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Rides To Remember . . .

Oregon —> Montana —> Canada

-- Carl Earl (North Coast Chapter)

My wife and I rode to Montana and up into Canada this past month. No, we did not go to *Sturgis*. We were probably one of a dozen bikers on the road not heading to *Sturgis*. On one of the slowest days passing bikes heading that direction, we averaged thirty-three bikes an hour. Don't know why we waited until the end to count. I guess we were busy enjoying some of the most beautiful riding we have done. That is saying a lot when you consider all we have to do is leave our driveway to be in some of this continent's most scenic areas.

We found two highways I would recommend. One is U.S. highway 2 out of Kalispell, Montana, that runs northwest to U.S. highway 95 in Idaho at Bonner's Ferry. This was my wife's favorite part of the ride. It was 140 miles of some mountain, some valley riding, all on well-maintained roads with little to no truck traffic. As a relatively new rider, it was a good, relaxing ride with enough curves and scenery to keep you well awake. I see why Montana touts this as "God's Country."



The second road is highway 3 in Canada.



(Loonie)

We entered Canada at Porthill, Idaho, and stopped in Creston, British Columbia, our first stop on the "Poutine Trail," which is a story for another day.

This is where we picked up highway 3 heading west. Why more Americans don't get on this road is beyond me. You will find it all: mostly good road conditions; beautiful views; lakes, trees, mountains, and valleys. Lots to see and do along this road running to Hope, B.C., where it connects to highway 1 and becomes freeway again. At 587 km (365 miles) it has it all.

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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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officers at work

State Coordinator

Greetings to all my fellow *A.B.A.T.E.* brothers and sisters,

Here it is September already!

That means back to school. Please make sure you slow down for the school zones and watch out for the kids.

September also means the days are getting shorter and cooler. Make sure if you are going for a day ride to plan for cooler temperatures if something happens and you don't get home as early as planned. Throw in an extra sweatshirt or coat. (Just in case.)

Also upon us is election time again.

The state *A.B.A.T.E.* organization really needs your help. We have several dedicated members who

continue to serve you and keep this organization going, but we really need new people with new ideas.

Won't you please consider taking just a little time each month to help support *our* fight for freedom?

If you are interested in any of the positions, please call me or any board member to get a brief explanation of what it takes. I think you will be surprised at what a little time commitment can mean to *our* bigger picture.

I hope you all have a great month and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in the brotherhood,

Paul Hering
state coordinator



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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

The weather has been beautiful for riding but a little smoky in some areas. Hopefully by time this is printed they will have the fires out and we will have clearer skies and air. My thoughts are with the firefighters. I fought fire years ago and remember the dangers and the hard work.

Chapter and state elections are coming up soon. Consider running for an office or two. Many offices have been vacant and others are becoming vacant and need to be filled. Please think about serving and helping this great organization.

Don't forget about our *Teddy Bear Run* September 19. Lots of fun. Don't miss it.

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
810 SW 11th street
Redmond, Oregon

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

The coordinator requested a meeting of the *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* officers met to discuss the future of our *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter. The coordinator, treasurer, and the *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* state board representative were in attendance. Not attending the meeting were:

1. Vice-coordinator
2. Membership secretary
3. Sergeant -at-arms

We have not been able to fill the following positions over the past year:

1. Public relations director
2. Ways and means/product director
3. Legislative director
4. Education director
5. Historian

Over the past year we have seen attendance and active participation on the part of the D.C. *A.B.A.T.E.* membership drop from a high of fourteen members at a meeting to only three or four officers attending meetings since April/May of this year.

For the chapter to remain viable we need more participation!

-- Bill Sebers
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**Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Jackson County

Busy month for *Jackson County*.

We will be attending Thunder struck Bike show on the 15 of August with an information booth for *A.B.A.T.E.* This will be a lot of fun and when talking to the office, they were really looking forward to have *A.B.A.T.E.* back in attendance,

The poker run is really coming together. With everyone who we have talked to and have sponsors are really excited to have this event and to be a part of it. We as *Jackson County* are proud to present this event and hope to make it bigger and better in the future. Hope to see all of you there and ready to have a good time.

Looking like we will have spokespersons there from the *Breast Cancer Centers* from the Rogue Valley, so there will be some really good information to hear and literature to read, and be able to become more involved with this fight.

-- Todd "Tank"
coordinator
Jackson County Chapter



**Jackson County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

Can you believe it's August already? (Most likely it will be September before you read this.) Wonder if we are going to have an Indian Summer this year? Sure hope so. More nice weather to ride in.

Where is the summer going?

A lot of you got to do *Sturgis* this year, with it being it's 75th anniversary.

But what I have noticed the most is that the weather has been so hot. I wanted to start off by saying I hope everyone is drinking lots of water. When you ride, dehydration hits fast. Here are some signs that you need to watch for as you may be or are dehydrated.

The danger signs of becoming dehydrated are headaches, disorient-

ation, heat stroke, muscle cramps, loss of concentration, drowsiness, and nausea, each of which can cause crashes.

Here are some ways to beat dehydration:

1. Don't drink a lot of alcohol the night before. It has a diuretic effect which means it causes you to urinate more water than you take in which means you are losing fluid. And you can't counteract that by drinking lots of water because most of it will go out in your urine.
2. Start drinking water as soon as you wake and keep sipping water right up until you get on your bike. It



takes about half an hour for water to reach your muscles.

3. Stop more often than usual and hang out in the shade. Since you are drinking lots of fluids, you will probably need to stop anyway.
4. Sugar can dehydrate you if it gets to very high levels in your blood. Avoid the doughnuts before your ride.

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

Thank You Thank You Thank You
You

We can't say this loud enough or often enough.

S.O.S. Run is in the books. We planned for a smaller attendance and we planned well. The final numbers are not yet in, but looks like 2015 *S.O.S.* was a success. No wildfire smoke. The weather cooperated. Lots of compliments. Lots of smiles. Lots of people will be back next year.

During the next few months we will start planning for next year and let everyone know what activities we have in store for next year.

I wish I could list everyone who helped, and I don't want to forget anyone but I don't have a list, so I will try.

I first say thanks to all of the

volunteers who helped set up, take down, worked booths, and helped with the games and the bike show. We thank all the vendors. We thank the bands. The park rangers and the park host were a dream to work with. Theresa came in and assisted with the scheduling of volunteers at the front gate. She was a God-sent. Pat and her family and Tonia worked the info booth. Members of the *Booze Fighters* organized and secured the wet t-shirt contest. Spanky and Terry did the games and bike show. Tonia gathered so many game prizes that it felt like everyone who bought a ticket got a prize. Lisa, Ray, Gloria, Nicole, and Bert kept the park clean and picked up. Diana, our first aid person and her crew. Steve and Ceci from Stewart Leathers, as well as Merle & James helped with setup



and breakdown. I especially have to say thank you to my husband Lance and our friend Danny who were there all weekend as well as had to put up with me for the last month. Please, if I missed anyone, attribute it to brain freeze after working all weekend.

We missed having *Douglas County* and the members of *Indian Creek* who made this run a true coalition event. They all ran off to *Sturgis* for the big anniversary party. And we want them to know they are welcome to rejoin the committee next year. Just let us know.

So, what's next? As soon as we

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Josephine County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Fruitdale Grange
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Grants Pass

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

Global warming, the weather gods, or just plain good luck has given the Oregon coast one of the nicest summers that I can ever recall. Plenty time to ride with no excuses.

Several of us rode to the *Hell's Canyon Run* this year. Eastern Oregon has some of the best rides in the state in my estimation, making *Fossil* and *Hell's Canyon* high on my list to not miss.

Thunder storms at Baker this year made camping out kind of interesting. I have this visual memory in my head of standing there watching a creek running down the gutter of the main street of Baker City, thinking, "I could go trout fishing in that!" One of my

other reoccurring memories is getting stung on the face on two consecutive days. (A bee's last dying act. I don't know how they do that, but, I guess it's fair.)

Several members of the chapter are getting themselves semi-organized to go down to Wolf Creek. Having had a temporary infliction of responsibility, I won't be going this year. From past experience, I know that I am going to be missing a good party and will expect that Bob, Trucker, and Jack will show no mercy rubbing it in. Unlike myself, they are kind of petty when it comes to things like that.

By now you may have surmised that I'm not the usual writer of this epistle.



Mille, the toughest member of our chapter, is using her energy to deal with her health issues. Send her your good thoughts.

Ride safe,

-- Skid More

Lincoln County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **North Coast**

(continued from front page)

I do recommend a stop at the *Wrong Turn Tavern* in Keremeos, B.C.



(*Toonie*)

This is a very local place that welcomes bikers. Right off the highway, and easy to find. One reason for our stop here was to try the breakfast Caesar. (A Canadian drink.) I had never heard of it until we started researching our trip. It was like a bloody Mary with bacon. Yep, everything's better with bacon!. We pulled up in the afternoon and told them we had come all the way from Oregon to try one. The bartender, in the nicest Canadian way, explained they did them only in the morning because of the bacon, but would ask

the cook if they could fry up some for us. This was not a problem and we got to give one a try. Now I have to make some at home. Really, everything's better with bacon.

We also had the opportunity for a motorcycle-safety education the Canadian way. On the ride, a motorcycle officer told motorcycles to pull over where he checked for drivers' licenses then explained to us the road ahead was curvy and that most fatalities on that road was not young guys on crotch rockets, but the old guys on the baggers. He then ask us and a young crotch-rocket guy if we were familiar with counter-steering and asked us to spread the word and be very careful and enjoy our ride. This all took all of two minutes and we were on our way. Yes, I know some of you would have been screaming about how they should not "profile" motorcycles, and as a general rule, I would agree. But we really found this more educational and interesting



than an infringement. When we are able to stop killing ourselves, I might put up more of a fuss.

There were so many other things on this ride that I could go on forever. Just to end this little tale, I want to say, if you ever have the opportunity to make any part of this run, *do it!* You will not be sorry.

-- Carl Earl
coordinator
North Coast Chapter

North Coast **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)
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Children are welcome

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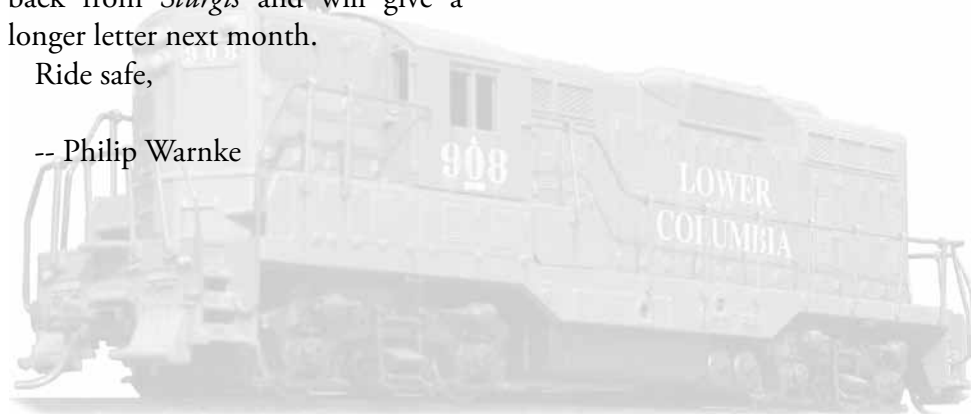
A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Lower ColumbiaGreetings from *LoCo*,

This will be brief as we are traveling back from *Sturgis* and will give a longer letter next month.

Ride safe,

-- Philip Warnke

**Lower Columbia****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)*Colvin's Pub & Grill*

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Clatskanie, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **River City****July 21, 2015**

We had a small meeting with one visitor, Gary Butler. We acquainted him with things we are doing.

Brian won the 50/50 game at \$7/7 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

Danielle Hildreth would have won the membership game for \$10 if she had been present. It will be \$15 next meeting.

The weather is cooling and the roads await. We will probably ride to Pendleton this Saturday. There will be a usual ride on Sunday.

August 4, 2015

Good news meeting! The U.S. senate passed the highway funding bill with language defunding motorcycle-only checkpoints. On the house after the summer recess.

It is time to write letters to your U.S. representative asking them to ensure that the house also votes to defund this activity.

Or you could talk to your representative while he or she is back in the state during this recess. Maybe invite them to your meeting?

The other big topic was preparations for this weekend's *S.O.S. Run*. We hope to help this become our second state run.

Mother Carolyn Meerzo Miller's name was drawn in our membership game for \$15. Since she lives near Roseburg and in recognition of her immeasurable work for this organization, Brian moved to award her the prize anyway. Motion passed



unanimously.

Brian won the 50/50 at \$16/16 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Brian.

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**Southeast Portland**

I'd like to comment on taking care of our brothers and sisters who are members of this chapter.

Scott Kendall is in the hospital (motorcycle crash) and Donovan Arnold passed away on July 9th.

As a brotherhood we need to take care of and show support for these people and their families when they are in need. From this day on I'll try to get this information out so that we can go as a group to support our brothers, sisters, and their families.

We are busy with toy run and the *A.B.A.T.E.-Shriners Toy Run* is ready to happen.

Same route.

Same parade format. (There will be thirty more motorcycles and two more

commercial vehicles in the parade.) There are twenty V.I.P. slots that are available. Raffle tickets are available now. Anyone who buys five or more raffle tickets or donates \$50 or more to the toy run qualifies for one of the V.I.P. slots. More information is on the toy run web site:

<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

We are going to have our *Solstice Dice Derby* on September 19th. We have a nice route and stops, so be sure to put this date on your calendar.

Check out the *Southeast Portland Chapter* mini mall. There are a lot of chapter products and private party things for sale. All 2013 and earlier run shirts are now priced at \$5. The



entrance to the mall is on the front page of the *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site. It's open 24/7!

<http://www.abatese.net>

Fill out the stop report if you get stopped by the police. This report allows us to have a record of these incidents. This information can then be used to help us in our legislative and judicial actions. The report goes to Sam Hochberg, *BikePAC*, *Confederation of Clubs*, and *A.B.A.T.E.*

Visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter's* education page for valuable

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Southeast Portland**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Washington County**

As of print time, our *End Of Summer Poker Run* will be in the books. Hope many of you were able to attend and had a good ride.

Our next event will be our biker night at *Coyote's Bar & Grill* on October 10th. Should be a fun time with food, music, auction items, and door prizes. Open to all wishing to have a great time!

Summer has been a hot and dry one, so hopefully many of you have been able to take advantage of that for some good rides.

A couple weekends ago hubby and I along with another couple rode to Shaniko, Prineville, the Painted Hills near John Day, through Spray and Mitchell along the John Day river, and then up into Pendelton and home down highway 14 on the Washington

side of the Columbia. It was hot but a very scenic ride with some nice twisty roads.

Everyone ride safely and have fun the rest of the summer,

-- Denise Darneille
WaCo Chapter

**Washington County****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

Prime Time Restaurant
4450 Pacific avenue
Forest Grove

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Our Officers at Work

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

08 August 2015 (*S.O.S. Run*— Wolf Creek, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:13 p.m. with seven of eleven chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters: *Central Oregon, Douglas County.*

Excused chapters: *Lower Columbia.*

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Larry Balloy (*JoCo*), Doug Tiller (*BikePAC*), Jackie Kilpatrick (*JoCo*), Andy ? (*JackCo*), Charlotte Kent (*JackCo*), Terry Brewer (*Jackson County*), Marcos (future freedom fighter).

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Randy Phipps to adopt as printed in the state newspaper.

Seconded by Jack Wingfield.

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering welcomed everyone, encouraged us to volunteer some time while we are here at *S.O.S.*

Secretary report, correspondence: Teresa Hepker had nothing to report.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer - excused.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that *Douglas County Chapter* sent letters out to their members. May vote to disband at their meeting later this week.

He showed one of the small stickers that *JoCo* had made promoting *A.B.A.T.E.*, said he could help other chapters order their own.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice said he will give full report under state run coordinator.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle has proposed some changes to the expense report. This will be discussed at the October planning session.

Washington County gave her a check for their t-shirts.

Checking	\$ 5,249.40
Savings	\$22,938.06
PayPal	\$ 200.00
U.S. postmaster	\$ 130.85

Grand total \$28,518.31

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg reported 1,290 total members, broken down as follows:

612 members receiving a newspaper
677 family members (no newspapers)
85 life members
11 group members with a total of 254 individuals associated.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill was absent. Chapters are on track so far for insurance.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer was excused. She submitted her report, printed two weeks ago.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path was absent. Paul reminded us that chapter reports are due by August 10.

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop attended Pendleton's bike week events on Saturday. It was like a convention, with vendors, bike show, and several poker runs

with big prizes. The event ran from Wednesday to Sunday and reported 1,500 people. This evolved from the *Hells Canyon Rally*, which got too big. The promoters organized this event instead. There was no motorcyclists' rights organizations represented. We should consider having a presence next year.

Products director: Ted Tracy – excused. He plans to order black t-shirts with a small *A.B.A.T.E.* logo on left chest. There are still a few dress shirts on hand.

Education director: < Vacant >

Public relations director:

< Vacant >

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Rick Prentice has been working on entertainment and vendors for 2016, sharing *Fossil* cards wherever he goes.

Gene is selling raffle tickets to benefit the *Fossil E.M.T.'s*. prize is a \$600 gift certificate from *Stewart's Leathers*. He will sell 1,000 tickets.

Fossil committee is hoping to get a permanent cover on the stage this year.

Wheeler county has added rock to the park roads.

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg was excused.

He requested a roll of stamps for mailings about the November 7th swap meet at the Hillsboro *Elks*. First mailing to the oldest vendors, second mailing to newer members, and a third mailing to a general list of contacts.

Historian: Teresa Hepker received a DVD and some photos from Karen Tolle, from the *Southern Oregon May Rally*.

Salem Chapter's historian boxes have been stored in the conex.



Teresa Hepker

state
recording
secretary

Web page editor: Carl Earl – excused.

Quartermaster: Paul Hering and Gene Mortimore: Gene reported that *In the Sticks Sawmill* borrowed a canopy frame

A woman in *Fossil* may be able to sew a new cover.

Rick Prentice can get billboard fabric at no charge.

The board requested that Gene get an estimate on the sewing.

Rick suggested that *Hub City* ask to get the fabric from their billboards after they come down, for re-use in other ways.

Legislative director: < Vacant >

Paula Leslie reported that year's bills (dead red, lane filtering) raised excitement and involvement among the sport bike riders. Now is a good time to go to their events and share the message.

The *M.R.F.* has a DVD about the issue of alcohol and riding with your group.

Discussion: Federal traffic safety goals are moving toward zero tolerance of alcohol use while driving. Many people disagree with that goal. Gene pointed out that opposing zero tolerance could backfire, making the government think that bikers just want to drink and ride.

Paula reported that the governor's transportation safety representative has offered her good advice on how to approach the next legislative session.

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

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When asked what governor Brown's position is on motorcycle issues, Paula said she has no direct information at this point. Joe Lawrence has reported that Kate Brown took a *Team Oregon* course.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall had no additional report.

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall said that congress is in summer recess. Now is the time to invite federal senators and congressmen to meetings, get an appointment in their local office, or attend town halls.

The senate passed a transportation bill containing a ban on motorcycle-only checkpoints. After recess this will come up in the house and we want to keep that ban in the house version too.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat (Spanky) Allen reported they have been told by the attorneys that poker run insurance only covers the stops, not bikes in motion. If you are leading a group ride, you can be held personally liable and can be sued if someone gets hurt. Better to have open rides (not groups), then each individual's insurance covers them.

Unfinished Business

- (from 13June2015) Motion to purchase a new tarp for products, information booth at Fossil. Tabled for further research.

- Planning session October 16-18 at *V.F.W.* in Cottage Grove. Paul will get contact information for the *V.F.W.* and make the reservation.

New Business

- Revision of sanctioning application form. Copies were provided to the chapter representatives for review, then tabled for consideration at the



October planning session.

- Officer nominations for 2016. The following individuals have confirmed their candidacy:

Coordinator: Paul Hering

Vice-coordinator (south):

Pat Allen (Spanky)

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice

Membership secretary:

Kathy Sahlberg

Sgt-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop

Products director: Ted Tracy

State run coordinator: Rick Prentice

State swap meet coordinator:

Todd Sahlberg

Historian: Teresa Hepker

Quartermasters: Paul Hering,

Gene Mortimore

A.B.A.T.E. BikePAC rep: Brian Stovall

M.R.F. rep: Brian Stovall, Rick Prentice, Doug Tiller

CoC rep: Pat Allen (Spanky) will serve if Mike Friend agrees to do it too.

- Brian Stovall asked if there is movement toward making *S.O.S.* a state run. Discussion ensued. Paul suggested discussing this at the September board meeting after the accounting is done and *JoCo* members have further considered the options.

Announcements

- *JoCo* is building a mobile stage.
- If you want to reserve a room for the October planning session, rooms

are blocked out under *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. (They originally had it under Karen Tolle.) *Quality Inn* in Cottage Grove. (541)–942–9747

- Next state board of directors meeting: September 12, 2015 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany.

Upcoming Events

Aug. 29 – *End Of Summer Poker Run* – *Washington County Chapter*

Aug. 29 – Family picnic – *Southeast Portland Chapter*

Oct. 10 – Biker night, – *Washington County Chapter*

Oct. 17 – *A.B.A.T.E.* state planning session, in Cottage Grove

Oct. 24 – Poker run – *Jackson County Chapter*

Oct. 03 – Grants Pass toy run

Nov. 1- Dec 26 – *Care Bear Collection* – *North Coast Chapter*

Nov. 07 – Fall state swap meet

Nov. 21 – Spaghetti dinner and auction – *North Coast Chapter*

Nov. 21 – *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* – *Washington County Chapter*

Dec 05 – *Holiday Run* – *North Coast Chapter*



Adjourned: 1:50 p.m.

From yer ...



... yet again

Corporate Shadows

helping government succeed so we can too

c.o.e. – 164

A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC of Oregon have had a good year, legislatively. Our efforts resulted in one motorcycle bill being signed into effect by our new governor. (Allows riders to proceed with caution when vehicle-sensing traffic lights fail to detect their motorcycles.) We were poised to succeed with a lane-filtering bill as well, but special interest group intrigues kept the bill from being passed out of committee for a fair hearing and house vote.

Some capitol insiders might just shrug their shoulders while claiming that it's business as usual.

Yer crusty ol' editor respectfully disagrees.

In the first place, our representative form of government is *not* a business and is not to be run as such.

The purpose of government is to give equal voice to *all* citizens no matter what their station in life may be and to provide essential background services.

The ultimate goal of business is profit, mostly achieved by creating goods or services. The degree to which companies will go in pursuit of profit varies widely, depending on the nature and vision of the people managing the companies.

The danger to us all is when corporate

boards and directors become obsessed with profit for profit's sake to the exclusion of all else. Then we, the people, suffer.

As motorcyclists, we've heard what happened when *Harley-Davidson* was taken over in 1969 by a corporation hell-bent on extracting as much profit as possible. Workers were laid off, quality plummeted along with sales, and the company nearly went bankrupt. It was only in 1981 when the company was sold to investors who cared about producing quality motorcycles that the *Harley-Davidson* brand recovered. (And became profitable again.)

One danger we face when attempting to utilize our political system as the founders of our nation intended is that large corporations now wield so much power that they can influence political action. Trouble is, they've learned to manipulate the system while remaining concealed in shadow, so there is often no obvious direct link between their actions and legislative activity that they desire.

This is not to say that corporations get everything their own way.

There are still people running for public office who care about using the political system to help make life better for we, the

people. They care and are often very passionate about their work. They try to recognize and avoid corporate entanglements. We need to support them whenever possible.

Trouble is, the longer a person holds public office, the more they are susceptible to corporate or special interest influence.

When a politician makes a decision or takes a stance that makes no sense and can only offer weak reasoning for that position, you can be pretty certain that the fix is in and that they are being influenced by outside special interests.

It is up to us, the people, to be wary while thinking through situations so that we can see what is happening. It is up to us to monitor office holders at all levels (including local) to help them do their jobs fairly. They are accountable to us, not corporate profit levels.

August saw our state board meeting at the *S.O.S. Run*.

October will see a regular Albany meeting followed a week later by a Sunday morning meeting to act on Cottage Grove planning session items and election of state officers for 2016.

Any *A.B.A.T.E.* member can attend and participate in the planning session. It's one



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

of the few times when members have direct access to what goes on in our organization. (Normally members act through chapter representatives. It may take a month or two to see results.)

The best day to attend is Saturday, 17 October. (By heck, you even get lunch.)

Folks gather in the main room of the Cottage Grove *V.F.W.* hall south of town to discuss topics that members or the state board feel need to be addressed and acted on to help *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* fulfill its mission statement and vision.

What's really great is that you get to meet and talk with folks from all over the state. A lot of time people can offer suggestions or solutions for any problems that your chapter might be experiencing. And it's just plain fun talking with other riders from different places.

With the sun continuing its race southward this equinox month, it seems like we're losing five minutes a day of riding sunlight.

Although our daylight is decreasing, there are still seasonal activities and events that make the increasing darkness bearable. (Many of them involving food available only toward the closing end of the year.)

Some things to look forward to as the year draws to a close:

- Return to real time.
- Burgerville sweet potato fries.
- Candy cane Joe-Joe cookies.
- Using fireplaces instead of air conditioners.

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SEPTEMBER Cryptogram

TA IFF MYOHO FBJOFA MBSOEH,
 HOCMOXTOW QIAH IWO YOWO.
 KZMY HPXXOW'H TOHM BG KOIMYOW,
 IEQ IPMPXE'H TOHM BG DYOOOW.
 --YOF OE YPEM LIDSHBE

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

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page 18)



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

**ALL RIDERS AND MOTORCYCLES
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TEDDY BEAR RUN

**September 19
2015**

Dice Hands:

\$5.00 with bear
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Payout for the high
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Lots of items for
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Contacts:
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Registration: 9:00 am

Start Place:
Northside Bar & Grill
62860 Boyd Acres Rd.
Bend, OR

Ride starts at 10:00 am
This is a group ride.

- Please bring only new teddy bears to protect the patients that will receive them.
- Please, no teddy bears with choking hazards (i.e. button eyes that could come off).



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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Lower Columbia Chapter

Loco's Annual Fall POKER RUN

Date: September 19th 2015 @ 10:00am

**Begins @ Colvin's Pub & Grill in Clatskanie,
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\$15.00 per hand, or 2 hands for \$25.00

Great Door Prizes

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Leaving @ 10:00 sharp

You May Also Want to Check out Colvin's Breakfast Menu

Contact Information: Philip Wamke Cell: 503-739-0647 Email: pand12@yahoo.com

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Josephine County

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recover from this weekend, we will start working on our toy run. October is right around the corner and we have to kick it into high gear and get back to work soon.

Saturday, October 3rd will be the *12th Annual Grants Pass Toy Run*.

We meet at the *Fruitdale Grange* at 1 p.m. for staging.

Ride begins at 1:30.

We decorate our bikes. We escort Santa through town.

Upon returning to the grange, we have a huge potluck. Burgers, dogs and chicken on us, side dishes are provided by potluck. We ask everyone to bring a new unwrapped toy and a potluck dish.

Remember, this is for the kids.

The planning meeting will be the 17th and 18th of October. The *Comfort Inn* has changed to the *Quality Inn*. Rooms have been blocked for us. There is no college football game this weekend, so the hotel should not be so crowded. Someone is looking into the possibility of camping out at the *V.F.W.* to save money for anyone interested. More information will be available at the next state board meeting.

Here's hoping all your runs and parties are successes.

See you down the road,

-- Karen Tolle

Josephine County Chapter

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS

REGION I MEETING & SEMINAR

ALASKA - CALIFORNIA - HAWAII - IDAHO - OREGON - WASHINGTON
October 17th, 2015 10 AM - 6:30PM

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October 24, 2015

Joe's Sports Bar

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Medford, Oregon



Start time: 10 a.m. – kickstands up: 11 a.m.

\$20 per bike – Second hand \$5

For information, call Todd (541)–890–9047
of Andy (541)–864–9434

BBQ provided by Star Catering. Pre-registration available

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SE Portland

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information on M.A.P. (Motorcycle Awareness Program) classes, group riding techniques, educational *YouTube* riding videos, Slider Gilmore's *Two Wheel Trauma* class report, the stop report, and more.

Fill out the *Southeast Portland Chapter's* membership survey to let us know what you think about the chapter meetings, chapter events, runs, and etc. We need member input to help us improve our way of doing things. We also want to know what we are doing right.

ABATE of Oregon, Inc. SE Portland Chapter Solstice Dice Derby

All Riders Welcome

Sat. Sept. 19th, 2015

Meet at **Andrew's Water Hole Sports Bar & Grill**
19642 SE Stark St.
Portland, OR 97233

Sign in at 10:00 am - Last bike out at 11:00 am
Cash Prizes for High & Low Roll Totals
\$10.00 Buy In - \$5 for Each Extra Dice Roll Play
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Contact: Phil Jones (503) 327-5436
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Come to the
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Help plan and guide our efforts
in safety and education

17-18 October 2015

V.F.W. Hall
3160 Hillside Drive
Cottage Grove, Oregon

(I-5 exit 170 from north, exit 172 from south)

A.B.A.T.E./ BikePAC Planning Session

17-18 October 2015

V.F.W. Hall
Cottage Grove, Oregon

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337 N. 9th street
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\$75-\$95 per night
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Village Green Resort
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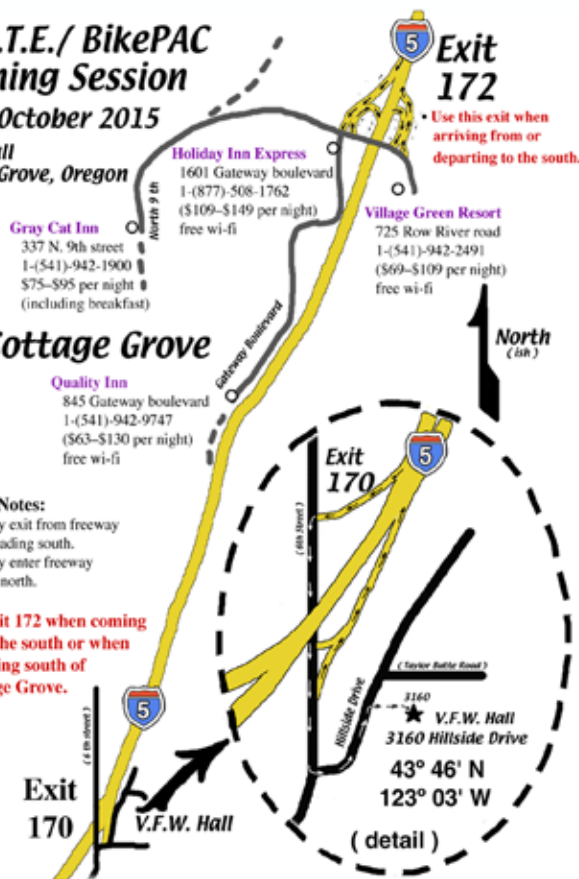
Cottage Grove

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(\$63-\$130 per night)
free wi-fi

Exit 170 Notes:

- Can only exit from freeway when heading south.
- Can only enter freeway heading north.

- Use exit 172 when coming from the south or when traveling south of Cottage Grove.



<http://teamoregon.orst.edu/>

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



Fall Motorcycle Swap Meet

Saturday
November 7, 2015

8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Hillsboro Elks Lodge
21865 NW Quatama road
Hillsboro, Oregon

Entry fee: \$5 at the gate

OR

four cans of food for the
Hillsboro Elks Lodge Christmas basket program



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Central Oregon

2nd Sunday – 2 p.m.

Douglas County

3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.

Hub City

3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.

Jackson County

3rd Tuesday – 6 p.m.

Josephine County

3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.

Lincoln County

3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.

Lower Columbia

2nd Sunday – 7 p.m.

North Coast

3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.

River City

1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.

Salmon

Southeast Portland

3rd Sunday – noon

Washington County

2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.

Izzy's Pizza

Redmond

The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)

Winchester

Ciddici's Pizza

Albany

Witham's Restaurant

Medford

Fruitdale grange

Grant's Pass

American Legion

Newport

Colvin's Pub

Clatskanie

Moose lodge

Astoria

Shiloh Inn

The Dalles

M&M Restaurant

Gresham

Pime Time

Forrest Grove



• The A.M.A. contacted the U.S. department of transportation in July to voice its support for the existing requirement that every motorcycle helmet sold in the United States be certified by its manufacturer to meet the D.O.T. standard.

• The U.S. Forest Service is seeking nominations for its Recreation Resource Advisory Committees (R.R.A.C.), which provide advice and recommendations on recreation fees to the Forest Service and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

R.R.A.C.s are structured to help ensure motorized users are well represented, so it is important that the motorized community steps forward to fill any vacancies that occur.

Additional information concerning the recreation R.A.C.s, including current openings, can be found by visiting the recreation R.A.C.s web site at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rrac-org-links.sh>

• Ann Arbor, Michigan – The University of Michigan has opened a

32-acre outdoor research lab for testing automotive technology, such as vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications. The facility allows researchers to test the technology in a simulated urban setting that includes a variety of roads and streets, a small section of freeway, an underpass, gravel and brick pavement, roundabouts, traffic signals, and sensors.

• Paris, France – The French government has banned all earphones for motorists, including motorcycle and scooter riders. The ban is intended to prevent drivers and riders from using earphones with a microphone to make and receive telephone calls while the vehicle is in operation.

There is no ban on Bluetooth headsets, but earphones are not permitted.



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Senate Passes Highway Bill

The United States senate passed a robust, six-year highway bill as well as a three-month extension to current funding, reports the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. (*M.R.F.*) With a healthy bi-partisan majority of the senate supporting the bill, the *D.R.I.V.E. Act (Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy)*, was passed off the floor by a vote of 65-34.

The legislation includes language that would end the federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints as well as defining motorcycles as their own class of vehicle.

The bill now moves on to the house of representatives where it will receive attention in the fall.

The senate also passed a three-month extension to the current funding of transportation programs. That extension runs out just before Halloween, so the house is likely going to act before then.

Bill managers, environment and public works committee chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and ranking member Barbara Boxer (D-CA) worked together to create the bipartisan majority needed to pass the bill, with approximately three quarters of the republicans and slightly more than half of the democrats (including democrat-leaning independents) voting in favor of it.

The funding portion of the bill, however, remains a stumbling block. As of now, the

bill contains revenue offsets to fund its first three years from 2016 thru 2018. If enacted, congress would have to find additional revenue sometime before October 2018 for the final three years.

Meeting of the Minds Register Today!

We hope that you will join us in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's 2015 Meeting of the Minds* conference, September 24-27 th hosted by our partners, *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Inc.*

Have you registered yet?

We encourage you to register. You will greatly assist our hosts in planning for the event. The more accurate a number provided, the easier it will be to assure they print conference workbooks for every attendee, not to mention stocking up on food and beverages for the hospitality room.

The *M.R.F.* encourages you, if you have not done so already, to make your hotel arrangements. Reservations can be made at the *Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield* by calling **1-(262)-364-1100**.

The Friday night fundraiser will be hosted by *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*. All donations will benefit *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* awareness and education. The fundraiser will be at *Hal's Harley-Davidson* at 1925 south

Moorland road in Brookfield. Transportation will be provided by *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*. (Milwaukee and Waukesha county regions.) Your \$12 donation to the event will include a traditional Wisconsin Friday fish fry courtesy of *Hupy & Abraham*, SC. (An alternative entrée will be available.) Live music will be provided by *Doctor Snake Oil*. A cash bar will be operated by *Harley Owners Group, Kettle Moraine Chapter*, Wisconsin.

Harley-Davidson plant tours will be available for our attendees who arrive early on Thursday. Space for tours is limited. The plant is approximately fifteen miles from the hotel. For those hoping to stay in Milwaukee and do the factory tour on Monday, be advised that the factory is scheduled to shut down for production change at close of business Friday, September 25th.

If you are flying in to Milwaukee, the hotel offers a free airport shuttle on a limited basis. You must call **(262)-364-1100** for pick up. The hotel requests you call when you are on the ground with your baggage. Shuttles run from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are arriving off hours, please call Paul Vita in advance at **(414)-698-7285** and he will do his best to provide transportation for you.

To view the agenda or to register for this event, you can visit our web site at:

<http://www.mrf.org>

or by contacting the office at **1-(202)-546-0983**.



You can also download registration forms and mail them to:

1325 G street N.W.

suite 500

Washington, D.C. 20005

For more information about this conference, contact the conference director, Carol Downs, by calling **1-(303)-204-6939** or by e-mail at: carol@mrf.org

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Hawaii To Eliminate Ethanol In Gasoline

Legislation to repeal the requirement that gasoline offered for sale in Hawaii contain a percentage of ethanol was signed into effect by governor David Ige, and the new regulation becomes effective December 31, 2015.

The legislation recognizes that the requirement of blending ethanol into gasoline does not produce any economic benefit for the state and the import of ethanol creates an economic burden for state residents.

Ethanol increases water formation, which can then corrode metals and dissolve plastics and rubber, especially over a period of time when the vehicle is not used. Current high-performance specialty parts along with pre-2001 model-year cars and parts may be most susceptible to corrosion, and no motorcycles or A.T.V.s are approved for higher blended fuels.

The life span of vehicles and equipment can be dramatically reduced with the wrong fuel and owners could be confronted with breakdowns.

More than a dozen states have ethanol mandates, according to the *National Conference of State Legislatures*, but only Hawaii and Florida have passed such a repeal. Florida ended its mandate in 2013, the same year the *Environmental Protection Agency* proposed reducing the amount of ethanol in fuel, acknowledging that a federal push wasn't working as well as expected.

There have been no changes to federal legislation on the issue since the *E.P.A.* report, but Pennsylvania republican senator Pat Toomey and California democratic senator Dianne Feinstein have introduced a bill seeking to repeal the corn ethanol mandate in

the federal renewable fuel standard.

California Requires Motorcycle Helmet

Removal For Traffic Stops

Known as the *Identity Confirmation Act*, assembly bill 346 will require a motorist to give enforcement an unobstructed view of their face during a traffic stop, said California assemblymember Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), author of the measure which primarily targets motorcycle riders.

The facial ID bill was inspired by a Simi Valley, California police officer who told the assemblyman about having cases thrown out of court because he couldn't positively identify someone, Wilk told the *Simi Valley Acorn*, specifically relating the case of a motorcyclist who refused to remove their helmet.

Wilk admitted to the paper that motorists are compliant 99% of the time, and currently if a driver refuses to show their face during a traffic stop, police can arrest them for resisting or delaying an officer, and can result in going to jail until they can go before a judge.

"From an identification legal view, all citizens are required to prove their identity when asked by enforcement," said Chuck Pedersen, state legislative director for *A.B.A.T.E. of California*. *"From a helmet ticket defense, an officer cannot ask for you to remove your helmet for the purpose of inspection. I don't see a need for this additional legislation."*

Nonetheless, AB-346 passed near-unanimously through the state assembly, was approved by the senate, and is now headed to governor Jerry

Brown's desk.

South Dakota Repeals Handlebar Height Limit

Just in time for the 75th *Sturgis Rally*, ape-hangers are now legal in South Dakota.

The \$20 fine for riding with your hands too high was wiped off the books as governor Dennis Daugaard signed senate bill 85, effectively abolishing South Dakota codified regulation that prohibited such handlebars.

Until now it was a petty offense in South Dakota if you rode motorcycle on a public street or highway with the handlebar grips positioned at or above shoulder height. But as of now there are no more regulations on where to hang your hands.

Earplugs Beneficial, But Illegal For Ohio Motorcyclists

Ohio's motorcycle operator manual says hearing protection, like earplugs, can help reduce noise while allowing a rider to hear important sounds like horns or sirens, but it also says riders should adhere to state regulations, which creates a problem: Using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle is illegal.

There are exceptions for emergency personnel, or road workers, and even for people who wear hearing aids, but not for motorcyclists.

It isn't the sound of the motorcycle causing all the noise. *"It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss,"* explains *A.I.M.* attorney Ralph C. Buss, who has represented the interests of motorcycle riders for over thirty years. *"Deafness is a serious problem that*

people don't think about, don't address," Buss said in an interview with *WCPN* public radio in Cleveland.

Attorney Buss challenged that regulation in court. His client was Tom Varsel (who happened to be a retired noise expert for *General Motors*) who was pulled over for riding his motorcycle in Ohio while wearing earplugs. Varsel was fined \$37, but his case continued to an appellate court. He lost a constitutional challenge to the earplug regulation, but the case raised interesting issues of health and safety that the court ruled were matters for the legislature to address.

"What's clear is that wind noise on a motorcycle can be very intense, intense enough to damage your hearing," says Eric Healy, a professor of hearing science at the *Ohio State University* who testified in Varsel's case. *"And what's also crystal clear is that earplugs can remedy that, almost completely."*

To determine the level of wind noise motorcyclists face, Healy took a recording device for a drive with PhD students. Imagine a mannequin head with anatomically correct ears, stuck out a window, and the measurements recorded from that experiment, Healy says, matched previous work published in well-known British journals in the mid 1990s. He found that at speeds as low as 35 mph, wind noise exceeded 85 decibels.

"Sounds over that are known to cause hearing damage. The levels that we measured were in the range from 110 to 130 db," Healy told *WCPN* radio host Tony Ganzer. Even helmets don't prevent the wind noise, though

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earplugs offering some 30 db of potential reduction, might help.

But the wording of the regulation in Ohio and other states, which dates back to 1989 and was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars, doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists.

A similar regulation in California, which allowed only for "custom earplugs," was amended in 2004, allowing individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens. Under exceptions to their headphone and earplug regulation, it was added (V C section 27400):

"(d) A person wearing personal hearing protectors in the form of earplugs or molds that are specifically designed to attenuate injurious noise levels. The plugs or molds shall be designed in a manner so as to not inhibit the wearer's ability to hear a siren or horn from an emergency vehicle or a horn from another motor vehicle."

Illinois Lights Up

A bill in Illinois to legalize accent lighting on motorcycles passed unanimously through the legislative process and on June 18 was sent to the governor.

HB-3944 amends the Illinois vehicle code to provide that a motorcycle may be equipped with auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights and light emitting diode pods and strips. Provides that the auxiliary accent lights shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights. Defines auxiliary accent light.

"Accent lighting are the small colored lights tucked in on the underside of motorcycle gas tanks and frames," explains A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois on their web site ([http://](http://www.A.B.A.T.E.-IL.org)

www.A.B.A.T.E.-IL.org), which supports the measure. "We are looking at legalizing them to be operating while the bike is in motion. They do not interfere with operator eyesight and will actually help in the reduction of bikers being 'T-boned' at night with the extra lighting which will reduce fatalities and deaths. The bill increases visibility of motorcycles, especially at night."

Unlike automobiles and light trucks which are required to have side marker lights or wrap around headlights and tail lights which are visible from the side, motorcycle lights are often only visible from the front and rear and do not have the same illumination as automobiles.

N.H.T.S.A. published a report on the effectiveness of side marker lights on motor vehicles, concluding that side marker lights are a cost effective safety device which reduce the number of nighttime angular collisions that occur in the United States.

A similar bills was recently signed into effect in Texas.

Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia have all passed similar legislation, while Missouri and Virginia are currently in the process of legalizing such lighting.

Spreading Motorcycle Awareness

Nate Hudson, co-owner of *British-American Motorcycle Club*, a bike shop in Long Beach, California, is currently in the middle of a 17,000-mile ride all over the U.S. to spread a motorcycle safety message for riders and awareness from car drivers.

He visits the department of motor vehicles office in every state's capital, where he hand delivers a request that the authorities consider including motorcycle awareness in both the driver's license exam and the state's

drivers' education curriculum.

Hudson's journey is being sponsored by *Allstate Insurance Company*, and he's riding a tricked out *Indian Roadmaster* donated by *Indian Motorcycle* painted in *Allstate* blue with logo and trim. So any photo of his bike, therefore, becomes a social-media ad for *Allstate*.

Posts and pictures about *The Ride Of Awareness* are published on social media channels, from *Instagram* to *Twitter* to *Facebook*, an efficient and credible user-generated content reaching on-line many more bikers than any television spot or print ad.

Pakistani Female Passengers Exempted From Wearing Helmets

Reacting to public protests over a traffic regulation in which it was made mandatory for motorcycle riders as well as pillion (passengers) to wear a helmet, including women, police in Karachi have announced exempting female pillion riders from wearing a helmet.

Inspector general (I.G.) Sindh police, Ghulam Haider Jamali announced here on June 10 that the decision was made after the repeated appeals of citizens. In an earlier statement, the police said in case of riding pillion without helmets, both will be fined, regardless of whether the pillion is male or female.

The people took the decision with a violent reaction when it was made mandatory for women as well to wear a helmet as a passenger, and some citizens also contacted the court in this regard to exempt women from this sanction. But before the court could take any action, I.G. police keeping in view a number of complaints, appeals, and violent reaction by the public, immediately announced plans

to withdraw its decision, so now following the announcement women are exempted from the restriction to wear a helmet as a pillion rider.

Quotable Quote

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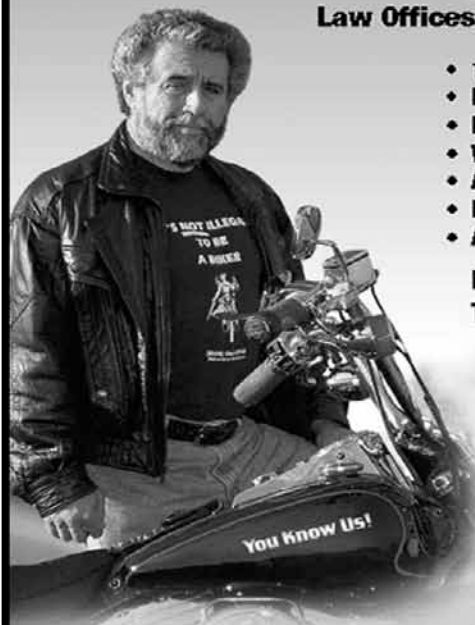
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(revised Jan 2015)

Total members: _____

Date paid: _____



Chapter: _____

New member ?

Yes _____

No _____

Patch Received ?

Yes _____

No _____

Renewal ?

Yes _____

Membership # _____

Please send completed application to:

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

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.

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

Comments: _____

September 2015

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

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 12 Sept 2015

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:



2015 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:
19 Sep 2015	Teddy Bear Run / CentOr	Bend	(503)–887–3032
19 Sep 2015	Fall Poker Run / LoCo	Clatskanie	(503)–739–0647
19 Sep 2015	Soltice Dice Derby / SE-PDX	Portland	(503)–327–5436
03 Oct 2015	Toy Run / JoCo	Grants Pass	
24 Oct 2015	BBC Poker Run / JackCo	Medford	(541)–890–9047
17-18 Oct 2015	Planning Session / ABATE	Cottage Grove	
01 Nov–26 Dec	Care bear collection / North Coast		
07 Nov 2015	Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Hillsboro	
21 Nov 2015	Spaghetti dinner & auction / North Coast		
05 Dec 2015	Holiday Run / North Coast		

Summer dry as an AA meeting,
Now it's time to turn on some heating,
Our hot days are over,
Put away the mower,
And stock up for the trick-or-treating.

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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.)	The Loft (Del Rey Cafe); 5669 N.E. Stephens st.; Winchester	(541)–672–1522
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]	(individual members agree on where and when they meet)			
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant; 2339 Biddle road; 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
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st Sunday	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