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# Enjoy The Holidays

Paula Leslie reminds folks that one of the best gifts you can give this month is *A.B.A.T.E.* membership. It lasts all year, fits everyone, doesn't drip oil, and enhances self-esteem.

( Paula is an enthusiastic motorcycle rider, *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* member, and *BikePAC*'s legislative elf.)



#### **Eight D.M.V. Offices End Motorcycle Skills Testing**

Oregon is nearly done phasing in the rider education requirement in place of skill testing.

Oregon's department of motor vehicles discontinued scheduling motorcycle skills testing at eight field offices as of October 1, 2013.

The eight offices are: Burns, Dallas, Florence, Hermiston, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario, and The Dalles.

Under legislation passed in 2009, Oregon is phasing in a rider education requirement in place of D.M.V. skills testing. You can get a motorcycle endorsement on your currently valid Oregon driver license by presenting a rider education certificate from *Team Oregon* at a D.M.V. field office.

The rider education requirement is being

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phased in by age. During 2013, if you are under age 51 you must complete an approved motorcycle rider education course if you do not have a valid motorcycle endorsement from another state.

For January 1, 2014, the rider education requirement will apply to applicants under 61 years old.

As of January 1, 2015, the education requirement will apply to all applicants because the phase-in of the rider education requirement will be complete.

In Oregon, the approved motorcycle rider education course is provided by *Team Oregon*.

http://team-oregon.org for more information.

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If you are not required to get the rider education certificate, you have the option of instead passing a motorcycle endorsement knowledge test and a motorcycle skills test at D.M.V.. As of October 1, sixteen D.M.V. field offices will still provide motorcycle skills testing. When you are ready to call to make a skills test appointment, you will be able to choose the most convenient D.M.V. office that conducts these tests.

For all D.M.V. services, D.M.V. suggests that you first check

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before visiting a field office in person. Customers can complete some D.M.V. business online or find out how to make their visit as efficient as possible.

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## Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

What We're About

#### A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A. T.E. stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- A.B.A. T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as BikePAC.
- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, onroad or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.
- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A. T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just that wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

So scan through our newspaper. If you like what you read, check out the chapter meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A. T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

## A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

by Bill Bish (A.B.A. T.E. of California; executive coordinator, National Coalition of Motorcyclists)

"You have to know where you've been to know where you're going!"

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the National Custom Cycle Association. But because of a conflict with the acronym, the name was changed in February 1972 to A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. (A.B.A. T.E.)

Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart Mckinney, to introduce HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong from A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the D.O.T. because governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet requirement mandate, Roloff helped convince California senator Alan Cranston to offer the language of the bill as an amendment to the 1975 Federal Highway Act, which passed with overwhelming support from the California delegation because of the impending lawsuit, and was signed by president Gerald Ford on May 5, 1976.

Not bad for a rag tag bunch of bikers with little or no previous political ambitions.

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached congress twice over the past few years.

First to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

So, there you have it.

The roots of A.B.A. T.E. and biker's rights run deep in the hearts of those of us who have accepted and, in turn, passed on the torch of freedom of the road.

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#### **U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations**

#### A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

#### BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

#### Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

#### Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

#### Motorcycle Riders Foundation

(M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter)

#### American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

#### National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the Confederation of Clubs, a legal rights organization.

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The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association

#### **AGAINST**

In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

#### T

Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.

#### E **ENACTMENTS**

To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinence; a decree; a regulation.

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officers at work

## State Coordinator

November arrived and with it came the holidays.

This is the time of year that we gather with family and friends, reflect back and offer thanks. Thanks for all the good that has happened and things that we have been blessed with. We reach out and help those who are less fortunate, finding ways to help and comfort those in need. We attend toy runs for the children, we provide meals and assistance to those who are less fortunate than ourselves, and we come together to help make life better for those who otherwise would be without. It is this time of year that I am proud to not only be a member of this fine organization but feel the bond of the family we have become.

But this year I feel a little sadness.

This year I feel we have been overlooking our own family. Our brothers and sisters are on the roads and paying the ultimate price. Whether it was the fault of another motorist or a fault of their own doesn't matter.

We as an organization standing for motorcycle safety, awareness, and education have failed in doing everything we can to protect our family.

For example, we lost several brothers and sisters this year to "failure to negotiate a curve". Do you think that we could have saved any of these riders by attending a *Team Oregon* class with

them?

How about the brothers we lost because they thought they were okay to ride after having too much to drink, only to end up as a statistic on the fatality list. Would it have really been so hard to have a buddy system set up to give a ride home to a fellow rider?

Lastly, the one that really gets my blood boiling is that one of our sisters was injured in a collision with a car that pulled out in front of her. Not only was it bad enough to severely injure her, to add insult to injury the crash took place in a safety corridor. But the officer on scene did not check the box that indicated that

Why?

Because the officer decided that since it is at his discretion of when to check that box, he felt that the woman who pulled in front of motorcyclist was very sorry and didn't deserve to pay the extra money that checking that box on the report would require.

Really?

How can we as riders tolerate being told not only that "I didn't see them " is a get-out-of-jail-free card because the officers don't want to lay judgment on somebody by writing them a ticket? But now they can judge how much a fine can be by the size of someone's tears?

When is the fact of a motorcyclist

laying seriously injured on the ground going to mean something?

When is the fact that someone's father, mother, son, or daughter will not be at the thanksgiving table because someone else was careless and didn't see the biker, but they were really sorry about it?

Ill tell you when.

When we start standing up for our rights as roadway users.

We need to educate every motorist that we are humans and have families. We must make it clear that those "nice bikers" who deliver the toys and food, and help out in the community are on the road all year long.

We need to become a brotherhood again and look out for each other because no one else is going to.

So I will close this article and go on planning my holidays with my family. And I will still take part in all of our events that show how compassionate we are because I believe in what we do for those less fortunate. I will give thanks for what we have and enjoy being with friends and family.

But you can count on one thing: The new year will find me trying to make our roads safer for all of our brothers and sisters through education and legislative action.

I hope to find all of you there with



Allan Nichols

state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Happy holidays everyone, may you all have a safe and joy filled season!

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

- state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
- Oregon representative Motorcycle Riders Foundation

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -Central Oregon

Greetings from Central Oregon,

The weather has gotten colder and wetter, so the motorcycle sits more and more.

Now is the time to make sure you have prepared the bike for the winter rest or riding in more adverse conditions.

Fluid changes and gas treatment if the bike is going to get a rest. Make sure your tires are in good condition if you will be riding.

There are also more hazards out there. De-icer and gravel can be a real bummer by both affecting the amount of traction you have when on the ride and what they do to your bike's finish.

Around here the deer have moved down to the lower elevations and are a serious threat at all hours, not just twilight and dark.

I am sure the withdrawal will get too much at some point and I will bundle up to go for an afternoon ride, but I will take all the precautions to make sure both the bike and I make it home in one piece. Please do the same.

Hope to see you on the road this spring,

Bob Terrill coordinator Central Oregon Chapter



## <u>CENTRAL OREGON MEETING</u> <u>TIME and PLACE</u>

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) *Izzy's Pizza* 810 SW 11th street Redmond, Oregon

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City

Hello everyone!

Even though our weather has been less cooperative lately, this hasn't slowed down *Hub City*. We have been busy.

We completed our annual mall show, with 42 bikes being displayed at the *Heritage Mall* in Albany.

Ronda Thornley volunteered her bike to be our picture bike for anyone who wished to have their photo taken. Thank you Ronda. And thanks to all who volunteered their time, expertise, and bikes to make another successful public awareness event. We also helped to sell over 90 tickets for the *Shriners*' bike.

Rolling right into the next weekend, we had our Hub City biker night at The Dixie in Tangent. A great time was had by all who attended. Hub City's very own Ken Argo and his blues band did a bang up job opening up for the 8-Balls, whose venue was classic rock. The dance floor was immediately filled when the 8s started their first set. Hub City knows how to throw a great party while raising funds to support our A.B.A.T.E. mission statement. The efforts of our members and friends help us tremendously to raise needed funds.

Scotty Nason won the 50/50 and

donated his winnings back to *Hub* City.

Several folks brought in door prizes: Joey from *Sacred Heart Tattoo* donated tattoo certificates and various items, The Thornleys, Ted and Ronda, brought in several more items. George and Sherrie John, Stan Lathrom, *Fred's Honda*, and *7th Gear* each donated door prizes too.

Next came Veteran's Day. The Veteran's Day parade was again enthusiastically supported by *Hub City*. Members of our chapter volunteered to coordinate the hundreds of bikes that show up to ride proudly in this parade. We are all very honored and humbled to be able to participate in this great event to show our gratitude and thanks to our veterans.

December brought us several toys runs to participate in. *Hub City* members could be found at many of these events supporting the kids who benefit from the generosity of the biker family. Thanks to all who provided a gift to bring a smile to a little one's Christmas.

As we celebrate through the holiday season, *Hub City* will continue to plan for our first big event of 2014. We will be hosting the *Don Nash Chilly Buns Run*. *Hub City* will be carrying on the tradition of this fun



ride on the last Saturday in February. We will be adding a few new twists, making it a poker run-style event. Watch for more details and our flyer as the event draws closer.

Keep the shiny side up,

Dolly

(With a little help from my friends: Mo (coordinator) and Steve (education director).

## Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) *Ciddici's Pizza* 133 SE Fifth avenue — Albany

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# A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek** (members at large)



Anyone belonging to Indian Creek is invited to write and send in articles for the group.

## Indian Creek <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u>

( when and wherever )

<u>POINT of CONTACT</u>

( state newspaper )

CHAPTER ADDRESS: Anywhere in Oregon (and beyond)

#### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

## Josephine County

I sit here staring at a blank computer screen, not sure what to write about this month.

Looks like fall has passed and winter might be on the way. We are seeing colder nights, fog, lots of cloudy days. Yup, winter is on the

We received a beautiful wooden plaque from the Oregon Parent Center in Wolf Creek as a thank you for our toy run donations. Lance and I took it to the November state board of directors' meeting to share with the other chapters. The plaque will be presented to chapter coordinator at our November meeting.

Josephine County has been handing out medical ID cards and helmet stickers for the last several months. We hope that everyone who gets one of these cards fills it out and starts carrying it in your wallet or purse, right behind your driver's license or ID card. We are also asking other chapters to contact local emergency response companies. departments, ambulance companies, etc.) It's good for them

to know to look for these contact cards in your wallet. The companies in Josephine county have been very responsive.

This is the best time of the year, especially if you like to eat.

The November chapter meeting will be our traditional Thanksgiving potluck. Chapter provides the turkey and ham while members bring all the side dishes.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas potluck featuring roast beef and ham and lots of homemade sides.

January first, many members will participate in the Rogue Valley Polar Bear Ride. Groups start in Grants Pass, Medford, and Central Point, then we all meet in the middle. The Rogue River V.F.W. hosts a champagne brunch for a reasonable

As with all the chapters, we will have our calendar of events for next year submitted by the December state board of directors meeting along with sanctioning forms and fees. This means that we will have at



least a draft copy of our flyers ready by then.

Some of the changes we are considering are: moving the S.O.S. Campout up a week to the second weekend in August. In doing that, we are proposing to host the August state board of directors meeting at

The other change we will proposing at the November meeting is to move our Run to the Coast from early August to mid September. That way we can coordinate our event with the Blacksheep's Unity BBQ held in Brookings each year. We will handle the poker run, they will handle the food at the end. Sounds like a win/ win for both organizations.

Well, for not having anything to say, guess I have filled our space once

As always, the Josephine County Chapter meetings are held the third

Wednesday of each month.

Potlucks start at 6 p.m.

Business meeting starts at 6:30.

Fruitdale Grange, corner Parkdale and Rogue River highway in Grants Pass.

Any questions, please call Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.

Thanks for reading.

#### Josephine County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive **Grants Pass** 

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County

are still trying to regroup and figure our purpose in our community.

We thought that we would be done with the senior thanksgiving dinner but Peggy, the manager, of the Senior Activity Center found a group to do the dinner and several of us will be on site to guide them through it. It will be nice to see the seniors but strange not doing all the work. I'm sure we will survive just supervising.

Christmas charity work this year is not happening but that is something we can look into for next year.

We do have another cookbook we are looking into. It has been typed up and is waiting for us to get price quotes and make a decision.

On November 9th Bob and I celebrated our fiftieth year of wedded bliss. Well, fifty years of marriage at least. He's still my favorite guy.

The weather on the coast has made it clear that you don't go far by bike.

Lincoln County is still with you. We You may get to town dry but getting home may be another story. Time to start getting the motorcycles ready for their winter nap.

> John and Angie, our members who had a run in with a truck are still on the mend. It's not been easy for them but family and friends have rallied to help, especially Angie's parents, Trucker and Mary. Family and friends are always close by when needed. They have a ramp going up to their front door for easy access.

> Wanda, of Wanda and Ralph, just had open heart surgery a few days ago and is now home on no duty, not even light. She is doing well says Ralph but just needs time to heal while they are waiting for results. Our prayers are with her.

> Bob sees a neurologist next week to see what is going on with his vision. Talk about us old folks on the coast.

> I need to get this sent off or my head may be missing soon.



Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a will have a joyous Christmas with family and friends.

For those still riding, do so carefully and be safe.

Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

#### Lincoln County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm) American Legion Hall, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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#### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

## Lower Columbia

Greetings,

Can't believe we're heading into the holiday season already.

I think that the November change back to standard shocker this year.

Oh well, we all know what the holiday season brings: toy runs, Christmas baskets.

Down here on the lower Columbia, this is a time when we put together as many baskets as we can, including a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a gift for all the kids. The baskets are then given to families who might be a little down on their luck this year. We are all up for this. I think this is our fourth year doing this.

This is also the time of year when we start getting ready for our crab dinner. This next year it will be February 22nd. Hope you all can make it.

That's about all for now. Gotta go write some checks to cover 2014 sanctioning.

I sure hope this financial thing can be worked out.

Our very own Cindy Witmer as state auditor is a good thing. If you don't know her, I'm sure you will. *Beware*: when she sinks her teeth into something, she doesn't let go.

Dave Bridges coordinator Lower Columbia Chapter



## Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 1900 ( 7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30)

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- River City

#### October 15, 2013

We had a good meeting with lots of questions and comments about the state board of directors meeting. All were invited to the planning session.

Eloise Mortimore would have won the Membership game for \$20 if she had been present. It will be \$25 next meeting.

Steve B. won the 50/50 at \$14/15 and donated \$8 back to the chapter. Thanks, Steve.

The weather is great and it is time for a few fall rides.

Watch out for leaves.

#### **November 5, 2013**

We had a small meeting at which we approved transferring \$1,200 to the state *A.B.A.T.E.* treasury after hearing about all the cost cutting done at the planning session.

We also made out our initial candy order and approved \$7,000 to pay for it. And, we paid our post office box fee. That about did in our treasury, so now we have to sell candy!

All chapter members are requested to help with the candy sale. To get involved, call Teresa at (541)–965–2701.



#### **Upcoming Meetings**

**December 03, 2013** 

**December 17, 2013** 

## River City MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )

Shiloh Inn

The Dalles

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the *North Coast*,

By the time you read this report, our 24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction | Celebration of the Chapter's 25th Anniversary will be history. Many thanks to all those who supported, attended, and worked hard to make this event successful. We are so very grateful for your efforts.

Our 24th Annual Holiday Run (formerly toy run) will be held on December 7th, starting at the Relief Pitcher Tavern in Seaside and finishes at the Moose Lodge in Astoria with yet another great chili feed, raffle prizes, and more. Look for the flyer in this month's newspaper. We hope to see you there.

Elections for our 2014 chapter officers were held at our October

regular meeting. The results are as follows:

Coordinator – Don Kelly
Vice-coordinator – Billy Varozza
Treasurer – Laird Adkins
Secretary – Laura Sellers Earl
Membership secretary – Ron Gray
Sergeant-at-arms #1 – Bruce
Westerlund

Sergeant-at-arms #2 – Ron Gray State representative – Al Jaques Legislative representative – Al Jaques

**Historian** – Dawn Dungan **Public relations** – Laura Sellers Earl **Web master** – Carl Earl

**Products** – Don Kelly **Chaplain** – Bob Hutson

**Run committee members** – (Yet to be determined)

Many thanks to everyone for stepping up to support the chapter



in 2014 as well as the present chapter officers who provided their time and energy in 2013. I predict we will have yet another great year ahead with the great line up of our new chapter officers.

In closing, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to all of our chapter members, their families, and all our supporters wide and far who have dedicate their time, energy, and support all year long. Many thanks to you all.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter* and above all, please be safe out there,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator

#### North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm) Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon Children are welcome

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Salem

Flag salute.

Past minutes reviewed and passed. October's state board meeting minutes reviewed.

State planning session notes reviewed and discussed. All aboard are fine with 20% to the state on all "activities." Same with chapter covering all expenses to board/state events.

We are all looking forward to the 2015 tri-state S.T.E.A.M. event.

Matt Price was nominated and unanimously elected to once more be our treasurer.

Our chapter was proud to hear that we are donating \$150 towards December's "last" full state newspaper publication.

For all those in the *Salem Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* who have found themselves unable to attend the meetings, beginning in January 2014, the newsletter will be coming to you via you e-mail. It is your responsibility to contact your coordinator by e-mail, with your own, so that you will continue to receive your electronic form of news letter.

The same for those without a computer: write to your coordinator, include a self addressed stamped envelope, and the newsletter will be printed and mailed back to you. Or there will be some printed and brought to the regular meeting each month for those who just wish to pick theirs up. Just let the coordinator or someone in the active chapter know!

We ended with a discussion on how and why the definition of A.B.A. T.E. may have to be changed (such as American Bikers Affirming Training and Education), how we are best as a chapter to work with those experienced already in bringing about a very successful Fossil Campout, and the extreme importance of this coming year's political agenda of winning something for motorcycles and creating a more positive attitude among ourselves and the community that we can accomplish something, such as the vulnerable rider legislation.

As far as backing any candidates or proposals, the only discussions were along the lines of our constitution and our bill of rights, and not any



particular party or agenda.

The *Salem Chapter* of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* is also calling on all members who can to let your coordinator know if you have a room available for fellow members to stay for a night or two while attending the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the state capital. Just call or e-mail your name and address, the number of nights you're willing to put someone up, and how you can be reached.

Lynn DeSpain coordinator Salem Chapter

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

-- Thomas Jefferson



#### Salem

#### **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Almost Home Restaurant 3310 Market street, Salem

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Southeast Portland

It's that time of year.

Time to get out the cold weather gear and attend one or more of the toy runs around the area.

Also time to be extra careful out there on your bikes, with the rainy weather and the debris that always manages to land in the road.

Our chapter had the equipment donation for the children at the Shriners hospital in October. It is so wonderful to see the look on the children's faces when they receive the equipment that they need so much, just so they can live a more fulfilling life.

We had four children who received equipment this year: three electric wheelchairs with lifts in them and a trike.

These children will now be able to get around so much better.

Thanks to everyone who made this possible for these very special children.

So come on down to our toy run this year and purchase a ticket for the Harley so we can continue to give these children their much



needed equipment.

Saturday, December 7th, 2013. http://www.abatetoyrun.com

It's officer election time.

If you want to see things happen in your chapter, get involved and volunteer for a position. Vacancies left by people who are leaving will need to be filled. So step up, put some new blood into A.B.A.T.E. The old blood is getting tired and old and not able to do as much as we used

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Vicki

#### Southeast Portland **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon) M&M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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#### Washington County A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

October 12 was WaCo's Fall Biker runs. Nite Party at Prime Time Restaurant. We had a good turnout and it was a profitable evening with many silent auction baskets and balloon pop items.

Sunday, November 10th, a handful of WaCo riders did the Veteran's Convoy ride along the Veteran's memorial highway (I-205) and attended the ceremony where military veterans are awarded the honorable service medal and certificate for their service to our country. What a nice way to honor them and say thank you for all that they and their families have sacrificed for our freedom.

In keeping with the community involvement part of our mission statement, I hope A.B.A.T.E. members are planning participating in upcoming toy run events. WaCo's will be on November 16th. Rain (which is usual) or shine, we always get a nice turnout of people willing to help out the kids and families who benefit from these

WaCo's only meeting in December will be on the 9th at Prime Time Restaurant.

Take care and ride safely,

Denise Darneille secretary WaCo Chapter



#### **Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 1930

Prime Time Restaurant 4450 Pacific avenue Forest Grove

#### (503)-643-4725

**POINT of CONTACT** 

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P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113 Our Officers at Work

## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes

09 November 2013 ( Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon )



**Call to order / welcome**: The newspaper. Motion passed. meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols at 12:08 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. The ten chapters present were eligible to

#### Absent/unexcused chapters:

Douglas County.

Excused chapters: Jackson County. Pledge of allegiance: Lead by Randy Phipps.

Moment of silence: For downed brothers or sisters, and service men and women.

#### Guests and first time attendees:

- Mike Harris (Southeast Portland Chapter).
- Jo Rae Perkins, running for U.S. senate. She opened with the oath of office and is running under the republican party ticket. She supports a balance budget, cutting spending, veterans and veteran care. She is in favor of a uniform federal sales tax and is against U.N. treaties. If elected she promises every bill will be read by her or her staff to make sure they align with the constitution, free of pork barrel spending, and are physically and socially responsible. She is against cell phone regulations while driving and feels it is a personal

Reading, approval of minutes: State board of directors meeting minutes from October. No correc-

Motion by Paul (Washington County), seconded by Jack (Lincoln County) to accept the minutes as printed in the November state

#### \* \* \* Executive Board Reports \* \* \*

Coordinator's comments: Allan Nichols related that toy runs are upon us. Please participate but be careful while traveling on the roadways.

2014 will be upon us before we know it. I encourage everyone to get involved in politics in some way.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2013 planning session in Cottage Grove. Please get chapter officer information to Allan as soon as possible.

Secretary report, correspondence: Assortment of magazines and news letters from different organizations from around the country.

Vice-coordinator (north): Al Simms < Absent >

Recording secretary: Laura Botkin had nothing to report.

Vice-coordinator (south): Karen Tolle said that southern Oregon had their annual toy run in October and were presented with a plaque (handmade by one of the parents), signed by the children and parents of O.P.C.



Vice-coordinator (east): Robert Terrill noted that deicer is starting to be used in central Oregon, so be careful because they are only using it in corners as of now.

Reconciliation forms are not getting turned in. Please get these turned because they influence our sanctioning fees and speed up the process to sanction the following years events.

**Treasurer**: Kay Sipple reported the following:

Savings: \$3,428.16 Checking: \$2,791.17 PayPal \$200.00

Kay is working with Karen for a smooth transition.

Kay is also willing to continue to pick up the state mail, if the board approves

Membership secretary: Zipporah Nelson reported that we are down to 1,400 members and suggests an online membership button on the state web site to join or renew, Carl said he would research and report back with us next month. (December)

**Sanctioning officer**: Robert Terrill needs a list of 2014 events and a check to cover sanctioning fees from each chapter by the December state board meeting.

#### \* \* \* Officers' Reports \* \* \*

**State auditor**: < Vacant >

Newspaper editor: Rot Path < Absent > Report submitted via Allan.

Reports are due by November 10th. Judging by A.B.A.T.E.'s Facebook site, quite a few people have risen to the organizations needs by gifting memberships. Is it enough to carry the state newspaper until January?

River City is sponsoring the December issue.

Carl Earl (state web master) is investigating pricing with a printer he knows.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported an update on Christine Rucks recent crash. The motorist who pulled out in front of Christine did so in a safety corridor, but the officer on the scene making the report did not check the box on the report because evidently it is at the



#### Laura **Botkin**

acting state recording secretary

officer's discretion. He felt that she was really sorry and didn't need to pay the extra fine.

It was also noted that even though Christine was insured at the time of the crash, the D.M.V. (and therefore all police agencies ) considered her uninsured and revoked her license because her insurance card said "hrly" in the description instead of "HD".

BikePAC will be following this closely and has already talked with representatives on possible policy changes to make sure this is rectified.

In the mean time Don urged everyone to check on their insurance cards to make sure that you are indeed insured.

Don also reminded us that next year (2014) is an election year. It is very important to get behind people who will stand with us. Help them out because good people in Salem and Washington D.C. are hard to come by.

BikePAC will produce a list of questions to help identify those who will stand with us.

**Sergeant-at-arms (north)**: Randy Phipps noted that state events are coming up sooner than you think and we will need all the help we can get from the chapters, especially the chapter sergeant-at-arms.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle talked about the medical stickers and cards southern Oregon is producing to make it easier for someone rendering aid to us in case of an emergency. Every second they save in giving us aid gives us a better chance to survive.

Lance also talked about the upcoming Polar Bear Ride in southern Oregon.

Sergeant-at-arms (east):

< Vacant >

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker < Absent >

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## A.B.A. T.E. State Board Meeting - 09 November 2013 (continued from previous page)

**Education director**: Geoff White < Absent > After much consideration Laura has regretfully decided to not take on the duties of education director for 2014 for fear she would be overburdened and would not be able to give the job the time it needed.

#### Public relations director:

< Vacant >

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long thanked everyone for their help the past few years. Although he will continue to be an active member in A.B.A.T.E., he feels that our Fossil Campout is in good hands with Lynn, and urges everyone to help him out in any way they can. This position needs a lot of help from everyone in the organization.

State swap meet coordinator: Randy Phipps visited a possible site in Troutdale by the airport for the spring swap meet. He brought *Google* maps of the location so that everyone could see where it was. No price has been discussed yet, but the owner seems willing to work with us.

Karen said that southern Oregon has been selling sponsorships for their swap meet and asked if it would benefit the state swap meet if we tried the same thing. Randy said he would look into it.

**Historian**: Jennifer Sterba

< Absent >

Web page editor: Carl Earl requested that when chapters turn in



their flyers and dates that they also turn in photos so that we can update some pictures on our state web site.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba

< Absent >

Allan and Paul will be going to Clatskanie to pick up the trailer and other *A.B.A. T.E.* property and bring it to the connex on Paul's property.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Don Mason. Paula stated that harassment is something that shouldn't be tolerated on the road. Please report any harassment.

O.D.O.T. is requesting any information on roadways with slippery paint or repairs that may be dangerous to motorcyclists. Please take photographs and attach information on location. O.D.O.T. will see that it will get fixed. (They already have been responsible for the repaving of highway 219 out of Newberg over Chehalem mountain.)

**M.R.F.** representative: Allan Nichols stated that the *M.R.F.* is urging everyone to get their representatives to sign representative Petri's letter to the *C.D.C.* to stay out of affairs that other government

agencies are responsible for and to focus on diseases and cures.

The *C.D.C.* has appointed a task force to approach congress and encourage federally mandated helmet requirements. They will insist that helmets save lives and will benefit the country economically by all the money it will save in injuries to motorcyclists. If we don't do something now, it will only hurt us later.

If you are an expired *M.R.F.* member, please renew your membership. If you aren't a member, please consider joining.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Dave Hickerson

< Absent >

#### \* \* \* Unfinished Business \*

#### Officer vacancies:

- Sergeant-at-arms (east)
- Vice-coordinator (south)
- Public relations
- Education
- *C.O.C.* representative

#### \* \* \* New Business \* \* \*

• Motion #1 made by Paul Hering (*Washington County*), seconded by Rick Prentice (*River City*).

"To pay \$100 to renew sustaining membership with the M.R.F."

#### Passed: 8-0.

• Motion # 2 made by Lance Tolle (*Josephine County*), seconded by Jack Wingfeild (*Lincoln County*).

"To move the August state board of directors meeting to Wolf Creek during the annual S.O.S. Run."

Motion tabled: 6-1-2.

#### \* \* \* Announcements \* \* \*

• Next state board of directors meeting: 14 December 2013 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.

#### \* \* \* Upcoming Events \* \* \*

- 07 December *Shriners' Toy Run* in Portland . Raffle tickets \$10 to win a *Harley*.
- 07 December Holiday Run by North Coast Chapter. Departs from Seaside.
- 14 December State board party in Albany at *Ciddici's Pizza*.
- 01 January 2014 Southern Oregon Polar Bear Ride.

**Adjourn**: 15:18 ( 3:18 pm ) Motion made by Robert (*Central Oregon*), seconded by Rick Prentice (*River City*).

### BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

#### **Membership Application**

PO Box 5612 Salem, OR 97304 www.bikepac.com

(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual Associate \$15 Full \$30+ Family \$40+ MAB\* \$60+ Corporate Sponsor \$150 Supporting \$300 Platinum \$750 Group or Club General \$75 Supporting \$150 MAB\* \$300

\*Member of the Advisory Board

MAB\* \$1000

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

Put \$\_\_\_\_\_ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting motorcycle-friendly candidates

(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

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I am in state senate district \_\_\_\_\_\_
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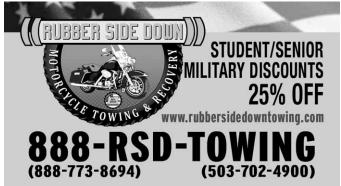
**BikePAC of Oregon** – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

BikePAC of Oregon promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy



--> May 2014



#### From yer ... crusty ol' editor ... yet again

## **December Thoughts Of A November Morn**

Looking to the past to see our future

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Ah, December.

Despite what the weather throws at us this time of year in the upper half of the globe, there always seems to be a few isolated days when a dawn is clear, cold air bracing, and visibility unbelievably sharp. With leaves off most trees, there is more to see if riding or when caging. Views, vistas, or relationships that are blocked most of the year by little chlorophyl-making factories open up now for those who take the time to look.

At night, away from city lights, stars seem like sharp pinpoints of hard light, barely twinkling. One can see constellations like Orion the Hunter with its belt and sword sheath of six distinct stars where new ones are being created.

During the 17th's darkness, the path of the full moon will show where ol' sol will be on our high

The sun is slowing its southern flight to halt, then imperceptibly begin its climb back north. On the 21st, we turn the corner on winter darkness with the solstice, the days becoming ever so slightly

The last day of the month is also the last day of the year. A time for quiet contemplation in a hushed library. Or unbelievably

parties, consumption of fermented with us. beverages, countdowns, stupors, followed by hangover cures that couple of years ago.

Ow, December.



When conditions are just right with some water on the road, we can glance in a rearview mirror to see how our vehicle is tracking in our traffic lane. We can instantly see if we are holding our position or if we are drifting side-to-side.

Such a situation can be a metaphor for how we in A.B.A.T.E. are doing in fulfilling our mission statement.

Are we moving ahead smartly, helping ensure that motorists are attending to their driving responsibilities, that motorcyclists are riding within their limitations, that officials and their staffs are making informed policy or legislative decisions?

Or are we allowing ourselves to be distracted by side-issues, drifting first in one direction, then another? Are we even in the same lane we started in?

As Bill Bish points out on page 2, "You have to know where you've been to know where you are going."

Quantum mechanics aside, sometimes our past catches up

Such as the I.R.S. hit we took a

Or low turnout and canceled state events that normally keep our coffers nicely filled with clinking stuff.

Now we are in danger of running out of operating funds after paying for next year's event insurance.

It's important that we not give up, as individuals or a group.

If a rider runs out of fuel, do they just park their bike, then go do something else? Or do they figure out some way to get more fuel so they can keep riding?

Normally it will be the latter.

So it is with A.B.A.T.E. of

We may be nearly out of fuel, therefore let's figure out ways to get more so that we can keep doing what we know is important to *all* riders: making motorcycling safe and unencumbered for all road users.

We can look at what has worked well for us in the past, then apply those solutions that seem appropriate to our present circumstances. That, coupled with our natural imagination and inventiveness, can see us through our present difficulties. (We saw



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

( big enough to be seen from space )

c.o.e.'s web site ( such as it is )

http://www. otoolevideomagic/ RotPath/

such creativeness at October's planning session when funds were found to print this state newspaper through the end of the year.)

We don't want to spend too much time looking at the past. Just enough to get the information we need to guide us in the direction we want to go. After all, if a rider or driver spends all their time staring into a rearview mirror, sooner rather than later they will end up plowing into the rear end of a stopped dump truck.



There are so many things to write about motorcycling throughout the year, yet come the holidays, a different tone emerges, an appreciation of what we mean to each other.

Often there is a rough love and respect among motorcycle riders, one that is not displayed but is demonstrated in the lengths they will go to help each other. This is a rare time of year when two or threewheelers can give a thoughtful gift that shows that they care, followed by embarrassed feet shuffling and an "Aw, 'tweren't nothing" when thanked. (Sharp observers will see that they are secretly pleased.)

Enjoy the holidays, everyone.

DECEMBER Cryptogram

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Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page

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## 34th Annual Toy Run

A benefit for the

## Shriners Hospital for Children

by A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Southeast Portland Chapter 10:00AM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th Fred Meyer 3800 SE 22nd, Portland

12:00 Drawing for new Harley 12:15 Parade leaves Fred Meyer 1:15 Santa Party with the kids

Bring at least 1 new unwrapped toy + \$10 to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Harley Davidson Sportster Custom.





THIS RIDE TO SEE THE KIDS IS NOT A RACE - PLEASE, NO WHEELIES, SPEEDING, BURNOUTS OR OTHER TYPES OF BEHAVIOR THAT WILL PUT THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT AT RISK. RIDE SAFELY!! RIDE FOR THE KIDS!!

Thunder Mountain Motorcycle Rescue will be available if needed.

Info: Jim 503,775,2203 Phil 503,723,6013 Don 503,708,4556 Kim 503,753,6836

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#### Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



#### Annual Crab Dinner

Fund Raiser

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 1:00 - 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall \$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door Call Eva @ 503-308-2061 for tickets

· A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well



Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, salad, and French bread, With soft drink or coffee.

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2nd Sunday - 2 p.m. 3rd Thursday – 7 p.m. 3rd Thursday – 7 p.m. 3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m. 3rd Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. 3rd Tuesday - 7 p.m.

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## Ride Of A Lifetime

September dash to D.C. for 9-11

by Nic Oliver

I can't say how many times I have tried to write this but each time was a bust. I was so honored to be able to be part of the *Two Million Bikers to Washington D.C. Run* to honor the 9/11 victims and fallen veterans that I just don't have the words to describe it. I will try to give you a short version here but bear with me as I am not a journalist and not very good at this.

It all started with my liking a site on *FaceBook*. The next thing I knew, I was the Oregon state coordinator for the site. I had almost ninety people on the Oregon page before I left on September 6, 2013. Not bad for only a couple of weeks.

The day I was to lead the ride I went to the staging area only to meet with disappointment. No one showed up but for me and my lovely wife.

So, did I quit?

No.

I called another guy who was going from Canby and joined him. He was leaving that evening after his son's football game and that is why he wasn't there. That is how I met Craig Morris, my fellow rider to D.C.

That evening we left for D.C. in typical Oregon weather, on and off rain. We rode until the rain got so bad that we couldn't see ten feet in front of us. Not a good thing at 70+ m.p.h. on I–84. So, we stopped in Pendleton for the night and continued in the morning.

Traveling across this great country I found many people who were not only good Americans and support this great nation, but also excited about what we were doing. Everywhere we stopped for gas or food, we were met with support and good wishes for our part in this event.

Craig seemed to attract the older women to us while I seemed to attract the bikers. How that happened, I don't know. But Craig's chatting always amounted to one of the lady's paying for a room for us for the night so we wouldn't have to sleep on the ground.

Every Biker we met either



supported what we were doing or complained about not knowing about this so that they could have taken time off to go too. They were all thrilled to find out that this was just the first run and there would be another next year.

We had two big supporters of our efforts and one of them was Mike Murray who donated \$500 to help fund our ride. That was so great as this turned out to be more expensive than we realized.

When we got near Washington D.C., we were met by another Oregonian, Mark Lumry (former Marine), who not only rode with us into D.C. but got us rooms at a fancy D.C. hotel. Mark also showed us around D.C.

The morning of the run we went to the local *Harley* shop for staging. Some had beat us there. There were about one hundred there when we arrived, but that number grew into thousands before we were to leave.

Unfortunately I was overcome with feeling really bad. Someone called the paramedics who grounded me and transported me to the *Fort Washington Medical Center*. It seems that I had pushed myself too hard and I was admitted for extremely low blood pressure and dehydration, so I missed the ride. Mark and Craig carried my vest through the ride for me. What great guys!

Considering that this whole run came about with only twenty-eight days preparation and D.C. not approving our parade permit, this was a great run. Over 800,000 showed up and signed in. (I think

the number was closer to a million, as a lot didn't sign in.)

I spoke with D.C. cops after the event and my release from the hospital. They laughed about the event. They stated that the Million Muslim March, which was supposed to take place at the same time, didn't pan out at all. It seems that the few who did show up did not want to face us bikers as we honored the nation that they wanted to make demands of. The muslims wanted to make a statement that they wanted our nation to support their sharia law and it just wasn't going to happen with us there. The police said that they say maybe twenty of them at the protest area, which was filled with mostly protesters of their movement and the media. They laughed when they told me how they watched the few that were there try to vanish into the crowd when the bikers showed up.

One of the things I found refreshing was the attitude of the drivers in the area. They actually watched out for the bikers and were very accommodating to us. Drivers would actually open spots in traffic to allow us to ride without the fear that I am used to here on the west coast. It seems that they realize that so many bikers are veterans and the respect for veterans is very, very high in the part of our country.

It was a great run and although I missed the ride itself, I somehow made a very big statement by having shown up. That Craig and I rode all the way from Oregon to take part was greatly admired and

Craig was interviewed for a special documentary on the event. I was glad that they chose him as he is much prettier than me.

I rode the southern route home via I–40 and wound up having electrical problems with the bike. I was stranded in New Mexico for four days.

I also wound up in the hospital, again.

This time it was high blood pressure and dehydration. It seems for some reason, I couldn't breath either. I found out that Albuquerque is over five thousand feet in elevation. No wonder I had problems!

From there I went to Las Vegas to visit my little brother and stayed a few days before coming home.

I was humbled and honored to take part in this ride and to represent Oregon's motorcyclists. That I work for Oregon's motorcyclists as the executive director for *BikePAC* of *Oregon* only made it that much better. Everyone was supportive and all the prayers and good wishes were great appreciated. They held me together and kept me going even in the face of adversity.

I will admit that the hardest part wasn't the hospital visits or the electrical problems with my bike but, to be honest, the hardest part was that I really missed my wife and my family. Yes, my family is very large and includes so many. I flew two flags on my bike and both got a lot of attention. The American flag and my *Hub City Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* 's flag.

It was an honor and privilege to be able to stand up and state that I was from Oregon. Oregon made a big statement by being there. Thank you for letting me represent you in Washington, D.C.

There will be another run in 2014 but, to be honest, I don't think I will be able to go. If someone wants to go in 2014, I would recommend that they plan and watch the *Facebook* 

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## $\textbf{D.C. Ride} \quad (\text{ continued from previous page })$

But also be prepared for expenses that are virtually unknown on the west coast.

Things like toll roads. Those damn things are expensive and you will pay more for using them than the gas it takes to power your bike. One stop alone cost us over \$20 for our two bikes. Lodging was also more expensive in the northern half of the U.S. than in the southern half.

The ride was magnificent and beautiful. This country has so much beauty in it that it is sometimes overwhelming. I felt like my head was on a swivel as I was trying to see everything while trying to ride. Not easy but it was a lot of fun and well worth it.

It was a great ride and one I had always wanted to make.

Next time I try that, though, I will take more time and not shoot

for over eight hundred miles per day that we did going to Washington D.C.

The most amazing part of the whole ride, was the beauty of this great nation. All we see of the east coast on television seems to be cities and that is far from the truth. Most of it is so much like the west coast that it is scary. Beautiful country filled with trees, fields and farms and everything we see here. Different kinds of foliage, but still the same.

The people across this great nation were, for the most part, wonderful and friendly. I even got into a good natured debate while in Tennessee about how our Ducks was going to beat their Volunteers in the football game that was taking place that day.

I did have some pictures to share. Not many as it is hard to ride and take pictures at the same time.

You may ask why I didn't stop to

take pictures.

To be honest, I didn't have the time. When you try to ride over eight hundred miles per day, that is a long way to go.

Unfortunately, my wife was trying to help me figure my camera out upon my return and she inadvertently erased my memory card. I have a good friend and brother who is going to try and retrieve as many pictures as he can on the card, so maybe there will be some for you to see at a later date. So keep your fingers crossed. (Maybe toes too.)

Again, thank everyone for your prayers and good wishes. The ride was *great*!

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American Motorcyclist Association

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) is proposing to reduce the total amount of ethanol required in transportation fuel nationwide in 2014, which could slow the introduction of E-15 fuel into the marketplace, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

That's good news for motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders who fear they may inadvertently put E-15 fuel in their machines and possibly cause engine damage once the fuel becomes widespread nationwide, the A.M.A. said.

The federal renewable fuel standards program, which the E.P.A. administers, requires that 18.15 billion gallons of renewable fuels such as ethanol be blended into gasoline and diesel fuel in 2014. The standards ensure that transportation fuel sold in the United States contains a minimum volume of renewable fuel as required by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

But federal law also gives the administrator flexibility to reduce the required volume of renewable fuels in any year. On November 15, E.P.A. administrator Gina McCarthy took advantage of that flexibility by recognizing the "blend wall" and proposed reducing the amount of renewable fuels to be blended in 2014 from 18.15 billion gallons to a proposed range of 15.0 to 15.52 billion gallons, with a recommendation of 15.21 billion

The *E.P.A.* said: "Nearly all gasoline sold in the U.S. is now 'E-10,' which is fuel with up to 10 percent ethanol. Production of renewable fuels has been growing rapidly in recent years. At the same time, advances in vehicle fuel economy and other economic factors have pushed gasoline consumption far lower than what was expected when congress passed the renewable fuel standard in 2007. As a result, we are now at the 'E-10 blend wall,' the point at which the E-10 fuel pool is saturated

A.M.A.

with ethanol."

vice-president for government relations Wayne Allard said, "We're glad to see that the E.P.A. is taking this action today, though this is not a long-term solution for motorcyclists who worry that the use of E-15 fuel could damage their engines and void their warranties. The American Motorcyclist Association remains committed to A.M.A. members and all motorcyclists as we continue to support legislation that prohibits E-15 fuel."

Since 2011, the A.M.A. has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal legislators about possible damage to the estimated 22 million motorcycles and A.T.V.s currently in use in the United States by the inadvertent use of E-15 fuel, which first became available at gas stations in 2013. E-15 is currently offered in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota,

Wisconsin.

E-15 U.S. Introduction

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E-15 is a fuel blend of 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline that the *E.P.A.* has approved for use in 2001-and-newer passenger vehicles, but not for motorcycles, A.T.V.s, boats, lawn mowers, or other small engines. Ethanol is grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel.

"The bottom line," said Allard, "is that this decision certainly slows the unnecessary rush on bringing E-15 fuels to market for at least the next year, but it doesn't address the central issue that real-world motorcyclists face, and that is that no motorcycle currently on the road is approved for E-15 use, and the risk of inadvertent misfueling is tremendous once it is available at the pump. Access to safe fuels for motorcycles remains an A.M.A. priority, and we continue to be a watchdog for our members on this issue."

## **Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

## C.D.C. Task Force Recommends Mandatory Helmet Requirement

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) reports that the rumors are true. A Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) task force is set to issue a report calling on all fifty states to enact mandatory helmet regulations.

The task force, known as the Community Preventative Services Task Force, is a fifteen-member, nonfederal, independent group that utilizes C.D.C. staff and resources to develop "findings and rationale statements". These statements make recommendations that run the gamut of topics from asthma control to work place safety. The past recommendations have included motor vehicles, focusing on seat belts, child seats, and alcohol use. This is the first time the task force has recommended anything to do with motorcycling. Task force members are appointed by the director of the C.D.C. and serve a five-year term. All current members are doctors, with one exception.

The report claims that mandatory helmet regulations will save lives and money.

This is the same tired, lopsided theme used by the *C.D.C.* in their last report about motorcycle safety.

According to the *C.D.C.* web site, the six main safety tips for riders are:

- Always wear a *D.O.T.* helmet.
- Never drink, then ride.
- Don't let friends drink, then ride.
- Avoid tailgating.
- Wear bright colored protective clothing.
  - Don't ride fast on gravel.

There is not one mention of rider education or licensing.

It is not a surprise that the *C.D.C.*'s answer to motorcycle safety are helmet requirements. It is their "goto" answer.

The new report was drafted by associates of the individuals who issued the last *C.D.C.* motorcycle safety report. The repetition is to be expected.

In conversations with the *M.R.F.*, the *C.D.C.* clearly expressed their opinion that rider education does not work. [Emphasis added.] Strangely lacking from the long list of prior recommendations of the task force was distracted driving.

One would think that a group of highly educated individuals may appreciate that education should play a role in motorcycle safety. The motorcycle safety community has proven that rider education works. Over the first ten years of the New Hampshire state motorcycle safety rider education program, more than 23,000 motorcyclists were trained and since then only one person from the 23,000 has been in a fatal crash.

In addition, the *C.D.C.* asserts that fatalities have nearly doubled since 2000 while failing to take into account the increase in registered motorcycles. In fact, in 2000 there were 2,862 fatal crashes for 4.9 million registered motorcycles. This means in 2000 0.058 percent of all registered motorcycles were involved in a fatal crash.

In 2010 there were 4,502 fatalities for 8.4 million registered motorcycles, which puts just 0.053 percent of registered motorcycles in a fatal crash. A slight decrease in

the ratio of registered motorcycles to fatalities with 3.5 million more motorcycles on the road. These are just some of the facts presented from the *C.D.C.* research that have been presented at all four *M.R.F.* conferences going back to fall of 2012

The *C.D.C.* solution to motorcycle safety is safer crashing. We at the *M.R.F.* have been urging the government to shift the focus of motorcycle safety to crash avoidance, not safer crashing. The best crash is the one that does not happen.

The task force report will try to convince their readers that states with choice helmet regulations experience a higher amount of health care costs.

That's just not true.

In 2010, the *Kaiser Family Foundation* conducted a study of inpatient hospital expenses by state.

Of the twelve most expensive states for daily inpatient hospital expenses, seven had mandatory helmet regulations.

The twelve least expensive states for daily inpatient hospital expenses, four had mandatory helmet requirements.

Mandatory helmet requirements do not save money.

Members of congress recently sent a letter at the request of the *M.R.F.*, asking the *C.D.C.* to discontinue this sort of research. The letter asks the *C.D.C.* director to focus on such issues as heart disease and not motorcycle safety. The letter was authored by Mr. Tom Petri (WI) and was publicized and promoted on capitol hill by the *M.R.F.* The

M.R.F. sent numerous releases asking the motorcyclists to help get congressional support.

The *M.R.F.* learned from *C.D.C.* staff that the task force report is expected to become public sometime the first week of December. The *M.R.F.* is working on obtaining an embargoed copy of the report. This is certain to be national news. Even the staff members at the *C.D.C.* are aware of this and are calling the report "controversial".

Use the *M.R.F.*'s latest *Fact or Fiction* piece, which was made public at the most recent *Bikers Inside the Beltway* event in Washington D.C. in May of 2013 to educate your legislators. The one page document has information about the *C.D.C.* and the misconception related to the effectiveness of helmet regulations. The *M.R.F.* encourages you to use this information and contact your friends in congress to let them know this is coming.

Be armed with the facts. It's likely that you will be contacted by media reporters, friends, and family members asking you why you support helmet choice. Be informed and vigilant. We need to stand up for our rights. You have to defend yourself because no one else will.

Should you need any documentation or information do not hesitate to contact the *M.R.F.* D.C. office.

#### Illinois State Legislature Puts the Heat on Congress

Both the Illinois state house and senate have resolutions before them urging the United States congress to pass house resolution 875, a bill to require scientific testing of the fuel blend E-15. At the specific request of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois*, senators Mike Jacobs and Linda Holmes have sponsored senate resolution 634 along with representatives Kay Hatcher and Tomas Morrison who sponsored identical legislation known as house resolution 524.

The measures are non-binding but send a clear message to Washington

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D.C. that something needs to be done to address the problematic issues associated with the new, higher level of ethanol blends. This is resounding especially coming from a state like Illinois where the local economy highly depends on the sale of corn.

HR-524 and SR-634 are great examples of what can be done at the state level to combat the effects of a nationwide problem.

When the *Environmental Protection* Agency (E.P.A.) issued the waiver that allowed for the sale of E-15, they did no testing on the power train of the motor, only the tailpipe emissions. Failing to test the effects of the blend on nothing else has resulted in manufactures refusing to do any warranty repair on any motorcycle that has run E-15 though it.

HR–875, the Sensenbrenner bill, would force the *E.P.A.* to conduct an independent study on all of the effects of the E-15 blend on internal combustion engines and at the same time halt the sale of the blend to avoid any further damage to the fleet.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois for their support in working to get HR–875 passed.

#### M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The M.R.F. is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The M.R.F. Reports.

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#### N.C.O.M. COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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## Background: Sportbiker S.U.V. Attack

Headlines across America shrieked in condemnation over a road rage incident involving a swarm of sportbike riders in New York who were caught on tape viciously attacking a family in an S.U.V., but according to high-profile civil rights attorney Gloria Allred we haven't heard the whole story.

Everything started when a driver bumped a biker on the Henry Hudson parkway in New York city, then took off, sparking the chase and vicious assault that followed.

After the initial contact, the nowfamous helmet cam footage that captivated the country shows a rider cutting in front of a Range Rover, slowing down and gesturing at the driver just before the S.U.V. driver clipped his back tire. Following a brief exchange on the side of the road, the S.U.V. driver is seen hitting the gas and speeding off recklessly through the crowd of bikers, running over one of them. A group of riders pursued the vehicle and miles later when it was forced to a halt in heavy traffic, several of the bikers bashed in the windows and dragged the driver out and beat him in front of his wife and infant child.

Allred is representing rider Edwin "Jay" Mieses, the 33-year old father of two from Massachusetts who was run over and left permanently paralyzed by the S.U.V. driver during his "escape". She told FOX news during an October 8th interview on Hannity that, "First of all, what's not being talked about is what happened several miles before Edwin was run over, and we have evidence of this and police are aware, that the S.U.V. was in the right lane several miles before and decided to move over into the center lane, hit a bike and kept going and then several miles later hit a second rider and then ran over Edwin, crushing him under the S.U.V. without any warning as he was standing there trying to get everyone to move on."

"Ticked off" by the media's unfair portrayal of the events, Allred said there's no evidence of intimidation on the part of the bikers prior to the incident and the subsequent attack. Riders insist that the S.U.V. driver was the aggressor. "He drove erratically and bumped the bike on the side," one rider told WABC-TV, corroborating that the driver had already hit one motorcycle prior to the confrontation. "When he bumped that bike on the side, that biker became aggressive because his life was in danger."

Three bikers have thus far been arrested for gang assault and other crimes, but the S.U.V. driver has not been charged as the case continues under investigation.

#### Positioning Plates To Permit License Plate Recognition

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) wants to change the angle of motorcycle license plates and has requested comments on a proposed amendment to a safety standard on "lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment to allow the license plate mounting surface on motorcycles to be at an angle of up to 30 degrees beyond vertical" (on horizontal installed plates).

According to the agency, the change would bring the U.S. rule more in line with European regulations, increase design flexibility without compromising safety or increasing costs, and allow license plate recognition technology used by law enforcement organizations to continue reading license plate characters.

#### Regulation Allows Nevada Motorcyclists To Go On Red

Under a new regulation, motorcyclists will be allowed to go through red lights.

Starting October 1st, if a motorcyclist comes to a red light at a signal that doesn't seem to be

working or has failed to detect the motorcycle, the rider will be allowed to go through. Assembly bill 117 enables motorcyclists, moped, trimobile, and bicycle riders to go through red lights after waiting for two rounds of the signal without getting a green light.

The *Nevada Highway Patrol* said signals use sensors to detect metal, which may make it more difficult to detect motorcycles than vehicles.

The new regulation still requires motorcycles to stop at a light, and only proceed through a red if it's safe. The state has launched a web site to educate people on the new regulation.

Nevada joins a dozen other states that allow riders to proceed through malfunctioning red lights. Similar "dead red" regulations have previously been enacted in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011), and Illinois (except Chicago - 2012).

In Texas and California, state regulations requires stop lights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

#### Texas Bikers And Trikers Celebrate Successful Legislative Session

Previously in Texas, three-wheeled motorcycle training courses were costly and not widely available, due to mandated motorcycle training curricula from the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* that limited the flexibility of the *Department of Public Safety* (D.P.S.) in approving otherwise appropriate curricula.

This was limiting for motorcyclists who did not wish to or could not ride a two-wheeled motorcycle (perhaps due to a physical disability) but want to drive a three-wheeled cycle.

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SB-763, "An act relating to motorcycle training, the enforcement of certification standards for motorcycles, and the license requirements for a three-wheeled motorcycle," changes from mandatory to optional whether curricula includes the curricula developed by a particular foundation, giving *D.P.S.* the flexibility to authorize other curricula that meet the statutory and regulatory requirements of Texas.

The new regulation also adds a three-wheeled restriction to the class M license of those Texans who take only a three-wheeled training course. Currently, a motorcyclist who has only taken a three-wheeled training course can obtain a class M license which permits them to legally operate a two-wheeled motorcycle.

"Another successful legislative session for texas bikers, and texas trikes too," announced Paul Landers (*T.M.R.A.I.I.* legislative liaison and national lt. commander of the *U.S. Defendersl C.O.I.R.*)

"For the first time, a new classification for this group of three wheeled bikers. Personally, I feel this builds unity and gives more support to our political initiatives. Trike owners can now be a part of what we do and feel good about it!"

#### New Illinois Motorcyclists To Change Poker Run Reg

A new regulation meant to protect poker runs is creating frustration. House bill 2520, the *Poker Run Act*, was drawn up earlier this year because of concerns that poker runs were a type of illegal gambling. The bill to legalize poker runs for charities and not-for-profit organizations was passed with overwhelming support and was signed into effect in August, moving the fundraisers under the Illinois *Charitable Games Act*.

However, the regulations means charities and poker run stops all need to pay for a license. All locations involved are now required to pay a fee of \$50 a year. The non-profit behind the event must have a permit that costs \$200. Any funds raised will be taxed at 3%.

Motorcycle groups are now looking for a new solution. Poker runs bring out bikers and bring in

big dollars for charity causes, but many fear the new regulation will put an end to many of the events.

The push for change came when the motorcycle advocacy group, A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, wanted to protect poker runs, which some states are cracking down on as illegal gaming. According to WSIL—TV (ABC), the Illinois department of revenue says legislators didn't ask for their help in drafting the legislation, so now the agency is enforcing those taxes and fees,. But they're also talking with bill sponsors about finding a new category for poker to go to of Club.

Representative Rich Brauer has already drawn up a bill that would put poker runs under the jurisdiction of the county where they're being held

#### Oklahoma State Fair Biker Discrimination

On the 15th of September 2013, two members of *The Horsemen Motorcycle Club* out of Moore, Oklahoma went to the state fair of Oklahoma, walking past four Oklahoma City police officers at the gates who watched the two of them buy tickets and enter the fair. They entered with club colors on and the police made eye contact, but let them in.

About an hour into being there, a sergeant of the Oklahoma City police department pulled them aside and told them to remove their cuts or colors, whereupon the two *Horsemen* refused. The police then told the two riders they had one chance to leave and if they didn't, they would be arrested. The riders then agreed and started heading toward the gate.

The members told gate attendants they would like their ticket money back since there are no signs posted informing motorcyclists they were not allowed to wear colors in the fair. They did get their ticket money back, but had to give their personal information to the police so they could run their identity through to see if they had any warrants. They took pictures of their vests and insignia, wanted to list their tattoos, and informed them that they were a "gang".

"The Horsemen walked away without being arrested but hopefully our riding community can understand there is a serious problem with this," said Tiger Mike Revere in his report in the A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma newsletter. "In the meantime, club members who have been mistreated at this point will be interacting with attorneys for possible litigation."

Tiger Mike, who is the A.B.A. T.E. for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs and also serves on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) board of directors, encourages any biker who experiences discriminatory treatment to go to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs web site at: http://www. **okcoc.net** to download, print and submit a discrimination complaint to N.C.O.M. He advised that this issue was discussed further during the N.C.O.M. region 2 conference scheduled for November 22-23 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma

#### **Gitmo For Bikies**

Bikers going to jail in Queensland will now be sent to a "bikie-only prison" at the ultra-secure *Woodford Correctional Centre* as part of the Australian government's push against "bikies". The biker gang-only facility, which critics have compared with Guantánamo Bay, will form a core part of the Newman government's attempt to drive outlaw bikie gangs from Queensland.

Convicted outlaw motorcycle gang members will be kept in their cells for 23 hours a day at the centre, denied access to gym equipment or televisions, and be subject to a more stringent regime of drug testing and searches. All calls unrelated to their legal representation will be monitored and their mail opened and censored. Visitor contact will be restricted to one hour a week.

Bikie members already in Queensland prisons will also be transferred to the new facility, which is aimed at denying them the ability to use prison time to recruit new members and widen their drug distribution networks says government sources.

Premier Campbell Newman told *The Courier-Mail* that the facility will be an integral part of sweeping

legislation to be introduced and passed through state parliament, adding that the new regulations will also automatically ban bikies from accessing bail and hand greater investigative powers to the crime and misconduct commission.

In addition to mandatory enhanced prison sentences of up to 25 additional years for gang members, the government is also considering tougher penalties for crimes committed in prison, including weapon offenses, assaults, and drug use, as well as stiffer penalties for prison staff caught colluding with gang members.

Civil libertarians and members of the legal fraternity have condemned the proposed bikie crackdown as unnecessary, ill-conceived, and arrogant.

Thanks to Mike Davis of the *N.C.O.M. Brothers Behind Bars* (*B.B.B.*) outreach for sharing this information.

#### **Quotable Quote**

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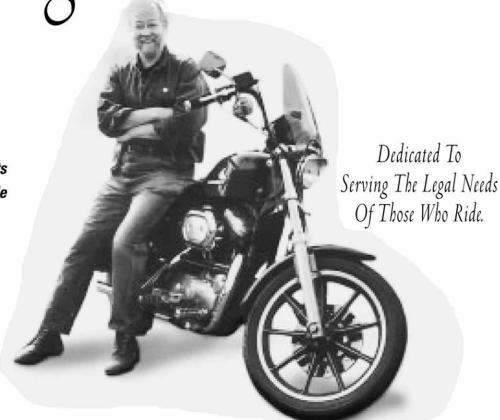
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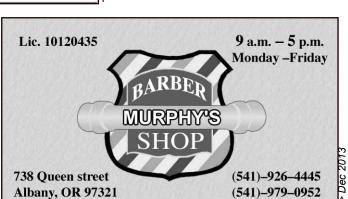
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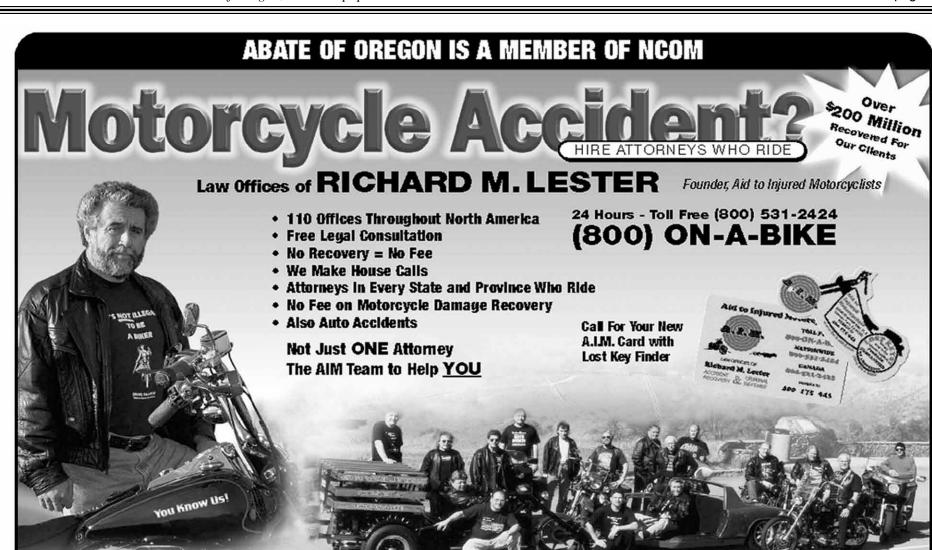
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## Oregon Road Maintenance - Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem.

Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT

## Member's Classified Advertisments

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Gift memberships to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Only \$30 for an entire year. What a great way to introduce folks to our fine organization while increasing membership. Use convenient form on inside of back page.

"I now live in Las Vegas, and it would be a good stop on the way to Laughlin or other points south. I have a spare bedroom, food, garage, and tools, for anyone coming this way to stop here and get a good night's rest before continuing on. Also have a couple of camp cots to set up. All you have to do is call and get directions. (From the north only from the I-95 Lake Mead boulevard exit.)"

-- Elaine Devone (formally Gary and Elaine) 7521 Sea Spray Ave Las Vegas, NV 89128 edevore38@ymail.com (702)-636-0828 (503)-559-4250 (cell) Cell phone at *Fossil Campout*. Call Dave Meeker at (503)–985–0233 from a different phone to identify and claim.

... funding for state newspaper. Help out by purchasing gift memberships for non-*A.B.A.T.E.* family and friends. Thank you.

#### **December Cryptogram Answer**

We are nearer to spring
Than we were in September,
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.

-- Oliver Herford

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe:

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news@abateoforegon.net

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V)

or
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. Member Ads
P.O. box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

#### Police Stop Form (Help us track why motorcycists get pulled over - prevent profiling and harassment)

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The form can be filled out on-line at: <b>http:</b>	//www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportfor	ma.html	hama
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When you bought the helmet did it h	ave a DOT sticker on the outside? YES	NO Label permanently faster	ned inside? (YES) (NO)

## Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2013

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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Bob Nichols	(541)-672-1128	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
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Al Simms	(541)-926-2161	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
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Kay Sipple	(503)-319-4319	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor		1: 01 6	
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Membership secretary [EB ]			110==11 1 1: · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Lance Tolle	(541)-	SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
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M.R.F. representative	(711)-770-2004	Direct 1100 abateororegon.net	
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## December 2013

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	2 new moon	River City 1900 (7 pm) Salem 1900 (7 pm)	4	5	6	Pearl Harbor day  BikePAC Board noon - Salem  SE-PDX  Shriner Toy Run - Portland  North Coast Holiday Run - Seaside
Central Oregon 1400 ( 2 p.m.) Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm)	9 1st quarter moon Washington County 1930 ( 7:30 pm)	10	11	12	13	ABATE B.O.D. Ciddici's Pizza-Albany-noon
15	16	yule moon Jackson County – 1830 ( 6:30 pm)  Lincoln County – 1900 ( 7 pm)  North Coast – 1730 (5:30 pm)  River City – 1900 ( 7 pm)	18 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	20	yule winter solstice
22	Washington -County 1930 (7:30 pm)  [ No second meeting this month only ]	24	25 4th quarter moon  Christmas (Ho! Ho! Ho!)	boxing day (Not fist-a-cuffs — opening and distributing poor boxes.)	27	28
29	30	new year's eve ("3! 2! 1!")	NOVEMBER 201 3 4 5 6 7 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 17 18 19 20 21 22 24 25 26 27 28 29	2 9 16 23		JANUARY 2014  1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28 29 30 31

#### **STATE BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, 14 Dec 2013 1200 ( noon )

Ciddici's Pizza 133 SE Fifth avenue Albany, Oregon

Freely flowed the holiday eggnog, Leaving merrymakers slightly agog, When the cognac ran out, They had to do without, So they fed what was left to the dog.

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#### **2013 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS**

( **boldface** indicates state-sanctioned *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* events )

PR = Poker Run $\mathbf{BN} = \mathbf{Biker\ Night}$ 

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
07 Dec 2013	Shriners' Toy Run / SE PDX	Portland	(503)-775-2203
07 Dec 2013	Holiday Run / North Coast	Seaside	(503)-325-3566
14 Dec 2013	State board and party	Albany	
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— 2014 Events—

25–26 Apr 2014 Spring Swap Meet / ABATE

May 2014 Fossil Campout / ABATE Fall Swap Meet / ABATE

**Fossil** 

CHAPTER MEETINGS – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. >>> Location <										
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:						
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)–504–1678						
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Elmer's Restaurant; 1440 NW Mulholland drive; Roseburg	(541)-673-0021						
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536						
Indian Creek (IC)	6th Friday	2359 (11:59 pm)	( anywhere we feel like it )							
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion; Jackson & Front streets; Medford	(541)–						
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–nnn–nnnn						
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017						
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122						
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881						
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502						
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292						
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626						
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grov	ve (503)–357–3684						