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Troy Davis family

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>>> MISSION STATEMENT <<<

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
promotes motorcycle *awareness,*
education, safety, and liberty
through community involvement
and legislative action.

Spring Swap Meet Postponed Until October

Given the unsettled weather we've had so far this year, the swap meet that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* normally holds in spring has been postponed until the lingering calm warmth of autumn. That's the spin we're putting on it.

Yer crusty ol' editor is not a spin doctor.

Real spin doctors get paid a lot more than nothing.

Yet it has fallen to c.o.e. to massage the keen disappointment experienced by state board members and chapter representatives upon learning that another swap meet has had to be canceled.

That's two in a row, folks.

Yer crusty ol' editor used part of his remaining time on this planet to research the number of swap meet coordinators we've had from 2002 until 2014. Eight people in a dozen years. (Part of that time, the position was vacant.)

Our present swap meet coordinator, Randy Phipps, stepped up to take on the swap meet duties because no one else out of our 1,986 members would volunteer to do the job. He relies on public transportation and has had health issues. Yet despite all

that, he has been willing to do far more than younger, more energetic, healthy members of our organization.

Scolding hasn't done any good. It's your turn to serve.

Folks who have done it before are here to show you how.

But it's *you* who needs to gulp, take a deep shuddering nervous breath, then reach into the core of your very being to summon up the courage you need in order to step up and say, "I'll do that job."

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.

A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

All Motorcycle
Spring Swap Meet
April 27, 2014
(Location being finalized)

POSTPONED

- New and used parts for all motorcycles
- Leather goods and clothing for all

UNTIL

12 OCTOBER 2014

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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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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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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

March is upon us and before you know it summer will be here.

I personally am looking forward to getting the bike out and seeing this awesome state of ours as soon as mother nature allows.

We all should be making preparations for getting back out on the roads. Now is the time to look over the bike and make sure everything is safe and good to go for the riding season ahead. Are the tires, brakes, cables, and electronics all good?

Now is the time to make sure we as riders are prepared to get on the bike again. Are we not only physically fit, but mentally prepared as well?

After spending all winter behind a windshield it is easy to become complacent and not be as aware of our surroundings as we should be. Does it usually take getting the crap scared out of you to get your mind back in two-wheel mode every year?

Now is the time to get together with our riding partners and make plans for the coming year. Are we all ready to ride in a group?

Lots of things to think about, but could be fun events if you think

about it. We can put on a shop night like a couple of chapters already do, and gather at a garage or shop and do minor repairs and maintenance as a group. We can all get together for a riding class or clinic in the spring to help get our skills and minds back up to speed. And of course we all need to educate *everyone* on the roads we ride on. That includes car drivers. They also are not used to us being on the road, so maybe some kind of community event to get the public aware of motorcycles again.

All of these things are not just what we do and what we as *A.B.A.T.E.* are about, these are our responsibilities as riders and if we don't take these precautions seriously, we are asking for trouble because no one else is going to do it for us.

- 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*,

Between the large amounts of snow, the large amounts of cinders spread on the roads, and now the quick melt with water running over the roads, riding is exceptionally poor right now. Now we are getting lots of rain. We need the rain to refill the reservoirs for irrigation next summer, but is keeping most of us off our bikes.

We are starting to put together the plans for this year's runs and it looks to be a great year with some new officers to refresh and give new ideas to revitalize the chapter .

Big thanks to all the out-going officers for their hard work and contributions. Without their hard work we would not have had a successful year last year. We are

looking forward to another great year.

Remember this year is an election year. Please look at the issues that are important to you and vote accordingly, not just on party lines. And remember if we ever want to be able to ride without a bucket on our heads, we need Dr. No out as governor because he has stated he would never approve a helmet optional bill. Dr. No has to go. Vote early and vote often.

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



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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**

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather!

I know I'm suffering from cabin fever. Oh well, this gives *Hub City* more time to plan for the *Chilly Buns Run*. We've been looking forward to the event, and by the time you read this article . . . we hope you enjoyed the *Hub City*-style of Don Nash's original ride.

As we get into the new year, we have several new officers at the reigns for *Hub City*. It's great to see those new faces alongside those who are continuing their roles from last year.

One of our returning officers is Bob Thomas (public relations). In his role, Bob leads the effort for the *Hub City* billboards. The billboards are one of our main focus areas for public awareness, education, and safety each year. Bob has already

secured our slots with the billboard company and we are well on our way to presenting our theme this year, which is "distracted drivers".

The distracted drivers theme was one that hit close to home for our chapter and one of our beloved members. We are thankful that she survived the distracted driver. She will tell you that it was her training through *Team Oregon* that helped her react and manage through the incident to be able to walk away from it.

Watch for our billboards in the May timeframe, as we coordinate their placement with *Motorcycle Awareness Month*.

Back to cabin fever. Once our weather improves, be sure to give your bike a well-deserved checkup after being cooped up in the garage. This will ensure you are ready to



enjoy those crisp winter riding days yet to come.

Keep the shiny side up,

Dolly

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 -- Jackson County



**Report
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Jackson County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)
American Legion (downtown)
Jackson & Front streets
Medford, Oregon
(541)–

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

Josephine County



This will be a short report as there is not much to report about.

Winter weather has kept us from riding much. Staying home, taking care of family matters.

We are still working on the final event dates for 2014. Sanctioning has been turned in, but a few dates might change in the next few weeks. We are still looking at other events around the state before we go to press on our flyers with final dates.

This Sunday [16 Feb] will be an S.O.S. committee meeting to make a final decision on that date and next week our swap meet committee will get together and make final

arrangements.

We have sadly heard about the cancellation of *Run-21*. JoCo sympathizes with your decision. If the economy and general interest in these bigger events don't pick up this year, other events may go the same way.

Looking forward to a great and wonderful 2014.

See you all down the road,

Karen Tolle
treasurer/secretary
Josephine County

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



Winter has come and gone again on the Oregon coast. What a surprise waking up to snow again this winter. The coast seldom gets snow once a year, but we have had it twice this winter.

I'm sure everyone is polishing and tuning on their rides in anticipation of better weather.

Jack, our state board representative, came back all fired up and wanting to get things going while trying to look calm. It's hard for him to look calm though.

It was nice seeing John and Angie out again. It's a long road to recovery after a crash, but they are working on it.

We are setting up for a poker run

in April. It would be nice to see some of you come over the hill for this. Some of our riders do make it to the Willamette valley for events when we can. Not having to work on *Beaver Creek* anymore, we are making it to more runs and events.

Our members are enjoying the new format of the state newsletter. It is different, yet gets the word out that things are happening. Rot Path you are awesome. It's nice getting it before the end of the month so we are able to see what is coming up instead of taking notes and sticking them around to remind those of us who have passed the age of remembering it all.

We do hope that you all are keeping

warm and cozy. I do miss seeing all of you, but realize that health issues do exist for many of us. Stay healthy if you can and take care.

Until next month, we will hope for clear skies and not too much wind on the coast.

Keep the rubber side down and be safe,

Millie
secretary
Lincoln County A.B.A. T.E.

Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd 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



**Report
not received**



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

January 21, 2014

Ten of us met tonight with all in good spirits.

Folks are starting to feel some cabin (or is that garage) fever. Talk about long rides in short times.

We sent off some money to the state treasury.

The 50/50 game was won by Brian at \$11/10. He donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

The membership game for \$40 would have been won by John Huteson if he had been present. It will be \$45 next time.

Shaggy correctly identified the picture on the agenda as a 1910 FN 410 cc, in-line four.

February 4, 2014

We had a very small meeting on this cold and inhospitable evening. There were eight people present. We talked about winter things and the future of good weather and lots of riding.

The 50/50 game was won by Lee at \$12/12. He donated \$7 back to the chapter. Thanks, Lee.

The membership game for \$45 was not held.



Upcoming Meetings

March 04, 2014

March 18, 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*

Hello from the *North Coast*,

Like the rest of Oregon, the north coast has been experiencing the rainless days that mother nature has extended us. I just wished she could have offered a rise in temperatures for those days. Most of us are still in hibernation up here.

Our transition from the old team to the new team of officer's has gone smoothly and we are putting our heads down and preparing for the new year.

We have had our first bowling night this last month and we are working on setting up our *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* booth for the *Clatsop Classic Car Club* swap meet at the Clatsop county fairgrounds on Saturday, March 8th.

Our *Annual Spring Fever Run* is coming up in April. See the flyer in the state newspaper.

Our Washington counterpart and sister chapter across the river, *Pacific County Chapter* from *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* is having their *Pigout Charity Run* Saturday, April 19th.

These are kick-off runs for us up

here at the *North Coast* and we invite you to join us.

For information on *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* activities, contact Don Kelly at: **(503)-325-3566** or visit our web page at:

<http://www.northcoastabate.com>

Thank you and ride safe,

Don Kelly
coordinator
North Coast



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*

03 Feb 2014

Flag salute.

Moment of silence for fallen bikers and our soldiers fighting abroad.

Discussed the *Fossil Camp Out*. Still need ticket booth people to man the booth. The one person who had been manning it before will no longer be doing it, as he did it alone, with no relief!

Discussed the need for three people to run the espresso booth. Barista types who know what they are doing. They will get free camp admissions.

Decided that we will cover the expense of bringing copies of the flyer and maps to the board meeting for each of the chapters, to make copies for their own areas to cover, and any events their members may be going to attend.

Decided to furnish Gene Mortimer with 50 flyers, maps, and 25 posters for his attendance at Clatskinine.

Discovered that many members had not received their membership cards and will be asking why.

I explained the improvements of the camp grounds at Bear Hollow and the debt owed to both Howie and Gene for the many hours they've put in.

Also talked of the potential of the race track for ATVs and scramble bikes. God knows we desperately need new blood in *A.B.A.T.E.* We are all working, including Gene and others, to find a promoter to put up the insurance and run the track. The town is all for it. It is just a couple of blocks from first street, where the bike show is held. We are hoping that this is held on a Sunday, and along with the bands playing then, *A.B.A.T.E.* will have more staying through until Monday, and bring in some new vendors, geared for the track users, and day pass people.



Meeting ended and we all went home with hope,

Lynn DeSpain
coordinator
Salem Chapter
A.B.A.T.E.



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

Well, this last week has certainly not been riding weather here in our area. Hopefully everyone navigated the snow and ice safely!

I am going to get on my soapbox just a little and complain about the fact that *WaCo's* membership is dropping just like a lot of other chapters. I have difficulty with a nearly 200 person membership and we are lucky on normal nights to have 15-20 people attending meetings. The officers attend these meetings each time and when it comes time to be involved with runs and events, it's always the same few people doing all the work.

I have been involved in enough groups to know this is usually what happens, but nothing changes for the better if new people aren't willing to step up and get involved. The more people we have helping, the smoother things will run and the

less burned out people will become.

When there are issues that need to be voted on, the majority of people aren't having any input since they aren't attending the meetings.

Hopefully everyone is reading the on-line state newspaper articles and checking the chapter web site or you could be missing out on some important chapter issues.

Denise Darneille
 chapter secretary
WaCo



Washington County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
 2nd and 4th Monday at 1930
 (7:30 p.m.)
 Prime Time Restaurant
 4450 Pacific avenue
 Forest Grove

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Our Officers at Work

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

15 February 2014 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order,welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols at 12:05 p.m. with nine of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused: *Douglas County*.

Excused Chapters: *Jackson County, Central Oregon*.

Pledge of allegiance: Led by Randy Phipps (Sergeant-at-arms—north).

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

Guests and first time attendees: Darren and Barb Tuers.

Reading, approval of minutes: Any corrections?

Motion made by Randy (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) to adopt January minutes as printed in the February state newsletter/paper.

Seconded by Lynn DeSpain (*Salem Chapter*).

Motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business

- Tabled motion from October planning session concerning on-going change to sanctioning guidelines:

Motion made by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*):

“Every chapter submit their list of runs for the following year with estimated attendance to the sanctioning officer by or at the December state board of directors meeting. If any runs are submitted after that date the chapter submitting the run will be required to pay any additional costs above the sanctioning fee.”

Motion originally tabled until December state board of directors in accordance with *A.B.A.T.E.* by-laws and operational procedures.

Passed 9-0.

*** Executive Board ***

Coordinator’s comments: Allan Nichols wanted to request that all officers please keep the organization in mind when their term is over. Pass along all equipment and help train new officers for the position. We are only as good as our weakest link and



if we are constantly starting from scratch, we can never learn to be a better, more efficient team.

Secretary report and correspondence: Laura Botkin reported no correspondence.

Vice-coordinator (north): Paul Hering stated that he will be making chapter meetings soon.

Vice-coordinator (south): Terry Nugent < Absent >

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice was able to acquire used poles up to 50 foot long and along with help from Gene and others from *River City Chapter* was able to get them to Bear Hollow near Fossil. They will be turned into a semi-permanent roof for the stage. He is requesting help though and will bring more information to the next state board of directors meeting. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Rick or Allan.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle reported the following account totals:

Checking account \$8,114.41
Savings account \$3,506.60
PayPal \$200.00

- Kay prepared the usual profit and loss report and copies were handed out to all chapters. Karen received the treasurer’s computer and all the files today. In the future, in addition to the profit and loss report, Karen would like to present to the chapters the expenses and the income for the month since the P&L is accumulated. This would give the chapters a better idea of exactly where the money is

coming from and where it is going.

- Rick presented a check from *River City Chapter* from profits of their candy sale for the amount of 384.93.

- Karen said that *Josephine County Chapter* donated \$500 to the state.

Membership secretary: Veta Holscher reported that we have 1,313 members.

- Veta also said she has been working with *American Life* and our accidental death policy has gone up to \$4,000.

- She also had an idea about an *A.B.A.T.E.* flyer that would be similar to the doorknob flyers we always get on our front doors, but ours would hang from motorcycle handle bars. The idea was well received by everyone.

- Renewal notices will be going out by Tuesday.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill < Excused >

Due to the date change and prior obligations, I can not attend today’s meeting. I had someone lined up to cover for me, but they backed out last second.

Robert reports that insurance is up and running.

- *Lower Columbia Chapter’s Crab Feed* insurance certificate sent.

- The other events I have received I will start getting certificates out shortly.

- I still have not received sanctioning paperwork for *Hub City Chilly Buns Run* and need that as



Laura Botkin

acting state recording secretary

soon as possible.

- Karen Tolle requested a list of dates for every event that has been submitted so we all know what events are going on.

*** Officer’s Reports ***

State auditor: Cindy Witmer reported that she was having issues transferring from *Quicken* to *Quick Books* every month. It was suggested that everyone go to *Quick Books*, but the question of price came up. So she will research waiting until the end of the year to transfer information to *Quick Books*.

If any treasurers would like to fax their information, the fax phone number is: **(360)–414–3299**

Newsletter/paper editor: Rot Path stated that there were no reports from *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Jackson County, Lower Columbia, or Southeast Portland* chapters.

- Even though we are doing an on-line newspaper, the deadline is still the 10th of each month.

- Rot Path wanted to remind everyone that if you do not turn in a report for three months, your chapter will not be eligible to vote.

- If any chapters are planning to do any events during *May Motorcycle Awareness* month, now is the time to get the information out there.

- In closing Rot Path asked if anyone else has noticed that governor Kitzhaber looked tired?

Legislative director: Paula Leslie stated that *BikePAC* had narrowed their focus to five main issues and put them in a questionnaire.

- She met with Bruce Kuff and he accepted an invitation to come speak at the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.

- Allan will meet with Tim Carr. Meetings with other candidates will be set up soon.

- The voter guide will be posted

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

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on-line as information comes in.

- Looking into legislation for 2014 to address the issue of motorists violating right-of-way for other motorists and not being issued a citation. (The *Milkman Mike Bill*.)

- Paula has found a lobbyist who is willing to help us with our lane sharing bill.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle reports that the southern Oregon swap meet is in April.

- Southern Oregon's *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* will be at the Josephine county courthouse, same time as last year. [Noon until 2 p.m.]

Sergeant-at-arms (east): < Vacant >

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker was holding a raffle for a small sword. Tickets contributions are \$1 or six for \$5.

- Dave will not be able to make it to Fossil and asked for volunteers to help with the merchandise there.

Education director: < Vacant >

Public relations director: < Vacant >

State run coordinator (Fossil): Lynn DeSpain reported that *Fossil* shirts are taken care of. No pre-orders, pay as you go, made on-site. We ordered 700 shirts and what's left over will roll over to next year.

- Band contracts are done, sound equipment contracts are done.

- Lynn has the copy of the map and flyers and will be sending them to the chapters to make copies and distribute them.

- He is also going to check on getting tickets made as no *Fossil* tickets have been printed yet.

- Lynn has asked for volunteers to haul the trash cans to *Fossil*, people to work the admission booth, emptying trash cans a couple times a day, and someone to work a barista booth (espresso).

- He has requested that all sergeant-at-arms attend and help with security.

- The city of Fossil is having a bike show and scavenger hunt. They will be held in town, as usual.

- Trophies are being made for the



different events.

- It was suggested to Lynn that he change the wording from "RV sites", which suggests there will be hook ups and water to "RV parking only".

State swap meet coordinator: Randy Phipps reported that after discussions with the Troutdale site fell through and not getting any vendors to respond and commit, Randy suggested that the spring swap meet be canceled and that we focus our efforts on the fall swap meet.

- After much discussion a motion was made by Paul (*Washington County Chapter*), seconded by Rick (*River City Chapter*) to cancel the spring swap meet.

Motion passed 8-0-1.

- Fall swap meet will be one-day event on Sunday, 12 October 2014.

- It was noted that we are making it harder on ourselves by not having a swap meet, but everyone agreed that without proper advertising and a good location, we would be setting ourselves up for failure and we are not financially strong enough for that.

Historian: Teresa Hepker < Excused > Teresa is still waiting for the records and files that were previously in the state connex to be returned to *A.B.A.T.E.* Allan has been in contact with previous officers and will get them back as soon as we can get an enclosed trailer to retrieve them. Currently looking for members that may have access to a trailer.

Web page editor: Carl Earl < Excused >

Quartermaster: Paul Hering stated that we are in possession of the canopy for the stage, but it has been in the weather since *Run-21*. The top will need to be professionally dried and cleaned. Paul said that he would be able to hang and clean the

side panels at his shop though.

- The state stage is at Allan's house, but needs to be moved. If there are no chapters that want to take possession of it, we need to decide what to do with it. There was discussion of selling it to another organization.

- Paul reminded us that we owed for 2014 rent on the Connex 48 foot trailer storage. Karen will get together with Paul on this.

- It was discussed whether or not we really need the Connex. Most of our equipment / supplies fit into the smaller enclosed trailer. Paul and Allan will look into this and report next month.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stoval < Excused >

Brian attended the *BikePAC* meeting in February, but hopes Don and Paula will have more to report on this.

- To Cindy (*Lower Columbia Chapter*), the *BikePAC* secretary has no record of receiving a check, but Brian said he will search further and report back.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols reports that Washington D.C. is back in full swing again. The transportation committee is discussing the highway bill and are figuring out that we don't have the money. (lol)

- Three more states are trying to pass helmet bills. More are pursuing red light bills that would allow motorcycles to proceed when a red light fails to turn.

- CDC responded to letter sent to them asking that they concentrate on diseases and viruses while leaving the issues of motorcycle apparel to the departments that are responsible for those issues. They more or less said "no".

- No *Beast of the East* this year because the *M.R.F.* will be going to

alternate years for *Beast of the East* and *Best of the West*.

- *Meeting of the Minds* will continue to be held annually. This year's event will be in Kansas City, Missouri on 28 September.

- *Best of the West* will be June 6th through 8th in Frisco, Colorado. (About 45 miles west of Denver.)

Confederation of Clubs representative: < Vacant >

Unfinished Business

• State officer vacancies:

- Education director
- Public relations
- Sergeant-at-arms (east)

• Budget committee report:

Goal of the committee is to set a budget and to set priorities for the year.

Committee met at about 11:15 a.m., prior to the state board of directors meeting on 15 February 2014.

There was some discussion of ways to make money.

Laura brought up the possibility of having a chili cook-off at the swap meet. Chili cook-offs are very popular and would bring visitors who might not usually come to a motorcycle swap meet. There could be an auction as well as donation drawings and door prizes. We could solicit prizes from motorcycle shops all over the state. This is a good idea, but feasibility would partly depend on where we hold the swap meet and having a committee who would organize it.

We need to find out if the ads in the newspaper could be made to pay for the newspaper. Rot Path believes that the current ads we have are priced for the current market. Classified ads are offered to members for free for three months. The easiest ads for him to place in the paper are the business card size. He has more flexibility for placement.

Lynn mentioned that his chapter is working with a local scooter shop to host a poker run with them. This will help promote *A.B.A.T.E.* to the scooter riders. Other chapters should look for other riders to work with to do events. This will promote *A.B.A.T.E.* to other groups. In the long run, the results might result in

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From yer ...



... yet again

Kick The Tires, Light The Fires

Whispered words

c.o.e. – 146

Back in the late twentieth century (*oldarian fartus* era) when yer crusty ol' editor had a different life flying around in military aircraft, we always thoroughly inspected our valiant four-banger before hurtling our fine selves skyward. We wanted to make certain that nothing would break down while droning around above the planet because there just aren't any places to pull over up there. The only exceptions were hot turn arounds where a fresh crew took a returning aircraft back out, cross-county missions that landed to drop off or pick up passengers, or refueling stops. (Gas-and-go.) Even then, a pilot or second mech usually got out to look for leaks or count the number of engines before kicking the tires and lighting the fires.

Back on our planet-bound world, cages and pickups can generally be driven without daily inspections so long as they are regularly serviced. If something breaks down, we can normally pull over to the side of the road, raise the hood to stare thoughtfully at the engine until a service truck comes along to change the flat tire.

Motorcycles tend to fall between the extremes of aircraft and cages, leaning somewhat more towards the airborne way of doing things.

Since motorcycle riders are close to the earth and out there in the wind, any mechanical problems tend to be magnified in deadliness. That's why it is so important to carefully

look one's machine over before the first ride of a day. We are fortunate in that regard because many bikes have everything out where they can be easily inspected at a glance without opening or removing panels.

Most of us would prefer spending our time enjoying a ride rather than briefly wondering who will win an upcoming contest between planet and person.

Go ahead — count those tires before you light that fire.

Four Little Words

It is whispers in politics that can have the greatest impact on elections, legislation, or reputations.

A few years ago there was a *Doctor Who* episode that demonstrated that point when the Doctor was faced with a political leader who's unrepentant actions the Doctor disagreed with most stridently. The politician planned to sweep into power, continuing a dangerous course that would ultimately doom the human race. The Doctor warned her that he could bring about her defeat with four little words, but she refused to back down, so he whispered the words into a journalist's ear. She was soundly defeated in the next election and kicked out of office.

What were the words?

"Doesn't she look tired?"

Whispers between voters, among legislators between daily sessions, or by special interest groups with agendas. These all can alter the perception of how candidates, bills, or groups are viewed and can seriously change action on their issues of concern.

For years, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and *BikePAC* have suffered setbacks in our unpaid grassroots legislative efforts because well-heeled special interest groups have whispered that we are "those anti-helmet bikers" and that we ride "doner-cycles."

Never mind that the statement simply isn't true. It's enough to cause doubts in uninformed people's minds.

Perhaps it's our turn to whisper.

"Doesn't the governor look tired? And senate president?"

E-15

We can never be certain where legislation will occur that will affect motorcycling.

Case-in-point is the U.S. *2014 Agricultural Act* signed into effect in early February.

Why and how could a bill about farming have anything to do with riding a motorcycle?

In the crazy world of interdependent politics, corn produced by U.S. farmers has been increasingly applied to distill alcohol used to create "blended" gasoline, a fuel containing ten *per cent* alcohol. (E-10)

In theory, such blended fuels save the U.S. incredible amounts of gasoline while lowering production costs. (A savings not really seen at the pumps by consumers.)

In practice, alcohol in fuels absorbs water and corrodes fuel system components that haven't been specifically designed or modified to work with alcohol. (Vintage or air-cooled engines.) It burns hotter, making such engines overheat. And it lowers fuel milage, calling into question just how much crude oil it actually saves the



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/>

U.S.

Recently the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* decided that if ten *per cent* alcohol in our fuels was good for the environment, then fifteen *per cent* would be even better. So without bothering to perform full testing on all types of vehicles affected by such a change, the *E.P.A.* declared that the use of E-15 would become mandatory at a set date. They even redirected *Rural Energy for America Program (R.E.A.P.)* grant funds into subsidies for buying new blender pumps so gas stations could sell E-15.

Trouble was, E-10 was already causing problems in motorcycle, off-road, motorboat, and lawnmower engines. (Among others.)

Manufacturers were flat out telling people that the use of E-15 in their products would void engine warranties.

It took massive amounts of grass roots activism by motorcyclists and others to get the introduction of E-15 postponed while more comprehensive testing is performed.

The recently signed agricultural act takes away the blender pump subsidy and restores *R.E.A.P.* grant funds to their intended purpose. The political action gives motorcycle riders and others some breathing room.

This saga demonstrates that motorcyclists must be vigilant for threats to our freedoms coming from unexpected quarters.

We must pay attention to various bills winding their way through local, regional, or state legislative assemblies. It takes *all* of us looking to catch those little items buried in bills that could adversely affect us.

Keep watching.

You could have a Paul Revere moment.

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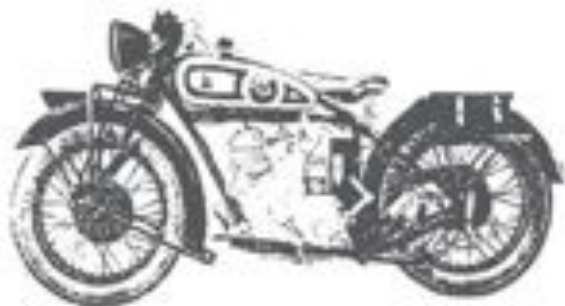
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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".) Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere ... like on page 21)

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Josephine County	3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.	Fruitdale grange	Grant's Pass
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North Coast	3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.	Moose lodge	Astoria
River City	1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Shiloh Inn	The Dalles
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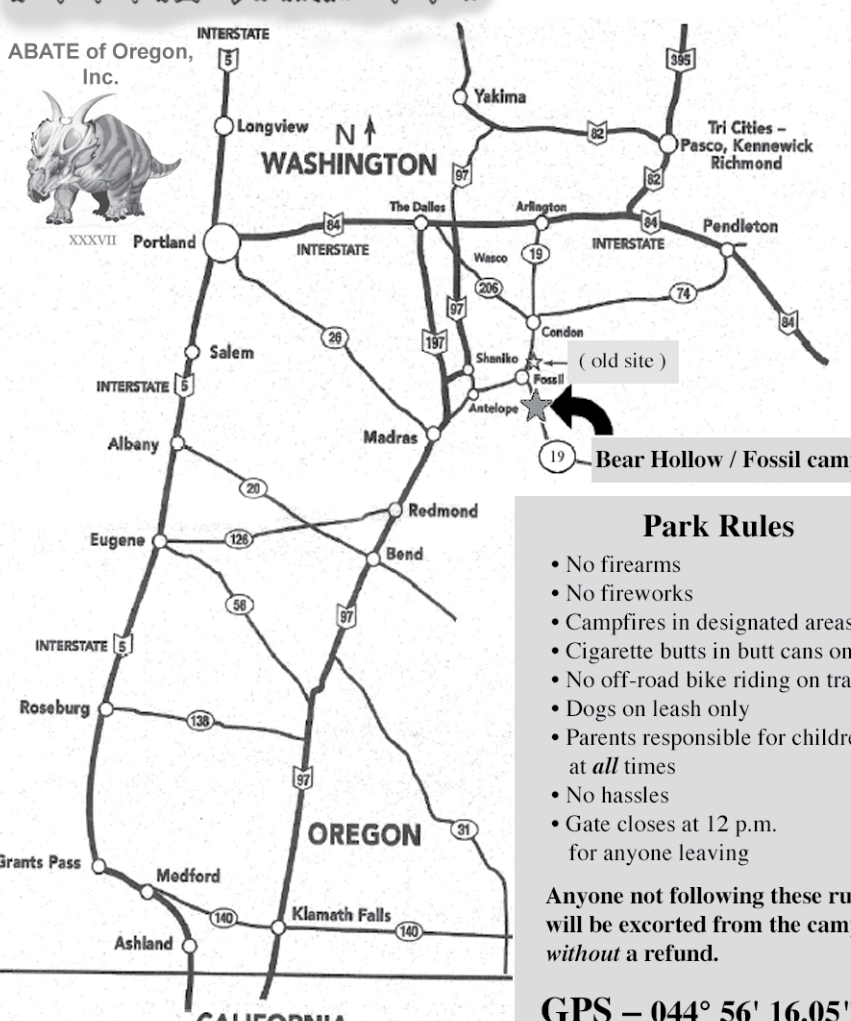
NEW! Tent sites now allow pickup, camper, or van WITH trailer hauling bike. (Who knows the weather?)
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Bear Hollow / Fossil campout

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- No firearms
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- Dogs on leash only
- Parents responsible for children at all times
- No hassles
- Gate closes at 12 p.m. for anyone leaving

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the campout without a refund.

**GPS – 044° 56' 16.05" N
120° 07' 23.12" W**



Washington, D.C.: On January 14th, U.S. senators John Hoeven (R-ND) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) introduced S-1925, the *Driver Privacy Act*.

The bill would codify that information collected by an event data recorder (E.D.R.), commonly referred to as a “black box”, would be the legal property of the person who owns or leases a passenger motor vehicle.

However, as currently written, the bill provides privacy protections only for vehicles that are specifically mentioned in the code of federal regulations 49, section 563. This section does not include any reference to motorcycles. As a result, the privacy protections offered to operators of passenger motor vehicles would not extend to motorcyclists and all information collected from motorcyclists would remain unprotected.

The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* supports clarifying who owns the data collected in black boxes.

Currently only fourteen states have regulations relating to ownership of data in an event data recorder. While E.D.R.s are not currently required for motorcycles, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* requires all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses to be equipped with a black box. The *A.M.A.* believes it is only a matter of time before this mandate extends to motorcycles.

The *A.M.A.* fully supports extending the provisions in S-1925 to motorcyclists, in much the same manner that the U.S. house of representatives’ bipartisan HR-2414, the *Black Box Privacy Protection Act* (which the *A.M.A.* supports), does.

Please contact your senators today and urge them to protect motorcyclists’ rights.

Annapolis, Maryland: House bill 277, sponsored by delegate Justin Ready (R-Westminster), would prohibit the state or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax.

It would also prohibit requiring the installation of a device in or on a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of the number of vehicle-miles traveled.

St. Paul, Minnesota: House file 2017, sponsored by representative Brian Johnson (R-Cambridge), would establish strict standards for the use of data collected by a motor vehicle event data recorder. The bill declares the data recorded on an event data recorder (E.D.R.) is the personal data of the motor vehicle’s owner and shall not be downloaded or retrieved by a person who is not the owner, with several exceptions.

Jackson, Mississippi: Senate bill 2400, sponsored by senator Chris Massey (R-Nesbit), would permit a motorcyclist at an intersection controlled by a traffic-actuated signal to proceed with due caution through the intersection, after coming to a full and complete stop and exercising due care, if the operator believes the detection device didn’t recognize the motorcycle.

Jefferson City, Missouri: House bill 1368, sponsored by representative Kurt Bahr (R-O’Fallon), would prohibit any global positioning system or other technology that identifies and records a person’s location to be used to monitor

mileage traveled by any motor vehicle on any road, highway, or street in the state for the purpose of imposing any tax on the mileage traveled.

Columbus, Ohio: House bill 406, sponsored by representative Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab), would create a motorcycle road guard training and certification program to allow qualified individuals to function as traffic controllers while escorting a motorcycle group ride under certain conditions.

Olympia, Washington: House bill 2325, sponsored by representatives Shea, Taylor, Overstreet, Reykdal, Short, Scott, and Condotta would exempt motorcycle, scooter and moped owners from having to pay the motor vehicle weight fee when the vehicles registration is renewed. This fee reduction is intended to provide an incentive to use a mode of transportation that will have less impact on the roadways and the environment.

Also, senate bill 6256/house bill 2494, would establish a motorcycle road guard certificate program. Upon successful completion of the program, the certificate holder may direct motorcycles within a group ride or other vehicle traffic affected by the group ride to stop until it is safe to proceed or to operate contrary to traffic control signals.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Black Box Bill

The United States senate is addressing privacy concerns surrounding data event recorders in automobiles. Event Data Recorders (E.D.R.s), commonly known as “black boxes” are almost always standard equipment in all new cars and pickups. They record everything the vehicle is doing, or not doing at the time of a collision or other on-road mishap. The boxes can record everything from speed and vehicle angle, to seat-belt use.

U.S. senators John Hoeven (R-ND) and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) have introduced legislation, S-1925, to make the data recorder the sole property of the vehicle owner. Anyone else would need a subpoena

to access the data. The data would also be available should the vehicle owner consent to data retrieval or for traffic safety research.

“Technology is advancing at an unprecedented pace and that poses new risks to personal privacy and new concerns for the public,” senator Hoeven said. *“While E.D.R.s can serve a useful function by helping to make cars and streets safer, access to the data should be treated as personal except under very specific circumstances. Our bill makes clear what those circumstances are and helps to ensure that government and other entities respect the fourth amendment rights of Americans.”*

The senate legislation is similar to

the bill currently being worked on by the U.S. house of representatives, HR-2414.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* supports both pieces of legislation and encourages you to contact your elected officials in the house and senate and ask them to co-sponsor these important bills.

Blender Pumps Subsidies Removed

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that the United States house of representatives has passed a bill that would end a federal subsidy for biofuel blender pumps in rural areas. The measure passed by a vote of 251-



166 and costs the U.S. taxpayers \$956.4 billion.

The senate is expected to vote on the matter next week and there is little that those in support of the subsidies can do to reinstate the money. President Obama is expected to sign the legislation into effect.

Putting an end to these subsidies will likely result in less biofuel blender pumps in the market place and therefore less E-15 fuel.

The *M.R.F.* supports the removal of E-15 from the market until thorough, scientific study is conducted on the

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effects of the higher blend on the entire power train, not just the tail pipe emissions.

C.D.C. Responds To Congressional Letter

The Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) have responded to the congressional letter sent by long time motorcycle advocate and M.R.F. champion Tomas Petri (R-WI). The letter asked the C.D.C. to focus on areas relative to their expertise and not involve themselves in any way with motorcycle safety. Petri was joined by fellow congressmen Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Davis (R-IL), Runyan (R-NJ), Harris (R-MD), Ribble (R-WI), Griffin (R-AR), Walberg (R-MI), Kline (R-MN), Paulsen (R-MN), and Peterson (R-MN).

The letter also asked the C.D.C. to leave motorcycle safety to the relevant federal agencies such as National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Department of Transportation.

The C.D.C. response is predictable government product. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death in the first thirty years of human life and “how the C.D.C. is uniquely positioned as the nation’s public health protection agency to ensure the most current science is available to keep people safe.”

According to the C.D.C., 41% of all motorcycle operators who died in 2010 were not wearing a helmet. That means the majority of those who died in 2010 were wearing a helmet. 59% or most of the people who died in 2010 were helmeted, not exactly a ringing endorsement

for the life-saving ability of helmets.

The C.D.C. goes on to claim “they are addressing motorcycle safety in the same manner as other public health issues, such as heart disease, asthma, and cancer. We define the problem, identify the risk factors, and assess prevention strategies.”

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation feels prevention strategies are the best way to save lives as well, by preventing the crash from ever happening.

In multiple conversations between the M.R.F. and the C.D.C., it has been clear that the C.D.C. has no interest in rider education and repeatedly made it clear that rider education programs and motorist motorcycle awareness campaigns play no part in the prevention of crashes. So prevention strategies for the C.D.C. are simply to pass mandatory helmet requirements in each state, while ignoring every other proven life-saving strategies.

The letter also attempts to insert itself with the other government agencies and how they all need to work together to keep everybody safer.

It is unlikely that we will sway the views of the C.D.C. to a more comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety. Its reasons like this that we as a motorcycle community need to stay involved and united.

The M.R.F. thanks A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin for their relationship with congressman Petri through out the years.

N.T.S.B. Top Ten Most Wanted List

Recently the National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.) released its annual list of top ten most wanted

safety improvements. The most wanted list represents the N.T.S.B.’s advocacy priorities. It is designed to increase awareness of and support for the most critical changes needed to reduce transportation crashes and save lives.

This year’s list contains:

- Address unique characteristics of helicopter operations
- Advance passenger vessel safety
- Eliminate distraction in transportation
- Eliminate substance-impaired driving
- Enhance pipeline safety
- Improve fire safety in transportation
- General aviation: identify and communicate hazardous weather
- Implement positive train control systems
- Promote operational safety in rail mass transit
- Strengthen occupant protection in transportation

Motorcycles did not make the immediate list, but the N.T.S.B. did reference motorcycle helmet regulation deeper in the text of the explanation of one of the ten bullets.

Under the “Strengthen Occupant Protection in Transportation” heading, the N.T.S.B. recycles some tired old numbers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to the N.T.S.B., motorcyclists are considered “occupants”, which is a serious stretch of the definition of the word and a crafty way to address motorcycle safety. The M.R.F. has always urged the N.T.S.B. and all other federal agencies that they should focus on crash prevention rather than safer

crashing.

“Using such a singular approach to motorcycle safety is not the best way to save lives”, said Jeff Hennie, M.R.F. vice president of government relations and public affairs. He continued, “The N.T.S.B. has just taken a giant step back from their last attempt to address motorcycle safety in 2011, which included both voluntary helmet use and rider education as equal components.”

The fact is the motorcycle fatalities have dropped almost 20% nationwide since 2008, and at the same time we have seen the relaxing of mandatory helmet requirements along with a steady increase in motorcycle licensing and registrations.

The chairperson of the N.T.S.B., Debra Hersman, has taken a motorcycle safety class and has not ridden since, to the best of our knowledge. She is the person who originally spearheaded the N.T.S.B.’s involvement with motorcycle safety when she planned the two-day motorcycle forum at the N.T.S.B. in 2006, in which the M.R.F. participated. It’s likely that she will continue to use her influence with the agency to keep motorcycling on or near the N.T.S.B. top ten list.



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2014 = Electric Motorcycle Breakout Year

Navigant Research recently released a report titled *Electric Vehicles: 10 Predictions for 2014* in which it is estimated that 700,000 plug-in vehicles will be on the road around the world by the end of this year.

The given justifications? Rebounding economies, better products, battery prices that have come down providing competitive price points for e-motorcycles, a large potential clientele that has already had a positive electric experience via e-bicycles, e-scooters, and e-mopeds.

Women Who Ride Are Happier

The old adage that you never see a motorcycle parked outside the psychiatrist's office may prove more insightful than previously considered, as a new study reveals that the key to happiness for the better half of U.S. is a bike key!

The *Harley-Davidson Female Riders Survey*, conducted by a leading global insights firm and commissioned by the *Harley-Davidson Motor Company*, shows that women who ride their own motorcycles are noticeably happier, sexier, and more confident than women who don't ride. After interviewing 1,013 adult female riders and 1,016 adult female non-riders, the findings make it clear that riding a motorcycle greatly improves a woman's feelings of overall self-worth.

- More than twice as many always feel happy. (37% of riders vs. 16% of non-riders)
- Nearly four times as many always feel sexy. (27% of riders vs. 7% of non-riders)
- Nearly twice as many always feel confident. (35% of riders vs. 18% of non-riders)

More than half (53%) of women who ride cite their motorcycle as a key source of happiness, according to the findings, and nearly three in four (74%) believe their lives have improved since they started riding.

When it comes to romance, the market research collected by *Kelton Global* also shows riding can improve relationships, as female motorcyclists are more content than non-riders with:

- Communication with their significant other. (60% of riders vs. 38% of non-riders)
- Physical intimacy. (51% of riders vs. 35% of non-riders)

More and more women are, in fact, riding. A 2012 study by the *Motorcycle Industry Council* found that women accounted for 12% of U.S. motorcyclists, up from 10.5% in 2009.

Milwaukee-based *Harley-Davidson* is selling more motorcycles to women than all their competitors combined, according to Claudia Garber, director of women's outreach for *Harley-Davidson*.

Pennsylvania Limit On Learner's Permits

Pennsylvanians who perpetually renew their motorcyclist permits to avoid having to take the state's motorcycle safety course will soon have their strategy derailed, as a new regulation will limit the number of times a motorcycle rider can reapply for a learner's permit to three times in a five-year period.

Representative Seth Grove (R-Dover), author of house bill 892, said some riders have been treating permits like actual licenses since current regulations allows them to reapply for a permit every year.

"Permits are temporary and their purpose is to get riders to obtain full driver's licenses," said representative Grove. *"This legislation will enable riders to learn properly while pushing them to actually get their motorcycle licenses."*

Under current regulations, a permit is valid for one year, but some motorcyclists apply for it year after year so they are never required to take the safety course that's required to receive the full four-year license, said Charles Umbenhauer, spokesman

for *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania*, which supported the measure.

Umbenhauer told the *York Dispatch* that the legislation is a continuation of other safety measures for which the *A.B.A.T.E.* organization has pushed. Grove also introduced legislation that, when signed into effect last year, required minors who hold motorcycle permits to successfully complete a free 15-hour riding course.

HB-892 passed the house and senate with little dissent and was signed into effect by governor Tom Corbett.

Michigan Helmet Use Still Higher Than Norm

A state survey has found that nearly three-quarters of Michigan motorcyclists wear helmets, down from almost a hundred percent before the state ended mandatory universal helmet use in 2012, letting riders opt out under certain circumstances.

Data for the *Wayne State University* study was collected over the summer by use of video cameras randomly placed across the state, and shows that 73% of motorcyclists in Michigan wear helmets, down from 99.4% in 2006 when the last statewide observation survey was conducted.

Still, the authors note that Michigan's usage rate is 13% higher than the 60% of U.S. riders spotted wearing helmets in a nationwide survey in 2012. Also interesting to note, the current rate of riders wearing helmets is slightly lower than the 74.7% of helmeted riders involved in motorcycle crashes, according to the Michigan office of highway safety planning, meaning lidless riders have a somewhat better safety record.

The Michigan department of highway safety said that helmet use varies widely among types of riders: 94.5% of people riding sports bikes wore helmets while only 33.3% of riders of choppers and custom bikes did. Female riders and those under 30 and over 60 also wear helmets

more frequently.

Chicago Targets Loud Motorcycles

The city of Chicago is turning a deaf ear to loud motorcycles, so much so that that an alderman has proposed a ten-fold increase in fines for violators, those who change their mufflers to make them louder, according to *DNAInfo Chicago*.

The alderman is calling it a quality of life issue, and his proposal would increase the maximum fine for violations from \$100 to \$1,000.

Rider's Family Questions Fatal Pursuit

A young Georgia man was riding his motorcycle to the gym during rush hour when a Richmond county deputy may have broke department policy and gave chase over invalid plates, ending in a fatal crash.

The deputy was also on a motorcycle, a vehicle that, because of the risk involved, is "strongly discouraged" from initiating or participating in chases in Richmond and Columbia counties unless extenuating circumstances exist, policy states.

According to policy, deputies are justified in beginning a chase even when the only information available is that the suspect hasn't stopped as ordered, but after a chase has started, policy states that deputies must continuously evaluate the circumstances, such as the initial reason for the pursuit, traffic and weather conditions, time of day, direction of travel, the possible consequences, and most importantly, the safety of the public, the deputy, and other law enforcement personnel.

"Pursuits may continue if there are reasonable grounds to believe the suspect presents a clear and immediate threat to the safety of others or if the suspect has committed or is attempting to commit a forcible felony," policy states.

The family is considering legal

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options, but a police spokesman stressed that “while it is the deputy who initiates the traffic stop, it is the violator who initiates the pursuit.”

Nationally, the U.S. department of transportation estimates that 6,000 to 8,000 police chases end in crashes each year, with close to 5,000 people being injured and 500 being killed.

Road Crashes #1 Killer Of Americans Abroad

Road crashes have been named the leading cause of unnatural death among Americans who travel outside of the country, where they are unfamiliar with local driving rules and customs. More U.S. citizens die in car or motorcycle crashes than from terrorist events according to a new study from Johns Hopkins University.

Using data from the U.S. state department that represented 5,417 unnatural deaths between January 2003 and December 2009, the research team calculated the rates of death by dividing the number of unnatural deaths by the number of Americans who visited each country.

“We know that the distribution of road traffic fatalities varies dramatically across different parts of the world,” Huseyin Naci, from the London School of Economics and Political Science, told Reuters news service. “While pedestrian deaths are more common in many parts of Africa, motorcycle and bicycle deaths occur more frequently in southeast Asia.”

Out of all the countries deemed unsafe for travel, Thailand ranked first among the most traffic-related deaths with 16.5 deaths per one million visits.

Vietnam came in second with 15 deaths per one million visits.

Morocco third with 12 deaths per one million visits.

South Africa fourth with 11 deaths per one million visits.

Researchers also reported that scooter and motorcycle deaths accounted for a large portion of traffic-related deaths.

Mandatory Hi-Vis Reflective Clothing Legislated

Effective January 1, 2014, it is mandatory for all motorcyclists and passengers to wear reflective jackets or vests when riding in the Republic of Mauritius, an island country in the south west Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa.

Road traffic regulations passed last fall regarding “use of high visibility clothing” states;

“No person shall drive (or ride as a pillion rider on) a motorcycle or auto cycle, unless he wears high visibility clothing without any covering being worn over it that may cause obstruction to its visibility.”

The regulations even dictate the type of polyester material, size of reflective strips, and specific fluorescent colors (lime yellow, red, or orange) “intended to provide

conspicuity at all times.”

Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 1,000 Mauritian rupees (MUR).

Scottish Woodlands Motorbikes Ban

Scottish police say that members of the public visiting Balkello Woods have been left “frustrated and concerned” by the irresponsible and illegal use of motorcycles in the area, both on and off road.

Police Scotland and the forestry commission have joined forces in announcing a major crackdown on unauthorized motor vehicles in the woodlands: “Powers granted under road traffic and anti-social behaviour legislation allow the police to seize vehicles, including motorcycles and mini-motos, where they have been driven without license or insurance, or, in this scenario, where they are used in an anti-social manner.”

A force spokesman said: “Officers have long focused on reducing the anti-social and illegal use of motorcycles and make full use of anti-social and road traffic legislation to seize motorcycles that are being used illegally. Following enforcement, many of the vehicles seized are ultimately dismantled and crushed.”

Duck And Cover

Like ‘em or love ‘em, the rift over the redneck Robertson clan from A&E Network’s top-rated *Duck Dynasty* showed that America still has a backbone, and Americans can

influence change if enough of us stand together.

After the network suspended Phil Robertson over anti-gay comments, a grassroots tsunami of people from all walks of life lit up phone lines, e-mail inboxes, and fax machines as the surge of incoming communications quickly became so intense, employees of the cable giant reportedly complained that the company was overwhelmed and had all but ground to a halt.

The uproar continued through Christmas until Friday, December 27, when A&E announced it was lifting the suspension and the show will continue.

Millions of citizens, many who had never taken any kind of action before, had successfully sprang to the defense of a man and his right to speak freely, irrespective of political correctness. If the *Duck Dynasty* flap proves anything, it’s that when pushed too far, concerned Americans will rise up in response!

Quotable Quote

“Dissent is the highest form of patriotism.”

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United States Magistrate Judge

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

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more A.B.A.T.E. members.

Chapters could hold events at least once a year that would benefit the state treasury. Many organizations purchase a larger item (such as a gun safe) at a discounted price (or getting it donated would even be better), then have a donation drawing and make lots of money. It would be really great if a chapter would donate the item and then all the chapters could sell tickets and the drawing could be at the swap meet.

All the members need to remember that we are all members of A.B.A.T.E. and we need to support the state events and needs as much as we do our chapter events. This is not chapter vs state. This is about A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Karen will review all the expenses from last year and try to come up with a bare bones budget for next month's committee meeting discussion.

All representatives need to go back to their chapters to discuss the above

ideas and figure out what might work and what won't.

We also need to get volunteers to step up to the plate and volunteer to make these things happen, not just keep talking about them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next meeting will be at 11:15 prior to the March state board meeting.

New Business

- Randy Phipps brought up the possibility of a four-panel handout that would fold down to tri-fold size. Chapters could print out their own copies on plain or glossy legal-size paper. (8-1/2" x 14")

- It was suggested that we print up an advertising rate sheets for newsletter ads. It could be laminated and given to each chapter for the purpose of having more advertising in an effort to get the newspapers to pay for itself.

Announcements

- 08 March 2014, 11:15 a.m.: Financial committee meeting prior to state board. *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.
- Saturday, 08 March 2014 at noon. State board of directors meeting. *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.
- Lower Columbia Chapter* is selling raffle tickets for a gun safe. The winner will be drawn on the *Fourth of July*.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, 26 April 2014: *River City Chapter Teddy Bear Parade and Poker Run*. The Dalles, Oregon. 9:30 a.m. registration
- ~~Sunday, 27 April 2014~~ A.B.A.T.E. state swap meet. (Postponed until fall when weather is better.)
- Saturday, 03 May 2014: *May Motorcycle Awareness Rallies* – Salem state capitol and Grants

Pass county court house.

- 23 to 26 May 2014: *A.B.A.T.E. Fossil Campout* at Bear Hollow south of Fossil, Oregon.
- Sunday, 12 October 2014: *A.B.A.T.E. state fall swap meet*.

Adjourned: 2:49 p.m.

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Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/ Myrtle Point						X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay						X		
Washington County area										
Mike Darneille				X	X				X	
Paul Hering			X	X	X				X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503)-649-7344			X					X	
Allan Nichols	(503)-341-6157				X					X
Gordon Sahnaw			X	X	X				X	
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ed, Tina Vaughn	(503)-nnn-nnnn		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625			X					X	
Portland area										
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X	X		X		X	X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X	X	X	
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland		X			X	X		

Chapters
Please ensure your area
listings are up-to-date

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?
Please call
(503)-838-6893
if your information changes.

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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Salem area										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X	X						
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem				X	X	X		
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton						X		
Willamette Valley area										
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X					X		X
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-9728		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X			X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X	
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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.

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

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

Travel

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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.

March Cryptogram Answer

It was one of those March days,
When the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold,
When it is summer in the light,
And winter in the shade.

-- Charles Dickens

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]			
Terry Nugent	(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			
Cindy Witmer		auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Veta Holscher		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			
Paula Leslie	(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			
<Open>		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)-965-2701	Historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
Carl Earl		webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
<Open>	(503)-nnn-nnnn	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Brian Stovall	(541)-340-9442	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: _____



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:

March 2014

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

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 08 March 2014

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue

Albany, Oregon

11:15 a.m.

• Budget, membership meeting

A man was as divided as March,
 To Irish Mardi Gras or be parched?
 The former was more fun,
 But he wondered when done,
 How his bike got ten feet up a larch.

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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:
19Apr 2014	Biker Night / Hub City		
19 Apr 2014	Long John PR / LinCo	Newport	(541)-265-7586
26 Apr 2014	Spring Fever Run / North Coast	Hammond	
26 Apr 2014	Poker Run / River City	The Dalles	
27 Apr 2014	Spring Swap Meet/ Oregon ABATE	[POSTPONED UNTIL 12 OCTOBER]	
03 May 2014	Motorcycle Awareness Rally/ABATE	Salem	
03 May 2014	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Grants Pass	
08-11 May 2014	29th Convention / NCOM	Addison, Texas	
23-26 May 2014	Fossil Campout / ABATE	Fossil	(503)-463-6340
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.		
Aug 2014	Run To The Coast / JoCo		

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)	(Going . . . going . . .)	
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