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October Planning Session Another Success



Site of our 2014 planning session,
V.F.W. post 3473 in Cottage Grove



Joe holds their meeting on course
while Teresa takes minutes



Members participating in
Saturday's session



Karen finds a way to thwart
alien mind control beams



A rider and her bike



Something's on Brian's mind
as Cindy pretends not to notice



Those funky
Comfort Inn
room keys



Drone Attack!



The group who brought you
this year's innovations

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

What We're About

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

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

- *A.B.A.T.E.* is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as *BikePAC*.

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to *A.B.A.T.E.* Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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 Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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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

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

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.

A = Single entity.

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

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.

ENACTMENTS = To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.

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State Coordinator

Coordinator's comments for
November

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

I opened our annual planning session on October 18-19 at the V.F.W. hall in Cottage Grove with these familiar words and asked that this mission statement guide our work, not only for the weekend, but in everything we do in this organization.

At a time when it seems as if the government of this country has lost its way by forgetting the intent of our founding fathers, it seems vitally important to remind ourselves that our energy and resources should be devoted exclusively to the elements of our mission statement, lest we too lose our way.

What followed was an amazing two-day display of innovative

thought and teamwork that left those of us attending uplifted, energized, and encouraged to become an even more powerful voice for motorcyclist liberty and safety.

The specifics of what we accomplished will be related to you through the November issue of our *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper, as well as by those attending. You will also be asked for your input on some of the issues we discussed and your decisions will be relayed to the state board.

The most pleasing development from my perspective was the unanimous election of Paul Hering as your new *A.B.A.T.E.* state coordinator. Paul is a member of our *Washington County Chapter* and has most recently served *A.B.A.T.E.* state as vice-coordinator (north), state swap meet coordinator, and state quartermaster.

Paul was a standout at the planning session and offered some unique solutions to problems confronting us.

I've known and admired Paul for a long time and I had a great

opportunity to get to know this hard worker even better at our last *Fossil Campout*. I'll long remember the fast ride our two bikes made through the twisties along the John Day river on a perfect afternoon. Paul's ready laughter and thoughtful humility join a gifted intellect in what I'm certain you will agree is a perfect mix to become a state coordinator we can all be proud of.

I stand ready to assist Paul in any way as he assumes his new role at our November board meeting and will always be as close as a phone call or e-mail.

Thanks, Paul.

I have enjoyed these few months I have served as your coordinator once again after a ten year hiatus. I've been able to renew old friendships and make new ones. I've traveled familiar roads to favorite places around the state on your behalf and I've been introduced to new places and routes I never knew existed. I've shared both your joy and your sorrow. I am deeply



**Joe
Laurance**

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

indebted to you and this organization which has taught me not only how to favorably influence government but, even more, to become an effective part of government.

If my leadership style was sometimes reminiscent of a Marine drill instructor, it was because I knew we had much ground to cover in a short time. I leave behind the leadership of this organization knowing that it has been left in good hands and that the fight that has been so important to me will continue.

As I enter retirement and have the time to ride as much as I want, I hope to see many of you again. I thank you for the honor you've given me.

joe laurance

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

The days are getting shorter, the nights colder, and election season is upon us again.

As you look through the voters pamphlet looking at the candidates, remember to vote for those who represent you. If you are unsure of a candidate's stance on motorcycle issues or if they have supported us in the past, check the *BikePAC of Oregon* web site for their motorcyclist's voters guide.

Please support *BikePAC* by



becoming a member. They are our ears and mouth in Salem. There is a *BikePAC* membership application in our newspaper. Take the time and spend the few dollars to join today.

Remember to vote early and vote often.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill
coordinator

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING **TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Izzy's Pizza
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Redmond, Oregon

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

Douglas County

This will be my last report in the newspaper. I am stepping down as Douglas County secretary.

This has not been a good year for our chapter.

When we have meetings, *no one* shows up except the officers and maybe two people.

We schedule bike nights for everyone to ride and get together but no one shows up.

This use to be a really really good chapter and everyone had fun, plus we got things done.

I have been an officer eleven out

of twelve years I have been in, but someone needs to step up and take over. Some of us are just burned out and getting older.

This still can be a very good chapter, but the members make it. Without you, *A.B.A.T.E.* is nothing. So please bring *Douglas County Chapter* back to where it use to be. I sure don't want to lose *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* as we have so many bikes and riders out there. And if you do have any suggestions how to make this better, please get hold of an officer and tell them.

Also *Douglas County* had three more deaths on bikes this month. I reported three from last month. Please please be careful and ride safe, as some of these were deaths taking curves too fast.

I am sorry not to be real joyful this time, but I don't know what to say. I will miss you all, as I do care.

-- Janie Waggoner

Douglas County**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**

Good month to all from *Jackson County*,

We have to give the bad with the good.

There has been a bump in the road with our meeting place, They have closed and will be missed very much, so we are on the look out for our next meeting place.

We have had a great turn out for our few meetings that we have had. With the upcoming year we hope to have all of the friends of our friends come and join them.

Very excited about our coming year with the plans that are being made with our group members. Everyone is ready to jump and have a good time.

Still having our meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., place to be determined.

Watch our *Facebook* page for updates on meeting place.



Just for the view when the weather turns and we are stuck inside until spring.

Jackson County**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Motorcycle Madness
1234 Court street
Medford, Oregon
(541)–

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

Hello from *Hub City*,

This is the beginning of the holiday season.

Halloween is rapidly approaching and this year the *Hub City Annual Bike Show* is the weekend of Halloween at the *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon. Don't forget to come out and see all the amazing bikes that will be there.

November will be here before we know it which means pumpkin pie and turkey. For *Hub City* that means the *Annual Veteran's Day Parade* through downtown Albany. This is the biggest veterans day parade west of the Mississippi. Every year the bikes start the parade off. This year we are hoping to get 500 bikes.

What a show that would be! It is an amazing thing to see all the veterans and people cheering and waving flags. We really need to support the people who have sacrificed so much so that everyone can still be free to do whatever it is we all love to do. So if you are able to come join us on Veterans Day, November 11th, you'll be glad you did.

Remember be safe and watch out for all the princesses, ghouls, and superhero's going from house-to-house this year. And enjoy the beautiful fall weather.

-- Slow Tom



Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Ciddici's Pizza

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

Josephine County

The *Grants Pass Toy Run* on 05 October was our last event for the year. Attendance was down, but spirits were high. We had a great time. Lots of food, raffle prizes, silent auction items, and of course, lots of toys. The children of the north valley will have a good Christmas.

We are talking up the planning meeting and hope to have four or five members attend.

November and December we have holiday potlucks with turkey, ham, roast beef ... the usual holiday fare.

The next few months will be quiet but we hope to use this time to start planning our 2015 events.

Both *Josephine County* and *Douglas County* chapters are looking for volunteers to help plan the 2015 Wolf Creek S.O.S. campout. Most of the current committee are retiring after many many years of hard work. This is a very fun experience and we are

hoping to get in some new blood to get us some fresh ideas.

Well, that's about it for this month.

Ride safe.

See you down the road.

-- Karen

secretary, treasurer

P.S. Karen apologizes to Brian. I'm sorry. I will check my facts before speaking next time.



Josephine County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830
(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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

It's cooling on the coast, but still is beautiful.

We have had a glorious summer.

As you noticed, I hope, we did not make the planning session. We were unable to get a room for that weekend due to the Duck's game. We went to Branson, Missouri to be with family and were not sure how I would feel, so reservations were not done early. It was our fault and no one else's.

We saw a lot of motorcycles around Branson and Springfield. Bikes and trikes were in mass. Not sure if a special event was going on or if this was normal.

Lincoln County is looking at gathering toys for the *American Legion* and *Auxillary's* christmas party for children. We want to do something for

the kids in our area. We are mainly in a service industry area,

It looks like a member of *Lincoln County*, John, will finally get his leg halo off this month. The crash was 14 or 15 months ago. John is excited about this. His new bike is in the garage and if he is lucky it will still have paint on it. He has been cleaning and polishing it like crazy. Keeps his mind on riding again.

Rich Rau finished the *Cannonball Run* on his *Harley*. Three guys traveled from Newport to Daytona, Florida to start the race. Rich was our first official coordinator for *Lincoln County Chapter*. We are very proud of our group of three. They all finished.

I have ridden a bit finally. It felt good, but not into long rides yet. I still



tire easily.

I hope the planning session was productive. It seems strange not going, but football weekend can cause problems in getting rooms.

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down,

-- Millie
secretary

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 -- *North Coast*

Hello from the *North Coast*,

With a sad heart I report that long time *North Coast Chapter* member, Leland Stewart, has lost his battle with cancer.

Lee was an inspiration for us all during his battle. Always a smile and ever asking if there was something he could do for you. Leland was a man of God and would pray for you in a moment. Lee touched all of our hearts. Lee is with the Lord now and I know he's looking down at us with a smile.

This month we are working hard on our *Spaghetti Diner and Auction*. Gathering items for the auction has always been a challenge but the spaghetti is always a sure thing, the best biker spaghetti ever. Check it out on Saturday November 22nd and see if you don't agree.

Don't let the easy entry into fall lure you out of focus. The nice days mother nature gave us in the beginning of October was a gift. Fall is a transition time and you have to stay focused to stay out of danger while riding during this time of change.

Happy thanksgiving from the *North Coast!*

Ride safe,

Don Kelly
coordinator
North Coast



THE NORTH COAST CHAPTER ABATE OF OREGON INC.

PRESENTS

SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd 2014
AT THE ASTORIA MOOSE LODGE
420 17th ST. ASTORIA, OR
5:00 to 8:00PM



ADULTS \$10.00
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$3.00

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North Coast

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Lower Columbia

Greetings,

Looks to me like summer is over, shorter days, cooler mornings, and it has been quite a spell since we have had any real rain.

Wet slippery roads with leaves on them, as that first rain in quite a while wets them down. Let's all take extra caution this time of year.

Our area of US 30 is one that has had extensive tread patching. I thought that with all the discussion surrounding it that it was a thing of the past, but oh no. On US 30 between Rainier and the coast we have our share.

From what our state board representative Cindy says, we have a paving bill on the agenda for Oregon's 2017 legislative session. That's a long

way out. I hope it comes true.

We held our anniversary meeting last month at our home. We threw some prime rib on the barbecue and the membership supplied everything else. I gotta tell you, what a meal.

In the last six years we have accomplished many things. What seems most important to me is the friendship, the camaraderie that we all share.

This is the time of year when we elect new (or old) officers. I'm sure faces will change, but I know whoever does the job, we will stay strong.

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**

September 16, 2014

Most of tonight's meeting was taken up with the board of directors report, including the first round of nominations for officers for the coming year.

We talked about biker day tomorrow and our upcoming candy sale.

Brian won the 50/50 game at \$8/8 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

The membership game would have been won by Wendy Hildreth if she had been present. It will be \$30 at the next meeting.

October 07, 2014

We had fourteen boisterous people tonight and had quite a wild meeting. Rick, Brian, and Teresa reported on the *Meeting of the Minds* convention. They will have more report when it is written up.

We held no membership game tonight.

Debra won the 50/50 game at \$15/15. She donated \$10 back to the chapter. Thanks, Debra.

This Sunday is our *Adopt-A-Highway* cleanup. Meet at the *Portage* parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, October 12 for a healthy mile walk picking up garbage out near the Deschutes river. **Please** come help.

**Upcoming Meetings**

November 04, 2014

November 18, 2014

River City**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
The Dalles

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

There were just a few of us at the meeting, but enough for a quorum. We still do not have any volunteers for either chapter coordinator, nor the chapter's state representative to the state board meetings, for 2014.

I encourage all to attend the November and December meetings for the election of these officers, or the *Salem Chapter* may exist no longer.

After this discussion, those in attendance brought up what best to do with the chapter's funds. Whether, if dismantled, these funds be turned over to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*, or donating these funds to an actual non-profit organization to aid our veterans and their families.

We still do not have anyone to send to the state meeting in Cottage Grove as due to medical issues, I am unable to attend. Those in attendance are still

working or finding a volunteer and granting that person the authority to attend.

Sincerely and with best regards,

-- Lynn B. DeSpain
coordinator
Salem Chapter



Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Washington County

October 11, 2014 was *Washington County's* fall biker night and we are hoped for a good turn out for lots of fun times. The next report will have full details of how it turned out.

We are making lots of plans for the state swap meet on November 1, 2014 at the *Hillsboro Elks Lodge* and for the *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* on November 15 in Hillsboro.

WaCo Chapter will only be having one meeting in December on the 8th.

Yesterday we heard news of one of our son's Air Force buddies in Arizona (only 26 years old) who was killed on his bike when he tried to pass in a no passing zone. Granted, we all know young people that age think they are invincible, but we really need to be smart about what we are doing and

hope that the cage drivers do the same and start watching more for us.

Be safe out there everyone, especially as we head into fall and winter and the weather starts turning more wet and cold.

-- Denise Darneille
secretary
WaCo



Washington County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Monday at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)

Prime Time Restaurant
4450 Pacific avenue
Forest Grove

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

Southeast Portland

Hello everyone from the *Southeast Chapter*,

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the extended summer weather.

The chapter had its annual family picnic and it turned out to be a pretty great day. It wasn't the largest collection of members, but everyone seemed to enjoy seeing some members that they haven't seen in a while.

Everyone is looking forward to the toy run on December 6 th. We'll be meeting at the same place as the last two years, *Fred Meyer's* parking lot at 3800 S.E. 22nd avenue in Portland, Oregon.

We are hoping for a large turnout. Even though the parade size has been shortened for us, we need a huge turnout to collect lots of toys for the kids.

Mike Friend announced that the *Shriners* toy storage room is getting really low due to the decline in toy donations over recent years.

Toys donated are given to new kids (patients) throughout the whole year. That's got to be pretty special for the child who is going through what they're going through, to have a stuffed animal to hug or a toy to take their mind off it all!

Saturday, October 11th we met at *See See Motor Coffee Company* to ride up to the *Shriners' Children Hospital* for equipment presentation to the children. It was a great day.

If you'd like to attend a toy run meeting, it will be Thursday, November 20th at 7:30 p.m. at *American Legion* post 1 on 122nd. It would be nice to see



new volunteers come to help out.

That's all for now.

Hoping everyone a great halloween and remembered to have a designated driver if you planned to be drinking at those costume parties.

With respect to you all,

-- Tim McDowell
secretary

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Our Officers at Work

Fine folks attending = 18 ; Bikes ridden = 4

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

11 October 2014 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Joe Laurance at 12:07 p.m. with ten chapters represented, all eligible to vote. Excused chapters: *North Coast, Salem*.

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Dave Witmer (*Lower Columbia*), Jerry Sturis (*Hub City*).

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Nic Oliver to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Randy Phipps. Passed by voice vote.

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator's comments: Joe Laurance reported five fatal motorcycle crashes in Douglas county so far this year, a statistical anomaly. But media coverage has been very negative. Suggested that we can have an influence by choosing

riding strategies to reduce risk, share our knowledge and experience with others, and encourage responsibility.

Secretary report and correspondence: Teresa Hepker noted that mail included a notice of *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* on October 16. Many out-of-state newsletters are available to anyone interested.

Vice-coordinator (north): Paul Hering rode with Paula Leslie to escort Dennis Richardson, candidate for governor, who gave a moving speech about how motorcyclists can influence government. Governor's race is close. Discussion ensued.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that *Josephine County's* toy run went well. A bit smaller than in the past.

Have had several motorcycle crashes in southern Oregon, largely due to riding too fast, too close to each other. Help educate the riders in your community.

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

Treasurer: Karen Tolle reminded attendees to be sure to check the board mail box at the front of the room for handouts. Each chapter has a folder, as do most officers.

Checking = \$4,049.25

Savings = \$18,431.75

Paypal = \$200.00

Grand total = \$22,681.00

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg reported that we have 1,515 members total.

Received new renewal envelopes which should relieve problems with post office deliveries. (The old ones had a printing error.)

Has had requests from older members who are no longer riding, to have a discounted life membership rate. Referred to planning session.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill noted that a list of events for 2015 is



Teresa Hepker

state
recording
secretary

due from each chapter at the December board meeting, along with estimated attendance.

Adding an event after that date causes the insurance company to add a surcharge (\$150 per event in 2014) plus the insurance fee.

Events can change dates but cannot be changed between categories. For instance, poker run has to stay poker run, campout has to stay campout.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer reported that taxes for 2013 are ready to file, ready for signatures. We were not charged for

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

11 October 2014 (continued from previous page)

the extra I.R.S. extension requested by the accountant. No tax payable.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path noted reports not yet received for *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Lower Columbia, Washington County*.

Will hold space in the November issue for notes from the planning session.

Discussed difference between “crash” and “accident”. Most crashes are due to a human mistake.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps (No report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle (No report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Robert Terrill reported that Jaybird (former coordinator of *Central Oregon Chapter*) was recently diagnosed with brain tumor.

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker (Excused)

Education director: < V a c a n t >

Public relations director: < V a c a n t >

State run coordinator (Fossil): < V a c a n t >

Gene Mortimore reported that Wheeler county has applied for a grant to upgrade Shelton Park and is asking *A.B.A.T.E.* to pledge some match money. County share is \$7,000. Total grant applied for is \$70,000.

This is a former site of *Fossil Run*, current site of *National Motorcycle Riders Memorial*. (*N.M.R.M.*)

N.M.R.M. has pledged \$500.

River City Chapter has pledged \$250.

Also, *N.M.R.M.* has requested setting up a formal relationship with *A.B.A.T.E.* to ease coordinating of events in the Wheeler county. Referred to planning session.

Gene is working with Wheeler county and Condon high schools to set up motorcycle awareness classes before *Fossil Run*.

State swap meet coordinator: Paul Hering turned in \$370 deposits from vendors, and is looking for more.

Girls Riding Independently Proud (*G.R.I.P.*) will serve breakfast and lunch.

Paula seeking to have a *BikePAC* booth there.

Historian: Teresa Hepker said that there were no new scans for web site this month, as she was out of town for three weeks.

Noted that the June 2014 newspaper is missing from the web site, Rot Path said he would check on it.

Web page editor: Carl Earl (Excused)

Quartermaster: Paul Hering reported that he sold the big water tank for \$500.

Legislative director: Paula Leslie noted that Oregon motorcycle fatalities are up almost double this year over last year, partly due to six happening within one hour in July.

Mainly involved single vehicle crashes, speed, alcohol, riders in late 40's.

Handed out a graph showing statistics for 2000 to 2011.

Ideas for helping *A.B.A.T.E.* grow, attract new members: go to colleges, find motorcyclists in the I.T. departments, seek help with technology; sign up for a *Team Oregon* class and promote *A.B.A.T.E.* while there. (Put your money where your mouth is.) Go to dealerships and ask them to help develop and conduct a group orientation for new motorcycle owners.

Support the *BikePAC* agenda: pick one item and work on it with your chapter. Educate members, become experts, engage in lobbying on that item.

Use the *BikePAC* web site resources: *O.D.O.T.* road hazard report form, legislative agenda, others.

Will attend the *Confederation of Clubs* conference October 25 in Portland, along with Spanky and Brian.

Notice: Oregon state police has a new program focusing on speeders, including motorcycles.

Some discussion on need for more public relations for motorcycle safety and awareness. *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* is channel to develop this.

A.B.A.T.E.'s *BikePAC* and *M.R.F.* representative: Brian Stovall noted that there was no October *BikePAC* meeting.

Next meeting is November 1. (See web site.)

Meeting of the Minds: Oregon had five attendees: Rick Prentice, Ted Tracy, Teresa Hepker, Brian Stovall, and Ken Ray.

A.B.A.T.E. is not alone in having funding/membership problems. The *M.R.F.* is having same problems.

He distributed membership information to chapter representatives, encouraging all to join.

About half of Oregon's *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters are sustaining members of *M.R.F.* Others should consider joining too. See his report elsewhere in this newspaper.

Confederation of Clubs representative: < V a c a n t >

Spanky spoke with the president of the *C.o.C.* and with Mike Friend. Spanky will serve as the representative with Mike as his assistant.

Unfinished Business

- Planning session October 18-19
- **Motion to postpone election of state officers** until October 19 at planning session by Paul Hering, seconded by Brian Stovall.

Discussion: contact your chapter members to seek people to serve in positions that have no nominees: vice-coordinator (north), swap meet, education director, public relations.

Passed unanimously.

Officer Nominations

State coordinator: Paul Hering

Secretary: Teresa Hepker

Vice-coordinator (north): < None >

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat (Spanky) Allen

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice

Treasurer: Karen Tolle

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg

Sanctioning: Robert Terrill

Auditor: Cindy Witmer

Newspaper: Rot Path

Sgt-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps

Sgt-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle

Sgt-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop

Education director < None >

Public relations < None >

Fossil coordinator: Rick Prentice, Howie Long (Board determined he is not eligible),

Confederation of Clubs representative: Mike Friend, Pat (Spanky) Allen

Swap meet: < None >

Historian: Teresa Hepker

Web page: Carl Earl

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore, Paul Hering

Legislative director: < None >

BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall

New Business

- Letter from Rotten Roger regarding sale of big water tank. Item removed from agenda, as the tank has already been sold.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meetings:
- October 19, 2014 at Cottage Grove planning session.
 - November 8, 2014 at *Ciddici's Pizza*, in Albany, Oregon.

Upcoming Events

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| Oct 18-19 | Planning session, officers elections. (Cottage Grove) |
| Oct 18 | Annual meeting at <i>Pinocchio's Pizza</i> . (Cottage Grove) |
| Oct 25 | <i>N. C. O. M. / A. I. M.</i> convention. (Portland) |
| Nov 01 | Fall state swap meet. (<i>Hillsboro Elks</i>) |
| Nov 22 | <i>North Coast Chapter Spaghetti Dinner and Auction</i> . (Astoria) |
| Dec 06 | <i>35th Annual Shriners Toy Run</i> . (Portland) |
| Dec 06 | <i>North Coast Chapter Holiday Run</i> . (Seaside) |
| Dec 07 | <i>Hub City Toy Run</i> . (Albany) |
| Nov 08 | <i>Team Oregon</i> 30th anniversary banquet. (Salem) |

Adjourn: 2:25 p.m.

From yer ...



... yet again

It's the morning after our annual A.B.A.T.E. planning session. Yer crusty ol' editor drove home from the event yesterday under a warm blue autumn sky through fall colors, all inspired by events and ideas of the last two days.

After unpacking and a late lunch, his intention was to use the inertia of the meetings to jump in and write enthusiastically about the experience, then edit an awesome November newspaper issue.

Instead he fell asleep.

Yet despite the grogginess of the morning after, the spirit of the weekend remains. (Though slightly abated.)

In an age when it's difficult to keep things private, our A.B.A.T.E. planning session seems to be one of our most unintentionally well-kept secrets.

Out of our hundreds of members, slightly more than two dozen showed up to solve problems with inspired creativity. This isn't a guilt trip for those who didn't attend, but pointing out that you might be missing a great life experience.

Saturday's session moves through suggested items or topics with all present participating, voicing concerns, opinions, and proposed solutions while moving

toward group consensus on each subject.

Sunday is for wrapping up any subjects that weren't handled previously followed by a short state board meeting to elect the following year's state board officers and to handle motions generated by Saturday's meeting. Although only chapter representatives are allowed to vote on proposed motions, any members may join discussions prior to voting.

If it sounds droll, it isn't. (After all, this is a group of bikers.)

Case in point is a periodic discussion that has been on-going for years about the definition of the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. acronym. According to our by-law definition, it stands for "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments." The trouble has been that during member recruitment or legislative activity, the word "totalitarian" often causes people to stop listening to us. So many of our folks wanted to change the meaning to something like, "American Bikers Aimed Toward Education." The two sides simply could not reach agreement.

Then during Saturday's session Paul Hering suggested using a business practice known as D.B.A. (Doing Business As) for the alternative name. It allows a

Inspired Participation

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company with a registered business name to use alternative names legally. (Such as *Ralph's Choke and Puke Greasy Spoon* to do business as *Elegant Dinner*.)

This is an example of the kind of inspired creativity that comes out of these planning sessions. Now both sides can use whichever definition suits their purposes. Everyone is happy or at least reasonably satisfied.

The more people we have attending planning sessions, the more likely we are to arrive at mutually satisfying solutions. It all depends on the life experiences that people bring to the meetings.

You may be the one to supply the next unexpected solution. But we'll never know it if you aren't there.

And Cottage Grove in autumn is a wonderful experience, Stay an extra day to explore.

Traditionally Oregon A.B.A.T.E. has held a February event called S.T.E.A.M. (*Seminars To Educate And Motivate*) It was designed to bring together members from all over the state to a central location for a day of socializing, short classes, and chapter officer training.

S.T.E.A.M. is normally organized by



Rot Path

crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

the state education officer. (Geoff White did a fantastic job of putting on the event for years and years, but he had to step down because of job demands.)

We didn't have S.T.E.A.M. this year and it's looking unlikely that we will have one in 2015 as well because no one has volunteered for the state education position.

But why should that limit us?

S.T.E.A.M. is important to all of us. Anyone or any chapter can step up to organize it. All we need is a place, class teachers, and a featured speaker. Members can bring potluck food for lunch or order in. The location could even rotate around so that our members have chances to experience other parts of our wonderful state on two or three wheels.

Planning session side note: Whenever yer crusty ol' editor drives south of Eugene on I-5, passing the sign for Saginaw automatically brings to mind the song, *America*, by Simon and Garfunkle: "It took me four days to hitch hike from Sanginaw . . ." Then it takes another fifty miles to get it out of mind. It's a song that has its moments, but yer c.o.e. would rather the brain space was used to recall why he walked into a room.

NOVEMBER Cryptogram

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Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page 12)

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FALL SWAP MEET NOVEMBER 1, 2014

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8:30am till 4:00pm

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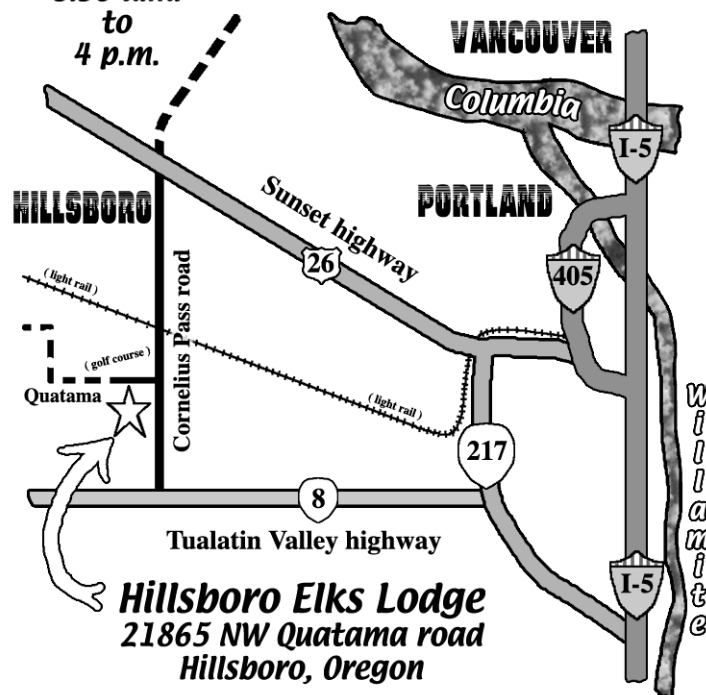
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Fall Swap Meet Saturday

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to
4 p.m.



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D.B.A.

Never fear,
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For several years there has been an often passionate debate about how the acronym *A.B.A.T.E.* should be defined when speaking with potential members, news media, or elected officials.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. by-laws define us as "*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*", which reflects exactly how the organization began — abating or reducing dictatorial uninformed legislation.

Over the years *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* has branched out into supplementing driver training courses with motorcycle awareness programs, advocating motorcycle riding classes (*Team Oregon*), and serving as subject matter experts for elected officials considering legislation that could adversely affect motorcyclists.

Many riders have found that in talking with their elected Oregon representatives, the words "totalitarian" and even "brotherhood" often caused attitudes to slam shut against us. They stopped listening to us after hearing those words.

Alternatives, such as "*American Bikers Aimed Toward Education*", were proposed but agreements could not be achieved on switching to that definition.

Until now.

At the October 2014 planning session held in Cottage Grove, the topic was raised once again with discussion see-sawing between the extremes.

Then Paul Hering quietly brought up a business practice known as "D.B.A." (Doing Business As) that allows companies to use alternative names.

The group realized that this was a solution that allowed either definition to be used legally. In situations such as *BikePAC* lobbying, education could be stressed while remaining primarily a brotherhood.

So don't be alarmed if you see an alternative definition of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* We remain defined as "*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*" and we're still taking care of business.

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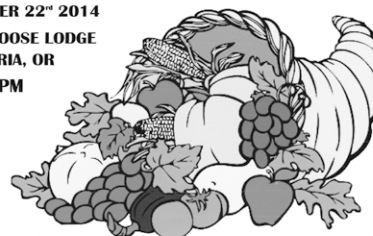
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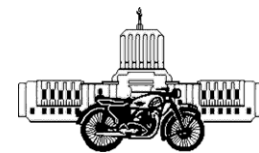
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BikePAC Report



October 11, 2014

As scheduled, there was no *BikePAC* meeting in October. The next one will be November 1.

This is a preliminary report of the September *M.R.F. Meeting of the Minds*. (*M.O.T.M.*) Ted Tracy and Rick Prentice flew while Teresa and I drove to Kansas City, Missouri. When we arrived, we found Ken Ray there also, just out enjoying the *M.O.T.M.*

On Friday evening we went to the greet meeting.

I got up and spoke about our state and our recent difficulties. I invited others to talk to me over the weekend about similar problems. Nobody did so.

It was clearly stated, however, that the *M.R.F.* is suffering from similar difficulties of dwindling membership and funding.

Our team delivered checks from *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC*.

Ted donated his number two set of *M.R.F.* coins from the 20th *M.O.T.M.* to the auction. I made a mahogany display stand for them. They brought \$600 at auction.

Teresa donated a motorcycle/car motif baby quilt, which brought another \$400.

Altogether Oregon had five

people there, and raised \$2,600 plus conference fees for the *M.R.F.*

The next day I attended the legislative session on behalf of Oregon, and cast my vote on each item as the legislative agenda from the last year was reviewed. Each item was reviewed and either held, modified, or deleted. I don't have the new copy yet, but will deliver it later. There were no new additions, and the elements of the agenda match well with our *BikePAC* agenda for this year.

One of the things that was highly encouraged, that we have done before, is to send representatives to lobby in Washington, D.C. at critical times. The *M.R.F.* has developed an event called *Bikers in the Beltway*, which is much like our *Biker Days* in Salem. They try to get as many states as possible to send delegations at the same time, to show a motorcyclist presence, as we do here in Oregon. I am making no specific request at this time, but I think resuming such trips from Oregon to D.C. should be back in our agenda for the coming year.

As Oregon's newly designated *M.R.F.* representative again, I attended the session for state representatives. We were introduced to some new recruiting materials,

and strongly advised to be seeking memberships in our state, and any other sources of income that we can generate. So expect to see me in your face asking for your membership. In addition, about half of our chapters are sustaining members, and I hope to make that 100% in the coming year.

A new category of sustaining memberships is "sustaining motorcycle clubs." So far only one Oregon group, the *Road Brothers*, is listed. Same notice: I will be looking for those memberships too.

Development of this connection has been spearheaded over the last several years by Still Ray Fitzgerald of Arizona. (Sadly, Still Ray has had a very serious motorcycle crash and has sustained brain damage as a result,

which will probably be permanent. His position on the *M.R.F.* board was filled at *M.O.T.M.* Glynce Jackson of Washington was elected to that position.)

We also organized and held a hallway discussion with informal representatives of various western states to further organizing of a western states regional conference in 2015, as the *M.R.F.* has had to stop sponsoring *Best of the West* and *BEAST of the East*, for economic reasons. Jay Jackson of Washington is actively spearheading this project. We need to discuss our part in it.

That's all for now. There will be more details in upcoming reports.

-- Brian Stovall
BikePAC liaison



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Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session

18 Oct 2014

V.F.W. post 3473 hall
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Fine folk = 26 ; Bikes ridden = 2



Called to order 9:00 a.m. by state coordinator Joe Laurance

Pledge of allegiance.

Chapters represented: Eleven. (*Salem excused.*)

All officers present, except products director Dave Meeker. (Excused.)

Seven guests.

Joe recited the mission statement and reminded all present to keep it in mind when considering issues before us today.

Treasurer Karen Tolle noted she has received a number of calls and comments from members that we seem to be focusing on charity events, while we have trouble filling officer positions and funding our core organization. She asked the group to reflect on the question: “*Is it time to dissolve A.B.A.T.E. and focus our efforts on BikePAC, M.R.F. and Team Oregon ?*”

Main topics for today:

- Background checks and bonding of treasurer, membership secretary, and deputy treasurer.
- Term of office for officers.
- Sanctioning procedures.
- S.T.E.A.M. and proposal for western states conference.
- Membership rate structure.
- Budget.
- Meaning of A.B.A.T.E. acronym.
- Trifold revision.
- Review of several procedural issues.

Treasurers, Membership Secretary

- **Background Checks and Bonding** - Auditor Cindy Witmer explained that if *A.B.A.T.E.* is audited by the I.R.S., having people who handle our money checked out and bonded is a protection both of *A.B.A.T.E.* and for those individuals.

We are expected to run *A.B.A.T.E.* in a business-like way, but money has disappeared before, and it is very disheartening for our officers and members who have worked so hard to raise it.

Background checks range in price and what they report, but are generally not expensive.

The cost of bonding is not known at this point.

While our rules require two signatures on checks, the bank doesn't care and doesn't look for that. One unscrupulous person with a debit card can clean out the treasury.

It was the consensus of the board that it is important to establish background checks and bonding for state treasurer, state membership secretary, and state deputy treasurer. In addition, we agreed that background checks are important for chapter treasurers as well.

After much discussion of details, a committee was formed to gather more information and costs, to report back to the December board meeting: Cindy Witmer, Karen Tolle, Kathy Sahlberg, Teresa Hepker, Spanky Allen, and Joe Laurance will work on this by e-mail.

• **Money Handling** - Theft of cash is most likely to occur when one person handles money alone.

The *A.B.A.T.E.* operations manual instructs the state treasurer to immediately count cash received, then have it recounted and verified by another officer. The board agreed that this procedure should be in place for chapter cash transactions as well. This is a protection not only for our organization but for the individuals handling *A.B.A.T.E.* funds.

The board agreed that we have good procedures described, and we need to use them.

No additional action needed.

• **Quicken** - State treasurer Karen Tolle and state auditor Cindy Witmer have determined there is no need for chapters to upgrade *Quicken* in 2015 and feel it would be a waste of money to do so.

However, the professional accountant has given us a new category list that chapter treasurers need to use instead of their old ones. They will send it to chapter treasurers again, asking anyone who has trouble with it to call Cindy for help.

They say thanks to everyone for catching up with their reporting. Cindy will be working to keep everyone up-to-date so we have taxes in on time for 2015.

Quartermaster

Gene Mortimore, who has worked with run coordinators and quartermasters to put on the *Fossil Run* for several years, noted that

in addition to money, we have lost valuable physical property.

Discussion noted that we do have equipment check out forms. It is the quartermaster's responsibility to maintain an up-to-date inventory of equipment, and track the whereabouts of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s stuff.

The board agreed that we have good procedures described and that we need to use them.

No additional action needed.

Recording Secretary

It is part of the recording secretary's job description to maintain a motion logbook, but current secretary Teresa Hepker did not receive one when she took office, and so far has not found one in the records from the conex. She will start a new one, and work to reconstruct a record of motions from the minutes published in the state newspaper.

No additional action needed.

State Officers Term of Office

A suggestion from one of the chapters to change to two year terms for state officers was discussed. The goal of this suggestion was to allow new officers time to learn their jobs and act efficiently for the organization.

It was pointed out that the election schedule was altered to elect officers in October and provide a three month overlap for training, but we have had trouble meeting that schedule.

The consensus of the board was that we need to implement the new election schedule, rather than make further changes.

Sanctioning

Last year, because of financial shortfall, the board decided that chapters needed to pay sanctioning fees for 2014 events in December 2013 at the same time they submitted their lists of events for the coming year.

Also the chapter “tith” to the state treasury was increased from 10% to 20%.

The board agreed that these procedures should become permanent.

Sanctioning officer Robert Terrill agreed to present a motion to the board on Sunday, October 19.

Discussion: It was suggested that the

sanctioning application form should ask the chapter to indicate how an event meets the goals of our mission statement. It was noted that this will help chapters remember to keep mission goals in mind.

Newspaper editor Rot Path suggested that this would allow us to review events at the end of the year to get a picture of how well we are focusing on our mission goals.

Question: If an event does not support our mission goals, what happens?

Answer: Robert Terrill noted that he is only allowed to deny sanctioning if the event flyer does not contain required information.

Question: Are there any checks and balances to be sure that chapters are paying the sanctioning fees that they owe?

Answer: Yes. Auditor double checks, Treasurer follows up with chapter. Cindy noted that she may audit a chapter if monthly reports are inconsistent.

Chapter Meetings Quorum

Robert Terrill asked what the guidelines are for having a quorum at chapter meetings.

The *A.B.A.T.E.* operations manual indicates that a quorum for conducting business is a majority of the officers present. Minimum number of officer positions is seven, but one person may hold two positions.

Bylaws , Operations Manual

State secretary had multiple versions of some documents, which caused some confusion during discussions.

The treasurer is responsible for getting copies to the chapters and has a form for chapter officers to sign confirming they have received their copies.

Because of confusion over what version is the right one, some chapters have been unwilling to sign.

It was determined last year that the on-line versions (on the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site) are the current ones and to be used.

If the board makes changes to either document, the state secretary is responsible for providing revised version to web master once the changes are approved by the board.

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Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session (continued)

S.T.E.A.M. (Seminars to To Educate And Motivate)

No S.T.E.A.M. was held in 2013, partly do to the cost.

A proposal to combine it with a tri-state conference (Oregon-Idaho-Washington) did not come together.

Consensus of the board was that S.T.E.A.M. is important for developing officers and members and helping new leaders emerge.

Having nobody to fill the education director position has negatively impacted our operations.

The board will revisit this subject.

Chapters are encouraged to find someone who would like to take on this job. Board would like to hold this training in April if possible.

Western States

Conference Proposal

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* decided to discontinue their two regional conferences in 2015 due to costs. (*Best of the West, Best of the East.*)

At *Meeting of the Minds* in September, people from Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho, New Mexico, and Colorado met informally to talk about establishing a replacement conference in the west.

Today, Rick Prentice, Brian Stovall, and Ted Tracy asked the board if there is interest in being part of planning discussions. The group at planning session asked them to continue discussions with the other states and report back.

Fundraising

Because of reduction in spending, the A.B.A.T.E. treasury is in better condition this year than last year. However, if we are going to adequately fund operations to meet our mission goals, we need to bring income back up.

Our first source of income is from our events.

Fossil income was better this year but all agreed we need to do a better job of advance promotion and ticket pre-sales.

Swap meets have provided good income in the past, but recently we have not been so successful.

Chapter commitment to state events is essential for success as well, both with promotion and with labor.

Chapter events add to the state treasury as well, and need the same level of commitment

from their members.

Our second source of income is from membership dues. Much discussion of the details took place.

A motion will be presented to the board on Sunday, October 19.

A third source of income is product sales.

Ted Tracy and web master Carl Earl agreed to work with the products director to bring product sales to the web site.

Newspaper editor Rot Path will explore a way to promote products within the limited space of the current newspaper.

In addition, the board agreed that funds need to be allocated to products to restock popular items.

Budget

Treasurer Karen Tolle led the group through a review of line item income and expenditures.

A draft budget was developed.

Karen will fine tune it tonight to bring income and expenses into balance, then present it to the board on Sunday, October 19 for approval.

A.B.A.T.E.

What Does It Mean?

A.B.A.T.E. is an acronym, which is an abbreviation of our full organization's name.

A.B.A.T.E. was incorporated as "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments."

Over the years there have been many proposals to change the meaning of A.B.A.T.E., but members have not wanted to give up that original meaning.

Our state legislative director asked to adopt a different meaning because it would be easier to approach some public officials.

Vice-coordinator (north) Paul Hering suggested adopting an assumed business name ("doing business as", or D.B.A.), which would not change our incorporated name, but would allow more flexibility for all members in talking to legislators, the media, and the public.

In fact, A.B.A.T.E. is a business under Oregon regulations and could adopt more than one D.B.A., if needed.

The board had never before considered this option.

A motion will be presented to the board on Sunday, October 19.

Trifold Revision

Trifolds are nearly out of stock. The group agreed that a number of revisions would be

in order.

Newspaper editor Rot Path, state secretary Teresa Hepker, web master Carl Earl, and Ted Tracy volunteered to draft a new version to be presented to the board for approval.

Other Items

- Kay Sipple has been going to the Portland post office box and distributing mail, but will not be able to continue doing it.

- Randy Phipps and Ted Tracy volunteered to take care of this need.

- Ted Tracy, as a member of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S.)* noted that so far this year Oregon has had 40 fatal motorcycle crashes, with 31 of those being the fault of the motorcyclist, mostly riding above their ability. (Speed, cornering.) Most of them were in their late 40's.

Ted suggested we can help ourselves by tuning up our riding skills: take a class every year or two.

Rider Skills Practice is a one day course for experienced riders, costs \$99.

Advanced Rider Training is held on a track, builds up cornering skills and speed selection, costs \$150.

Ted suggested extending A.B.A.T.E.'s tuition reimbursement to our members for these classes.

No action taken.

- The group agreed that public service announcements (P.S.A.'s) are needed to encourage motorcyclists to improve skills and ride responsibly. Chapters can develop and promote these through local media at little or no cost.

- Ted also reported that *Washington County Chapter (WaCo)* made \$600 recently at their biker night. He wants to work on a similar event for a state fundraiser and will report back.

- Paul Hering and Brian Stovall encourage members to give an A.B.A.T.E. membership to a non-member for Christmas.

- Question: Will *Team Oregon* offer a trike class? Ted Tracy responded that *G.A.C.M.S.* has discussed it thoroughly and there are too many trike configurations to make it feasible to develop a course. It is not going to happen in the immediate future.

- Treasurer Karen Tolle reported that she discovered none of our newspaper ads have been billed this year and she has been working with Rot Path to identify these. She will offer a discount to advertisers to pay in full for both 2014 and 2015 within ten days of billing.

- Bob Highfill said "thanks" for having one general group at the planning session, not breakouts, as it makes the work run more smoothly.

Adjourned – 4:30 p.m.

Help A.B.A.T.E., Help Yourself

Gift memberships strengthen our efforts

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon normally generates funding (over membership income) with several state events.

These are the *Fossil Campout* and two swap meets each year.

We always take a gamble on the weather.

Here's what you can do to help:

**Buy a friend,
who is not a member,
a year's membership.**





Called to order: 9:15 a.m. by state coordinator Joe Laurance.

Pledge of allegiance.

Chapters represented: Eleven. (Salem excused.)

All officers present, except products director Dave Meeker (excused) and legislative director Paula Leslie (excused).

Six guests.

Election Of 2015 State Officers

Officer Nominations

(Final nominations as of 19 Oct 2014)

State coordinator: Paul Hering

Secretary: Teresa Hepker

Vice-coordinator (north): < No nominations accepted.>

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat (Spanky) Allen

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice

Treasurer: Karen Tolle

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg

Sanctioning: Robert Terrill

Auditor: Cindy Witmer

Newspaper: Rot Path

Sgt-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps

Sgt-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle

Sgt-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop

Education director: < No nominations accepted.>

Public relations: < No nominations accepted.>

Fossil coordinator: Rick Prentice

Confederation of Clubs

representative: Pat (Spanky) Allen (Mike Friend to serve as his assistant)

A.B.A.T.E. Annual Planning Session

Special Board Meeting

October 19, 2014

Cottage Grove V.F.W. Hall

Swap meet: Todd Sahlberg

Historian: Teresa Hepker

Web master: Carl Earl

Quartermaster: Paul Hering and Gene Mortimore to share position

Legislative director: < No nominations accepted.>

BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall

Election

Slate of officers elected unanimously by acclaim.

Budget

Revised budget as presented by treasurer Karen Tolle adopted unanimously.

Old Business

• Motion by Brian Stovall, seconded by Ted Tracy:

“To pledge \$250 [as match money] to the Wheeler county grant to upgrade Shelton Park.”

Adopted – 11 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain.

• Challenge issued by *Lincoln County* to other chapters to also pledge funds to the Wheeler county grant. *Lincoln County* pledges \$100, *River City* pledges \$250.

• Motion by Cindy Witmer, seconded by Nic Oliver:

“Pay V.F.W. post 3473, Cottage Grove, \$200 rent fee plus \$100 donation for use of hall and kitchen for 2014 planning session.”

Adopted – 11 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain.

• Motion by Brian Stovall, seconded by Lance Tolle:

“To provide BikePAC of Oregon \$5,000 for 2014, to be delivered before Dec. 31, 2014.”

Discussion: Historically, *A.B.A.T.E.* has tried to provide \$10,000 per odd-year legislative session and has split the donation over two years. Even years \$5,000, odd years \$5,000. *BikePAC* has been providing financial reports to treasurer Karen Tolle.

Adopted – 10 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain.

• Challenge issued by Spanky of *Josephine County* to contribute to *BikePAC*. *Josephine County* pledges \$500.

New Business

A.B.A.T.E. - What Does It Mean ?

• Motion by Ted Tracy, seconded by Carl Earl:

“To be included in printed materials and information [one or more] assumed business names (D.B.A.) for the A.B.A.T.E. acronym, to be: A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education.”

This would not change our articles of incorporation or by-laws.

Discussion: Group generally agreed that D.B.A.s are acceptable, but there was disagreement about what the wording should be. Several versions suggested. More than one can be adopted.

Referred to chapters for discussion and suggestions about wording.

Examples:

American Bikers Aimed Toward Education

A Brotherhood About Training and Education

Rot Path pointed out that the meaning of the word “abate” is “to lessen” or “reduce” crashes, government control, discrimination, etc. The board will revisit this motion.

Vote – 5 in favor, 3 against, 2 abstain.

Fine folk = 23 ; Bikes ridden = 1



• Additional motion by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps:

“To refer this issue to the chapters for review.”

Adopted – 10 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain.

Sanctioning

Motion by Bob Terrill, seconded by Ted Tracy:

“To amend the sanctioning guidelines by adding: section III (3) 6. At the December board meeting, chapters will submit a list of events for the coming year, with expected attendance, and fees for these events.”

Refer this motion to the chapters for discussion.

Adopted – 11 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain.

Membership Rates

• Motion by Todd Sahlberg, seconded by Carl Earl:

“To change membership fee structure as follows:

	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years
Single *	\$30	\$55	\$80	\$125

Family* \$45 \$80 \$120 \$200
(Includes couple. Additional family members at \$5 each per year.)

Associate** \$100 \$190 \$280 \$450

Sustaining* \$100 or more per year.
(Includes name printed on front page of A.B.A.T.E. newspaper.)

Life* \$400
(Individuals only. Join a second chapter for additional \$5 per year.)

Special Board Meeting (continued)

Notes:

* Single, family, sustaining and life member benefits: Patch (first year), card, accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members, discounted admission to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events, qualify for *Team Oregon* tuition reimbursement offers as may be set by the board.

** Associate member benefits: Certificate of membership for group, associate cards for each listed member, accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members, discounted admission to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events.

Motion adopted – 10 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstain.

• Additional motion: “*To provide a reduced annual membership rate to the spouses of life members.*”

Discussion: Apparently some life member spouses have paid \$5 per year in the past, while others have paid full individual member rates.

Failed – 5 in favor, 6 against, 0 abstain.

Adjourned: 10:52 a.m.

End Notes

• Secretary Teresa Hepker missed getting products director in the list of officers to be elected. Paul Hering had spoken with councilman Dave Meeker, who said he is willing to serve again. However, his actual election has not yet taken place.

• Kay Sipple was appointed deputy treasurer in 2014. This position needs to be reviewed.

Teresa offers her apologies for this oversight, and will include these issues on the November board agenda.

Followup Responsibilities Chapter representatives:

Take back to chapters.

1. No need to update *Quick-en*.
2. Treasurers need to update categories. Cindy has sent them and will send again. Call Cindy with questions.
3. Money handling: Review cash handling procedures in operations manual, especially the part: “*Whenever cash is received, it should be counted immediately by the treasurer and then recounted and verified by another officer.*”
4. *S.T.E.A.M.* – We need people to organize it and people to attend it.
5. *A.B.A.T.E.* – What does it mean? Discuss with chapters.
6. Sanctioning amendment. Discuss with chapters.

Individuals:

- Cindy, Karen, Kathy, Teresa, Spanky, Joe: Committee on background checks/bonding.
- Gene, Paul: Inventory and restock, equipment checkout forms.
- Teresa: Motion logbook, maintain by-laws and operations manual.
- Rot Path: Notice in newspaper about sanctioning amendments.
- Ted, Carl, Rot Path, Dave: Products promotion. (Print and web.)
- Rick, Brian, Ted: Western states conference.
- Rot Path, Teresa, Ted, Carl: Trifold revision.



Reporting Road Surface Problems To O.D.O.T.

From Michele O’Leary: *Governor’s Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S.)* concerning how to notify Oregon department of transportation (O.D.O.T.) regarding dangerous road conditions specific to motorcycles.

Here are some tips:

1. O.D.O.T. governs the state highways so local road conditions are best reported directly to those agencies. O.D.O.T. and *G.A.C.M.S.* can assist if needed so feel free to include me on any reports you make. It is best to make reports by e-mail so you have a copy of who/what/where/when, etc.

2. Exact locations are super important, including mile post markers before and after. Keep in mind that what you report will involve someone getting in a truck and driving to where you reported.

For example, if you say I-5 south of Drain you are less likely to get a thorough investigation. No one wants to drive to an ambiguous location. Think about what information you would need to find a specific road location.

3. Pull over, get out your phone and snap a couple of photos. I had a recent case where the initial report didn’t seem so bad and then I saw the photos. Oh my!

4. Exact details on the problem. For example, only the lanes have been repaved, or only the ruts, or the arrow paint is slick when wet.

5. State what the problem is so the person who is investigating understands what your issue is.

We all need to make the non-motorcycling community aware of what the issues are and it is best when they hear it directly from citizens. We understand it within our community but it is our responsibility to help them understand why it’s a problem for us.

For example, explain why it is an issue when only the ruts are paved.

6. You may submit issues to me at my e-mail: michele.a.oleary@odot.state.or.us

or.us

Especially for state highways. I will

likely send the request to our O.D.O.T. region coordinators.

A map of the O.D.O.T. regions can be found on-line. It will speed up a response if you know which region your issue is in.

7. I attempt to work reported issues internally first for a resolution. The results are shared with the *G.A.C.M.S.*

Sometimes I need *Team Oregon’s* expertise for a consultation. Issues may be related to a person’s skill level, so many times they step in and help out with this area.

Remember, your request for resolution will not happen quickly. It will involve using resources to investigate whether it needs a resolution.

I assure you I will keep you informed on the status of reports so full contact information is helpful.

November Cryptogram Answer

How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colors gleaming in the sun.

-- Elsie N. Brady “Leaves”

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Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS
John Jelderks
United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by
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of Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X X X X X X X
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Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X X X X X X X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X X X X X X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland	X X X X X X X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland	X X X X X X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland	X X X X X X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X X X X X X X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X X X X X X X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland	X X X X X X

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

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

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name: phone number: location:

Salem area			
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X X X X
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X X X X
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem	X X X X X X
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X X X X X X
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence	X X X X
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton	X X X X
Willamette Valley area			
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X X X X X X
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-0728	Sweet Home	X X X X X X X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene	X X X X X X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X X X X X X
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X X X X X X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens	X X X X X X X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X X X X X X X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X X X X X X X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)		X X X X X X X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X X X X X X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/ Corvallis	X X X X X X X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X X X X X X X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X X X X X X X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X X X X X X X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X X X X X X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X X X X X X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X X X X X X
Southern Oregon area			
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X X X X X X X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Medford	X X X X X X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X X X X X X X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X X X X X X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X X X X X X X
Central Oregon area			
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X X X X X X X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X X X X X X
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X X X X X X
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend	X X X X X X
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo	X X X X X X X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X X X X X X
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond	X X X X X X
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X X X X X X
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X X X X X X X X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X X X X X X X X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X X X X X X X X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X X X X X X X X
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X X X X X X X X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X X X X X X
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X X X X X X X
other areas			
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X X X X X X X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X X X X X X X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X X X X X X X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X X X X X X X

Oregon Road Maintenance - Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

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

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

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

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

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available. This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcyclists, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means you, telemarketers.) If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to starenewsmag@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

Travel

Lost

1985 *Evo FXRT*, black, no tour pac, 2,5000 miles. **\$7,200**
 2006 *Honda* helix scooter, yellow, new tires front and rear. **\$2,275**
 Rotten Roger **(503)-285-4329**
(Dec 2014)

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

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

-- Elaine Devone (formally Gary and Elaine)
 7521 Sea Spray Ave
 Las Vegas, NV 89128
edevore38@ymail.com
(702)-636-0828
(503)-559-4250 (cell)

Lost March 26th somewhere in the Lebanon/Albany area: a black fiberglass left side saddlebox lid from my 1980 *Tour Glide*. I traveled from near *Walmart* in Lebanon north on highway 20, west on Airport road., west on highway 34, then north on I-5 to about two miles south of highway 20 in Albany.

-- Bob Wiro
(503)-474-8928

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members. Business will need to place **paid** advertisements. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.)

Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

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

news@abateoforegon.net

Contact: **(503)-838-6893** (V) or
 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
 att. Member Ads
 P.O. box 4504
 Portland, Oregon 97208

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

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

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

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

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

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Joe Laurance	(541)–	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
Teresa Hepker	(541)–965–2701	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
Pat Allen	(541)–659–8715	VCS@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Karen Tolle	(541)–660–8730	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor			
Cindy Witmer	(360)–560–6403	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Kathy Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Robert Terrill	(503)–887–3032	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
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Rot Path	(503)–838–6893	news@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
Paula Leslie	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
Randy Phipps	(503)–347–0524	SergeantNorth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Lance Tolle	(541)–474–5599	SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
Robert Terrill	(503)–887–3032	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
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Dave Meeker	(503)–985–0233	P.O. box 563; Gaston, OR 97119	
Education director			
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Public relations			
<Open>	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
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	(503)–nnn–nnnn	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
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Historian			
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Web page editor			
Carl Earl	(503) 325-6932	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Brian Stovall	(541)–340–9442	BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
<Open>	(503)–ppp–nnnn		
Confederation of Clubs representative			
<Open>	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

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

(Return address)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

Chapter: _____

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

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

Membership Rates:

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

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

(revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path)

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



Please send completed application to:

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

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

Comments:

November 2014 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	(autumn)					1 BikePAC - noon Salem library Oregon ABATE Swap Meet Hillsboro
2 return to semi-real (standard) time	3 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	4 River City 1900 (7 pm) election day -- vote !	5	6  mourning moon	7	8 ABATE B.O.D. noon Ciddici's Pizza Albany, Oregon
9 Central Oregon 1400 (2 p.m.) Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm)	10 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	11  Veterans', Remembrance Day	12	13	14  4th quarter moon	15 Memorial Toy Run Portland
16 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	17	18 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) North Coast 1730 (5:30 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm)	19 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	20 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm) Jackson County 1800 (6 pm)	21	22  new moon
23	24 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	25	26	27	28 River City Candy Sale Begins The Dalles	29  1st quarter moon
30				Thanksgiving		

STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 08 Nov 2014

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue

Albany, Oregon

Have A Smart Phone?

(Or a reasonably intelligent communications device ?)

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



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:
01 Nov 2014	Fall Swap Meet / ABATE	Hillsboro Elks	(503)-313-7129
15 Nov 2014	30th Memorial Toy Run	Portland	(503)-819-8113
Nov 28-Dec 24	See's Candies Sale /River City	The Dalles.	
06 Dec 2014	35th Annual Shriners Toy Run	Portland	
07 Dec 2014	Toy run / Hub City Chapter	Albany	

Moderation in all things is key,
 Yet for thanksgiving we are quirky,
 We shove back the table,
 But to rise we're unable,
 Finding we're as stuffed as the turkey.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)-504-1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Carlos Restuarante; 101 S.E. Thompson avenue; Winston	(541)-637-5552
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	7th Tuesday	4200 (42 p.m.)	(They're going to make it.)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	1234 Court street; Medford	(541)-
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-659-8715 Spanky
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	(503)-357-3684