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If you can read this, you must be on-line

Newspaper-wise, this particular new year marks a change in how we get monthly printed information out to our members.

Printing and having the monthly state newspaper mailed to members has gotten so costly that's it's drained away resources that we need for basic operation.

With this issue, we are going to try having the full newspaper available on-line as a PDF through the state web site, as normal.

But instead of having a full printed newspaper version prepared and mailed from a central location, we will be sending a shortened newsletter-style PDF file out to chapters for them to have printed locally. (We may need to send a physical copy of the newsletter as well. It can be taken to a local printer or copy shop to be used for making copies.)

Chapters will take care of regional

distribution, such as mailing to local members, or times and places where members can go by to pick up copies.

Chapters could hold monthly pizza/ mailing parties where the newsletters are stapled, folded in half, taped, addressed, and stamped. It would be a good excuse for an informal non-business get together in the latter part of each month. It could be a great bonding experience and might even bring chapter members closer together, making the chapter stronger. (Any activities that allow members to have stressless fun together is going to maintain and even increase membership.)

The editing goal is still to get the news files out around the 20th of each month, giving chapters eight to eleven days to distribute newsletters before the beginning of a given month.

There's likely going to be some problems as this new method of

distributing monthly news goes into effect. (You never know if a rebuilt engine will fire up the first time.)

The important thing is to keep in mind is what we want to happen, then work toward finding solutions that help us get there, rather than sitting around pointing out what doesn't work. (Why gripe about the color of an engine block if the timing is 180 degrees out?)

A.B.A.T.E. members, let your chapter representatives know what you think of this method of news distribution and what could be done to make it better. The initial 2014 state board meeting on 11 January will be a good time to air concerns and suggest improvements. If there are problems prior to that meeting, let the state coordinator know about them so we can find solutions sooner.

Thank you for your patience.

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.



If We Don't Educate Legislators, Who Will ?

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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, on-road 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!"

*Easyrider*s 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.)*

*Easyrider*s 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 Razor 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 congress.

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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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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A	A	Single entity.
B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	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 ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS	FREEDOM

officers at work

State Coordinator

It looks as if 2014 is coming in with a statement! Record cold, snow, ice. It seems a lot more than we usually see this time of year. Roadways and weather were bad enough that the December state board meeting was canceled. (My apologies for the members who didn't get the message and showed up.) But through all that, I see light at the end of the tunnel.

This year has the chance to become a year that we will remember for a long time to come.

Will it be the year that we see Dr. No [governor Kitzhaber] defeated?

Will it be the year we see more liberties for motorcyclists ?

Or will it be the year that we see the demise of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* as a state motorcycle safety and rights organization?

All of these things are possible and depend on us. We as riders and members have the say in our future and the future of this organization and our rights. Ask yourself, "Who will do it if we don't?"

The past few years we have seen a steady decline in membership and in interest because of being burnt out.

No one willing to step up. Can't do it anymore.

Is this what we worked so hard for?

Is this why we put everything first when it came to our rights and safety for so many years?

I honestly believe we are capable of turning this decline around.

I believe that it isn't too late to make Oregon a state that other riders would be excited to come visit.

And I believe that it isn't too late to make this an organization that we can be **proud** of again.

But it will take every member to get on board. It will take the efforts of every one of us to make sure that we continue to be an organization that works for motorcycle rights and safety.

The ball is in our court, brothers and sisters. It is up to us to decide if we want to get on our rides and ride together with pride down the path to freedom. Or ride in solitude and complain about how unfair we as motorcyclists are being treated.

See you on the court.

Ride safe.

Ride **free**.

Ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

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



Allan Nichols

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

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and a happy new year.

We survived the early December cold snap. But with lows around the area at -20 degrees and lower most of us did not give much thought to riding. Plumbing concerns and just staying warm took precedence.

Since Dr. No [Kitzhaber] has announced he will run for another term as Oregon governor, we have some real work to do if we want to get any legislation passed in the near future. Now is the time to start talking to the candidates about their positions on the issues that concern us, identifying the ones who will support our causes, and helping those candidates defeat Dr. No.

Everybody needs to get involved.

If you leave all the work to others, then we will not succeed. We were started to be a political force for change, not a group that throws great parties. We need to stop the infighting and personal posturing to accomplish our goals. Let's get back to our roots.

Enough of my soapbox.

Looking forward to some warmer days to cure my P.M.S. (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome)

Hope to see you on the road,

Bob Terrill
chapter coordinator



CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE

2nd 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 -- **Douglas County**



Greetings from *Douglas County*,

As the New Year approaches, we are happy to share that *D.C.-A.B.A.T.E.* has been busy with holiday activities and planning for 2014.

We recently held officer elections and welcomed back some current officers as well as a few new faces. With the “new blood” in place we are very positive for things to come.

The chapter also held a planning session and voted to continue with our ever popular *Thundering Water's Poker Run!*

We will also be hosting a *Father's Day Run* and a full bike night schedule.

Douglas County Chapter recently purchased Thanksgiving meals for eight families and delivered them with a motorcycle escort. This is a charity that we have been involved with in the past and is always well

received.

Our upcoming Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 14th at 7 p.m. at *Elmer's Restaurant* in Roseburg. Come join us for great food and friends.

Ride hard and live free,

-- Tony Brumbach
vice-coordinator
D.C.-A.B.A.T.E.

Douglas County

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
Elmer's Restaurant
1440 NW Mulholland drive
Roseburg
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Hub City**

Welcome 2014, goodbye 2013!

Hub City Chapter and the motorcycle rights community in general have lost a dedicated, passionate freedom fighter this last month. Milkman Mike has passed and is riding in the sky now. May we all take what we have learned from him and continue the fight. R.I.P., Mike.

A word of thanks to the officers who have served our chapter well and are taking a well-deserved break. Hats off to our returning chapter officers and new officers who have stepped up and committed to keeping *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* alive and well.

Pleasant riding days are a little scarce this time of year, so we anxiously watch the weather forecasts for those potential windows of two-wheeled opportunity. (For those who ride every day I applaud you !)

A couple activities to put on your calendar in the next few months are:

- February 23 – *Don Nash's Chilly Buns Ride*. Leaving Stayton *Bi-Mart* at 10 a.m. Last bike in at 2 p.m. (It's going to be a poker run format this year, so come on out and say “Hi”.)
- April 19 – *Hub City Biker Night*. (Location to be arranged at this time.)

Watch out for others because they aren't necessarily looking out or you.

Ride safe,

-- Steve



Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Josephine County



Like most of the state, southern Oregon was hit pretty hard the second weekend of December. It snowed Friday afternoon and into the night, then the freezing cold lasted all week. I've heard record numbers of lows and the worst snow in years from several sources. Seems that the year 1972 keeps popping up. But since I've only been here since 2000, I have to take their word for it.

Many events were canceled or scaled back. For the first time in thirty-five years the *Rogue Valley Toy Run* had to cancel their parade. They still held their party, but attendance was way down as people could not get out of their driveways. I understand that one bike rode in, but there were several hundred other vehicles that were able to make it.

Josephine County Chapter has a tentative calendar pulled together for 2014. Some dates still need to be confirmed. The *Southern Oregon Swap Meet and Bike Show* at *Touvelle Lodge* will not conflict with the state swap meet nor with the *May*

Motorcycle Awareness Rally. Since this is an outdoors event, we don't want it to be too early and get rained out. But if we wait too late, all the good dates have been taken.

We will once again hold a *Southern Oregon May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in Grants Pass in front of the courthouse on the same date as the one in Salem, May 3rd.

The Grants Pass shopping center holds an annual *Safety Awareness Day* the second Saturday in May. *JoCo* is looking into putting up a booth at that event. We are hoping to increase awareness of motorcycle safety as well as who we are and what we do. We will have *A.B.A.T.E.*, *BikePAC*, and *Team Oregon* information along with emergency contact cards, as well as whatever else we can come up with. More on this as we formulate a plan.

The *S.O.S. Run* planning committee has not yet met to confirm 2014 plans. The *Run to the Coast* poker run will once again take place late in the summer, ending in Brookings, possibly with a BBQ. Rounding out

the season with our annual *Grants Pass Toy Run*.

Election of officers for 2014 will be held at our December meeting.

Our chapter will participate in the annual *Rogue Valley Polar Bear Ride*. Riding groups from *Josephine County* and from *Jackson County* chapters meet in the middle in Rogue River for a new years day champagne brunch at the *V.F.W.* Good food for a reasonable price. It has become an annual tradition.

As always, our meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at the *Fruitdale* grange in Grants Pass. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Potlucks are quarterly and they start at 6 p.m. Guests are always welcomed.

Ride safe.
See you down the road,

-- Karen
chapter treasurer



**Josephine County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd 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

The weather broke today. Good old Newport had three to four inches of snow, usually a strange critter around here. The low here at the house was 17 degrees.

Called and talked to Angie. She is up and moving around after the crash. John is going to be laid up for quite some time.

We are bringing up the possibility at the next meeting of a poker run next spring. If it passes we will get the check in before the end of December.

The *Yo Pros* took over our senior dinner. A few of us went down to lend a hand for their first time out. With no income last year, we decided it wasn't financially feasible. So ended a thirty year event sponsored by *Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.*

Here is hoping you all had a merry Christmas, a glorious new year. Let's hope 2014 brings new commitment to *A.B.A.T.E.*, good weather, and

good riding.

-- Bob
treasurer



**Lincoln County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
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Newport

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

Lower Columbia

We had our regularly scheduled meeting on December 8th with a pot luck dinner to start an hour earlier. We had some great food and had a lot of fun. Our meeting got under way at 7 p.m.

We had plenty to get done, as we opened nominations of officers for the last time, then handed out the ballots. The results of which will be sent out soon to those who need them.

We also had some conversation surrounding Christmas. This year we have adopted local families again. We have a committee headed by Kris. They have a pretty good handle on it all. They will be again this year be filling food baskets for the families and purchasing gifts for all thirty-nine kids. This is one of the things that our fund-raisers help pay for.

When the idea to change the titling from event proceeds from 10% to 20% is discussed at the state board meeting, I personally think it's a no brainer . . . *No.*

-- Dave Bridges
coordinator

**Lower Columbia****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd 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****19 November 2013**

Tonight's meeting was mostly about the state board report and getting ready for our candy sale.

The sale starts on Black Friday (29 November) and runs about a month. We will have the *Shriner Toy Run* raffle bike on display for about five days.

We also set two party dates:

- 17 December will be our *Annual Holiday White Elephant Party*. (Place to be announced.)
- 21 December will be our tailgate party at the candy trailer. (Pretty much all day.)

The 50/50 game was won by Bob who donated back \$7 of his \$10 winnings. Thanks, Bob.

03 December 2013

Tonight's meeting was short and sweet. We got a lot done and are ready for the holidays.

Our candy sale is in full swing. We have been helping out the *Southeast Portland Chapter* by showing off their raffle bike and selling tickets for it at our candy sale trailer.

We are now beginning to shop for our adoptive family.

The 50/50 game was won by Gene who donated back \$3 of his \$13 winnings. Thanks, Gene

Gene also won the game of the picture on the agenda by correctly identifying the 1982 *Suzuki* 986 cc D.O.H.C. bike.

Scott Robinson would have won the membership game for \$30 if he had been present. It will be \$35 next time.

**Upcoming Meetings****07 January 2014****14 January 2014****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

Greetings from the *North Coast*:

Follow up on our recent year end events:

The *24th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* was a great success. Super attendance by our members, their families, friends, and a few *Washington County Chapter A.B.A.T.E.* members who ventured from the valley to share in an outstanding spaghetti dinner with lots of super auction items. A good time was had by all, as usual. If you haven't attended this event before, you're missing out. It's always held in the latter part of November.

Our *25th Annual Toy Run* was held on December 7th and was attended by over thirty folks with three bikes (hardy souls) on the road at the start of the run. But they traded those two wheels for cages, considering the weather was well below freezing with ice and snow on the roads. A great (as always) chili meal was prepared by our chapter chaplain, Bob Hutson, that awaited them at the Astoria *Moose Lodge* at the end of the run followed by raffle and 50/50 drawings. Many thanks goes out to all those who supported and participated in the run.

Greatly appreciate everyone's support.

A high note in 2013: The chapter provided a donation of \$4,000 to the *Community Action Food Bank* who supports so many needed programs in our area. That donation (as a result of our 2012 year-long fundraising efforts) provided an excess of 20,000 pounds of food to help those in need. Many thanks to all our supporters far and wide for their donations throughout the year and their support for this fine cause. Together we *do* make a difference in our community.

Elections for our 2014 chapter officers are complete, they are as follows:

Coordinator – Don Kelly
Vice-coordinator – Billy Varrozza
Treasurer – Laird Adkins
Secretary – Laura Sellers-Earl
Membership secretary – Ron Gray
State board representative – Al Jaques
Legislative – Al Jaques
Sergeant-at-arms #1 – Bruce Westerlund
Sergeant-at-arms #2 – Ron Gray
Run coordinator – (by committee yet



to be established)

Public relations director – Laura Sellers-Earl

Newsletter editor – Don Kelly

Education coordinator – (by committee as necessary)

Historian – Dawn Dungan

Products – Don Kelly

Web master – Carl Earl

Chapter chaplain – Bob Hutson

My deepest appreciation to all the outgoing officers who have worked hard this last year and in the past to make our chapter what it is today and to those who are stepping up this year to continue to grow and strengthen this fine chapter.

In closing, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all of our chapter members, their families, our friends, and all of our supporters who dedicate their time and energy all year long. It's all about you who make the difference.

It's been my pleasure to serve as the chapter's coordinator the last few

years. Time for me to step aside and support the chapter in different ways. Watch us grow!

All the best and wishes for a happy new year from the *North Coast Chapter*,

-- Al Jaques
 outgoing chapter coordinator

North Coast

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd 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.

Motion made by Matt, seconded by Mike. All voted yes to move meeting to the first Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at *Almost Home* restaurant.

This gives us our back room once more in the hopes that more members can tear themselves away from *Sons of Anarchy* or whatever else may have been holding them back from attending.

We all wish every chapter the, merriest of Christmas' and the happiest of new years to come!

We may be slowly, but most assuredly bringing the *Fossil* event into being, with a few addition. We'll keep you all posted, beginning at the state board and in next years newspaper/letter.

For all our members, do not forget to send me your e-mail if you want your newsletter. Or a self-addressed, stamped envelope so I can send

you a copy. (Depending on if this December's paper is January's paper or not.) [c.o.e. – Huh ?]

Confused? You're right at home

For those not present at the meeting, our poker runs in 2014 are in June, July, and August.

Thanks,

-- Lynn B. DeSpain
 chapter coordinator



Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Monday 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*



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Southeast Portland

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

November 16th started out with some rain which then stopped long enough for us to ride the route for the *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*. We had about ninety-three bikes and approximately 140 people attend. We were able to present the Hillsboro fire department a check for over \$2,200 for their *Toy and Joy* program. The Hillsboro *Elks* lodge provided a nice spaghetti lunch for us after the ride.

It is with great sadness that *WaCo* chapter reports the passing of long time member Dorothy Johnston (age 84) on December 6th as a result of injuries incurred in a fall.

Our November toy run is named in honor of her late husband. She always made it a point to attend. We are very glad she was able to be there this year and ride along in one of the rescue vehicles. Her smile and numerous jokes will be missed!

Be safe out there this winter as you ride or drive.

Happy holidays,

-- Denise Darneille
chapter secretary
Washington County Chapter



Washington County

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

14 December 2013 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

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Weather Conditions**



Definition Of An Oregon Motorcycle Helmet

according to

Title 59

Oregon Vehicle Code

(2009)

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/801.html>

801.366 “Motorcycle helmet.” “Motorcycle helmet” means a protective covering for the head consisting of a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap type retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation. [1995 c.492 §2]



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A.M.A. Seeks C.D.C. Meeting

The *A.M.A.* is seeking a meeting with the head of the federal *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* to find out whether the agency is trying to reduce motorcycle ridership by pursuing a federal mandatory motorcycle helmet requirement.

A.M.A. vice-president for government relations, Wayne Allard, made the meeting request in a November 22 letter to *C.D.C.* director Tom Frieden. It was made a day after U.S. representative Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) sent a letter to Frieden expressing concerns over the same issue. Walberg's November 21 letter questions the work of a *C.D.C.* advisory group called the *Community Preventative Services Task Force* and refers to a presentation at a task force meeting in October 2013.

In his letter, Allard repeated a question asked by Walberg: "*Is it the goal or strategy of the C.D.C. to reduce the use of motorcycle (a legal mode of transportation) by recommending and pursuing a federal helmet [requirement]? With the safety of motorcyclists the utmost priority of the A.M.A., we are willing to work with all stake holders, including the C.D.C., to promote rider education and training, as well as motorist awareness programs. These are effective strategies to reduce motorcycle crashes from ever occurring. Whereas, universal motorcycle helmet [requirements] do nothing to prevent crashes,*" Allard wrote.

The *C.D.C.*, which is part of the U.S. *Department of Health and Human Services*, is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

The *A.M.A.* strongly advocates helmet use, but believes that adult riders, not governments, should make the choice whether or not to wear a helmet. Mandatory helmet regulations do nothing to prevent crashes.

The *A.M.A.* supports actions

that help riders avoid a crash from occurring, including voluntary rider education, improved licensing and testing, and expanded motorist awareness programs.

Like representative Walberg, the *A.M.A.* questions what expertise and authority the *C.D.C.* and its task force have in the traffic safety arena.

Motorcycling is not a disease to be cured.

It is a legitimate means of transportation and recreation enjoyed by an estimated 11 million Americans.

Forest Maps Apps For Tablets

The *U.S. Forest Service* now offers access to variety of visitor maps for people using *Android* and *iOS* devices.

The digital maps are part of *U.S.D.A.*'s work toward reaching president Obama's initiative to create a paperless government that also provides the American public with better, more accessible information.

The *Forest Service* is currently working on the first phase of a web site redesign, expected to debut early in 2014. It will center on a map-based tool for planning trips onto our nation's forests, grasslands, and other special places.

In areas of national forests and grasslands where internet connections are unavailable, the app and static maps work well if users download the maps prior to their visit. In geographic areas with internet availability, users will be able to use the products with live data.

The apps and maps also will be useful for wild land firefighters.

The interactive map is expected to be available on a limited basis starting in March 2014.

The *U.S.F.S.*'s seven regions are tasked with uploading maps. Users

should contact the regional office where a forest or grassland is located if maps are not available on the app.

Paper maps are still available for purchase on-line at the *National Forest* store. (<https://www.nationalforeststore.com>)

New Hampshire A.T.V.s Gain Limited Roading

A standing-room-only crowd at a recent hearing strongly supported a proposal to allow A.T.V.s to use the public highways in town so they can access local restaurants, motels, and other businesses.

At the end of the hearing, town selectmen unanimously approved two motions that would open up specific roads to A.T.V. use year round.

A third motion that opens all town roads during the *Jericho A.T.V. Festival Weekend* passed on a trial basis.

A.M.A. Lane-Splitting Position

The *A.M.A.* board of directors adopted a lane-splitting position statement at their October meeting.

The *A.M.A.* believes that lane splitting can have safety benefits as well as help reduce traffic congestion.

In developing its statement, the *A.M.A.* board continues to place significant emphasis on motorcycle operator and passenger safety. The *A.M.A.* endorses rider responsibility and actions that make roadways safer for motorcyclists.

While research and evidence suggest that lane splitting may reduce a motorcyclist's risk exposure, the *A.M.A.* is cautious to issue a blanket endorsement supporting the practice.

In particular, experience indicates that the legislative process and the implementation of new regulations

are fraught with uncertainty. A straightforward lane splitting bill may easily be amended with provisions that the *A.M.A.* and the motorcycling community would find unacceptable.

Passing legislation to permit lane splitting may be the easiest part of the process. Significant effort would subsequently be required to educate the enforcement community, officials, and administrators within state departments of transportation and public safety, prosecutors, the judiciary, and the general motoring public on the benefits to those groups and motorcyclists to make lane splitting safe for everyone.

Lane splitting is an issue of choice. The practice is optional in California, for example, where formal guidelines exist.

Those opposed to the practice should consider the desires of other motorcyclists who believe they would benefit from it.

Given the on-going success of lane splitting in California and the recent enthusiasm for lane splitting and/or filtering in other states, the *A.M.A.* endorses these practices and will assist groups and individuals working to bring legal lane splitting and/or filtering to their states.

Pennsylvania Goes Vertical

House bill 1060, originally introduced by representative Mark Keller (R-New Bloomfield), was signed by governor Corbett. The bill allows motorcycle owners to mount their registration plates vertically if they pay an additional \$20 fee and display special motorcycle registration plates featuring the identifying characters in a vertical alignment.

The bill explicitly prohibits

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From yer ...

crusty ol' editor

... yet again

Recovering consciousness on the first of January, not only will a new day, week, and month present us with possibilities, but a new year as well.

With the new year comes a new crop of folks sending in chapter reports.

Yer poor ol' c.o.e. reminds those peoples of the following absolute imperialistic universal laws regarding Oregon A.B.A.T.E. newspaper/letter submissions:

(They're more like guidelines.)

- **Chapter reports are due by midnight on the 10th day of each month.** (Not just some months or when the planets align for the writer.) The lead time is needed to edit and assemble each issue for the printer so that members may receive their copies before the beginning of the month.
- **Identify which bloody chapter the friggin' report is from!** (After culling through half a dozen e-mails titled "Newsmag/letter/paper/rag Report", is it any wonder that yer ol' editor gets crusty and starts yelling at his cup full of pens and pencils?)
- **Plain text in e-mail works best.** (There are approximately 187.347 skazillion text formats floating around out there in the word processing fog bank. Do yer crusty ol' editor a favor each month and use the one that is most universal

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Knock on wood

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— plain text.)

- **One exclamation mark per article.** (Any more and the writer appears too excitable and overly dramatic for the job.)
- **Spelchek yer d%#n articles before inflicting them on the rest of the world.** (Honestly, how much time does it take out of people's video game time to click a couple of computer buttons? Remember, what you are sending in will be posted on the world wide web. Do you really want the rest of the world thinking that Oregon bikers are a bunch ignorant boobies who can't even spel?)
- **Chapter first.** Talk about chapter business first. (It's the reason for the report.) Any personal stuff can come afterwards.
- **Define acronyms.** (The general rule here is that if you don't bother defining your terms, crusty ol' editor gets to. And he has a wicked imagination.)
- **Use real words, not abbreviations.** You can get away with using "rep" for representative when speaking informally, or "&" for "and" in notes. But writing for the adult world requires real grown-up actual words, not text or e-mail shortcuts.

A.B.A.T.E. can be likened to a tree. Leaves are fund generating events, branches are chapters, the trunk is the organization, and roots are the state board.

Roots take in nutrients from soil and leaves, then send them up the trunk to maintain the life of the branches. Everything is in balance, providing life for all.

But if branches begin hoarding the output of leaves in order to feed other life forms living on them, the roots begin to wither, the trunk weakens. If the trunk topples, the branches won't be left hanging in midair, carrying on as usual. Healthy as they might have made themselves, the branches come crashing down along with the rest of the tree.

Presently, A.B.A.T.E. chapters tithe ten per cent of sanctioned event profits to the state board who arranges low cost insurance for such events. That money plus any profit from state events goes into funding our educational activities to make the state roadways safer for all motorcyclists.

There is a movement to raise that tithing level to twenty per cent, at least temporarily, until the state event funding steams are reestablished.

Yet there are A.B.A.T.E. members who are firmly opposed to helping the state through a financial hard time while their chapters donate thousands of dollars to local charities, money that was often generated through state-sanctioned events. (It's a bit like letting one's own family starve while helping other families survive.)

All members and chapters need to



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/>

keep in mind the larger picture of why we exist as an organization and what we are trying to accomplish, then continue working toward that goal. (It's all there in our mission statement.)

Yer crusty ol' editor can be a bit of a geek at times. Sadly, in late November, he discovered that one may use iTunes gift cards to download software apps to an iPad. The result is that he's stuck on level two of the Lego Harry Potter I-IV game with no idea how to get past the attacking basilisk. Good thing December's freezing temperatures and fog were keeping him indoors. (Update: a quick web search provided the information needed to get out of that jam. Now c.o.e. is stuck somewhere else.)



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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere ... like on page 16)

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There are times to think, and times to act without thinking. -- PH (300701Nov2K13sat)

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motorcycle registration plates with horizontal identifying characters from being vertically mounted.

Canadian Noise

Windsor, Ontario police are cracking down on excessive motorcycle noise.

Deputy chief Jerome Brannigan said officers are on the lookout for altered mufflers that generate excessive or unusual noise. He said police have ticketed fifty people since officers began the crackdown earlier this year. They have experienced a conviction rate of fifty *per cent*.

Brannigan said 250 officers took specialized training to make the crackdown effective.

In June 2010, Edmonton passed Canada's first excessive motorcycle

noise by-law. It focused on engines louder than 92 decibels while idling and 96 decibels while the engine was revving.

Police in Edmonton used decibel meters, but found they lost cases because of compromising factors such as background noise.

A similar regulation was passed in Bathurst, New Brunswick in 2011, year before the ban on noisy bikes there.

Bathurst police held clinics so bikers could check the decibel levels of their motorcycles. If they were over the 92-decibel limit, they were asked to remove the modified after-market exhaust systems that were installed.

Vintage Motorcycle

Days Dates

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce the 2014 dates for *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days*, the country's premier annual celebration of vintage motorcycling.

The event will take place July 11-13 at the world-class mid-Ohio sports car course in Lexington, Ohio.

A fundraiser for the *A.M.A. Motorcycle Hall of Fame*, *Vintage Motorcycle Days* features classic motorcycles of all makes and styles, and honors the riders who made them famous.

Activities include:

- Racing vintage grand championship, which features road racing, motocross, hare scrambles, trials,

and dirt-track.

- North America's largest motorcycle swap meet.
- Bike shows and awards.
- Stunt shows.
- Demo rides of current production bikes.
- Seminars on a number of topics by noted motorcycling experts.

All proceeds from *Vintage Motorcycle Days* benefit the *A.M.A. Motorcycle Hall of Fame*. The goal of the hall of fame, located on the *A.M.A.* campus in Pickerington, Ohio, is to tell the stories and preserve the history of motorcycling's legends and heroes.

For more information, call (614)–856–2222, or visit the hall of fame's web site at:

<http://www.motorcyclemuseum.org/>

Motorcycle Riders Foundation



E.P.A. Proposes Less Ethanol 2014 Production

On November 15th, the *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*) issued a proposed rule that would force the United States to produce less ethanol in 2014. This is the first time the *E.P.A.* has decided that less renewable fuels should be produced, the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) reports. The reaction is due to the declining markets since congress passed the *Renewable Fuels Standard* (*R.F.S.*) in 2007.

The move was expected as the demand for higher ethanol blends has been shrinking across the country. The proposed rule by the *E.P.A.* lowers the amount of ethanol that must be blended into U.S. fuel supplies from 16.55 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons in 2014, the same amount that was produced in 2012.

Ethanol has been controversial.

It can harm the power trains of vehicles and leave the owner with a voided warranty. It has lead to higher corn prices, which has lead to higher costs associated with certain food items such as milk, eggs, and meat.

Both results have drawn the disdain of many Americans.

Ethanol was supposed to be the spark that lead to cleaner renewable fuels such as switch grass and other sources of alternative fuels. That just has not happened since the *R.F.S.* regulation was passed six years ago.

The decreased demand for fuel in general has flat-lined due to more fuel-efficient vehicles and the rising cost of fuel.

The proposal is open for public comment for sixty days before it could become final.

N.H.T.S.A. Chief Resigns

Administrator David Strickland announced Thursday, December 12th that he is stepping down from the top spot at the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. (*N.H.T.S.A.*) Strickland has led the traffic safety agency for the past four years. He has done extensive work with distracted driving as well as driverless cars.

The *N.H.T.S.A.* deputy administrator, David Friedman, will be taking over as acting administrator.

This is the second *Department of Transportation* (*D.O.T.*) official to resign this week. John Porcari, chief deputy administrator *N.H.T.S.A.*,

secretary Foxx's right hand man, also announced his departure earlier this week. He will be replaced by federal highways administrator, Victor M. Mendez.

It will be telling, as secretary Foxx replaces the top seats at two major positions of the *D.O.T.*, just what direction he plans on taking the department under his watch.

M.R.F. Testifies Before E.P.A.

The *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*) held a field hearing on the *Renewable Fuels Standard* (*R.F.S.*) in northern Virginia where the *M.R.F.* had the opportunity to testify.

There were over 140 panelists representing a variety of concerned parties. The majority of the panelists were very pro-ethanol, with most of them coming from corn growers and biofuel associations. There were only a handful of people from vehicle-based associations. The hearing was open to general public.

The reason for the hearing was unclear, as the *E.P.A.* does not have to adhere to any of the panelists' suggestions. One possible reason

for the hearing could be to give the pro-ethanol types a forum to vent after the *E.P.A.* announced that it is considering lowering the amount of ethanol to be produced according to the *R.F.S.* in 2014. The *E.P.A.* specifically said that one of the reasons for the drop in production is a shrinking market place and customer base for the higher blends of ethanol, like E-15.

Jeff Hennie (vice president of *M.R.F.* government relations and public affairs) had this to say, "Our message to the *E.P.A.* is simple. First halt the sale of E-15, then conduct a comprehensive, independent, scientific study on the full effects of E-15 on all types of vehicles."

To date the only study that has been conducted by the *E.P.A.* on E-15 is on the tail pipe emissions. The purpose of the study was to make sure the higher ethanol blend did not pollute more than E-10.

Prior to October 2010, the *E.P.A.* had not allowed the sale of the higher blend according to the *Clean Air Act*. (*C.A.A.*)

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



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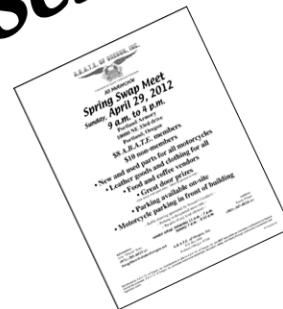
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When they issued the waiver, the motorcycling community at large approached the E.P.A. and told them we are opposed to E-15 for various reasons, one of which is the possibility of voiding any warranty work if the higher blend was used in motorcycles.

The E.P.A. tried to make various assurances that pumps would be clearly labeled and that new pump technology will reduce the in line fuel from the previous customer. Currently blender pumps can hold 2-3 gallons in their hoses. The new technology will reduce this to just a fraction of a gallon. The proprietor of the gas station must purchase the new pumps, so that solution seems unlikely to happen anytime soon.

This is the perfect time to contact your federal representatives and ask them to cosponsor HR-875, a bill that would stop the sale of E-15 until a trustworthy study of E-15 is complete.

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It's a Wired World After All

At a recent Automotive After market forum, the largest issue reported on was not how to implement future technologies; but rather on the relationship between the manufacturer, dealer network, and original equipment-over-aftermarket-products. In particular, products that enable a car to be "connected".

"The connected car is going to happen," stated Chris Slesak, director of telematics at Delphi Automotive. (If you don't know the term "telematics", you will soon. Telematics is the technology of sending,



receiving, and storing information.)

You have likely heard of Apple's iCloud technology. This is something similar, but in your car. Yes, you will be able to access your on-line music, photos, internet, iTunes account, iCloud account, contact lists, and so on in your car just like on any smartphone or tablet.

Sounds like it might come in handy. But with all things there is also a dark side.

The other items that could be shared wirelessly are your speed, location, brake activity, and any other systems that you are currently operating.

Some car loan companies are already using tracking devices on vehicles that still owe money on the car note.

Perhaps the biggest fear is that this new technology will be used to disable a vehicle that has had after market performance upgrades, thus taking away customization options from the owner and forcing them to only use manufacturer parts. (Or worse, government approved parts.)

So you put after market pipes, air cleaner, and an electronic control unit (E.C.U.) on your motorcycle. When the fuel-to-air ratios are changed from factory settings the bike (when capable of telematics) would not start because the factory has locked it until original equipment manufacturer (O.E.M.) settings have been restored.

The M.R.F. spoke with panelist Andrew Christensen (senior manager of technology planning for Nissan of

north America) at a recent U.S. house transportation and infrastructure hearing about driverless cars. Mr. Christensen, said, "It's a long way off, but it's certainly possible with systems that include sensors and computers. But the vehicle would have to be in virtual contact with the manufacturer at all times and that technology is nowhere near fleet level."

Fighting the technology is a fool's errand.

But there is a fight we can win: ownership.

We can make a case that the data is the property of the vehicle owner.

"This is a fight for access to the customer," said Fred Blumer (C.E.O. of VehCon) emphasizing that the after market should focus less on accessing O.E.M. data than on empowering customers to take ownership of the vehicle data. "The argument you can win is that this is the customer's data," he added.

This is why it's so important to pass legislation making data the personal property of the vehicle owner.

HR-2414 has been introduced in the U.S. house of representatives to do just that. The Black Box Privacy Protection Act gives the customer the ability to turn the data sharing off as well as make the data the property of the car, truck, or motorcycle owner.

From the standpoint of consumer privacy rights, most consumers are not aware that their vehicles are recording data. This data not only may be used to aid traffic safety analyses, but also has the potential of being used against them in a civil or criminal proceeding, or by their insurer to increase rates.

Please call your member of congress and ask them to cosponsor HR-2414.

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Congressional Action To Bar E-15 Gas

The U.S. Defenders (<http://www.usdefenders.org>) issued a call to action on October 26, 2013 calling for support of house resolution 1462 “to stop the sale of ethanol 15 (E-15).”

The bipartisan *R.F.S. Reform Act* would “eliminate the corn-based ethanol mandate currently required by the Renewable Fuel Standard, reduce the overall requirements of cellulosic ethanol not filled by other advanced bio-fuels, and rescind the Environmental Protection Agency waivers allowing gasoline blends containing up to 15-percent of ethanol.”

Introduced by representatives Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR), and Peter Welch (D-VT), HR-1462 would effectively overhaul the *Renewable Fuel Standard (R.F.S.)* which mandates that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels be part of our nation’s fuel supply by 2022, almost all of which being fulfilled by corn ethanol which in turn diverts nearly 40% of our nation’s corn crop from food and feed.

Congress created the *R.F.S.* program in 2005 to promote the ethanol industry by setting the minimum amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into motor fuels annually. E-10 (10% ethanol blend) has become widely accepted and helped kick start the ethanol industry.

But in 2010 the *E.P.A.* approved E-15 for use in newer vehicles even though many automobile manufacturers claim its use can damage engines and void warranties. No motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s) are currently approved to use the alcohol-laden fuel.

Representative Goodlatte has also introduced the *R.F.S. Elimination Act* (HR-1461), “which eliminates the *R.F.S.* altogether and makes ethanol compete in a free market.” Both the *R.F.S. Elimination Act* and the *R.F.S. Reform Act* have been referred to the house energy and

commerce committee.

Meanwhile, on November 15, the *E.P.A.* recommended reducing the total amount of ethanol required by the *R.F.S.* to be blended into U.S. transportation fuel nationwide in 2014 from 18.15 billion gallons down to 15.21 billion gallons, though the move to reduce the minimum volume of renewable fuel next year does not provide a permanent solution to the inflexible short-term mandates nor the long-term diversion of feed stocks to fuel.

C.D.C. Task Force Calls For Helmet Regulations

A task force operating under the auspices of the Atlanta-based *Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.)* is recommending that all states have a mandatory helmet regulation in place to require motorcycle riders of all ages to wear a helmet.

Citing reduced injuries and fatalities, as well as economic benefits, the community preventive services task force, appointed by the director of the *C.D.C.*, made its recommendations to the federal agency and reported its findings to the U.S. congress in early December.

The *C.D.C.*, whose primary mission is to fight disease, issued a report last summer recommending that all fifty states enact universal helmet regulations in response to a sharp increase in motorcyclist fatalities. (Ignoring the fact that the number of motorcycles in use nationwide has increased substantially over the past decade, and that costs associated with un-helmeted cyclists involved in fatal crashes represent a tiny fraction of overall U.S. healthcare expenditures.)

In the meantime, U.S. representative Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a joint letter from members of congress calling for the *C.D.C.* to stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet regulations, which they have no experience or expertise with, and “. . . to direct your attention and resources to areas that are

not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government.”

Rochester, Minnesota Discriminating

Against Bikers ?

An attorney representing the *Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota* claims that Rochester bars and restaurants illegally deny access to people wearing clothing that displays affiliations to certain motorcycle clubs and that the Rochester police department advises the establishments to do so.

In a letter dated October 31, 2013 to Rochester police chief Roger Peterson and city attorney Terry Adkins, *A.I.M.* attorney Michael M. Bader of St. Paul, Minnesota states that by denying access to people displaying affiliations to these clubs, the establishments are violating Minnesota statute 604.12. The statute, the first and only biker anti-discrimination regulation in the country, says that access cannot be denied to “a person who operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association,” unless the person’s behavior is endangering other people or property, or the person’s clothing “is obscene or includes the name or symbol of a criminal gang.”

Bader’s letter states that he has been provided “irrefutable evidence” that Rochester restaurants and bars violate the regulation by practicing “discrimination” against members of motorcycle clubs, and told the *Post-Bulletin* newspaper that the evidence includes taped recordings of conversations with bar owners who say police advised them to deny access to people wearing jackets or other clothing with certain motorcycle club colors and insignias. “The reason given by police, as evidenced in recordings, is: ‘that these groups have a history of violence,’ “ but Minnesota statute 609.229, which pertains to gang crime, requires a gang or club to have a

“pattern of criminal activity” before establishments can deny access to its members.

“Our suggestion would be for chief Peterson to send a memo to all licensed clubs and restaurants in Rochester with a copy of Minnesota statute 604.12, advising the license holders that discrimination upon dress alone violates the statute and makes each establishment liable for damages and attorney fees for each person who suffers the discrimination,” Bader wrote in his letter.

Peterson told the paper he has no plans to send the type of memo Bader suggested because the police department is not violating any statute, saying it is well-known and well-established that the motorcycle clubs Bader represents have histories of violence in the Rochester area and the police department has advised bars and restaurants to deny access to people wearing any kind of gang colors or insignias, and that includes those of motorcycle clubs with violent histories.

If Peterson refuses to do so, “the next step is litigation,” Bader said in a recent interview. “And then it would be incumbent upon the city to prove this pattern of criminal activity.” According to Minnesota statute 609.902, it requires at least three separate criminal acts within ten years of the beginning of the criminal proceeding.

Michigan Three-wheelers

Exempted

The Michigan legislature has approved a bill to change the state’s motorcycle regulations to allow *Elio Motors* to sell a three-wheeled car in the state without buyers being required to get a motorcycle endorsement.

The *Elio* (pronounced EE-lee-oh) is considered a “motorcycle” under federal and state safety regulations because it has three wheels and weighs less than 1,600 pounds. Nonetheless, it handles like a car according to inventor Paul Elio, who says Michigan’s old regulations would have required buyers of the *Elio* to take a motorcycle safety test that teaches things like, “the throttle is on the right handlebar” and you

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should “lean into a curve.”

The company is banking on other states with similar regulations to have them modified by the time *Elio Motors* plans to start production of the *Elio* in late 2014. Their main concern is the five states that require drivers of three-wheeled vehicles to wear a helmet.

Joel Sheltrown of *Elio Motors* says those regulations must be changed by the time the *Elio* is for sale, because wearing a helmet in a car obscures the person’s vision and hearing, plus the weight of the helmet also has the potential to cause severe neck damage in a crash.

Such regulations could also hinder sales of the three-wheeler, which will be manufactured in Shreveport, Louisiana, where the state recently amended their regulations to allow *Elio* occupants to ride without a helmet and operators won’t have to get a special “M” endorsement on their driver’s license as required of motorcyclists.

Motorcycles Drive Global Tire Market Growth

The worldwide market for tires is projected to grow at a 5% annual rate for the period 2014–2015, with motorcycles as the key driver.

According to an industry report, the increasing demand for motorcycles positively influences the demand for tires and hence leads to the growth of the global tire market. The demand for motorcycles comes from developing and underdeveloped countries where the penetration rate of cars is low.

Also, it is expected that the adoption of tubeless tires in the global motorcycle market will increase and will have a positive impact on the global tire market.

One-In-Four Drivers Admit Web Surfing While Driving

Texting while driving used to be an offense identified with younger vehicle operators, but a new poll shows how it has spread to older drivers as well. The poll also found that one in four drivers are now accessing the web while driving, yet another dangerous distraction, and

the increase is driven by older drivers using smart phones.

The number of drivers who report using their cell phones to access the internet while behind the wheel continues to rise, to a point where nearly one of four drivers are going on-line while driving, according to a national survey that has tracked the potentially deadly practice over the past five years. There were also jumps in the percentages of people who read or respond to e-mail, and who read or update social media networks while driving, according to an article appearing on the front page of *U.S.A. Today* on Tuesday, November 12th.

Insurer *State Farm* began asking drivers in 2009 whether they went on-line while driving. The percentage of drivers who said they do so has nearly doubled, from 13% in 2009 to 24% this year. Among drivers ages 18-29, that number rose from 29% to 49%.

Most research on distracted driving (and most regulations against it) have focused on texting while driving, which creates a crash risk twenty-three times greater than not doing so, according to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. (N.H.T.S.A.)

But the rise in ownership of smart phones, which allow users to surf the web, access social media, send and receive e-mail, means there are more opportunities than ever for driver distraction.

Over the past three years, the sharpest increases in smart phone ownership were among drivers 40 and over.

For drivers ages 40–49, the percentage who owns smart phones rose from 47% in 2011 to 82% in 2013.

For those 50–64, it went from 44% to 64%.

And for those 65 and older, from 23% to 39%.

Perhaps reflecting the nation’s sustained campaign against texting while driving, that problem is growing much more slowly than surfing the web. The percentage of people who report texting while driving rose slightly over the past five years, from 31% to 35% of all

drivers. Among those 18-29, the number who report doing so has actually decreased, from 71% to 69%.

Chris Mullen, *State Farm’s* director of technology research says, “We need to keep an eye on social media, reading e-mail, all these other functions folks can use. ... That could be legislation, it could be enforcement, it could be education and awareness.”

Drivers Willing To Lose Control

A new survey finds that one in five Americans would never take the wheel again if a self-driving, or autonomous, car were available.

CarInsurance.com asked 2,000 drivers whether they would buy an autonomous car if it meant they never had to drive again. 20% of them said yes. That number soars if cheaper car insurance is part of the deal.

While one in five licensed drivers surveyed said they would gladly turn over the keys and let computers do the driving, more than a third of those surveyed said an 80% discount on car insurance rates would make purchase of an autonomous vehicle “very likely,” and 90% of respondents said they would at least consider the idea.

Cars that park themselves, navigate stop-and-go-traffic or avert an impending collision are already on U.S. roads today, and Nissan has promised to deliver a fully autonomous vehicle -- one that allows a computer to assume control under the right conditions -- to showrooms by 2020. A fully automated vehicle that doesn’t need

a human operator could someday follow.

“Our survey shows cheaper insurance will greatly influence consumer acceptance,” said *CarInsurance.com* managing editor Des Toups. “Some of the liability of operating a car will doubtless be assumed by the manufacturer,” Toups said. “But a lot of the decrease in rates could come simply because there would be many fewer [crashes].”

Trust will be a big hurdle. The survey results show 64% said computers were not capable of the same quality of decision-making that human drivers exhibit, and 75% said they can drive a car better than a computer could.

Asked what they would do with their additional free time, 26% responded that they’d text/talk with friends, 21% would read, while 10% would sleep and 7% would work.

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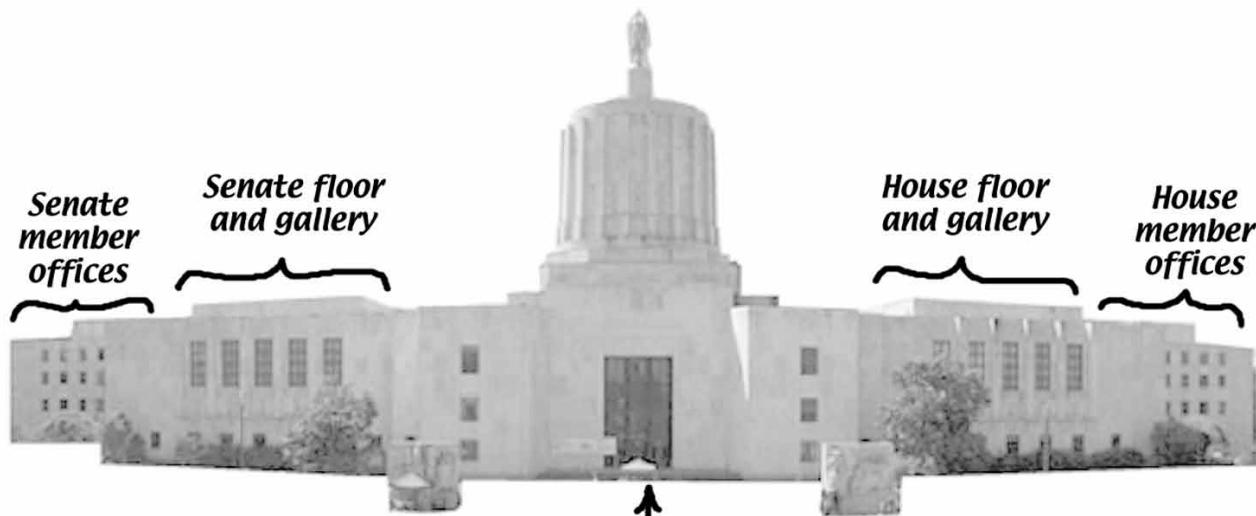
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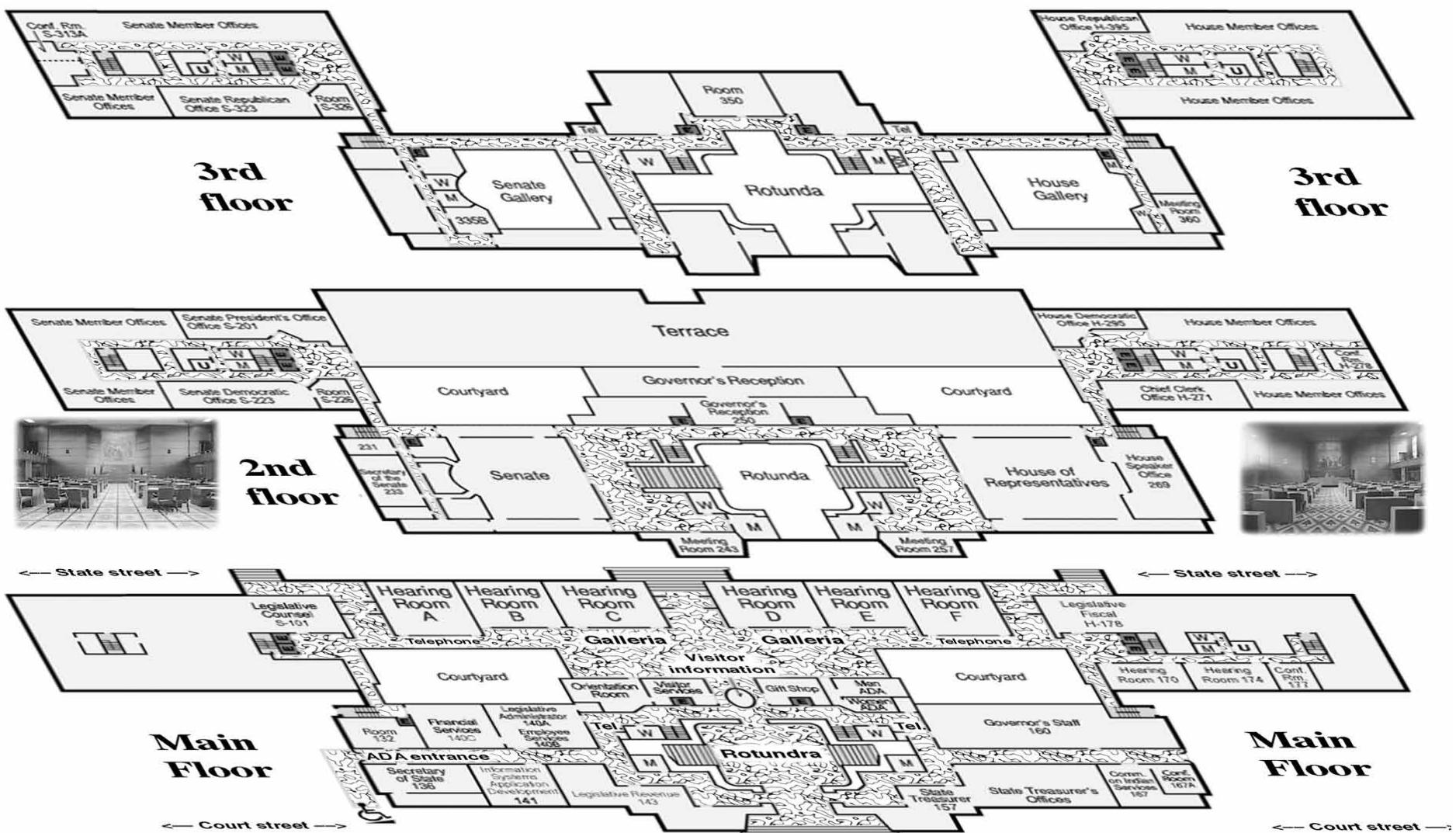
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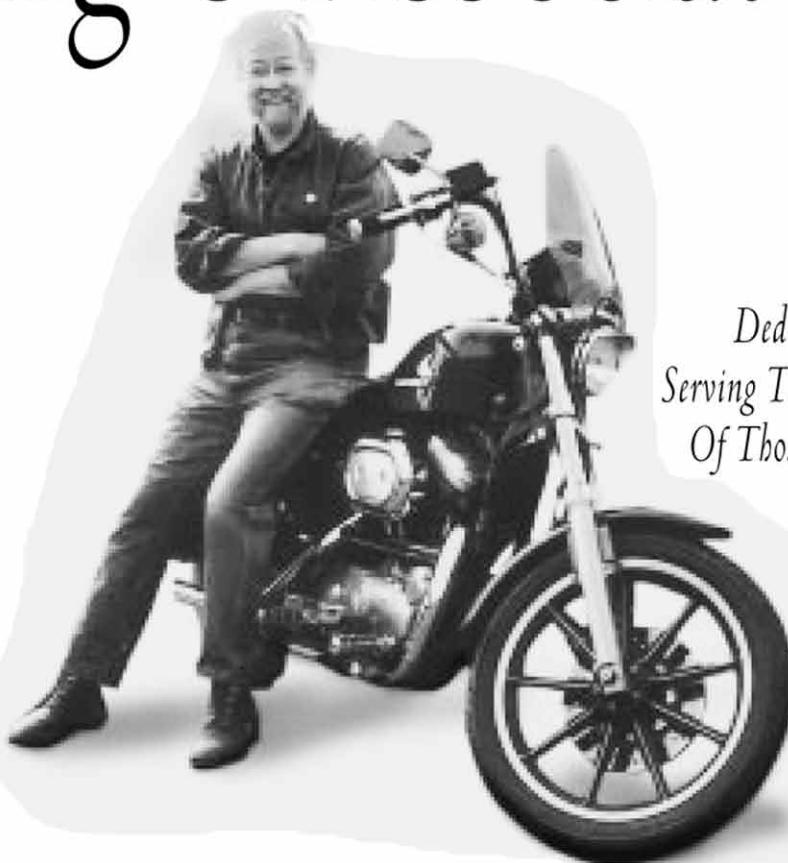
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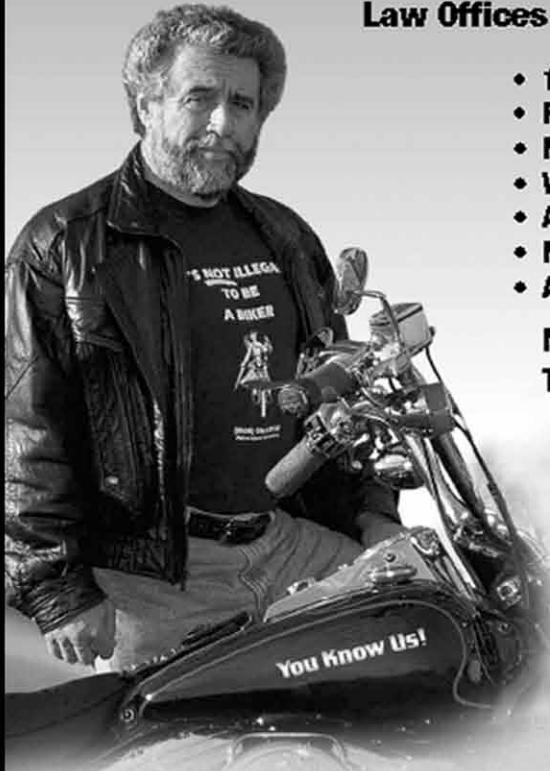
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Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X					X	X	
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X					X		X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X						X	X
Southern Oregon area										
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Medford			X			X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X					X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Oregon area										
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X				X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X				X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X					
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X			X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X			X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X	X	
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X			X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X			X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X		X			X	X	
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
other areas										
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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.

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

Travel

Found

Losing

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.

Hub City Gnomettes



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.
Note: *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements. (Deadline is the 10th of each month for following month's publication.)

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 motorcyclists get pulled over - prevent profiling and harassment)

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone **1-800-347-1106** or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for chief of staff. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 5603 SW Hood avenue; Portland, OR 97239 ATTN: chief of staff

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITATION? **(YES) (NO)** IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: _____

You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)** If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN _____ VERBAL _____ BOTH _____

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES : How did you plead? _____ If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ _____

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? **(YES) (NO)** If no when is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ _____ COUNTY \$ _____ CITY \$ _____

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) _____

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

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

You may request copies of all reports and materials, including video and audio tapes, within 72 hours of a traffic stop.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2014

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Allan Nichols	(503)-341-6157	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
Laura Botkin	(503)-nnn-nnnn	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Paul Hering	(503)-nnn-nnnn	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
<Open> Karen Tolle	(541)-	VCS@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
Rick Prentice	(503)-nnn-nnnn	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Karen Tolle	(541)-nnn-nnnn	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor			
< vacant >		auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
<Open>		Membership@abateoforegon.net	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Robert Terrill	(503)-887-3032	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	news@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
<Open>	(541)-nnn-nnnn	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	SergeantNorth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Lance Tolle	(541)-	SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
<Open>	(541)-	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
Products director			
Dave Meeker	(503)-985-0233	P.O. box 563; Gaston, OR 97119	
Education director			
Laura Botkin		Education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
<Open>	(360)-949-0069	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
Lynn DeSpain	(503)-nnn-nnnn	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
Teresa Hepker	(541)-nnn-nnnn	Historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
Carl Earl		webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
<Open>	(503)-nnn-nnnn	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Don Mason	(541)-990-2884	BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
Allan Nichols	(503)-341-6157		
Confederation of Clubs representative			
<Open>	(541)-nnn-nnnn	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

(Return address)

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

How would you like to receive your state newspaper?
 Print version mailed to your address.
 Download PDF version from state web site at:
<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

Chapter: _____

New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	Membership # _____
Patch Received ?	
Yes _____	
No _____	

Please send completed application to:

Membership Rates:					
number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Club/Org.	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	Lifetime	\$300			

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

(revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path)

Total members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____



A.B.A.T.E. Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OREGON
97208

How did you hear about A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon?

Comments:

January 2014

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

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 11 Jan 2014

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue
Albany, Oregon

There once were hangovers quite pounding,
The result of new year expounding,
Although it had seemed fun,
Plainly the liquor won,
With many new AA group foundings.

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Have A Smart Phone?

QR code for Oregon
A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



(If your cell phone can't handle things like QR codes, reassure it that it's just as good as other phones in its own special way.)

2014 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run
BN = Biker Night

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
— 2014 Events —			
22 Feb 2014	Crab Dinner / LoCo	Claskanie	(503)-308-2061
23 Feb 2014	Chilly Buns Ride	Stayton	
19 Apr 2014	Biker Night / Hub City		
25-26 Apr 2014	Spring Swap Meet/ Oregon ABATE		
03 May 2014	Motorcycle Awareness Rally/ABATE	Salem	
03 May 2014	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Grants Pass	
08-11 May 2014	29th Convention / NCOM	Dallas, Texas	
May 2014	Fossil Campout / ABATE	Fossil	
	Fall Swap Meet / ABATE		
June 2014	Poker Run / Salem		
June 2014	Father's Day Run / Douglas Co.		
July 2014	Poker Run / Salem		
July 2014	Thundering Waters Run / Douglas Co.		

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 Monday	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 Grove	(503)-357-3684