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Snohomish, WA ([PRWEB](#)) March 27, 2005 -- The Ninth Annual Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2005 on First Street. First Street will be closed to automobile traffic from 8 am to 4 pm between Avenue D and Maple Street. Several side streets are also closed. Only motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, pedestrians, and emergency vehicles are permitted in the closure area.

The Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show is one of many Motorcycle Awareness month activities around the state. The Snohomish show celebrates the history of motorcycling, educates the public about motorcycle safety issues, and showcases the precision riding skills of the Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt Drill Team. Last year over 15,000 people and 6300 motorcycles attended the show.

“This is a great opportunity to see the work of the many talented builders from the Pacific Northwest. It’s also a great history lesson, with a few show entries approaching 100 years old,” said John McGeehan, Bike Show Committee Chair. “People love to walk downtown to see the bikes, talk to the owners and builders, and vote for their favorite one. Riders come from as far away as British Columbia, Idaho, and Oregon. We prefer to showcase the talent from our region rather than bringing in a celebrity builder from outside the area.”

“Our show sponsors deserve a big thank you this year,” added McGeehan. In addition to the many local sponsors, Cycle Barn (Lynnwood and Smokey Point) and Advanced Laser Clinics of Lynnwood are Premier Sponsors again this year. Twisted Chopper Energy Drink of Everett is sponsoring a band and providing additional support for the show. Sponsor donations cover the show expenses, and most of the proceeds are donated to local charities.

Four local organizations have been selected as beneficiaries for this year: Snohomish Drug and Alcohol Committee, the Snohomish Food Bank, the Snohomish Historical Society, and the Snohomish Senior Center. In addition to the sponsored charities, organizations such as Children’s Hospital, DOCS Foundation (Diabetes Research), and the Snohomish Lion’s Club will have booths at the show.

According to Buck Kelley, Program Director, the show is a great way to raise awareness. “Drivers often do not notice a single motorcycle on the road, but you can’t miss a few hundred of them. We are the largest ride-in motorcycle show in the Pacific Northwest.”

All makes and years of motorcycles and bicycles are welcome to attend the show or to enter the trophy competition. In addition to the antique, vintage, and classic bikes, the local custom shops show off brand-new customs each year. With more than 17 categories for bikes, there is always lots to see. Many of the bikes are mechanical marvels that still perform decades after their first ride. The bikes demonstrate the quality workmanship available in our region, they provide a working history of transportation modes, and they demonstrate an environmental alternative to automobiles. Many of the bikes are custom works that celebrate individual expression, industrial design, and engineering innovations.

Parking in the closure area is free for all motorcycles. There is a \$10 fee to enter a motorcycle in the trophy



competition. The viewing public is invited to vote for their favorite bike in the Best of Show category. For the first time, a panel of judges will determine the winners in the remaining categories. The Furthest Ridden category is judged based on the rider's starting point the morning of the show.

Bike registration runs from 9 am to noon. People's choice balloting begins at noon and ends at 1:30 pm. The Seattle Cossacks perform at 1:00 pm on Union Street. Live music is scheduled from 11 am to 4 pm on Union Avenue and near the Marks Building (1024 First Street). The Neil Rush Band will be playing throughout the day on Union, and Shades of Purple will play one set. The Snohomish High School Band is schedule to perform at 11 am and 2 pm. The Drag Bike Nitro Shoot-out is scheduled for high-noon on Union Avenue. Spike O'Neil (of KZOK radio) will present the trophies at 3 pm.

Several other activities are scheduled in addition to the trophy competition and live performances. The Pacific Northwest Museum of Motorcycling photography exhibit will be open Saturday from noon until 4 pm and Sunday all day at the Waltz Building, 116 Avenue B. Admission is free, and raffle tickets for a Harley Davidson Sprint motorcycle will be on sale.

Arts of Snohomish is hosting a Children's Motorcycle Art display at the Carnegie Building, 105 Cedar Avenue. Admission forms for the art competition are available from Weed's Variety store, 906 First Street, beginning April 1. The deadline for returning entries to Weed's is May 1. Children from age 10 to 17 are encouraged to enter a drawing of their favorite motorcycle memory or dream motorcycle. The artwork will be on display at Arts of Snohomish from May 8 through May 15. A small collection of motorcycles, including a WWII Kettenkrad motorcycle half-track, will be on display on the Arts of Snohomish patio the day of the show.

Sky Valley Chapter, ABATE of Washington, runs the entire event with a volunteer crew. ABATE is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle awareness, safety, education, freedom, and legislation. Sponsors from throughout Puget Sound generously donate funds and services to cover the costs for the show.

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For more information, visit the Old Snohomish Antique & Classic Motorcycle Show web site at: <http://www.snohomishbikeshow.org> or call 360-568-7820.

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