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• *Happy holidays to everyone* •
• *And to everyone a good ride.* •
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Sustaining Members

- **Troy Davis family**
- **Concho Clink**

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

2014 A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners Toy Run Changes -- by Jim Niece

The nature of the *Southeast Portland Chapter's* annual toy run has dramatically changed for 2014 and into the future. We can no longer have toy runs like we had before where hundreds or thousands of motorcycles went out the gate in one solid pack of bikes destined to arrive at the *Shriners* hospital.

This is because the police, O.D.O.T., P.D.O.T. and the Portland special events office had become aware of a *YouTube* video which was posted by a rider in the 2012 toy run. This rider's video showed that his bike was doing wheelies while riding in the parade. Because of this video and because of prior police observations of burn outs, speeding, excessive rapping of the exhaust, rider intoxication, and some general unsafe acts done by riders in the parade, the city was unwilling to give us a parade permit unless we changed our way

of doing the toy run.

Added to this is the toy runs impact on city services (\$12,000 in police costs), transportation services (*TriMet* buses delayed by 30 to 40 minutes), other roadway users (traffic backed up on major roadways) and the neighborhoods (primarily noise and traffic issues) where the route of the toy run ran.

Obtaining our 2014 toy run parade permit was contingent on substantially reducing the toy run's impact on city services, transportation services, other roadway users and neighborhoods.

Mike Friend and I attended a meeting with the city, police, O.D.O.T., P.D.O.T.,

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Passing Of An A.B.A.T.E. Icon



Lee Austin, of Southeast Portland Chapter, passed on the morning of Veterans' Day.

Thank you for everything, Lee.

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.

If a lot of us gave away just one membership this year for Christmas, we would gain sorely-needed new members who could then try us out for the year, raise a considerable membership money, and attract some new blood to our common cause.

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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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and *TriMet* representatives. At this meeting I presented the idea of having a different route and a defined / limited parade composed of the following:

1. Police vehicle.
2. Santa on his motorcycle.
3. Eight to twelve *Shriners* motor escort on their motorcycles.
4. First *Shriners* van.
5. Second *Shriners* van.
6. Twenty club representatives on their motorcycles (five representatives each from *Brother Speed*, *Gypsy Jokers*, *Outsiders*, and *Free Souls* motorcycle clubs.)
7. *Southeast Portland Chapter* vehicle.
8. 150 *A.B.A.T.E.*, *H.O.G.* and other interested parties on their motorcycles.
9. Police vehicle.

The police liked and supported this idea and the *O.D.O.T.* representative was “okay” on the idea just because the police liked the idea. The *P.D.O.T.*, *TriMet*, and city representatives liked the idea too.

- The police will handle the parade like they do with funeral processions.
- We will not have any parade marshalls.
- There will be no cones placed on the parade route.
- The parade route is shorter this year.

Visit the toy run web site (<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>) to view the new parade route.

The agreed on parade consist cannot be changed.

There is a chance that we can have more riders next year if this year’s parade goes without issues or problems.

O.D.O.T. and the police will pull the plug on the toy run if there are any issues or problems caused by the riders in the

parade or by other riders who are not in the parade.

We are on a short leash and the future of having a toy run totally depends on all riders understanding and cooperating with what is planned for this years toy run.

All of the other motorcyclists who are at the run site who are not part of the parade are obligated to obey all of the existing regulations pertaining to motorized travel on Oregon roadways when they depart the run site.

There will be a five minute interval after the parade departs, then all other riders can make their way up to the hospital by whatever route they choose to take. Everyone is welcome to come up to the hospital after the parade departs.

We can still have a cheerful and fun time just like we used to in years past where we had a large and impressive contingent of motorcyclists on the road headed up to the hospital. We just have to do it differently. Please contribute to the success of this years toy run.

Just a note here on the parade consist. As a historical gesture, we are inviting the original four clubs (*Brother Speed*, *Gypsy Jokers*, *Outsiders*, and *Free Souls*) involved in starting the toy run to have five representatives each in the group of twenty club representatives. This group

of riders will follow the *Shriners* vans into the *Shriners* admissions area upon arrival at the hospital.

The *A.B.A.T.E.* vehicle and the 150 riders following it will be parking in the *O.H.S.U.* parking lot upon arrival at the hospital. All of the other riders who come up to the hospital will be parking in the *O.H.S.U.* parking lot also.

We want the *A.B.A.T.E.* riders, *H.O.G.* riders, and others to fly their chapter flags as well as American flags on their bikes. We would like everyone who is in the parade or is not in the parade to mount a flag on their bike and proudly fly it. We are trying to make our toy run parade look like something special when it goes down the road.

The toy run committee thanks everyone for their understanding on the change in how we have our 35th annual toy run.

Thank you,

Jim Niece
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officers at work

State Coordinator

Joe
Laurance

Farewell.

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



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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

As of writing this, we are digging out of twelve to twenty-four inches of snow and trying to keep warm in temperatures dropping into the negatives at night. The bike is not going to see the road until we get a warm-up and all this white stuff goes away.

Time to start thinking about winter maintenance and/or upgrades. Needed or wanted parts and pieces

make great Christmas gifts, so start dropping the hints now.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Hope to see you on the road,
(in warmer weather)

--Bob Terrill
coordinator



CENTRAL OREGON MEETING **TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Izzy's Pizza
810 SW 11th street
Redmond, Oregon

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

So what's happening in Douglas County you ask?

Well, let me try to enlighten everyone.

Our chapter meetings are still going on at the *Del Rey Cafe*, third Thursdays at 1900. (7 p.m.)

Our attendance is less and less, plus we may not even have enough officers for a quorum. But Sandy and I plan on being there.

So for those of you who read this paper, please consider coming to the meeting. (Our chapter meeting, that is.)

In closing, I would also ask that if anyone knows anyone interested in saving *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* and wants to get involved, show up and maybe we can fill some of the vacancies.

-- Steve Mckisick
treasurer
Douglas County

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

Another month has passed and now we are thinking of Thanks giving and Christmas. This time of the year is for family and good times, so please keep an eye on each other and family.

Jackson County has great news for every one and this would be that we have found a meeting place. Our new meeting place is *Witham's Truck Stop* in Medford, Oregon on Biddle road. This is right off the north Medford exit on I-5. So our meetings will still be on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

We had a great time at the state *A.B.A.T.E.* swap meet. Thank you to Paul for putting together such an event and keeping an eye on all involved so the had a chance to take a break and be able to walk through and enjoy the time.



Jackson County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Motorcycle Madness
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Medford, Oregon
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Hub City**

Hub City held it's *Annual Bike Awareness Show* at *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon on November 1 and 2. It drew a lot of public interest. There was a wide range of motorcycles on display this year.

One of the missions as *A.B.A.T.E.* members is to elevate public awareness of motorcyclist issues.

Team Oregon and *BikePAC* representatives were there to answer public questions about motorcycle issues. And *B.A.C.A.* had a booth spreading the news as to what *Bikers Against Child Abuse* is about.

Hub City once again had the honor of handling the motorcycle pre-event parking for the *Veterans Day Parade 2014*. Over 300 motorcyclists, many of them veterans, led the country's largest veteran's parade west of the Mississippi. *Hub City* was proud to contribute to the efforts in honoring our veterans. We must never forget that our freedom does not come free.

By the time this issue comes out, Christmas

season will be in full swing. There will be many toy runs taking place. We encourage the support of all motorcycle rights organizations in efforts to bring joy into the lives of deserving children throughout the state. Toys, money, foods, clothing, and even your smiling face will be appreciated by these children.

Mark your calendar for December 10th.

BikePAC has issued a call to action to visit Salem and meet with our elected representatives.

Wednesday, December 10 at 10 a.m. at the Oregon state capitol.

All types of riders requested to attend and represent themselves in Salem at the state capitol.

We'll meet in the rotunda for instructions at 10 a.m., then do a sweep of all the legislative offices as we meet with our representatives and senators specific to motorcycle riders.

Your presence is needed at the capitol, to show our legislators who Oregon's riders



really are.

Please take the day off, Wednesday, December 10th, and ride to Salem to represent Oregon's diverse riding population. (On and off road.) It's important to know that our presence in the capitol has a direct impact on how Oregon's regulations are written.

We need your help educating those who don't ride about ethanol and ways our legislators can keep motorcyclists in their minds as they draft legislation for multi-modal road users. You can also just stop by and introduce yourself. There will be

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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

Greetings from cold and sunny *Josephine County*.

Last night we had our first freeze. [11 November] (Like I am sure many other areas had.) Today was beautiful. Fall is here.

Two potlucks, two meetings left this year.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone.

This is a time for us to rest up a little. But at the same time, start organizing and getting ready for next year. Set schedules, dates, find locations . . . start all over.

We have been re-energized after the October state planning session. New membership rates, a new sanctioning guideline, new hope for our future. But we need your help. We need members to return to the chapter, attend meetings, get involved.

There is a call to action put out by *BikePAC* inviting all riders to go to Salem for a day of talks with our state legislators.

Appointments will be made and training will be given. It's not hard, we just talk about who we are and what we are fighting for. We've got to let them know that motorcyclists come in all sizes, shapes and colors. (Just like the bikes we ride.) We've got to let them see our side of the story.

At this time Lance and I are planing to

attend. We hope more of you will come with us. It would be great if we had good weather for riding, but if not, cars are perfectly acceptable.

The legislators will be inside and not in the parking lot.

Bring lots of quarters for the meters. If you are able to attend, please contact Karen or Spanky so we can coordinate arrival. See *BikePAC's* flyer in this month's newspaper, or on their web site.

The state fall swap meet was well attended. We filled the *Elks* lodge and made a little money.

In time, the word will get out that we are back in business and will be holding regular events.

Plans are getting underway for *Fossil* and for next year's swap meets.

Please volunteer.

We are twelve chapters, but we all belong to *A.B.A.T.E.* Many hands make for lighter work.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers, both state and chapters. Be sure and read the minutes of the last state board meeting. We still have a few openings and could use your help.

Membership rates will be going up January



1st. Getting a gift membership at the old rates would make a great Christmas present for a friend or family member and save you some money. As a matter of fact, renew your membership early and save some money for yourself.

Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday each month at the Fruitdale grange in Grants Pass. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. Potluck nights we eat at 6 p.m. December's meeting is potluck night. Turkey for sure, then sometimes ham or roast beef. Please bring a side dish. Everyone loves potluck nights. We have some great cooks in our chapter.

If the weather permits, we'll see you December 10th in Salem, and December 13th in Albany.

See you down the road,

Karen Tolle
secretary, treasurer
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 -- **Lincoln County**

The weather is definitely getting cooler. When Newport is in the mid-40's, we know it is getting cold.

I must say it was not an intention fib. Bob and I *did* make it to the state planning session. It was interesting and informative. A lot was covered and I'm sure all who attended took information home. It was great seeing people I haven't seen for a while. Missed you, Kay. Sure wanted a hug from you.

Looking forward to a new year beginning for *A.B.A.T.E.* There is still lots to be done and I know it can be accomplished. We just need all of us on the same page.

We are looking forward to our toy drive for the kids Christmas party at the *American Legion* hall. The *American*

Legion Auxiliary has been doing this for many years and serves hundreds of children.

This seems like a short report but my mind is not working well.

We do hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving as some of our members will be guiding the young people who took over our Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors and we will also be helping with the Thanksgiving dinner for the community, the homeless, and those who will be alone.

Stay warm and stay safe.

Have a wonderful ride to the *Shriners Hospital* and enjoy the children who will be there.

The rubber side down,

--Millie

Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.



Lincoln County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **North Coast**



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

from the *North Coast*

North Coast **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --**Lower Columbia**

Greetings,

This is a busy time of year for us.

We will be having our annual pot luck Christmas dinner at our December meeting. We will be electing new officers as well.

We are sponsoring Christmas families again this year. I think last year we adopted eleven families. We were able to supply the full meal deal as well as gifts for all the kids. That makes for a great holiday for all of us.

I guess we'd better get busy. I understand with the new sanctioning language, all of our money, and a list of events are due the first of the year. (What if we add an event midyear, what's that going to cost?) We turned in paperwork after each event last

year. I think our sanctioning officer should have record of that.

-- Dave

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

October 21, 2014

Rick was ill, so Lee led the meeting. There were seven people present representing six officer positions.

We spent most of the time in this meeting reviewing the state board of directors meetings and the state planning session.

We discussed the referred matter of the sanctioning changes and the chapter approves the changes.

We also reviewed the board decision about our acronym and registering one or more D.B.A.s. (Doing Business As) The chapter also approves this decision.

We held no games as the discussions took time to complete.

November 04, 2014

This was a small but effective meeting with work on our candy sale proceeding. We also had a good discussion about items from the *N.C.O.M.* conference.

The only game we did tonight was the bike on the agenda game. The bike was a 1938 *B.S.A. Empire Star* 493. Lee got it right!

**Upcoming Meetings**

December 2, 2014

December 16, 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

November 04, 2014

7 p.m.

Meeting opened with flag salute, followed by the passing of October's minutes.

We had six members present, all of whom were *Salem Chapter officers (pro tempore)*, unanimous vote, until December's meeting.

As we have had a declining membership attendance for the past several years, including phone calls, and/or e-mails, we have voted, (unanimously) to disband the *Salem Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.*, beginning January 1st, 2015.

We have also voted, (again, unanimously), to donate our entire bank account to to the non-profit organization of *American Legion Riders* as they will ensure the funds go to veterans and their families.

All current members will continue to receive their newspaper, and will have the choice of joining either *Hub City* or another chapter close to their area.

This was the first of two votes on this matter. The second will be at the December *Salem Chapter* meeting.

Sincerely,

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



Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Washington County

October 11th we had our fall biker night at *Coyote's*. We had a good turnout and several nice auction baskets and oral auction items donated, then bid on. There were door prizes as well as good food and drinks to round out the evening.

November 9th four *WaCo* members made the damp ride up to Clark county, Washington for the *Veteran's Convoy* ride that runs along I-205. (Also known as the *Veterans' Highway*.)

There were about forty to fifty bikes on this ride, which gets smaller each year. It doesn't seem to be widely advertised and the information about it is hard to find on their site, but it is a ride to honor veterans and they do a medal awards ceremony for the veterans at the end of the ride.

By the end of the ride the sun came out a bit and the rain had stopped.

Go to:

<http://www.veteransoforegon.com>
and look for the link to the PDF flyer called "Veteran's Convoy".

November 15th is *WaCo's* toy run, so we are hoping for good weather and a great turnout for such a good cause to benefit the *Hillsboro Toy and Joy* program.

It is now chapter officer election time and *WaCo* seems to be becoming extinct. We have about 220 members but the meetings now have about twelve to fifteen of those members attending. (Most of who are current chapter officers). The people serving in officer positions are looking for replacements so we really need some



"new" people to step up and take some of the responsibility of saving our chapter from extinction.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

And if you do ride in the winter, be extra careful!

-- 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 Portland Chapter*,

Recently we switched back to two meetings a month. One meeting a month was not enough to keep up with all the different events going on, getting all the information we need to run our chapter better, plan this year's toy run, and to keep up/support *BikePAC* and their initiatives.

We want to reminder everyone our toy run is December 6th at the *Fred Meyer's* corporate parking lot at 3800 SE 22nd avenue in Portland Oregon.

We are hoping for a good turnout for the kids and can't wait to see you all there.

Wishing everyone has a safe and fun Christmas and Happy New Year.

With respect to all of you,

Tim McDowell
secretary
Southeast Portland Chapter
A.B.A. T.E.

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Southeast Portland
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Our Officers at Work

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

08 November 2014 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Pat "Spanky" Allen at 12:07 p.m.

Nine of twelve chapters were present. All were eligible to vote.

Central Oregon, Jackson County, and Salem Chapters excused.

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees:

Butterfly Stafford, Dave Witmer, Steve Bishop, Don Mason, Steve Coffman.

George "Fat Bastard" Waters of the *National Motorcycle Riders Memorial (N.M.R.M.)* spoke to the group about the memorial. He wants to talk with *A.B.A.T.E.* during planning for the *Fossil Run* to see if the two groups could work out an agreement to hold events on the same weekend, possibly increasing attendance for both groups. He is in touch with Rick Prentice (next year's

Fossil coordinator) and Gene Mortimore.

Reading, approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Nic Oliver, seconded by Lance Tolle, to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Passed: Eight yes.

Executive Board Officers' Reports**Coordinator's comments:**

Joe Laurance < Excused >

Secretary report, correspondence:

Teresa Hepker noted that Randy Phipps brought mail to state treasurer.

Vice-coordinator (north):

Paul Hering < Excused >

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat (Spanky) Allen said Lance and Karen Tolle, Butterfly, and he all went up to help with the swap meet. Great deals were available, had to be fast to get them. Is trying to work with southern chapters to help with some troubles.

Vice-coordinator (east):

Rick Prentice was at swap meet, felt it was a good turnout. All the vice-coordinators were present.

Filled a shopping cart with food and toys, but most people paid to get in.

Have been working with *Southeast Portland* members to sell tickets and promote the *Shriners Toy Run*.

River City is getting ready for *See's* candy sales.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle presented a preliminary swap meet financial report.

There were 263 attendees.

Donated \$213.82 to the *Hillsboro Elks* for use of the facility

Showed a profit of \$1,211.67. This may change as she is not sure she has received all expenses yet.

Treasurer's report:

Checking = \$3,770.29
Savings = \$18,432.53
Paypal = \$200



Teresa Hepker

state
recording
secretary

Grand total = \$22,402.82

Membership secretary:

Kathy Sahlberg < Excused >

Sanctioning officer:

Robert Terrill < Excused >

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer has been in touch with *Central Oregon* and *Salem* chapters regarding bringing reports up to date.

Received a letter from the *I.R.S.* saying some reports were not received. She thinks it is due to a duplication of records in *I.R.S.* files, as the forms listed had already been submitted. The

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

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accountant is working on it.

Newspaper editor:

Rot Path < Excused >

E-mailed report:

• Due to holiday printing the week of thanksgiving, the company that prints and mails our state newspaper needs to have our files by 19 November or earlier. It is vital that everyone send in material and reports by the morning of 12 November in order to meet the print deadline. Otherwise newspapers won't be received until the first week of December.

• Chapter reports are due by the tenth.

• Please save the November newspaper covers (spare copies) for me. I can pick them up at the December meeting.

• Stress the changes that have been made in this year's *Shriner* toy run. They've been posted on the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Facebook* page. If there is trouble, the city could canx the run.

Please remember to wear red poppies.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps noted that we had a few parking problems at the swap meet, but everyone was cooperative and it all went smoothly.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle stated that we just elected new officers, but still have vacancies. Need new people who want to defend the constitution.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Robert Terrill < Excused >

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker had a table at the swap meet. Brought in \$468, mostly in memberships.

Reordered hoodies and some long sleeve shirts.

Ask chapter members what kind of products they would like.

Need *Fossil* shirt artwork for next year.

2015 is *A.B.A.T.E.*'s 40th anniversary.

Want to develop a logo to commemorate that. Please submit ideas, artwork!

Dave didn't like the way he was nominated, as he did not write an acceptance letter and nobody asked him if he wanted to do it again. He felt nominations were not properly published in the newspaper. Discussion ensued, after which he agreed to accept nomination for

2015 term.

He would like to have an assistant, particularly a female, to help select women's styles and sizes.

Products stock takes up half his living room. Says he needs a computer and printer if we start selling products on the web.

Karen has an *A.B.A.T.E.* laptop she doesn't need and Paul may have another.

Don Mason explained that it is easy to set up the web site store, but it also needs to be set up so that products ship promptly when an order is received. (Fulfillment.) Dave is willing to do that if he gets help. Ted Tracy has offered to assist.

Education director: < Vacant >

Public relations director: < Vacant >

State run coordinator (*Fossil*):

< Vacant >

Gene Mortimore reported that the Wheeler county grant request for funds to improve Shelton wayside park passed the first stage. Wheeler county is very appreciative of pledges of support from motorcyclists' groups, and will be including that information when speaking to the grant committee.

Motorcyclists pledges so far total \$850. Chapters are encouraged to add to that.

The county cannot take the money until they get the grant. Contact Gene for more information.

State swap meet coordinator:

Paul Hering < Excused >

Karen and Rick extended a big thank you to everyone who came and helped.

Historian: Teresa Hepker noted that Randy Phipps brought in a box of plaques and other information that had been in a previous officer's possession for about twenty years.

Web page editor: Carl Earl will be working with products to set up web sales. (He met with Don Mason and Dave Meeker at break to discuss details.)

Quartermaster:

Paul Hering < Excused >

Legislative director: Paula Leslie stated that so far in 2014 there have been forty fatal motorcycle crashes. Most are single

vehicle and involve speeding.

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety is asking, how do we reach riders with the message that all of us need to be responsible for our own safety by practicing and honing our skills, and riding within our own limits.

BikePAC met on November 1.

Five bills have been submitted to legislative counsel. *BikePAC* will focus mostly on three:

• Dead red light

• Lane sharing

• Repeal of the 10% ethanol in gas regulation. (With support of many other lobby groups.)

Call-to-action on December 10 (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. at the state capitol. Meet legislators and educate them about our bills.

Quiet Mike updated *BikePAC* about the *N.C.O.M.* convention in Portland: Mainly, protect your assets as an organization.

After the *BikePAC* meeting was done, Paula went to the swap meet but arrived just as it was closing down.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall apologized for missing some events due to illness.

It's been said over and over, but this is what it takes: ***Get involved.***

December 10.

Salem.

Be there.

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall Has been getting a few memberships, looking for more. Encourages chapters to join as sustaining members.

Confederation of Clubs representative:

< Vacant >

Unfinished Business

• **Election of officers:** products director – councilman Dave Meeker accepted nomination, elected unanimously.

Open positions:

– Vice -coordinator (north)

– Legislative director

– Education director

– Public relations

• Deputy treasurer was appointed mid year, to be reviewed

• **A.B.A.T.E. acronym:** Chapter feedback mainly positive on adding one or more assumed business names, as long as we keep our original incorporated name. Teresa will initiate the paperwork.

• **Sanctioning amendment:** Motion brought back to the floor from planning session. Discussion: Not all chapters have discussed, some questions need input from sanctioning officer.

Question called: Four yes, four no, one abstention.

Tie breaking vote by presiding vice-coordinator: yes.

Motion passed.

• **Committee report:** Background checks, bonding: State treasurer, state membership secretary, state deputy treasurer, chapter treasurers.

Karen Tolle reported that there are no *I.R.S.* guidelines for bonding or background checks.

There are two types of bonding. One is for organizations, guaranteeing they will pay their bills. The second is for individuals and guarantees their performance.

For example, a person can get bonded for \$15,000 as long as they personally can prove they can come up with that amount of personal cash to guarantee they are responsible if money in their possession disappears.

Costs for both types are relatively substantial. Discussion of background checks brings up privacy issues.

More research and discussion is needed to clarify what the board believes is reasonable.

• Committee report: *Western States Conference* – no report.

• Committee report: Products promotion, print, and web. (In progress.)

• Committee report: Trifold revision. (In progress.)

• Committee report: Quartermaster's inventory, equipment checkout forms. (No report.)

• *S.T.E.A.M.* – Need chair, committee.

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From yer ...



... yet again

Rolling into the last month of the year.

Yet before we are completely holidazed, there are a couple of motorcycle events taking place that deserve our support or participation.

• 35th Annual Shriners' Toy Run

Saturday, 06 December

There are three activities taking place during the course of the day:

1. Riders with gifts for hospitalized children begin gathering at **10 a.m.** in the *Fred Meyer* parking lot at 3800 S.E. 22nd avenue. Raffle tickets for a brand new *Harley* will continue to be sold for \$10 each up until the drawing for the winner at noon.
2. Official run to the hospital leaves at 12:15 p.m. Five minutes after the official run departs, remaining riders with their gifts leave and make their way to the hospital separately.
3. All riders meet at the *Shriners'*

Holidazed

riding beyond

c.o.e. – 155

Dornbecker hospital to donate their gifts.

There have been changes made in the run this year in order to reduce Portland traffic congestion [snort!] during the event. There will be no mass ride along coned streets and no parade marshals.

The official part of the run will consist of representatives from various Oregon motorcycling groups escorted by police vehicles moving through the city to the hospital.

A few minutes after the escorted run leaves, everyone else will make their way to the hospital, observing all traffic regulations.

There was considerable grumbling on *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s Facebook* site when the new procedures were posted.

What folks need to realize is that the entire toy run faced cancelation until motorcyclists met with city officials to work out a way of holding the event while minimizing traffic flow disruption. The important thing

is that there be no show-off riding during the event.

The new route and more information is available at:

<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

• BikePAC Lobby Day
Wednesday, 10 December

The 2015 Oregon legislative session will be a time when motorcyclists can have bills introduced that improve our riding experience. It's also a time to watchdog other legislation that could adversely impact riders, intentionally or not. So it's important for bikers to meet and know how to work with elected officials who represent them in the legislature.

To that end, *BikePAC* has organized a lobbying day for motorcyclists at our Oregon state capitol building so that folks know where to find their representatives and how to contact them.

It all begins at 10 a.m. in the echoey capitol rotunda where the great bronze seal of Oregon rests.



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

There won't be any special motorcycle parking and it's a week day, so parking is definitely *not* free. Bring *lots* of quarters to feed the overpriced meters. (We're worth the effort.)

Now 10-10 has an additional meaning to others than P-3 flight engineers and elint operators.

Lee Austin Rides Beyond

One person who has been intensely involved in *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* activities down through the years has been Lee Austin.

Sadly, we lost Lee to ill health on Veterans' Day this year, a fitting tribute to a motorcyclists' rights warrior.

There were *A.B.A.T.E.* members who were slightly afraid of Lee. Indeed, he often came across as gruff, like an ill-tempered bear. But what folks needed to understand about Lee is that he cared deeply about motorcycling issues. He was impatient with delay or foolishness. (Though he often tried to belly-bump yer crusty ol' editor at *S.T.E.A.M.* or

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DECEMBER Cryptogram

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

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Note: Photos and copy-ready artwork should be stiffened with cardboard to prevent folding, spindling, or mutilating. Include a self-stamped addressed envelope if you want your material returned. (Otherwise the c.o.e. has a woodstove and your unclaimed contributions may end up keeping his toes warm.)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)
 Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.
 Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.



35th Annual ABATE Toy Run

Presented by the SE Chapter of ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
Benefitting the Shriners Hospital for Children

Saturday Dec. 6, 2014

Gather at the Fred Meyer Corporate Parking Lot
3800 SE 22nd Ave., Portland OR 97202

Festivities Start at 10:00 am
Raffle Drawing at 12:00 Noon
Parade Leaves at 12:45 pm
Santa Party at the Hospital at 1:45 pm

Bring a new unwrapped toy + \$10
to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win
a Harley Davidson Street Bob or a \$500 Gift Card

ALL TYPES OF MOTORCYCLES / SCOOTERS WELCOME



THIS RIDE TO SEE THE KIDS IS NOT A RACE - PLEASE RIDE SAFELY
NO WHEELIES, BURNOUTS, SPEEDING OR TYPES OF BEHAVIOR THAT WILL PUT
THIS OUTSTANDING ANNUAL EVENT AT RISK.

Thunder Mountain Motorcycle Rescue will be on site to provide help if it is needed.

Contact Info: Jim - (503) 775-2203 or Phil - (503) 723-6013

Visit our website: www.abatetoyrun.com



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LINCOLN COUNTY A.B.A.T.E.

TOY DROP

AT THE NEWPORT AMERICAN LEGION HALL

424 WEST OLIVE
NEWPORT, OREGON
DECEMBER 14, 2014
11:00 AM TILL 1:30 PM

PLEASE TOYS FOR ALL AGES IN THE 10.00 TO 15.00
DOLLAR RANGE. TOYS ARE FOR THE LEGION AUXILIARY
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

MAY TAKE A SHORT RIDE AFTER WEATHER PERMITTING

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ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDER'S
CALL TO ACTION
WEDNESDAY, December 10th
10:00am

Please take the day off and ride to Oregon's State Capitol, as we
visit our State Senators and Representatives, regarding new
legislation, specific to motorcycle riders (See link below). We need
your help representing Oregon's diverse riding population (on
and off road).

Where: Meet in the Rotunda of the State Capitol building, Salem Oregon,
900 Court Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

When: Wednesday December 10th
10:00am

PLEASE NOTE: Bring Quarters for the parking
meters, in the event that all the free motorcycle
parking spots fill up.

For more information, contact Paula Leslie, BikePAC of Oregon, Inc. Executive Director. Phone: 541 231 3799
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Motorcycle Awareness



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty
through community involvement and legislative action. <http://www.abateoforegon.net>

Central Oregon	2nd Sunday - 2 p.m.	Northside Bar & Grill	Bend
Douglas County	3rd Thursday - 7 p.m.	Del Ray Cafe	Winchester
Hub City	3rd Thursday - 7 p.m.	Ciddici's Pizza	Albany
Jackson County	3rd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.	Saxton's	Central Point
Josephine County	3rd Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.	Fruitdale grange	Grant's Pass
Lincoln County	3rd Tuesday - 7 p.m.	American Legion	Newport
Lower Columbia	1st Sunday - 7 p.m.	Colvin's Pub & Grill	Clatskanie
North Coast	3rd Tuesday - 5:30 p.m.	Moose Lodge	Astoria
River City	1st and 3rd Tuesday - 7 p.m.	Shiloh Inn	The Dalles
Salem	1st Tuesday - 7 p.m.	Almost Home Restaurant	Salem
Southeast Portland	1st and 3rd Sunday - noon	M&M Restaurant	Gresham
Washington County	2nd and 4th Monday - 7:30 p.m.	Prime Time	Forest Grove

Hub City

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BikePAC representatives there to help you through the process if you have never visited legislators before.

Winter riding can be fun and safe. Please remember to take extra precautions in the area of safety during the holiday season.

I do not know about other parts of the state, but it has been pretty dang foggy in the valley lately. This can be extremely dangerous for the motorcycle rider.

Sudden changes in the weather can make an afternoon ride a challenge. Be sure to carry appropriate riding gear for any unforeseen weather conditions.

Chapter elections will be taking place this month, so hopefully you may be seeing some new faces in the officer ranks. Please think about stepping up and holding an office. New faces and ideas energize an organization and keep participation high.

Merry Christmas to all,
And to all a good ride!

-- Night Lady



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Nobody volunteered to be chair, but Paula Leslie, Brian Stovall, and Don Mason agreed to be committee members.

New Business

Washington County is not coming up with enough chapter officers. If they are unable to fill needed positions, they may decide to turn in their charter and want to know how that works.

Discussion cut short by our need to leave the room, as it was reserved by another group.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: December 13, 2014. *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.

Upcoming Events

Nov 8 –	<i>Shriners Toy Run</i> fundraiser – Oregon City	Dec 6 –	<i>35th Annual Shriners Toy Run</i> – Portland
Nov 22 –	<i>North Coast Chapter</i> Spaghetti dinner and auction – Astoria	Dec 6 –	<i>North Coast Chapter</i> holiday run – Seaside
Nov 28 –	<i>River City Chapter</i> See's candy sale begins – The Dalles		

Adjourned: 3:05 p.m.



Riding a motorcycle between two lanes of stopped or slowly moving traffic (a tactic known as “lane splitting”) is a relatively safe maneuver when both the motorcyclist and nearby drivers know the regulation and adhere to safe and prudent practices, according to two California studies released in October.

One report is a crash study that examined nearly 8,000 motorcyclists who were involved in crashes while lane splitting between June 2012 and August 2013. The second report examined lane-splitting habits among various groups in 2012 and 2013. California has more than 800,000 registered motorcycles.

“We compared the proportion of collision-involved, lane-splitting motorcyclists with injury across several body regions by whether the lane-splitting was done only in traffic flowing at 30 mph or less and that the motorcycle speed should exceed the traffic speed by no more than 10 mph,” the crash study stated. “We found that the proportion with each injury type was high when the lane-splitting was consistent with neither speed component, was lower when it was consistent with one speed component, and was lower still when it was consistent with both speed components.”

The speed components mentioned in the report closely align with the lane-splitting guidelines posted on the California Highway Patrol web site in 2013 and removed this summer after a complaint from one Sacramento resident.

“These findings bolster the position of motorcyclists and traffic-safety officials that responsible lane splitting is a safe and effective tactic for riders, particularly in heavily congested areas,” said Wayne Allard, vice president of government relations for the American Motorcyclist Association. “The A.M.A. endorses these practices and will assist groups and individuals working to bring legal lane splitting or filtering to their states.”

California is the only U.S. state where lane splitting is permitted. State regulations neither prohibits nor specifically allows the maneuver.

In many countries, lane splitting and filtering are normal practices for motorcyclists, Allard said. Particularly in the highly urbanized areas of Europe and Asia, motorcycle and scooter operators are expected to pass between conventional vehicles and advance to the front of the group.

Among the findings in the California studies:

- Lane-splitting riders (2.7 percent of crashes) were less likely to be rear-ended by another vehicle than were other motorcyclists (4.6 percent).

- Lane-splitting motorcyclists involved in crashes were notably less likely than other motorcyclists in crashes to suffer head injury (9.1 percent vs. 16.5 percent), torso injury (18.6 percent vs. 27.3 percent), or fatal injury (1.4 percent vs. 3.1 percent) than other motorcyclists.

The proportion of motorcyclists with a head injury was 6.3 percent for those lane-splitting consistent with the “safe and prudent” traffic speed guidelines, 10.7 percent for those lane-splitting in traffic flowing at 30 mph or less but exceeding the traffic speed by more than 10 mph, 9 percent for those lane-splitting in traffic flowing faster than 30 mph but exceeding traffic speed by less than 10 mph, and 20.5 percent for those who were lane-splitting in traffic flowing at more than 30 mph and who were exceeding traffic speed by more than 10 mph.

“Motorcyclists who oppose lane splitting should remember that it is optional in California,” Allard said. “Permitting lane splitting is not the same as requiring it. So those opposed to the practice should consider

the desires of other motorcyclists who believe they would benefit from it. Lane splitting is an issue of choice.”

The California studies are *Safety Implications Of Lane-Splitting Among California Motorcyclists Involved In Collisions* by Thomas Rice and Lara Troszak of the *Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC)* at the University of California–Berkeley, and the *Motorcycle Lane-Share Study Among California Motorcyclists And Drivers 2014 And Comparison To 2012 And 2013 Data* conducted by *Ewald and Wasserman Research Consultants, LLC*, on behalf of the California office of traffic safety and *SafeTREC*.

The goal of the project was to obtain information not usually collected during police enforcement investigations of motorcycle traffic collisions in California. The reports are the result of a two-year collaboration between *SafeTREC* and the *California Highway Patrol*. The California office of traffic safety provided funding.

The data came from collision investigations by *C.H.P.* officers and by officers at more than 80 allied regulation enforcement agencies in the state.

California Studies Responsible Lane Splitting

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F. 2015 Legislative Strategy

At the 2014 *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's* (M.R.F.) 30th anniversary *Meeting of the Minds* conference held in September in Kansas City, Missouri, a legislative strategy session was hosted by the M.R.F.'s legislative committee.

1. M.A.P.–21 upcoming reauthorization. (*Highway Bill*)
 - a. To include motorcycle 2010-type grant funding. (M.R.F. to pursue the current levels of funding along with a request to tighten up language for qualification and use.)
 - b. Continuation of the *N.H.T.S.A.* lobbying ban.
 - c. Pursue reinstatement of the *Motorcycle Advisory Council* (M.A.C.) to advise the *F.H.W.A.* (*Federal Highway Administration*)
 - d. Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the highway bill.
 - e. Closely monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
 - f. Seek to include HR–1861-type language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock grant funding.
2. *S.A.E.* motorcycle roadside sound test. The M.R.F. to **not** promote the use of the *S.A.E.* sound test as a national enforcement standard. Majority considered this a state issue
3. *N.H.T.S.A.* motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program. M.R.F. to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice. Work with S.M.R.O.'s to exchange information on

passing anti-checkpoint regulations within the state. Work to get new HR–1861-like resolution language written and introduced.

4. Continue monitoring the federal crash causation study and the *M.S.F.* naturalistic study
5. Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.
6. Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding E.P.A. sound emission user studies and the encouragement of state activity with federal resources. Deemed to be a state issue.
7. Work to discourage **all** forms of distracted driving, and oppose all forms of funding blackmails or withholding of funds as related to motorcyclists. Watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language.
8. Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review, taking advantage of any opportunity available to enhance and further clarify.
9. M.R.F. will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. congress or by a federal agency.
10. M.R.F. to seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language this upcoming session
11. Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada.
12. M.R.F. to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards
13. M.R.F. directed by your S.S.M.R.O.'s

to not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 or any other newly developed fuel blends including alternative renewable fuels without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use. M.R.F. and S.S.M.R.O.'s to continue to pursue passage of HR–875-type language.

14. M.R.F. to continue to insure the inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing intelligent transportation system (I.T.S.) emerging technologies.
15. Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level, include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements.
16. Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing. Using the principles of HR–1498 urging *N.H.T.S.A.* to focus on crash prevention and rider education.
17. M.R.F. to pursue limiting funding of the *Center for Disease Control* (C.D.C.) for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues.
18. Pursue C.D.C. lobby ban and seek to remove language where C.D.C. suggests motorcycle crashes are preventable injury events. M.R.F. to continue to support efforts to refocus the C.D.C. on their mission as stated in the letter from congressman Petri to the C.D.C. on September 27th, 2013.
19. M.R.F. to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the M.R.F. and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars.
20. M.R.F. to monitor public organizations for funding sources



when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission and respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars.

21. M.R.F. to monitor and report on transportation entities that are active in motorcycling but by their charters or mission statements are or should be non-relevant to motorcycles.
22. M.R.F. to monitor and report on non-transportation federal agencies becoming increasingly involved in motorcycling such as the government accountability office. (G.A.O.)
23. M.R.F. to continue to closely monitor the federally mandated *Affordable Health Care Act* for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination.
24. M.R.F. to fully engage the *E.P.A.* on upcoming activity on motorcycle emission regulations and motorcycle drive train mandates.
25. M.R.F. to support the *Black Box Protection Act*. (HR–2414) Seek introduction of similar language in the upcoming congress to regulate black boxes in motorcycles. Seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data.
26. M.R.F. to research fair tolling concepts on federally funded roads and roads supported by federal bonds.
27. Federal agency motorcycle design standards. M.R.F. to oppose

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non-motorcycle manufacturer mandated specific design standards.

Handling of non-motorcycle powered two and three wheelers such and mopeds, scooters, and the various cabin-based steering wheel-type vehicles was considered a state-by-state issue. There was agreement that there would be an effort to get these removed from motorcycle crash statistics if they do not have to follow the existing motorcycle licensing program in the state.

The *M.R.F.* legislative committee strongly encourages our S.S.M.R.O. partners and our *M.R.F.* members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with their U.S. house of representative and senate members as an immediate priority using our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda.

We will need a strong presence going into the new 114th congress as

well.

If your S.S.M.R.O. needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of congress, contact Jeff Hennie in the *M.R.F.* office at:

(202)-546-0983

or e-mail to

Jeff@mrf.org

We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker lobby day event in Washington D.C., *Bikers Inside the Beltway*, on Thursday May 14th, 2015.

See our web site at:

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for more details.

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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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Old Man In The Tree

A.B.A.T.E. state board meetings.)

He had been coordinator for the *Northeast Portland Chapter* until it and *Twin Rivers* merged into what is now *Southeast Portland Chapter*. He was state sanctioning officer, strengthening and defining the procedures to prevent insurance problems at runs.

People didn't always agree with Lee, but they rarely forgot meeting him.

I'm glad to have met and worked with Lee.

Rest easy now, rider.

For some, the holidays are something to be endured, something to get through.

Yet there are times when one pauses and the magic of twinkling little lights or an unexpected kindness from a stranger washes over a person, filling them with gentle wonder.

The same thing can happen to motorcyclists throughout the year, especially if they use their bikes for routine commuting. Sometimes a trick of light, a shift of mental perspective, or a different road can cause a rider to see the world with a new sense of wonder, touching on a magical, slightly mystical experience.

It's one of the reasons we ride.

Back in early November, yer crusty ol' editor was walking between buildings in Portland when he noticed sunlight playing on a gnarled old tree in a park across the street. He happened to be in the right place at the right time with the right artistic eye to see the play of light and shadow on the tree's convoluted trunk, even snapping some photos to capture the moment.

In one photo, the play of light creates the illusion of an old bearded robed man emerging from a cleft in the tree trunk.

There's magic all around us if we but take time to see it.



N.C.O.M. COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



City Settles Public Records Biker Lawsuit

The city of Kennewick, Washington has settled with a Tacoma motorcyclist and a group of motorcycle clubs who accused the city of violating the state *Public Records Act*.

The city will pay \$45,000 as part of the settlement of two lawsuits and will release some of the disputed records, city attorney Lisa Beaton recently told the city council.

The city has not admitted any wrongdoing in the handling of the records requests filed by Edward Goehring and the Washington *Confederation of Clubs*. (C.O.C.)

Both separately sued Kennewick after they claim they were improperly denied documents, including photos and videos, that Kennewick police took when they cited motorcyclists in separate incidents.

Goehring was one of eight motorcyclists stopped by Kennewick police and Benton county sheriff's deputies in August 2012 and cited for traffic violations.

And in April 2013, authorities stopped some motorcyclists from the Washington *Confederation of Clubs* and cited them for traffic infractions during a gathering in Kennewick.

In both cases, Kennewick police pursued information about outlaw motorcycle gangs, according to Beaton.

The city, Goehring, and the motorcycle club still disagree about some records. However, they agreed to have a third-party arbitrator review those records to decide which should be withheld or redacted and then released, Beaton told the *Tri-City Herald*.

The \$45,000 will come from the city's risk management fund. Insurance does not cover public record lawsuits, she said. About \$12,400 will go to the Washington C.O.C. and Goehring will receive the remainder.

As part of the agreement, Goehring and the motorcycle clubs will dismiss their lawsuits with prejudice, which means

they can't be filed again, according to city documents.

Goehring and the Washington *Confederation of Clubs* are represented by the same attorney group, *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorneys Marty Fox and Mike Meyers.

Cops Spied On Motorists At Political Rallies

Documents released by the *American Civil Liberties Union* of Virginia confirm that the Virginia state police used cameras to track motorists attending political events. Automated license plate readers (A.L.P.R.) are used by enforcement agencies throughout the country, ostensibly to fight crime by finding stolen cars.

But a March 18, 2009 state police memo also documents the use of the help eliminate auto theft (H.E.A.T.) camera to identify attendees at 2008 campaign events for then-democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin.

It was not until 2012 that the state police chief asked for an official determination of the legality of the license plate reader program, and in a February 13, 2013 ruling, attorney general Ken Cuccinelli blasted the passive use of recording the comings and goings of innocent drivers who are not part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

"Its future value to any investigation of criminal activity is wholly speculative," Cuccinelli wrote. *"Therefore, with no exemption applicable to it, the collection of license plate reader data in the passive manner does not comport with the Data Act's strictures and prohibitions, and may not lawfully be done."*

Netherlands Okays Biker Gangs To Fight ISIS

The Dutch public prosecutor has announced that "motorbike gang members" who have joined Kurds battling the ISIS group are not necessarily committing any crime.

Members of the infamous *No Surrender Motorcycle Club* are fighting against ISIS militants in northern Iraq. Public prosecutor spokesman Wim de Bruin told the *AFP* news service, *"Joining a foreign armed force was previously punishable, now it's no longer forbidden."*

Many countries including the Netherlands have been clamping down on their nationals trying to join ISIS jihadists who have taken over swathes of Iraq and Syria. Measures include confiscating would-be jihadists' passports before traveling and threatening prosecution should they return.

"You just can't join a fight against the Netherlands," he told *AFP* after reports emerged that the Dutch bikers were fighting ISIS insurgents alongside Kurdish troops in the middle east.

In November 1965, Ralph "Sonny" Barger of the *Hells Angels Motorcycle Club* sent a letter to president Lyndon Johnson at the white house offering tactical support for the war effort: *"I volunteer a group of loyal Americans for behind-the-line duty in Vietnam. We are available for training and duty immediately."*

British Police Appeal For Booby Trap Info

Police in Totton, Hampshire, United Kingdom are investigating after a piece of thick string was found tied across a road at neck height, posing a distinct danger to motorcyclists.

It had been tied between lampposts either side of a residential street, and *"The string could have caused serious injury and even a broken neck,"* according to the

Motorcycle Action Group (MAG-UK). *"It was spotted by a passerby at night time, when it would have been difficult for riders to see."*

Totton councilor Chris Lagdon said: *"The morons responsible must be tracked down by the police and made to face the full force of the law. As a motorcycle rider myself I know how dangerous something like that can be. It was an atrocious thing to do and I'm absolutely disgusted that an incident of this sort has occurred in Totton."*

Mog Morrison, head of the *New Forest Motor Cycle Action Group*, said: *"If this was some sort of prank involving youngsters I hope the police or their parents take them to one side and educate them about the potential consequences of their actions. This sort of thing has killed people in the past."*

Totton police tweeted following the incident on Tuesday, October 13: *"Unknown persons have placed green string across Water Lane near Bagber Road. Any information?"*

Weird News Motorcycle Runs On Bacon Grease

Hormel Foods Corporation headed out on the highway with a motorcycle designed to run on bacon grease. The Austin, Minnesota-based company created a new marketing campaign in time for the *International Bacon Film Festival* in San Diego in late August, and rode the bacon bike from Minnesota to California.

America runs on bacon, and so does this bike (getting about 100 mpg) and the exhaust smells like bacon!

Hormel and marketing firm *BBDO Minneapolis* sponsored the world's first motorcycle that runs on organic biodiesel made of refined bacon grease. A team of twelve traveled with a rider during the

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N.C.O.M. NEWS

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trip to document the journey for a film, *Driven By Bacon*, which was shown at the film festival this year.

Charlie Smithson of *CSE Engineering* and Taylor Bamber, Smithson's work partner, custom designed the motorcycle based on a rare 2011 *Track T-800CDI* diesel model. Grease is an abundant fuel source, as hotels and restaurants in the United States generate three billion gallons of waste cooking oil per year, which could fill tanker trucks parked bumper-to-bumper from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. and back.

Hormel representatives say the marketing push is an exciting opportunity to spread the word about *Hormel's Black Label Bacon* brand and the pig-powered hog will likely be used as a promotional tool in the future.

Once the film is complete, the motorcycle could be displayed at the *Spam Museum*.

Quotable Quote

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."

-- government posters
city of Chicago (1928)
(authorship unknown)

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State Swap Meet Report

I would like to extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who came and helped with the state swap meet.

The weather started out a little foggy, but by noon the skies were clear and people were shopping like crazy. We had about twenty-five vendors of various kinds, and I believe they all went away feeling pretty good about how things went, considering we haven't had a swap meet for the last couple of years.

The *Hillsboro Elks* were extremely



hospitable to us and went out of their way to make sure our event was successful. A big "thank you" to those members who helped us accomplish our goal.

When the final numbers are tallied, I believe we will see a net profit of around \$1,200. All this hard work and money goes toward furthering our mission statement!

I am happy to say that Todd Sahlberg has stepped up and taken on the swap meet for next time. We will be discussing



Paul Hering

state
swap meet
coordinator

dates, but look for something in the spring, around April.

Again I would like to thank everyone who came and supported this state event. Whether you helped take money at the gate, helped with security, parking, or just came and bought something, it all goes for a great cause, *motorcycle rights and education*.

N.C.O.M. Convention Report

On October 25th I attended the *National Coalition Of Motorcyclist* region 1 meeting and seminar in Portland, Oregon. It involved Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

There was a lot of information on different subjects like freedom of the road throughout the nation.

They talked about about legislative action in many states and the fight for are rights on the road.

Veterans are 80% of the motorcycle community nation wide. They're the biggest target.

The *A.I.M.* attorneys talked about some of the regulations in different states.

Anti-profiling is one very important subject. Washington state has a anti-profiling regulation.

A.I.M. attorney Richard Lester talked about protecting your patch. Do not have one person own the trademark on your club or group patch. It's much better to incorporate your club or group. Having a board of directors for your club or group is a good idea to protect your assets. Save the patch is not about any one club or group, it about all of them.

BikePAC need more then a few people to go to the state legislator every time. They need more people than the same ones. They need new faces there.

The other thing I enjoyed hearing was they said everyone needs to support *A.B.A.T.E.* in their states and *M.R.F.*, *BikePAC*, or other groups doing legislative action in their states.



Pat "Spanky" Allen

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Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

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John Jelderks
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Submitted by
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December Cryptogram Answer

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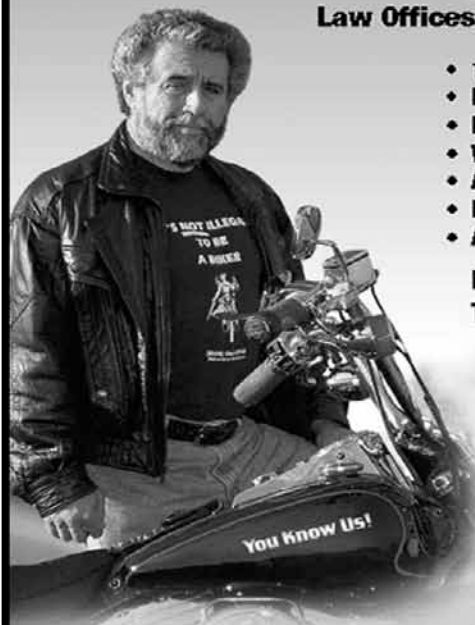
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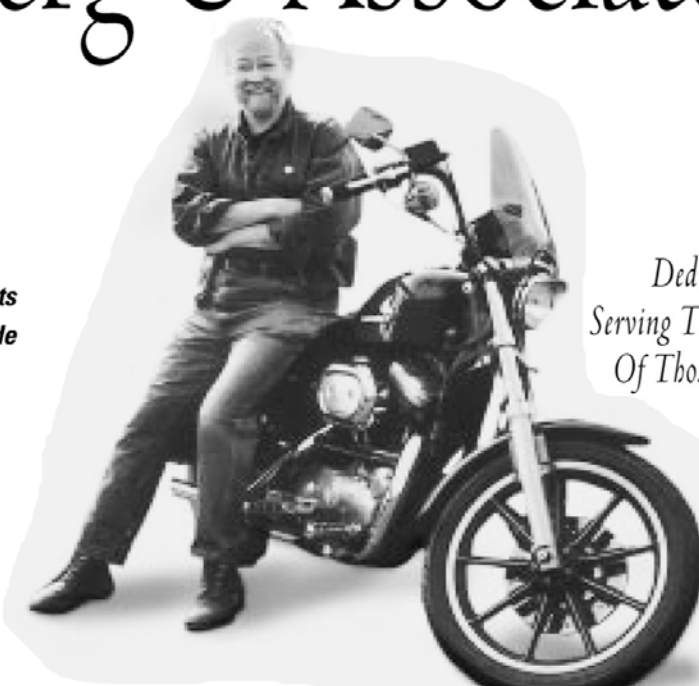
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Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X X X X X X X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Medford	X X X X X X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X X X X X X X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X X X X X X X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X X X X X X X
Central Oregon area			
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 statemwng@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

Steel flag mount with 3' x 5' U.S. flag for *CVO Softail Convert*. Should fit docking hardware of many other bikes with similar design. Flag and mount available for viewing, fitting at *Salem Harley* by service desk. Try it out. If you want it, leave **\$120** cash in envelope marked "Bruce" with Ty at service desk. Ride safe. Bruce Mazell (Feb2015)

For Sale

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.

Travel

"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

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: _____

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

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: _____

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	
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Kathy Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Robert Terrill	(503)–887–3032	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)–838–6893	news@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
Paula Leslie	(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	
Products director			
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Education director			
<Open>	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	Education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
<Open>	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
	(503)–nnn–nnnn	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net	
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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

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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*Some rates go up next month.
Renew early !*

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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

Chapter: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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



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: _____

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

Comments:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	2 River City 1900 (7 pm)	3	4	5	6 long nights moon  Shriners' Toy Run Portland 
7  attack on Pearl Harbor-1941	8 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	9	10 	11	12	13 
14 4th quarter moon   Central Oregon - 2 pm Lower Columbia - 7 pm	15	16 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) <hr/> North Coast 1730 (5:30 pm) <hr/> River City 1900 (7 pm)	17 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	18 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) <hr/> Hub City 1900 (7 pm) <hr/> Jackson County 1800 (6 pm)	19	20
21 new moon  Southeast Portland 1200 (noon) <i>winter solstice</i>	22	23	24	25  <i>christmas</i>	26 <i>boxing day</i>	27
28  1st quarter moon	29	30	31 <i>new year's eve</i>	(yule)		

STATE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, 13 Dec 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:
Nov 28-Dec 24	See's Candies Sale /River City	The Dalles.	
06 Dec 2014	35th Annual Shriners Toy Run	Portland	(503)-775-2203
07 Dec 2014	Toy run / Hub City Chapter	Albany	
10 Dec 2014	Lobby Day / BikePAC	capitol, Salem	(541)-231-3799
14 Dec 2014	Toy Drop / LinCo	Newport	(541)-265-7586

There was a young elf named Clemintine,
 Who imbibed too much candycane wine,
 She mixed up all the toys,
 Swapping the girls' for boys',
 Now she works on the naughty coal line.

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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.)	<i>Izzy's Pizza</i> ; 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.)	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	7th Tuesday	4200 (42 p.m.)	(Everywhere in Oregon)	
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.)	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Shiloh Inn</i> ; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon (Dec only)	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684