need more officers because they are concerned about the potential for motorcycle gang violence. There have been no major incidents in the 11 years of the show.

"Frankly, we don't need 70 officers to staff an Easter egg parade," Snohomish Police Chief John Turner said. "It's my duty to make sure we have adequate protection."

The decision has to do with public safety, Snohomish Mayor Randy Hamlin said Tuesday at the City Council meeting.

"It's not to discriminate against this group," he said.

He told the audience at the meeting that the council would support the recommendations of its police chief.

Meanwhile, downtown business owners aren't happy about possibly losing an event that draws thousands of people to the city when their business is needed most.

"We have stores closing left and right and they need that bike show," said Dena Marie, owner of Lift Your Spirits, a business on Avenue A.

Until this year, the group never paid more than \$5,000, organizer Rod Hobelman said. The city is asking for more than the group's total operating budget for the show, he said. The group spent about \$15,000 putting on the show and donated another \$4,000 to local charities, including the food bank and high school scholarships.

Hobelman said he was told the cost had been supplemented in the past by outside agencies and that with budget cuts, that's no longer an option.

"There is no problem at all," he said. "We pretty much police ourselves."

No other event in the city this year is being required to have more than two officers present, including a car show that drew between 10,000 and 15,000 last year.

Members of the motorcycle group don't understand why a bike show should be treated any different than a car show.

A Snohomish car show in September organized by the Chamber of Commerce brought an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 people to town. Two officers were on duty before and after the event, as well as volunteer Fire Explorers, and organizers were charged \$1,200, said Pam Osborne, manager for the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce.

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The police chief originally recommended 70 officers. He's suggested the club consider setting up entrance gates and charging admission to pay for the extra security costs.

Turner said they need more security because the event draws a small number of motorcycle outlaws. While there's been no trouble in the past, it's prudent to have enough law enforcement on hand, he said.

"Outlaw motorcycle groups attend this show in serious numbers and that's been a fact since its inception," he said.

Marie, the downtown business owner, quit her position last week as co-director of Historic Downtown Snohomish partly because of this issue. The organization represents downtown merchants and Marie said she's frustrated by the way the decision was made without consulting business owners. About 90 percent of business owners downtown want the event, she said.

"There wasn't one person from downtown and no communication," she said.

So far, Sultan officials have welcomed the group, the show's organizers said.

Sultan is holding a special council meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Sultan Community Center, 319 Main St., to consider hosting the bike show May 17. The show would be held in a six-block area adjacent to River Park in downtown Sultan.

The motorcycle show includes a bike competition, vendors and live music. The show celebrates the history of motorcycling and includes education on motorcycle safety.

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