

state newsletter

Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty

A.B.A.T.E.
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"Riding free"

Let those who ride, decide

April 2014

Past Meets Present

On rare occasions, one realizes that they are experiencing magic.

It happens more often to motorcycle riders than cage drivers. Sometimes it even happens in what is expected to be mundane circumstances.

Such was the case at *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*'s March state board meeting. Guests included five former state coordinators along with former state board members. Some of the people present that Saturday have been involved in Oregon motorcycle rights and safety since its early days. (It was almost like a mini-*S.T.E.A.M.* event.)

What makes these folks so important to us now is that they have organizational memory and experience of how to get things done efficiently. (Instead of our having to reinvent the rubber tire each time we want to ride, we can just hop on the bike and go.) Any time you get a chance to talk with some of these former officers, listen to them, ask questions, learn from their accumulated wisdom.

Among the former state coordinators were Teresa Hepker, the only female to hold that position. (So far. Who will be next?) She was also a state newspaper editor. Presently she continues serving us as our state historian.

Brian Stovall is another early member of Oregon's motorcycle rights movement and founder of *Oregon BikePAC*, the legislative action organization that can directly interact with elected officials and political activities. He has remained directly involved with *A.B.A.T.E.* for many years, presently as *River City's* chapter representative. IF you have questions about *Robert's Rules of Order* for running a meeting, ask Brian.

Rotten Roger is legendary among folks who have been around *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* for any amount of time. Although he may seem quiet on the surface, he is passionate about what we can do and the best ways of accomplishing our activities. His gravely yet forceful

voice is one that everyone in this organization should be paying heed.

Joe Laurance served as state coordinator from 2003 to 2005 when the board used to meet in a former elementary school in Junction City. He is now a county commissioner in southern Oregon while coming back to the state board as the *Douglas County Chapter* representative. Don't be intimidated by his size and booming voice. He's really a sweetheart.

That brings us to Ted Tracy, who (to date) has been a two-time state coordinator. He was holding that position when yer crusty ol' editor took on the state editing gig from Gordon Hieronimus in 2002. Ted came back to us from 2010 to 2011. Most of his current energies are expended with *Washington County Chapter*. He is hopelessly addicted to *Trader Joe's* candy cane *Jo-Jos* cookies.

Our present state coordinator, Allan Nichols, was somewhat awed to be in such august

company. (Fortunately, flies haven't hatched yet.) You can read how much on a following page.

Kay Sipple, our former long-standing (and suffering) state treasurer, was on hand as a guest with information and advice for those coming to terms with chapter finances. She did marvels to get our financial reporting back into shape so we don't get into trouble with government institutions.

Two other familiar and welcomed faces were Howie Long and Gene Mortimer of *Fossil Campout* fame, lending their considerable experience to current efforts.

Before and after, or during breaks, one could hear earnest conversations taking place as information was shared and light bulbs began going on over heads.

Ya never know what will happen at *A.B.A.T.E.* meetings.

There might be magic.

-- Rot Path, c.o.e.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Karen Tolle,
Josephine County Chapter

Call to order / welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols at 12:09 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters: (None)

Excused chapters: *Central Oregon, Jackson County.*

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

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

Guests and first time attendees: Joseph Laurance (new Douglas County representative), Kay Sipple as a guest (not as the treasurer), Rotten Roger, Mike Friend, Howie Long, and Gene Mortimere. (Who have not been for awhile.)

It was noted that we had five past coordinators in attendance today.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Lynn Despain (*Salem*) to adopt as printed in the state newsletter/paper. Motion passed: 10 yea, 0 nay

Old business: Paula asked about using “education and training” along with “totalitarian enactment” in our name. This subject was brought up a few months ago. Allan said he was still researching. Other members said this has been brought up repeatedly and has always been voted down. Subject was dropped.

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator’s comments: Allan Nichols welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Allan made a point by asking “*Who has started planning spring events, fall events, toy runs?*”

and compared the responses to “*Who has talked to a legislative representative from their district this year?*”

This is an election year and we are a motorcycle rights organization. That’s what sets *A.B.A.T.E.* apart from other motorcycle groups.

We need to get back to basics and start working together as a group to fight for our rights. It falls to the chapter legislative representatives to take information back to the chapters and to bring information to the board of directors for all chapters to share. We need to make sure that everyone know who *A.B.A.T.E.* is and what we have accomplished over the years.

Allan would like ***all board of directors officers to submit their reports in writing by Sunday prior to board of directors meeting*** so reports can be printed on the agenda and cut

down time spent giving officer reports during the meeting. He wants to be able to have more chapter reports and chapter time.

Secretary report and correspondence: Laura Botkin is excused today.

Karen Tolle is taking minutes. Karen had lots of correspondence from the post office box. Mail was distributed accordingly.

Allan read letters to and from house representative Schrader regarding HB-1861. If anyone in *A.B.A.T.E.* is going to write a letter to a congressperson, it is a good idea to write it to the official with “cc” to your local representative. Fazio is the only Oregon representative on the transportation committee and has been on it for a long time. He is a friend to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Vice-coordinator (north): Paul Hering noted that the weather is getting good for riding. Remember to check your

brakes, fluids, antifreeze, and wipe off your lights so you can be seen better.

He is working on a schedule to visit all the chapters in the north.

Vice-coordinator (south): <Vacant> Terry Nugent has resigned.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice (Excused)

Treasurer: Karen Tolle handed out profit and lost reports. Karen has found a way to print account balances on the report for everyone to have.

Checking account = \$9,430.82

Savings account = \$3,428.73

Paypal = \$ 200.00

Paypal account has been reconciled. Moneys have been moved into the checking account for *Fossil* tickets and for *Bikepac* donations. *Bikepac* has been reimbursed accordingly.

Karen met with Kay Sipple last night and has a better idea of how to do her job.

Membership secretary: Veta Holscher reported that we have 1,347 members total.

Reminders were sent out last month.

Indian Creek members have **not** been notified of January decision. Veta was not aware that she was supposed to sent out the notices.

Chapter membership lists will be sent out next week.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill (Excused.) Report given by Allan.

Insurance certificates for March events have been sent out.

He has no paperwork for any April events.

He was reminded that *Josephine County* swap meet is coming up end of April. Also, reminded about May events.

Officer’s Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer noted chapters that are missing

January reports: *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Jackson County, Salem, and Southeast Portland.* Chapters missing February include all those plus *Lincoln County, Lower Columbia, North Coast, and Washington County.*

Lynn asked if Cindy was able to download *Salem’s* report. No, she is missing copies.

Newsletter/paper editor: Rot Path reminded folks that chapter reports are due Monday.

There are lots of newspapers from other *A.B.A.T.E.* groups around the country.

Reminded everyone that the cost of the printed newspaper included a minimum run of 1,000 copies, even though we only mailed out about 800. The remainder were brought to board of directors meetings to be distributed to chapters or were recycled.

Remind all chapters that chapter reports are due by the 10th of each month. Failure to turn in reports can jeopardize the chapter’s right to vote. Same goes for chapter minutes.

Chapter minutes are supposed to be sent to the state coordinator and to the state secretary every month.

Legislative director: Paula Leslie noted that the more chapter representatives who come to board of directors meetings, the more information is shared.

During the last month, several candidates for governor have been interviewed. Information can be found on *BikePAC* web site.

Chapters can help by contacting local politicians running for office and invite them to meetings or interview them to see how they stand and ask them to attend *May*

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 15 March 2014 (continued from previous page)

Motorcycle Awareness Day.

The five issues that *BikePAC* is concentrating on are:

- Profiling
- Right to chose safety gear
- Lane sharing
- Milk Man Mike Bill. (All road users are responsible for their actions.)
- E-15 fuel.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps indicated that state events are approaching fast and will need help from all chapter sergeant-at-arms. Please set the dates aside.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle said that he was working on the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in southern Oregon. Would like to see other chapters holding similar events in their cities or counties.

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

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker always has a van stuffed with products, but he only brings in a few things. If you contact him before the board of directors meeting, he will make sure he has what you want.

He is holding off ordering any product until our finances are a little more solvent.

He is still holding a drawing for a knife. Proceeds will go to *BikePAC*.

Education director: <Vacant>

Public relations director: <Vacant>

State run coordinator (Fossil): Lynn DeSpain noted that Paul Hering has volunteered to take care of getting *Fossil* tickets printed.

Band is taken care of.

Trash handlers have been taken care of .

Information booth and front gate are manned.

Randy asked about a security plan and Lynn said it has been taken care of.

We are in need of chapter

support. We need advertising. Lynn stated that bike magazines have been notified.

We need door prizes from all the chapters and we still need some motorcycle parts for the trophies.

State swap meet coordinator: Randy Phipps stated that due to lack of transportation and for health reasons, he resigned as swap meet coordinator. He is willing to do whatever he can to help the new coordinator.

Historian: Teresa Hepker has received a video and a newspaper article in the mail. Looking forward to getting all the historical files and any new items that chapters want to send.

Web page editor: Carl Earl (Excused.) Someone mentioned that *Google* search does not find *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* dot net. Carl is aware of the problem and is working on it.

Any chapters who have web sites should make sure that Carl has the URL of your web site.

Quartermaster: Paul Hering indicated that he and Allan are going to Clatskanie this week to pick up old historian files. Paul has looked at the stage cover and side walls. They are in horrible condition.

It will cost close to \$600 to clean and fix the covers, but it must be done before *Fossil Campout*.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall (with two "L"s) stated that *BikePAC* needs a new director.

Nic will run again, but he has a lot of medical issues.

Anyone who has lots of energy, is ambitious, tactful but aggressive is welcome to run.

BikePAC currently has 58 members.

Next *BikePAC* meeting is April 5th in Salem, third floor of the Salem library. This will be the annual general membership meet-ing.

They are asking all *A.B.A.T.E.* members to show up, pay their memberships, and vote.

May Motorcycle Awareness Rally flyers are available on-line.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols noted that due to time constraints, he was skipping the *M.R.F.* report.

Confederation of Clubs representative: <Vacant>

Unfinished Business

Officer vacancies:

- Vice-coordinator (south): Ted Tracey nominated Joe Laurance. Paul Hering seconded. Ten "yes" votes.
- Education director: (No volunteers or nom-inations.)
- Public relations: (No volunteers or nom-inations.)
- Sergeant-at-arms (east): (No volunteers or nom-inations.)
- Swap meet coordinator: Ted Tracey nominated Paul Hering. Ten "yes" votes.

Financial/budget committee report: Karen Tolle used the *Quick Books* software to create a budget that was based on last year's spending. Copies were handed out for people to review and ask questions.

Karen will review our *PayPal* account and see what it will take to add a membership button so membership fees can be paid on-line.

New Business

• Paula reminded everyone that *A.B.A.T.E.* needs to promote rider education.

• **Motion 1** made by Cindy Witmer (*Lower Columbia Chapter*) and seconded by Lynn DeSpain (*Salem Chapter*):

"Move to extend Indian Creek deadline from April to May."

Discussion: Since letters have not been sent out, this extension gives *Indian Creek* members more time to consider their options.

Opposition: Decision was published in the January state newsletter/paper and no extra time is needed.

Final vote: Yes = 5, no = 3, abstain = 2.

Motion passed.

• Cindy Witmer thanked Lynn for doing an awesome job.

Announcements

- **Next state board of directors meeting:** April 12, 2014. *Ciddici's Pizza* , Albany, Oregon.

Upcoming Events

- 26-27 April – *Josephine County* swap meet.
- 03 May – *May Motorcycle Awareness* rallies at Grants Pass courthouse and state capitol in Salem.
- 06 May – *Bikers For Christ* bike blessing.
- 17 May – *Restoration Ride*.

Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.

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State Coordinator Allan Nichols

The March board meeting was a very humbling experience. I was in the presence of five other previous state coordinators: Rotten Roger, Joe Laur-ance, Teresa Hepker (still our only female state coordinator), Brian Stovall, and Ted Tracy.

When I think about all the time, sweat, and years these people put into *A.B.A.T.E.*, it makes me proud to be a part of such devoted people. *A.B.A.T.E.* would not be where it is today without the work that these individuals put in.

Don't get me wrong, there were others who have made a difference as well. But these are the ones who I have had the privilege of meeting.

A.B.A.T.E. has come a long way in the last few years. Some things have been good, but others have weakened us. We are no longer as strong as we used to be numbers-wise, but I know we are capable of being just as

strong, passionately.

We have a very strong history and have had respect on our side, but it is up to us to renew that respect. It isn't going to happen by itself, and it damn sure isn't going to happen overnight. It's only going to happen by working at it. It's going to happen in little pieces, and it has to start with us.

We have to be the ones to start the process by having respect for ourselves. We have to respect who we are again and take pride in what we do.

Be proud to be a member of *A.B.A.T.E.*, a motorcyclist, an Oregonian.

We have to respect who we are as an organization, an organization who's roots are not only deep in the community, but also in the legislative arena. That's what makes us different: we are the *only* motorcycle rights organization in Oregon. It's time to start acting like it again.

We believe in safety and

awareness and equal treatment on our highways and roads.

We have to respect who we are as a segment of society. We are only one percent of the population, yet we are a major part of money being raised for charities across the nation.

We are not any different than any other American. Yet at the same time, we are worlds apart.

Only a rider can exper-ience the excitement and the freedom we feel when we are on our bikes.

Only a rider can exper-ience the sensory overload to all of our senses while riding.

Only a rider knows how lethal it can be when somebody stops paying attention.

So to all the past coordinators, I say thank you for everything you have done for us, and thank you for your time that we cannot ever repay.

To all of you reading this, I say thank you for everything you have done as well. But it's time we all come together again as one community:

A motorcycle community that has no patience for people who say "I didn't see the motorcycle". We need to educate them.

A community that comes together no matter what we ride or what we wear to tell others that discriminatory regulations will not be tolerated.

A community that will look out for each other so that our numbers never decrease because of poor judgment. We need to become a brotherhood again.

I am proud to be your coordinator and I am even prouder to be part of this organization. Let's make *A.B.A.T.E.* a name to be respected again.

Ride free, ride safe, and ride with respect,

Respectfully,

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

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

This year is off to a good start. Planning for our runs going well.

The weather has finally started to warm, so the hearty souls are starting to venture forth on their motorcycles. Hopefully this trend continues so more of

us can get out and ride.

Remember to do a good safety check on the bike before you pull it out for the first ride of spring. A lot of things could have happened over the winter and could make your first ride of the year your last if not found and addressed.

Remember this is an

important year for us with the elections coming up. If you want s governor who will listen to us, the old one has to go. Go out and find the candidates who will support us and support them.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill
chapter coordinator

CENTRAL OREGON
meeting time and place

2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Izzy's Pizza
810 SW 11th street
Redmond, Oregon

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Bob Terrill
(503)-887-3032

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Hello, *Douglas County ABATE*,

We had our February meeting and there were

many changes, including new officers.

- Coordinator** – Sandi Fritzpatrick
- Vice-coordinator** – (None)

- Treasurer** – Steve McKisick
 - Secretary** – Janie Waggoner
 - Membership** – Pat Snyder
 - State board representative** – Joe Lawrence
 - Legislative** – Joe Lawrence
- We thank all the past

officers for their time they put in. It was greatly appreciated.

We have great officers for 2014 and know that all of them will be there for all the

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members with any questions or issues that may occur.

A.B.A.T.E. has a mission statement which promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. ABATE does not discriminate on what you ride or even if you do ride.

Douglas County ABATE, with help of all members, will rise again to the purpose of what we are here for.

- Bike nights starting.
- April 11 at *Ten Down* bowling alley
- May 9 at *Oakland Tavern*
- June 13 at *Black and Gold Clubhouse*
- July 11 at *Narrows*
- September 11 at *Rose Garden*

October 10 at *Pizza Palace*
 Bike nights are the second Friday at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see everyone there.

Douglas County ABATE will also be having a *Father's Day Poker Run* and *Thundering Waters Poker Run*. Dates will follow in next issue of newsletter/paper.

The *S.O.S. Run* will change to the second weekend of August. It will still be at Wolf Creek Park. The committee has already been starting their meetings.

Put August 8th, 9th, and 10th on your calendar. *S.O.S. (Southern Oregon Summer) Run* is put on by Douglas County, Josephine County, and members from the coast.

By the time this newsletter/

paper comes out, Douglas County ABATE will have already ridden in the first St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15th. Bikes were decorated in green, of course. It's the luck of the Irish, you know.

I personally have been a Douglas County member since 2002, and an officer many years, but this is the first year of being your secretary. If any of you would like anything put in the newsletter/paper, please let me know and we will get it in there.

We are all volunteers and work for the members, so please let us know what we can do for you.

We hope to see you at the meetings, which are 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every

month. For now they are still at *Elmer's* in Roseburg, but may be changing.

Be getting those bikes ready to ride and ride safe,

-- Janie Waggoner
 secretary
 Douglas County

Douglas County meeting time and place

3rd Thursday at 7 p.m.
 Elmer's Restaurant
 1440 NW
 Mulholland drive
 Roseburg
 (541)-673-0021

POINT of CONTACT

Russell Dodge
 (541)-580-5498

Hub City

Hub City has been busy this year.

This was the first year we ran the *Don Nash Chilly Buns Run* and, happy to say, it was a huge success.

Next on our agenda is a biker night in Albany on April 19th. Please watch the *Hub City* web site for details.

Then it's on to *Fossil* where we will be in charge of the games and will have a few new ones to throw in the mix.

And last but not least in our plans is our annual poker run on June 7th.

So be sure to mark these dates on your calendar as you won't want to miss out on fun times.

We have just finalized our billboards for this year and they are scheduled to go up by May 1st. When you are in the Albany area, be sure to be on the look out for them.

I just finished getting my reservations for *Sturgis 2014*. While I was making these reservations, I looked out the window of my house and could see a couple of feet of snow covering my car that day. I felt I was really jumping the gun and could have waited a few more weeks before I tried to make any reservations for *Sturgis*. I am glad I called when I did because of the dates ask for, only seven rooms were left open on those days.

The snow has come and gone and the days are getting longer. You can see the flowers starting to bloom. That means only one thing and that is riding season is coming and it will be here quickly.

Like myself thinking it was too early to start making plans for my trips this summer, this is the time to start laying out your plans so you will not be sorry this fall when the riding weather has come and gone. Sorry

because you didn't think ahead and take the time off, didn't get the bike serviced, and was not able to do a trip.

Right now you are able to get some good deals on labor for service work. We should take advantage of that. You can get in pretty easy now, but when the weather starts getting better it's only going be harder to get service work done.

One thing I am a strong believer in is the *Team Oregon* riding courses. We should all take one of these courses before the season starts.

We service our bike. How about getting the rider up to speed?

I am planning on taking the *Advanced Rider Course* in Canby this May. I added a birthday since I took the course a year ago and I have not ridden this winter much at all. I need to brush up on my skills.

We also need to get some new members!

If you know anyone you work with or know anyone that has a bike, invite them to one of our meetings. Invite them to ride with us in May to the state capital. That would let them get to meet us and learn what A.B.A.T.E. is all about.

The best recruiters and public relations people A.B.A.T.E. can possibly have are your fellow A.B.A.T.E. brothers and sisters.

See you on the road this summer,

Ken Argo
 quartermaster
 Hub City

Hub City meeting time and place

3rd Thursday at 7 p.m.
 Ciddici's Pizza
 133 SE Fifth avenue
 — Albany
<http://www.hubcityabate.com>

Indian Creek

[*Indian Creek* members need to contact state membership for transfer to closest chapter.]

Howdy!

I've been a member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* since 1981.

The one thing I loved the most was the hugs.

I joined this organization because of the "brotherhood" part of the name. I'm a product of the '70s and '80s. All those brothers coming back from Nam taught me about brotherhood. When you are on the front line there is no racial line.

So I'm old school.

Anyhow, I've tried hard to be my brother's (and sister's) keeper.

I was a state sergeant-at-arms for eight years.

I was the last chapter coordinator for *Lane County Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* and had to turn the chapter charter over to the state.

Douglas County Chapter was my mother chapter.

Fast Eddy was my mentor.

The last office I had was

membership director for *BikePAC of Oregon*.

I love you all.

The memories will always be there.

And I've got the pictures and the T-shirts.

Bye,

-- Bill Foster

[*crusty ol' editor's note*: The letter above was postmarked 09

Nov 2013, but wasn't received until the March 2014 state board meeting. Bill is fantastic person – tall, calm, a gentle commanding presence. He always pitches in quietly to get things done at events he attends. He has run into transportation problems, so he can't get around as much as he'd like. It seems fitting that he should be the person to write what may be the last Indian Creek report.]

Josephine County

Josephine County is ready to ride.

Weather is good.

Bikes have all been checked out – fluids, tires, lights all working and cleaned off.

Yep, we are ready to ride.

Tell us about your first ride of the season. Tell us about your favorite ride last year. We want to hear from everyone to share their experiences with us.

The *Southern Oregon Swap Meet* is right around the corner, April 26 – 27 at *Touvelle Lodge*. Vendors are getting signed up. Have you made plans to be there?

The spring swap meet normally held in the Portland area has been postponed. They will be working very hard to get one together for the fall.

So if you have parts to buy, sell, or trade, come south this spring and join us. For vendor information, call Pat at: (541)–832–2219.

The *S.O.S. Campout* committee has been hard at work putting together the details for the big event. For the first time in many years, the state board meeting will be held in southern Oregon at the *S.O.S. Campout*.

S.O.S. has been changed to the second weekend in August.

August 8 – 10 will see us once again at Wolf Creek campground. The two bands will be *Done Deal* and *Derick Michael Mark Music*. We look forward to this great entertainment. As usual, we will have the men's hot buns contest, the ladies' wet-t contest, bike games, bike show,

and poker run.

We ask that all kids be back in camp by 10 p.m., but they are invited.

Prices have not changed: \$25 for members, \$30 non-*A.B.A.T.E.* members. Day passes available for Saturday-only. For vendor information, call Pat at: (541)–832–2219.

Once again *JoCo Chapter* is hosting a *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in Grants Pass at the courthouse on 6th Street. First Saturday in May, join us at noon. We will have bike safety signs, we will wave at the cars, we will hear some speeches, we will have fun.

The second weekend in May we will join the *Grants Pass Shopping Center's Safety Awareness Day* with a booth. Come out and join us.

We meet the third Wednesday each month at the Fruitdale grange at 6:30 p.m. We have

quarterly potlucks and March is the end of the first quarter. You bring a side dish and we provide the main *entree*. Everyone is invited. (I know that our potluck will be over by the time you read this, but maybe you'll remember to come back in June.)

See you down the road,

Karen Tolle

Josephine County Chapter

Josephine County

meeting time and place

3rd Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

POINT of CONTACT

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(541)–659–8715

Lincoln County

March is whizzing by.

Millie handed off the news article duties to me this month.

I went by John and Angie's to pick up run flyers. [*c.o.e. note*: John and Angie had been severely injured in a motorcycle/truck encounter.] John has an operation scheduled to take a piece of bone out of his thigh and put it in his ankle. I think he

said this was op #18. There will be one more to remove the halo from around his lower leg. Angie is doing physical therapy, but is able to drive now. The word is "don't tangle with a truck."

A few of us took off on a ride last month (February), looking at a prospective route for the *Long John Poker Run*.

Our next meeting is the 18th.,

(Or in this case, was.)

Decisions will have to be made soon. By the time you read this, the run will almost be on us.

I realized that I made an error hooking up the trailer hitch on the *Vaquero*. Now I need a break in the weather to make the correction. My shop is too full to do any kind of breakdown. Take this as a reminder to get your

maintenance done and don't fill your shop so full you can't get work space. Spring is almost on us.

I won't make it to the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* this year. Millie and I will be in Seaside that weekend, where it looks like I'll be elected state

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Lincoln County

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president of the Oregon J.C.I. senate.

If you are out an about during the weather breaks, keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down. -- Bob

Lincoln County

meeting time and place

3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
American Legion Hall,
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

POINT of CONTACT

Bob (541)-265-7586

Lower Columbia

Greetings,

We've been really busy down on the lower Columbia.

We had our crab dinner February 22nd. What a stressful time.

We had two weeks of storms off the coast when the crab fishermen couldn't get out at all. When they finally could, it was the Friday morning before the dinner. The fishermen went out blind on that Friday morning, meaning that they had no idea what kind of shape that their crabbing gear was in after the rough weather.

I called Donnie, who was out on the boat, at about noon on Friday to ask how they were

doing. This was the time when we had to warm water to boil crab or to go buy roast beef and ham. He said that we had the crab.

So as the story goes, we cooked the crab and had a great turn out.

We had the first bikes coming down the hill into Clatskanie for a 1 p.m. crab dinner at 12:30 p.m.

We do many fund raisers down here on the lower Columbia, one of them being a once a year raffle. This year we are putting up a *Winchester Big Daddy* gun safe. It's a real dandy, with a great fire rating and a repair or replacement warrantee in case of burglary or fire damage. We are

providing tickets for a donation of \$10 for one or \$25 for three.

We are concerned about membership in *A.B.A.T.E.* and as many have thought about getting other riders involved in what concerns us all, we have decided to venture into the idea of sponsoring a poker run in the dirt rather than the blacktop. That's right, we could do this and we think that it would give us the opportunity to meet and discuss

what we all have in common. (The bottom line, we all love to ride, no matter what it is.)

There is a lot to lose out there today for the biker community and one of the majors is recreational land loss.

Dave Bridges
coordinator
Lower Columbia

Lower Columbia

meeting time and place

1st Sundays at 7 p.m.
Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

POINT of CONTACT

Dave Bridges (coordinator)
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e-mail: Fatboy-1hd@charter.net

North Coast

Hello from the *North Coast*,

The daffodils are are poking up here on the north coast and some of our members are also showing up on the roads.

Just a reminder that the roads still show signs of winter. The cinders have not been swept and the road shoulders have a lot of built up cinders. Animals are moving around looking for new foliage to eat. With this in mind, make sure you and your scooter are ready for the new riding season.

At our last chapter meeting, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* state officers Alan Nichols, Zeta Holscher, and Paul Hering graced us with their presence. They updated

our members on the progress *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is making and implementing ideas made in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* meetings. Their parting message was that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* remain a brotherhood and our members agreed wholeheartedly.

April is a big month for the *North Coast Chapter*.

We start out with our donation to the *Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank*.

Our *Adopt-A-Road* duties will start this month with our first clean up.

And finally, the month will end with our first sanctioned ride on Saturday, April 26th – the annual *Spring Fever Run*. This is a popular ride down the coast

to the *Tillamook Cheese Factory* with scenic stops along the way. See our flyer on the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* web site.

Our goal this year is to add more members, continue our commitment to our charity, have more chapter rides, assist *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* in promoting motorcycle safety, and assist in legislative action.

Thank you and ride safe,
Don Kelly
coordinator
North Coast Chapter

For more information on *North Coast Chapter* activities, contact Don Kelly at (503)-325-3566.

See us on our web site at:
<http://www.northcoastabate.com>

North Coast

meeting time and place

3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

POINT of CONTACT

Don Kelly, coordinator
(503)-nnn-nnnn

River City

February 18, 2014

We had a small, intense meeting.

There was a lot of discussion about our current organizational difficulties. No answers.

Lee won the 50/50 again. This time it was \$6/5 and Lee got his investment back. He gave the other \$3 to the chapter. Thanks, Lee.

March 04, 2014

We had a short, loud meeting with a poker run meeting before.

There were three state officer guests tonight: Allan Nichols (state coordinator), Veta Holscher (state membership secretary), and Paul Herring (state vice-coordinator-north, quartermaster).

Paul won one of our games and got a prize! He also invited all to WaCo's biker nite on April 5.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$17/17 and donated his share back to the chapter.

Brian won the membership game for \$55 and donated it back to the chapter.

Thanks, Rick and Brian.

Upcoming Meetings

April 01, 2014

(Oh, foolish me)

April 15, 2014

River City

meeting time and place

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Shiloh Inn

The Dalles

POINT of CONTACT

Rick Prentice

(541)-296-8083

Brian Stovall

(541)-340-9442

Salem

Flag salute. 07:00 p.m.

Reviewed and passed old minutes.

Reviewed state board minutes.

We had a special guest, Patti Milne, who is running against Peter Courtney for the senate seat in our district. Those in attendance questioned her position on various motorcycle related issues, including:

- Alcohol in gasoline. (No)
- Motorcycle-only stops. (No)
- Motorcyclist injured/damaged equipment with no citations issued to the responsible driver. (She would want to be personally notified so she could go directly to the specific police

agency responsible and force the citation as per the uniform traffic code.)

- Helmets. (Personal choice.)

• If the governor were to veto or threaten to veto any bill supported by *A.B.A.T.E.*, would she work to assure the bill was brought to the floor, and work to get a two-thirds majority? (Yes)

Patti Milne's questions to us, "Why does Oregon lie about housing, employment, etc?"

Our chapter thanked Patti for attending, and after she left, found ourselves impressed with her openness.

We also discussed *Fossil Campout* and what duties certain

volunteers from our chapter were responsible for and to who.

Meeting ended approximately at 09 p.m.

Lynn DeSpain

coordinator

Salem Chapter, A.B.A.T.E.

Salem

meeting time and place

1st Monday at 7 p.m.

Almost Home

Restaurant

3310 Market street,

Salem

POINTS of CONTACT

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Southeast Portland

When this report comes out, our canned food drive and anniversary party will have happened. Hope everyone had a good time.

There have been some changes happening in our chapter. We finally have volunteers to fill the positions of recording secretary (Tim McDowell) and treasurer.

(Tina McDowell)

Kristen Fenton will also be helping Tina with products, and ways and means. Thanks to these people for volunteering for these positions.

We have also changed our meeting dates to only one day a month. We will be meeting on the third Sunday of each month.

Same place, same time.

We have purchased the bike for our toy run raffle. 2013 *Street Bob*. Tickets will be for sale soon. Check out the bike at:

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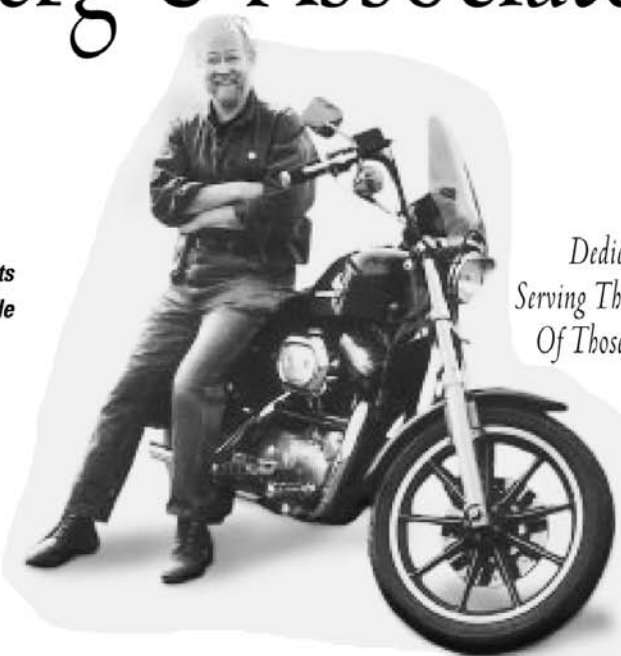
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Comments:

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Saturday, 12 April 2014
1200 (noon)
11:15 a.m. = Budget, membership meeting
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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:
11 April 2014	Bike Night / Douglas County	Roseburg	
19 April 2014	Long John PR / LinCo	Newport	(541)-265-7586
19 April 2014	Biker Night / Hub City		
26 April 2014	Spring Fever Run / North Coast	Hammond	
26 April 2014	Poler Run / River City	The Dalles	
26 - 27 Apr 2014	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	Central Point	
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	
09 May 2014	Bike Night / Douglas County	Oakland	
23-26 May 2014	Fossil Campout / ABATE	Fossil	(503)-463-6340
07 June 2014	Annual Poker Run / Hub City	Albany	
13 June 2014	Bike Night / Douglas County	Black and Gold clubhouse	
11 July 2014	Bike Night / Douglas County	Glide	

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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 \$ _____

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