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Fare Thee Well, Fearful...less Leader

Oregon's Loss Is Texas' Gain

To: ABATE of Oregon members

From: Allan Nichols Subject: Resignation

Date: Wed, 23 Apr 2014 15:08:04

It is with deep sadness and regret that effective imediately I must step down from all officer positons associated with ABATE of Oregon. I have been transfered out of state for work and this will be a permenant move. It has the posibility of becoming a promotion and after 25 years with the company I cannot say no and throw it all away. I appoligize for the last minute bomb but I was not aware it would be happening as quickly as this. I will definately miss all of you. Thank you all for making me feel like a leader.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols state coordinator ABATE of Oregon

With those words, state coordinator, Allan Nichols reluctantly tended his resignation from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Since January 2012, Allan has helped guide Oregon A.B.A.T.E. through turbulent times and legislative lumps.



ABATE-grams from shocked members began flooding in as soon as the e-mail went out, swamping the state newspaper galactic headquarters to a depth of five. The tone was understanding and congratulatory, though his good-natured guidence will be missed.

His last official act was to attend Fossil Campout with Laura. We, the vast staff of the state newspaper, hope that they had a most excellent time, fine weather, and fond memories to take with them.

Former state coordinator Joe Laurence has stepped up to fill Allan's position until the state officer elections in October.



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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 Brother-hood 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!"

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong

from *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

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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U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists

of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe,

responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities

regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

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.

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

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 \mathbf{A} = Single entity.

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

 \mathbf{A} GAINST = In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

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

officers at work

State Coordinator

I cannot believe it has been almost three years since I have taken office. Where did the time go?

I cannot tell you how much being a coordinator has meant to me.

I have learned from a lot of people who didn't realize that they were teaching.

I have made new friends across the state and country, and lost some as well.

I had grand visions for where I thought this organization could go and still feel we are within reach of a lot of those goals. But alas, I will not be the one driving the bus any longer.

Work has taken me out of Oregon but I will always have a space in my heart and soul for *A.B.A.T.E.* and everyone I have met along the way.

We never know when things will force change upon us and how much it will change our lives, so the only thing we can do is live life to its fullest every day. If we do this, we can ensure that everything we do, no matter how insignificant it may seem at the time, will be a part of our own personal legacy.

Never have regrets, but instead learn from the decisions we make so that we may make ours and *A.B.A.T.E.*'s future brighter. Take baby steps towards a goal and when you reach them strive for higher goals and never get complacent. Our rights and freedoms depend on it.

To all my friends I want to say that this isn't "goodbye", it is more "until we meet again" because anyone who knows me knows that my passion will never take me away from the battle that is motorcycle rights and freedoms.

So in closing, I want to say thank you. Thank you everyone for making me feel welcome and letting me believe I was a leader. Thank you to my fellow officers for making me look good (lol) and thank you to the two gentlemen who years ago took me outside at a *WaCo* chapter meeting and told me I would make a good officer. I could never have done this without all of you!

Hasta la vista my brothers and sisters, for like I said, this isn't good bye. We will see each other again.

Ride safe. Ride free. Ride with respect.



Allan Nichols

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

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

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

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

-- Plato

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from Central Oregon,

The weather has finally warmed and the bikes are out in large numbers. It is the time to enjoy the secluded roads, the wind in our face, and the beautiful scenery. Pull the bike out, do your safety check, then put some miles on it.

We had our roadside clean up on May 10th. Thanks to about twenty people showing up, we had our three mile section cleared of trash in about an hour. Then we enjoyed burgers and dogs in the Sister city park with good conversation and talk of what projects on our bikes we got done (and didn't) over the winter.

Our *Rocks*, *Lakes*, *and Bridges Run* is coming up June 28th. This is an approximately 135 mile ride through some of the most beautiful

areas in central Oregon. All proceeds (except what we tithe to the state) are donated to the *M.R.F.* That and we got one of the best bands in the area (the *Manic Mechanics*) for the end of ride festivities. Come join us for a great time.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill chapter coordinator



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

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

May [Motorcycle] Awareness Month:
Douglas County lost a friend on his
motorcycle in Springfield this month.
Doug Miller was killed when a young
women ran a stop sign. It was reported she
didn't see the motorcycle. This strikes too
close to home when it's a friend.

Everyone needs to *Look Twice*, whether in a cage or on two wheels.

R.I.P., Doug.

We had our *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* meeting in April and many things where discussed and tabled.

Douglas County will be trying to get more young riders involved. Most young people don't know what totalitarian enactments means, so it's our job as members to educate them. A.B.A.T.E. of



Oregon will not keep going if we don't do our part and get these younger people enrolled.

Bike nights are the second Friday of each month, except August.

Bike night will be at historic *Oakland Tavern* on May 9th at 6:30.

Bike night on June 13 will be at *Black* and Gold clubhouse.

We will also have father's day poker run on June 7th from *Big River Cycle* in Roseburg starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 1 p.m. There will be a BBQ, drawings, and 50/50 after the poker run.

Hope everyone comes out and enjoys our functions coming up.

A lot of bikers from Douglas County

will be riding to the *Rhody Run*, May 16 through 18. Always such a good time and fun to see people who you don't see all the time. Hopefully rains will stay away and everyone has a good ride over and back.

And for riders going to *Redwood Run* in June, be safe going down highway 101. This run is always a hoot, so have fun and enjoy the good music.

Well, this is it for May, so until June, *please ride safe*.

Janie Waggoner secretary Douglas County

Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) Elmer's Restaurant 1440 NW Mulholland drive Roseburg (541)–673–0021

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

Josephine County

Ahhhh, springtime.

Riding season.

Time to unplug the battery charger and put her on the road.

But springtime is also time for spring showers that bring on the summer flowers.

Know your limitations, ride safe. Remember to do a safety check on the bike, especially if your bike has been in storage all winter.

Farewell to Allan Nichols and Laura who are moving to Texas right after *Fossil*. And welcome back to *Jackson County Chapter*. We wish you all good luck.

The 15th Southern Oregon Swap Meet was a success in spite of mother nature. (Talk about micro weather zones.) On Friday, vendors started arriving and setting up. Early afternoon the wind started. By 2 p.m. three vendors lost canopies to the wind. Then we had a hard rain and then about fifteen minutes of hail, a little more rain, and finally by evening it was quiet, but very cold. Luckily most of Saturday was sunny.

We ended up with many of our vendors canceling and only about half of our normal attendance.

But for those who attended, we heard lots of good stuff. Vendors did okay also. We opened

on Sunday to more rain. Several vendors stuck it out and made a few more sales. We opened the gate to encourage more customers to keep our vendors happy.

May 3rd were *Motorcycle Awareness Rallies*. both in Salem and in Grants Pass.

We heard about some of the wonderful presentations in Salem.

Well, Grants Pass was not as big as in the past, but we had fun, got respect from the public, did a lot of networking.

Lance and I are looking forward to our first *Fossil*. Getting the trailer packed up, chatting with all the committee members and preparing for our next big adventure.

The S.O.S. committee is working hard to bring you the best Southern Oregon Summer Run ever.

The event has been moved up to the second weekend in August in order to host the state board of directors meeting. The meeting will be held out on the lawn in the RV area of Wolf Creek Park so representatives who attend the meeting don't have to pay gate fees. But we are hoping that everyone does come down for the weekend and enjoy all the activities. Live band, wet-t contest, best buns contest, bike games, bike show, poker run, Porta-Trot-



Walk, lots of great fun. Only \$25/members, \$30/non. Our poker run takes you through beautiful back roads along the Rogue river.

Run to the Coast is August 2nd. From Grants Pass to Brookings. In Brookings the members of B.A.C.A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse) will be hosting a donation BBQ. Nice ride down the old highway to the beach. Always lots of fun.

Then we end the year with our toy run the first Sunday in October.

All flyers are here in the newspaper or can be found on the *A.B.A. T.E.* web site.

It's four minutes to midnight and I need to get this e-mail sent off. Trying to make the deadline for a change.

See you down the road,

Karen Tolle Josephine County Chapter

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 -- Hub City

Hello everyone,

The last few months we have had some long spurts of warm and dry weather. I hope that everyone is enjoying the awesome riding weather we have had. I know we have enjoyed some nice Friday night rides during the spurts of nice weather.

With this nice weather I would like to bring to light that safety is always number one. There have already been some unfortunate crashes on the road, so we need to be careful and really watch the other guy.

Here at *Hub City* we are getting into high gear for summer events.

We are getting ready for the *Fossil Campout* at Bear Hollow. *Hub City* is in charge of the games for the campout. That should be a hoot.

Also, be prepared for the *Hub City Poker Run* June 7th. It should be a good run!

I hope everyone has noticed our billboards that are up. We are really hoping that these billboards will draw attention and make people more aware of our presence on the roadways. We all have to look out for each other, so this is a great step in making that happen.

Don't forget that *Hub City* holds their monthly meeting at *Ciddici's Pizza* downtown in Albany, the third Thursday of every month. Don't be shy and come on by and check it out.

Have a good and safe riding season my friends,

Slow Tom

Out







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 -- Lincoln County

Maybe it's the fourth time that's a charm, not the third. I am having trouble getting this newsletter article going. I guess it may be the stoke I had a few weeks ago.

We had our *Long John Run* but it was not well attended. It may be because it rained so hard in the morning. We lost money on it. Those who rode did a real short ride. They got a little damp but not major rains. A new member was the first stop and had donuts and hot coffee waiting for the riders. Thanks, Rick. Wish it had been a better attended ride.

We are still working to rebuild. It seems odd that we were once a super large chapter and now we are so small. We will rebound though.

I hope that all the Mother's had a cry at Lassie Come Home also.

wonderful Mother's Day. They keep saying the weather is going to break, but I'm not holding my breath.

I hope each of you who still have mom or dad in your life. Make sure you take time out to remember them. You can be looking at an empty house as we did and become adult orphans.

Looks like I won't be seeing you on the road this summer, I'm restricted from riding for awhile.

We have members who are looking forward to *Fossil Campout*. It's my weekend to take care of seeing to flowers for lost family members. I always watch the special on *OPB* recognizing our military and remembering those lost. Takes a box of *Kleenex* for this. But remember, I cry at *Lassie Come Home* also.



Hope you that went to *Fossil* had a great time and enjoyed the visiting there.

Keep dry, ride safe, and remember to watch our for others on the road.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie secretary Lincoln County

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

Greetings,

We were busy getting ready for our spring run which was Saturday May 17th. (For those of you who looked for it in the run calendar and didn't see it.) Phil selected a really great route for us this year -- some of the old stops with a couple of new ones as well. We are looked forward to a good turnout and a whole lot of fun.

Our Fourth of July Heritage Days celebration is just around the corner. It looks like we will again be cooking burgers in the city park, first for the car show on June 28th, and again on the 4th of July. We would enjoy serving you all a burger.

It is good to see our newspaper back in print. This shouldn't be just a three month deal. We need to be in circulation every month.

Mostly on my mind is the thought of losing our state coordinator. We down here on the *Lower Columbia* are a new chapter and Allan has done his job very well in keeping us in line, passing on words of wisdom and guidance as needed.

Dave Bridges coordinator *Lower Columbia*



Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd Sunday 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

April 15, 2014

May 06, 2014

We had a very small meeting tonight, six people.

Rick was out of town, so Larry did a fine job leading the meeting. He even did an executive problem-solving trick to help with the poker run planning.

We passed motions to pay some bills and Teresa moved to send \$100 to *BikePAC* to help with costs for the May rally.

We held no games this evening and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

We had a quick presentation by a representative from the *Goldendale Chapter* to promote their poker run on July 5.

The rest of the meeting was mostly about our poker run, which was successful though not large. (The weather wins out again!) We had some fun and made some money. People liked the route.

We will have a chapter *Facebook* page soon. Rick and Teresa are working on it.

Joe won the 50/50 at \$11/11. He donated his share to the state treasury. Thanks, Joe.



Upcoming Meetings

June 03, 2014

June 17, 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.

The rain put a damper on our April and May activities.

Our *Spring Fever Run* in April had eighteen hardy riders for the ride down the coast to Tillamook. We escaped the rain until the end in Seaside, then the skies opened up.

Our *Adopt-A-Road* clean up went well with several members present in rain gear, finishing the job with great gusto.

No one opted for the ride down to Salem for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Our own demonstration for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Month* was canceled for a later time. (*Rain*!)

We did make our donation to the *C.C.A.* regional food bank. The donation was made inside the facility, out of the rain. Thank you, *North Coast* members, for your hard work. We should be proud of our chapter for making sure the people

in our community who are in need are fed.

We are now gearing up for the 19th Annual Around Saddle Mountain Run on Saturday, June 28th. The ride starts at the Moose Lodge in Astoria and ends at the American Legion in Seaside. See the flyer in this issue. Call Don Kelly at (503)–325–3566 for more information on this event. It's a super ride through the coastal mountains and ending at the beach.

Several of our members attended *LoCo*'s spring ride in May. We decided to make this a chapter ride.

Pacific County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Washington also had their annual 101 Run May 10th.

Both of these event have not happened as I write this but I will comment on this in the next newspaper.

Laura Sellers, our secretary had to resign due to a promotion in her job, so we are now looking for a replacement.



I encourage anyone in our chapter to *please* step up for this important position. Laura has done more than an excellent job and I thank her for her service. Thank you, Laura.

Remember:

Around Saddle Mountain Run,
June 28th.
See you there and ride safe.

Don Kelly coordinator North Coast Chapter (503)–325–3566

North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd 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

Discussed, mainly, the *Fossil Campout*, the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*, Allan's retirement, and the additional vacancies open at the state board level.

Being coordinator, I take the responsibility for our not having our June poker run. But we hope to have our act together for July and August.

We did manage to gather some parts for the trophies for *Fossil* and some prizes for the drawings, so at least we did get some things correct. We have pride in that.

We were all pleased to receive out newspaper in the mail once more, and thank the board, Rot Path, and our web site manager for coming up with a solution for our problem.

We hope to see you all at the 37th Annual Fossil Campout!

Best of luck and good wishes, Allan.

Later,

Lynn DeSpain coordinator Salem Chapter





Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Monday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Almost Home Restaurant
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Southeast Portland



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Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Washington County

On April 26th, five *WaCo* chapter members made the ride to The Dalles for their *Cherry Blossom Ride*. Though as usual for the gorge, it was windy and a bit chilly. It was a very nice ride. The route took us to the Washington side of the Columbia and it was fascinating to see all the wind turbines kind of up close. They are huge when you get near them! The scenery in that area is beautiful, though each time I have noticed the cherry blossoms are hard to find.

Hubby and I were unable to attend the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on the third, but I am hoping *WaCo* was fairly well represented with riders.

On May 10th about ten *WaCo* members helped at *Papa's Toys Car Show* in Cornelius again this year. We helped to park about 420 plus classic cars and saw over 2,500 people

through the gates as a total. This is a wonderful event that benefits *Doernbecher's Children's Hospital*. It's is open for anyone to attend. So, mark your calendars for the second Saturday in May to come and check it out next year. We had a couple of showers during the day, but overall, the weather was not too bad.

Upcoming events are June 8th for our *Roll–N–Ride* and July 13th for our *Mid Summer Poker Run*, so watch for flyers in this paper.

Denise Darneille secretary Washington County



Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Monday at 1930

(7:30 p.m.)

Prime Time Restaurant 4450 Pacific avenue Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT

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

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

10 May 2014 (Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome – The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Allan Nichols with ten of eleven chapters represented. Nine chapters present were eligible to vote. Southeast Portland was represented, but not eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters – Excused chapter was *Central Oregon*.

Pledge of allegiance, moment of silence – For downed brothers/sisters and service men/women.

Guest – Doneel "Butterfly" Stafford.

First time attendees – Reconstituted *Jackson County Chapter* represented by Todd Sahlberg (coordinator), Derald Stafford (vice-coordinator), Kathy Sahlberg (secretary, treasurer), and Andy Stratton (sergeant-at-arms).

Reading, approval of minutes – Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*) to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Lynn DeSpain (*Salem*). Passed.

Old Business

< None >

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator's comments – Allan welcomed *Jackson County Chapter* back to the organization.

He explained that this is his last meeting as state coordinator, as he and Laura are moving to Beaumont, Texas. He will be at *Fossil*, but that will be his last event.

Secretary report and correspondence – < Vacant >

Various newsletters from out-ofstate were made available to those interested.

Vice-coordinator (north) - Paul



Hering thanked everyone for their turnout at the May rally in Salem last weekend.

Hope you have your ballots.

We have important things to take care of, as three vital officer positions are vacant. (Coordinator, recording secretary, and membership secretary.) They are heart and soul of our organization.

Vice-coordinator (south) – Joe Laurance state that he was thrilled to have *Jackson County* back and thanked Spanky for his work on behalf of *A.B.A. T.E.*

Asked chapter representatives to go back home and get their members to step up and take a vacant position.

You will be seeing more of him in southern Oregon as the weather gets better.

Vice-coordinator (east) – Rick Prentice was excused, no report.

Treasurer – Karen Tolle noted that full reports are in chapter packets.

As of May 10, 2013, we have: Checking = \$12,894.01 Savings = \$3,509.02 Paypal = \$538.04 She reminded us that beginning January 2014, chapter contributions to the state treasury for events is 20%.

Karen needs to be added as a signer on chapter accounts. This is a long-standing requirement of state by-laws. Please bring it up at your chapter meeting and get a note in your minutes to add Karen Tolle as a signer. Some banks ask for organization by-laws and Karen can provide those. She is trying to schedule coming in person to take care of this business with your officers at your chapter's bank.

Membership secretary –

< Vacant >.

Sanctioning officer – Robert Terrill (Absent)

Fossil Campout sanctioning has been completed.

Officer Reports

State auditor – Cindy Witmer has had contact with every chapter except *Southeast Portland*.

Please mail or e-mail your treasurers' reports directly to her so she can process them more quickly.

She is manually entering 2013



Teresa Hepker

temporary acting state recording secretary

data and needs to get all data to the accountant by August for taxes to be done on time.

Newspaper editor – Rot Path noted that chapter reports due today by midnight.

Missing: Central Oregon, Hub City, Josephine County, Jackson County., Lower Columbia, Salem, Southeast Portland, and Washington County.

He will continue making the abbreviated version of the newsletter available on-line even though we are currently publishing in print.

To compare costs: Old provider charged \$1,149 to print and mail 800 copies. New provider charged \$637 to print and mail 1,000 copies.

Legislative director – Paula Leslie stated that legislative issues so far for 2015 Oregon session:

- Milkman Mike bill. (Assigning driver responsibility in crashes.)
- E-15 fuel. How to protect motorcycle owners from mechanical damage.
- Oregon D.M.V. is charging motorcyclists for testing services that they are no longer providing.
- *BikePAC* legislative director position is vacant.
- *Hub City* magnet sign program applied to county trucks and equipment to promote motorcycle/bicycle/pedestrian safety. Paula requested that *A.B.A.T.E.* donate some money to this program.
 - Team Oregon seeking feedback on

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

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programs for long term planning.

• Trike operator licensing is a problem in Oregon as there is no three-wheeled operator training and the two-wheeled training is not appropriate. If you can't pass a two wheeled class, it's difficult to get licensed.

Sergeant-at-arms (north) – Randy Phipps noted that volunteer signup sheets will be available at *Fossil Campout* for security, gate, *A.B.A.T.E.* information booth.

Sergeant-at-arms (south) – Lance Tolle stated that the southern Oregon May rally was held at Josephine county courthouse. Good public response, good attendance.

Sergeant-at-arms (east) < Vacant > **Products director** — Councilman Dave Meeker had products for sale at the meeting. Arrangements were made for products to be transported to *Fossil Campout*.

Education director < Vacant >
Public relations director < Vacant >
State run coordinator (Fossil) —
Lynn DeSpain had sample shirts to show.

A.B.A.T.E. will supply chits for Fossil Campout shirts, which can be taken to the shirt vendor. Vendor will apply design to any shirt they have in stock. (Men's, women's, long sleeve, hoodie, etc.) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon will receive \$8 for each shirt sold.

Volunteers at Fossil will receive \$1 in *A.B.A.T.E. Bucks* per hour worked, which can be spent on *A.B.A.T.E.* products.

Still need parts for trophies. They need to go to Rusty Taylor.

Some discussion on where the wrist bands are. Turns out they were given to Lynn already. He wasn't aware of them but will look for them.

State swap meet coordinator – Paul Hering has been searching for swap

meet venue. Best place he has found is the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. They are willing to host the swap meet in return for a donation. Facility is acceptable but date needs to change.

Board okayed him to proceed with planning for a swap meet on Saturday, November 1. Chapters urged to share vendor lists with Paul.

Historian – Teresa Hepker noted that newsletters from 1975 to 1982 that we had in storage have been scanned. Carl will create an archive section on the web site so they can be accessed there.

Web page editor – Carl Earl asked chapters to please check the state web site to be sure your chapter contact information, meeting time, and place are all correct. Send him any changes needed.

Quartermaster – Paul Hering is taking the stage to Fossil on Saturday, May 17. He encourages members to come out and help get it set up that afternoon.

A.B.A.T.E. owns two water tanks that are no longer needed and nobody wants to store them. One is 300 gallons, the other 500 gallons. He proposes selling them.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – Brian Stovall echoed, "What Paula said."

He pointed out how important it is to fill vacant officer positions because that helps spread the work around and allows each person to focus on their area of responsibility.

M.R.F. representative – < Vacant >. Nic mentioned *Bikers on the Beltway* and efforts by federal government to mandate certain safety gear.

Confederation of Clubs representative - < Vacant >

Unfinished Business

Officer Vacancies

- State coordinator Joe Laurance, Paul Hering, Rick Prentice nominated. Paul and Rick declined. Joe was elected.
- Vice-coordinator (south) Spanky nominated and elected.
- Recording secretary –

< No nominations >

- **Membership secretary** Kathy Sahlberg volunteered and was elected.
- Education director –

< No nominations >

- Public relations
 - < No nominations >
- Sgt-at-arms (east) –

< No nominations >

New Business

• **Motion–1** by Randy Phipps, seconded by Lynn DeSpain:

"Reimburse Randy \$130.42 for travel in capacity of sergeant-at-arms to assist with Josephine County Swap Meet. He paid for his own room."

Approved 9-0, 1 abstention.

• **Motion–2** by Paul Hering, seconded by _____:

"Sell A.B.A.T.E.'s 500 gallon water tank to Allan Nichols for \$300."

Approved 10-0.

• Motion-3 by Paul Hering, seconded by Brian Stovall:

"Donate \$150 to BikePAC of Oregon to help pay for magnetic safety signs for Benton county vehicles."

Approved 10-0.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: June 14th, 2014. Ciddici's Pizza,
 Albany, Oregon.
- Spanky on behalf of *Josephine County Chapter* presented Allan and Laura with T-shirts from the *Josephine County Swap Meet*.
- Teresa showed custom printed ribbons that will be tied on stuffed animals collected at the *Cherry Festival Teddy Bear Parade*. Bears are used by hospital, fire, police. Ribbon says "Donated by Motorcyclists at Northwest Cherry Festival".
- Lynn noted that A.B.A. T.E. will give Allen a Fossil T-shirt in appreciation for his service.
- Paula shared that Doc Wong free riding clinics are worth checking out:

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Adjourned: 2:21 p.m.

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From yer ... crusty ol' editor

Boiling Our Frog?

the motorcycling bubble c.o.e. - 149

There are two ways to cook a live frog, so the story goes. (Though why people would be desperate enough to torture, then consume insect-eating amphibians is never fully explained.)

The first involves dropping a wildly thrashing frog that is peeing all over you into a pot of water at full rolling boil. Going to wash yourself off spares you the sight of your dinner's painful death.

The second method begins with a pot of water at room temperature into which a docile web footer is gently slid, then the temperature of the water is gradually increased. Because change is done in small increments, the frog is able to adapt to its environment, even as the water temperature approaches boiling and its spirit slips away to wherever froggy spirits go after their pond days are over.

Practitioners of the second method will tell you that the meat is more tender because the animal was relaxed, though the fact remains that they are still eating creatures that ate flies that ate what dropped out of cows or horses.

(Next up: Drunken lobsters.)

One essential lesson from the story above is to avoid being reincarnated as a frog.

Another is that one may get away with nearly anything if it is done slowly enough.

We in the motorcycling community have learned to keep our eyes on legislative bodies at all levels of government. Adverse motorcycle legislation can be suddenly introduced that requires quick action by riders to amend or defeat. Our frog is being dropped into boiling water.

But what of subtle, long-term legislative efforts? They can be so slow that we don't see the pattern or danger.

There seems to be a Europe-inspired effort towards universal standardization of everything, including how motorcycles and their riders are equipped. Clothing that is strongly encouraged in the U.S. is mandatory in many or most European Union (E.U.) countries. (For a glimpse of what our future could be like, trying riding on any presentday U.S. CONUS military base.) These efforts are lulling our frog into warm water oblivion.

As riders, we learn to avoid obstacles in front of our wheels by seeing them further

As motorcycle activists, we must notice anything that can endanger motorcycling as we know it, then act to preserve our frog's life.

At this time and place in the history of the planet called earth, conditions are just right to support various forms of life, including meat sacks known as humans.

There may be inconveniences such as when the climate varies slightly or the planet wiggles into a more comfortable fit, but overall we can survive such events.

Life as we know it could have attempted to assert itself previously, but was unable to cope with the environment of the time. At the other end of time, eventually the inner planets of our solar system will spiral into the sun after it goes through its nova phase, so the future of life on this particular planet is limited.

When conditions are right, life flourishes. Otherwise, it bides its time until circumstances improve, it seeks more welcoming environments to assert itself, or it

Motorcycling, being a product of life, shares many of its characteristics.

In the past century, conditions have changed to bring motorcycles into being as a viable form of transport for meatbag life.

In most human-developed areas, paved roads and increasing fuel prices contribute to continued growth of motorcycle riding.

In prior times, lack of technology and poor roadways prevented motorcycles from developing or flourishing. If the next century brings some sort of transporter technology where humans can beam themselves to where they want to be, will people still attempt to move themselves around physically on two or three wheels? (Or will governments let

So at this time and place in human history, conditions are just right for motorcycling.

How can we, who know first-hand what

Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

it means to ride, maintain conditions where motorcycling can continue to flourish? We are not so much at the mercy of the natural environment, but rather we are subject to political climate change. Therefore we, as riders, can help control the destiny of motorcycling by controlling the political will behind motorcycling legislation.

There is an article in this month's M.R.F. report about intelligent transportation systems and how vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) systems might work to reduce or prevent crashes. Basically V2V would compensate for poor or distracted driving actions of the nut holding on to the wheel.

Although such systems accede to the imperfection of humanity, drivers must still be held accountable for their actions. (Something that is not being done enough

There are presently too many options for drivers to distract themselves while guiding massive piles of rubber, steel, glass, and plastic around our roadways. V2V would seem to only promise that drivers would become even less responsible on the streets because the vehicle would compensate for their own lack of participation in driving.

One should always be leery of machines that are smarter than their operators. Otherwise Soylent Green may end up becoming cam shaft lube.

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Josephine County Chapter

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Sign-ups also accepted at the Sportsman Tavern, 145 S Redwood Hwy, Cave Junction

Best Poker Hand \$200 2nd Best Hand \$150 Worst Hand \$50

This year the ride ends in Brookings Lunch will be available by donation Hosted by Bikers Against Child Abuse, Wild Rivers Coast Chapter

50/50, and drawing prizes at the end.

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American Motorcyclist Association

Distracted Driving = Deadly Driving

The perils of distracted driving take a front seat during May, which is designated as national *Motorcycle Awareness Month*.

The initiative, supported by the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, encourages drivers to watch for motorcycles and understand that motorcycle riders enjoy the same rights and privileges as operators of other vehicles.

The slogans are everywhere, on billboards and bumper stickers, badges

and T-shirts:

Watch out for motorcycles Look twice, save a life Share the road

But not all motorists heed the warnings. And, with the warmer temperatures spilling across most of the country in May, the roads are filling with riders.

Increased vigilance is paramount.

"Too many drivers become cocooned in their own world and fail to notice a motorcyclist in the lane beside them or in oncoming traffic as they are making a turn," said Rob Dingman, A.M.A. president and C.E.O. "Motorcycle Awareness Month is an campaign to remind other motorists to look around, check your mirrors and intersections, then check again before beginning a lane change or turn."

Distracted and inattentive driving is increasing the danger for all motorists, but especially for motorcyclists, who are not protected by a car's metal structure and airbags.

Drivers can avoid crashes with motorcyclists by taking extra care and looking twice to spot motorcycles in traffic (especially at intersections), respecting the motorcyclists' space on the road, and by not following too closely.

The *A.M.A.* also strongly encourages motorcyclists to take training, wear appropriate safety gear, and practice safe riding techniques.

The A.M.A. has long advocated that local and state governments maintain or increase funding for motorcycle rider education and motorist awareness programs, two highly effective strategies to reduce the likelihood of motorcycle crashes.

Motorcyclist Fatalities Fell In 2013

For the second time in five years, motorcyclist fatalities are projected to decrease, according to a report released May 6 by the *Governors Highway Safety Association*, (*G.H.S.A.*) the *American Motorcyclist Association* reports.

Dr. James Hedlund of Highway Safety North, a former senior official with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, authored the Spotlight on Safety report which projects that the motorcyclist fatality total for 2013

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reported in 2012.

Compared with the first nine months of 2012, motorcyclist fatalities decreased in thirty-five states and the District of Columbia, increased in thirteen states, and remained the same in two, the report states. All fifty states and the District of Columbia provided preliminary motorcyclist fatality counts for the first nine months of 2013, according to the governors' association press release.

The G.H.S.A. reported 4,469

will be 4,610, compared to 4,957 motorcycle fatalities in 2009, which represented a dramatic sixteen percent decline from 2008.

> "The decline in rider fatalities is encouraging news, particularly during Motorcycle Awareness Month when so many motorcyclists are riding," said Wayne Allard, A.M.A. vice president for government relations. "And we hope that these reported declines signal a positive trend in rider safety on nation's highways. But the Spotlight on Safety report is short on hard data regarding the factors contributing to the decline," Allard said. "That is why the A.M.A. is

helping fund a comprehensive study of the causes of motorcycle crashes."

The motorcycle crash causation study is being conducted at the Oklahoma Transportation Center, an independent and well-respected research facility at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Funding for the study comes from the A.M.A., the Federal Highway Administration, and the N.H. T.S.A. A final report is expected in 2015.

The last major motorcycle crash study was completed in 1980, and it provided a wealth of data that has been used to develop training and strategies to help keep riders safer on the road. In the decades since, the traffic environment has changed enormously, prompting the A.M.A. to begin campaigning for a new study several years ago and leading to the Oklahoma research.

The G.H.S.A. is a nonprofit group representing the highway safety offices of states, territories, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Its members are appointed by their governors to administer federal and state highway safety funds and implement state highway safety plans.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Ethanol Harmful To Motorcycles

Federal Trade the Commission (F.T.C.) proposed a new rule regarding the labeling of ethanol blended fuels in order to "help fuel purchasers identify the correct fuel for their vehicles." Ironically, the new rule would exempt any fuel meeting the Environmental Protection Agency's (E.P.A.) E-15 waiver from the proposed labeling requirements.

In the record section of the proposed rule, the *E.P.A.* provides information under the "objections to the proposed labels" section openly stating that ethanol is harmful to motor vehicles, and specifically mentions that ethanol is damaging to motorcycles.

The *E.P.A.* indicates two major ways that ethanol affects vehicles. First, ethanol enleans the air to fuel ratio by increasing the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons. This can lead to higher exhaust temperatures and can possibly cause catalyst failure by gradually deteriorating emission control equipment. Next, other component failures can occur due to

materials compatibility issues with ethanol use.

The *E.P.A.* also found that ethanol can damage older conventional cars, heavy-duty engines, motorcycles, and non-road engines, explaining: "Older motor vehicles, heavy-duty gasoline engines and vehicles, motorcycles, and especially non-road products cannot fully compensate for the change in the stoichiometric air-to-fuel ratio as ethanol concentration increases. Over time, this enleanment caused by ethanol may lead to thermal degradation of the emissions control hardware and ultimately catalyst failure. Higher ethanol concentration will exacerbate the enleanment effect in these vehicles, engines, and equipment and therefore increase the potential of thermal degradation and risk of catalyst failure. In addition to enleanment, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failure and ultimately exhaust and/or evaporative emission increases. For older motor vehicles, heavy-duty gasoline

engines and vehicles, motorcycles, and non-road products, the potential for materials compatibility issues increases with higher ethanol concentration."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) has been attempting to block the widespread sale of E-15 and higher blends until they have been fully studied. The M.R.F. supports U.S. house of representatives bill HR-875, a bill that would halt the sale of E-15 and commission an independent scientific study to determine all of the effects of E-15 on an internal combustion motor.

The lack of demand for E-15 has the E.P.A. proposing that ethanol manufactures produce less ethanol than they have for the past few years.

Additionally a study done by the University of Nebraska (the third highest corn producing state in the country) found that using corn crop residue (considered a ready source for ethanol production) is harmful to the environment by generating more greenhouse gasses than traditional



gasoline.

The Federal Trade Commission (F.T.C.) is still taking public comments on the labeling requirements.

Simply slapping another label on a fuel pump is not the best way to prevent misfueling.

Separate pumps, like diesel, need to be developed and installed.

Let the F.T.C. know that you don't like the fact that fuels meeting the E-15 E.P.A. waiver are exempted and that more labels are not going to lead to less misfuels.

The deadline is June 2nd. You can leave your polite public comments

http://www.regulations.gov /#!submitComment;D=F.T .C.-2014-0088-0001

More important than the labeling changes is the fact that the E.P.A. is

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publicly admitting that ethanol is harmful to motorcycles, something the *M.R.F.* has been stating for years. This revelation by the *E.P.A.* is the sort of push we can use to rollback the sale of E-15.

Intelligent Transportation Research Includes Motorcycles

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) informed the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) recently that they do in fact intend to include motorcycles in the research they will be doing about vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication technology.

V2V technology, in theory, allows for individual vehicles to communicate with each other on the road. The conversation would let the individual vehicles inform other vehicles as to how fast it is moving, where it is moving to, and how far away it is from other vehicles. The theory goes on to assume that using this technology will reduce crashes and therefore injury and loss of life.

The technology works something like this: if a vehicle is approaching another vehicle at a greater rate of speed and a collision is imminent,

the vehicle can brake itself to slow down and avoid the collision. Or if a distracted driver is bearing into your vehicle's space, it will automatically employ evasive actions such as hard braking or swerving.

"Vehicle-to-vehicle technology represents the next generation of auto safety improvements, building on the life-saving achievements we've already seen with safety belts and air bags," said U.S. transportation secretary Anthony Foxx. "By helping drivers avoid crashes, this technology will play a key role in improving the way people get where they need to go while ensuring that the U.S. remains the leader in the global automotive industry."

When *N.H.T.S.A.* announced that it was going to begin taking steps to enable V2V communications technology for light vehicles, the *M.R.F.* was concerned that motorcycles would be negatively affected by not being included in the discussion. It was revealed to the *M.R.F.* that the initial research will focus on passenger cars, but motorcycles will be included eventually.

N.H.T.S.A. plans on equipping motorcycles with V2V technology so that the vehicle can transmit signals to other vehicles on the road to provide a

warning of potential vehicle collision and avoid it.

Technology changes to motorcycles are certainly beginning to rise. Liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, touch screen equipped *Harley-Davidsons* are just the first wave.

What comes next is anyone's guess. Some of it is certain to be helpful, like G.P.S.

But taking full control of a motorcycle away from the motorcyclist is one of the worst possible ideas in the universe. Taking any controls away from the rider is not acceptable.

The *M.R.F.* will work to make sure that never happens.

Best of the West Reminder

Best of the West is June 6-8.

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We promise great riding, great learning, and great fun. But you need to get your room reservations made now. Our group rate of \$89.99 is only good for reservations made by June 13th.

A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado will be hosting this event. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Summit County in Frisco. It is right off I-70 in Frisco. There is no designated airport shuttle

to the hotel from the Denver airport. If you need transportation from the airport, call the hotel for options.

We have some good workshops planned with a little something for everyone. I can tell you from experience that *A.B.A. T.E. of Colorado* will go out of its way to be a good host. I expect good food and good drink.

If possible, plan a couple days before or after the conference to enjoy riding in the Colorado Rockies. *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado* will have maps available that show and rate all of the roads in the state.

The hotel will honor our room rate for two days prior and two days after the conference.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Washington State Red Light Riders

Washington motorcyclists will soon be allowed to run red lights under certain conditions. Senate bill 5141 recently signed by governor Jay Inslee, which will allow riders to proceed through traffic stops controlled by ineffective detection devices.

Traffic vehicle detection devices are scattered throughout the state in both rural and urban areas, giving streets green lights when they need them and reds when they do not. The devices, which come in the form of cameras or underground sensors, register vehicles stopped at intersections and cue traffic lights accordingly. But to motorcyclists, the technology represents the opposite of traffic efficiency. The devices often fail to register their bikes, creating inconvenient and sometimes dangerous moments at busy intersections.

The motorcycle community's long standing wish for a solution was granted on March 31 when governor Inslee signed the bill, giving motorcyclists the option of running red lights that rely on ineffective vehicle detection devices. When motorcyclists encounter devices that fail to notice their presence, they will be allowed to proceed through the light with "due caution" after one complete cycle.

Weight-bearing traffic signal mechanisms

were developed in the 1920s, but have mostly been phased out over the years in favor of induction loop signals which are buried in the road and triggered by ferrous metal. Many of the newer detection devices are cameras that control traffic lights based on sight or timing.

"There was no safe and legal way to get through until this legislation passed," Larry Walker, government relations specialist for the Washington Road Riders Association, told the Oregonian newspaper.

Fourteen other states have passed similar legislation. Senate bill 5141 takes effect June 12.

Mongols Patch Seizure

Thousands of bikers from throughout southern California recently rallied in a "show of support" to combat a lawsuit brought by federal authorities seeking to take control of the *Mongols Motorcycle Club* patch logo.

The U.S. department of justice last year filed a lawsuit seeking to seize control of the trademarked logo of the *Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club L.L.C.*, arguing that the *Mongols* are a criminal organization and that the mark is used for intimidation.

But the *Mongols* and their attorneys argue that the government is overstepping

its bounds with the lawsuit, which they said would infringe on the rights of club members. "They're trying to destroy the right of men to associate and indicate their association," said an attorney representing the club.

The trial, previously scheduled to begin last month, has been postponed to late September.

Federal prosecutors, following an October 2008 operation dubbed *Black Rain* in which dozens of *Mongol* members ultimately agreed to plead guilty to a host of charges, have labeled the *Mongols* an "outlaw motorcycle club" and argue that the government therefore has the authority to take control of the *Mongols*' logo to prevent violence.

The lawsuit breaks new ground in terms of trademark law, and may end up at the supreme court. Unlike a business trademark controlled by a single entity, the *Mongols'* logo is a "collective membership mark" that is legally owned by one entity, but held in trust for the members; "It's the votes of club members that ultimately determined who is allowed to wear the club's patch."

The *Mongols* have also filed a motion to have federal judge Otis Wright II removed from the case, alleging bias. Wright, who ruled in favor of the *Mongols* in a 2008

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lawsuit brought by a member whose patch was taken by enforcement, has made statements indicating he is prejudiced against the motorcycle club. It was Wright who first suggested to prosecutors back in 2008 that they could go after the *Mongols*' trademark.

If the justice department's lawsuit should succeed, it would eventually affect more than just the *Mongols*, the club's attorney told the *Daily News*. "They'll go after all of the motorcycle clubs."

Funeral Protest Regulation Upheld

Fred Phelps, the infamous founder of the Westboro baptist church (the Kansas congregation known for picketing military veteran funerals with anti-gay signs) died of natural causes on March 19 at the age of 84. His death and reported excommunication from the church dovetails with a recent decision by U.S. district judge Fernando Gaitan, Jr., bringing closure to a nearly eight-year long legal fight over the group's funeral protests.

The Westboro church gained notoriety for protesting funerals, especially for troops killed in combat, to express their belief that god is punishing the U.S. for homosexuality. But Missouri legislators responded to a 2005 Westboro protest of a soldier's funeral by passing a general prohibition against protests

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IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

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and pickets near funerals from one hour before they start until an hour after they end, later adding a specific 300-foot buffer zone.

Following a protracted eight year legal battle involving the eighth circuit striking down the general prohibition as an unconstitutional infringement on free speech, which was later reversed and sent back to Gaitan for further proceedings, whereupon judge Gaitan subsequently upheld the Missouri regulation.

In Phelps' later years, the protests themselves were largely ignored or led to counter-demonstrations that easily shouted down Westboro's incendiary message. A motorcycle group known as the *Patriot Guard Riders* arose to shield bereaved mourners at military funerals from Westboro's notorious signs.

In an ironic twist, the debate soon shifted to whether people should protest Phelps' funeral, but according to Phelps' daughter Margie Phelps, an attorney who argued the church's case before the U.S. supreme court, "There will be no funeral."

Weird News

Motorcyclist Peters Out In Court

A California court has dismissed a motorcyclist's erection lawsuit because the evidence didn't stand up in court. The rider alleged that a four-hour ride on his 1993 *BMW* K1100RS motorcycle led to a prolonged and painful erection that lasted twenty months.

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vs. LERON R. HOWLAND, Superintendent of the Oregon State Police, and John Doe 1 through 100. Civil No. 96-957 JE DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT The motorcyclist filed a product liability lawsuit against *BMW* and the seat maker, claiming a motorcycle design defect in the motorcycle's "ridge-like" saddle design gave rise to his nearly two-year long bout of priapism. He claimed the painful condition left him "unable to engage in sexual activity, which is causing him substantial emotional and mental anguish," and he sought damages for lost wages, medical expenses, emotional distress, and general damages, motorcycle blog *Visor Down* reports.

A urologist testified that the plaintiff indeed suffered from priapism, but the court rejected the testimony of a neurologist who claimed the motorcycle's vibration caused the disorder. That rejection of testimony led to the case's dismissal for lack of hard evidence.

Strangely enough, one man who filed a medical malpractice suit for a faulty penis implant complained that his eight-month erection prevented him from doing one of his normal activities: riding his motorcycle.

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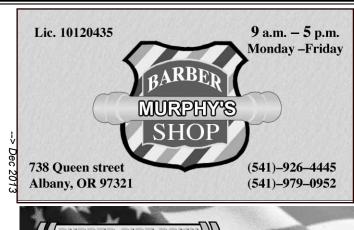
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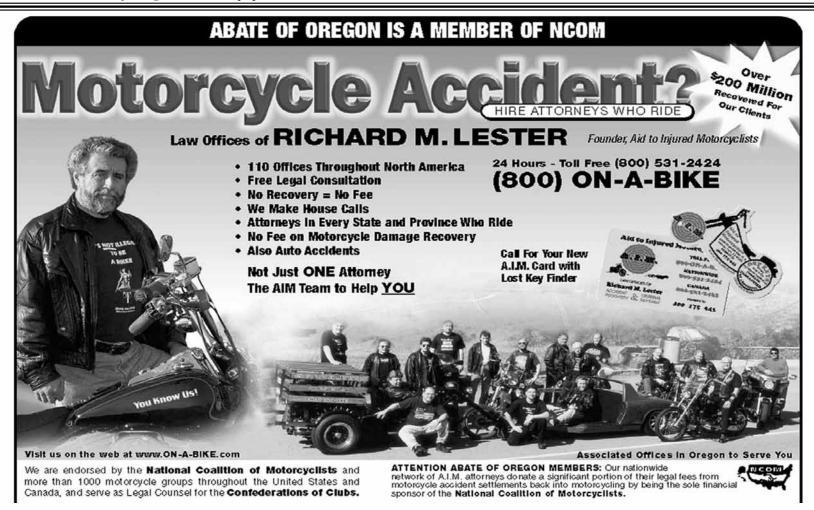
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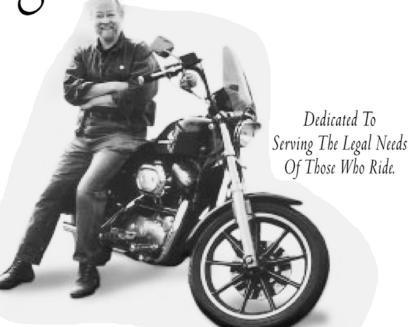
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Saturday, 14 June 2014 1200 (noon) Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue Albany, Oregon

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07 June2014	Father's Day PR / Douglas Co.	Roseburg	
07 June2014	Annual Poker Run / Hub City	Albany	(541)-926-2161
08 June 2014	Roll-N-Ride PR / WaCo	Forest Grove	(503)-819-8113
13 June 2014	Bike Night / Douglas County	Black & Gold clubhouse	
June 2014	Poker Run / Salem		
28 June 2014	Rocks, Lakes, Bridges PR/CentOr	Redmond	(503)-887-3032
28 June 2014	Saddle Mountain / North Coast	Astoria	(503)-325-3566
11 July 2014	Bike Night / Douglas County	Glide	
13 July 2014	Mid Summer PR / WaCo	Tigard	(503)-819-8113
July 2014	Poker Run / Salem		
27 July 2014	Thundering Waters / Douglas Co.	Glide	
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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
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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)	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	2(503)–357–3684