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The folks who made this year's planning session happen.

photo by Teresa Hepker

Time

We are just travelers,
In this time we get.
But, we as riders,
Get the best of it.

We feel the touch of life,
As time passes by,
People who drive cages,
Seem to wither and die.

Riding through time,
Enhances your life.
Instead of filling it up with
Drama, BS, and strife

There's healing and contentment,
In the winds of this time,
They are happily collected,
As you ride down the line.

All senses in action,
Makes you feel quite whole,
Motion in time,
Washes the soul.

If you think this too whimsy,
Or somewhat out of place,
Next time you finish riding,
Explain the smile on your face.

-- Steve B

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists

of Oregon (A.M.O.)

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

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

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)

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

(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

Happy Thanksgiving to you all !

By the time you read this our state planning session will be over, and new and exciting things will be happening again for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. I hope that at least a few of you came and joined the “regular” crowd, to share your thoughts and ideas.

I have been asking since January for people to **come forward - step up** - help make a difference.

Have you done your part?

Will you take on a position of leadership to help your local chapter?

If more people don't come forward to help, eventually the rest of us will get burnt out, and our whole organization will cease to exist.

It doesn't take much for each of

you to help out. Just ask yourself if committing a little of your time is worth it to you to have the choice to ride the way you want, or are you okay with having someone else telling you what clothes you have to wear, or what kind of bike you can ride, or maybe even what roads you can ride on?

Does this all seem a little far fetched? I'm sure that the people in the 1940s and 1950s wouldn't have believed where we are today either.

This organization is supposed to be a “brotherhood”. What does that word bring to your mind? I would love to hear from as many of you as will call me. In fact ***I challenge you to call me.*** Let me know what we can do

to motivate you to be more involved.

We will be holding our state swap meet on November 7th at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. See the flyer for more details. I hope you will come and support the vendors who will be there.

Thanks to Todd Sahlberg for putting this together and to everyone who helped in any way.

November is also the time for most chapters to do annual teddy bear runs. I hope that they all go well and that the children who receive these toys will smile and fill your hearts with joy.

Share all these things with your friends who ride or those who just enjoy the right to choose. Ask them



Paul Hering

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

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to be a part of this great brotherhood we call *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

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*,

With the weather getting colder and the riding weather less enjoyable, most of us turn our minds away from motorcycles and related issues. But there is one important piece of business to attend to.

Officer elections for the next year are coming up. Every chapter needs people to step up and do these jobs for the next year to keep the organization going.

Our chapter has multiple vacancies for the next year.

If you want the *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run* as well as the *Teddy Bear Run* to continue, we need new people to come in and help keep the chapter going.

Please come to our next meeting on November 8 at 2 p.m. at *Izzy's Pizza* in Redmond and volunteer for a position.

Without your help will not be able to continue.

Hope to see you on the road.
(And at our next meeting.)

[***crusty ol' editor's note:*** *If c.o.e. lived in the Bend area, he'd be to those meetings like a shot. Izzy's has the best pizza crust.*]



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

We had a good turnout for the October *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* chapter meeting.

Tonia stepped up and took on the responsibility for open officer positions. Thanks for your commitment Tonia.

The November 19 meeting is a “you-want-to-be-there” meeting. We will be planning our bike nights for the summer and want input from the membership to identify the locations for bike nights. Also we will be planning for our *Whistlers Bend Poker Run*. We, as a chapter, **must** nail these down so we can get our sanctioning letters to state.

At the November meeting we will be making plans for a December pot luck party. The location will be in Roseburg.

So, between now and the November 19 meeting, please be thinking about where you would like to meet for October for the summer bike nights.

We need as many members as possible at this meeting of *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* so we can make plans that will meet the needs of the chapter members.

--Bill Sebers
secretary

Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

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

The time has finally come and the anticipation is high for *Jackson County's* first poker run. Come and enjoy the good time and support the fight against breast cancer. The staff has worked hard to make this event a good one, so thanks to all for the help.

This event will wrap up a very busy year for *Jackson County* and start on next year in January. The community has really reacted well to the out reach so far and the run will be a lot of fun for everyone. So please plan to attend and show your support.

The time is here and we are looking forward to our state swap meet. This event is looking forward to a great turn

out of the public and great support for our mission. The booths are filling up and promises to be a lot like the spring swap meet. Plan on attending and show your support too. We still need to have help with watching some problem areas with foot traffic, so if you can attend and would like to give a little help to the event, please feel free to come and while there just ask to throw your hat in and give a half hour to help.

There will be good food and drink. (No alcohol.)

It will be cold, so dress for the occasion.

Can't wait to see all of you at Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*.

-- Todd
coordinator
Jackson County A.B.A.T.E.

**Douglas County**
MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)
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Jackson County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Hub City has had a good year so far and we are rocking into fall and winter. We have hosted several successful events this year, including two poker runs, two biker nights, and a mall show.

We recently held a biker night with our friends at the *Front Street Bar and Grill* in Albany. We had a great band and there was even some dancing going on. We had a lot of fun with new and old friends, and gave away some cool prizes including doilies hand-made by the loving mother of our coordinator.

Our annual mall show this year was another great success. We work hard to get the word out that motorcycles are out there year round, and folks need to keep their eyes open and pay

attention to the job of driving to keep us all safe. The mall show is a great way to spread this message to people who might not ride or know riders, so sometimes they just don't think about how important safety is to those of us not surrounded by a cage. It's also a lot of fun for kids and families who love to get their picture taken with one of our bikes. (Not to mention how much fun it is to ride our bikes into and out of the mall.)

Now it's time for this month's safety message.

As we all know, fall means the leaves are coming down off the trees and the rains are becoming more frequent. The combination of water and leaves on a road can be as slick as black ice and also as hard to see sometimes.



(Especially in the rain.) So it's a good idea to pay a little extra attention to traction conditions these days as we ease into another season of riding in Oregon.

Have a good day,

-- Amy Johnson
secretary
Hub City

Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddici's Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Josephine County

The Grants Pass toy run is in the books, which means all of our major events are done for the year.

Thanksgiving potluck, Christmas potluck, chapter nominations in November, then chapter elections in December.

2015 is almost over.

Karen and Lance will attend the planning session in Cottage Grove while Spanky and Derald represent us at several community memorials in Roseburg.

Teresa Hepker and Brian Stovall were a pleasant surprise at our chapter meeting in September.

State swap meet will be November 7th in Hillsboro.

We stay busy with a variety of activities. Members are always welcome.

Your chapter can use your

help. Members need to step up and take officer positions. It would be nice if each member were to invite a friend or family member to attend the November and December meetings. (Both holiday potlucks.)

Let's start the new year on a new foot -- new friends, new ideas. If we don't grow, we will die.

Please step up, help out, bring life back into our chapter. What will it take to bring you back?

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange, Grants Pass. Potlucks start at 6 p.m. in November and December.

-- Karen



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 leaves are turning on the coast and the feel of coolness is in the air.

We are enjoying it and looking forward to attending the planning session. It will be nice seeing everyone

It was a beautiful summer for riding and I'm hoping next summer will be the same so I can enjoy it. I missed our last meeting and that should be the last missed meeting for us.

Bob and several local people were among those who escorted the 1,000 flag display to *Chinook Winds* in Lincoln City. They also helped set it up.

The Oregon wall was also escorted and set up at *Chinook Winds*. It shows those lost from the Viet Nam war until now. It is awesome and only lists Oregon veterans. They gave vets free dinners at the buffet and tickets for the vets and their wives to the comedy show that night, free of charge. A great

evening was had by many.

There was a poker run by the *American Legion Riders* that ended in Newport on October 3rd. It was a beautiful weekend on the coast. Bob and I went to meet them, since we are members. There were great groups from the north and central valley regions of Oregon.

Supposed to start raining here and it is definitely cooling on the coast.

Time to get this sent off, so you all ride safe and hope to see you at the planning session.

Keep the rubber side down,

-- Millie
secretary

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



LIFE MEMBER LOST

It is with a great deal of sadness that I send this to you.

Saturday night (10 October), Dennis Gagne passed away.

He was one of the original members of *A.B.A.T.E.* His life membership number was 43.

He was with us through all the *Beaver Creek* runs and we will miss him.

He is now free and riding in the wind.

Rest in peace, our friend.

-- Millie

Lincoln County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *North Coast*

November is here and you know what that means... Spaghetti!

Yes, the *North Coast Chapter's* annual spaghetti feed is happening November 21st. Please join us for lots of good food and fun.

Astoria Moose Lodge
420 17th street
Astoria, Oregon
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

-- Carl Earl
chapter coordinator
North Coast A.B.A.T.E.



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**

November is here and since last report we have had our fall run. It turned out to be great weather and the ride was beautiful. We really enjoyed the support and meeting members from *River City* and *Southeast Portland* chapters who participated. Thank you for attending. I hope we will be able to reciprocate on your runs in the future.

We completed our fall cleanup for *Adopt-A-Highway*. Thank you to all who showed up to support it.

A number of *LoCo* members went to the oyster run in Anacortes again this year. The ride was fantastic with great weather to and from.

We met a number of *Washington*

A.B.A.T.E. members, but a couple from the Castle Rock area stood out. They introduced themselves to our group and we had a great visit. They plan on coming to a meeting soon.

Fall is here, so as our weather gets worse, please remember to watch yourself and especially the other people around you.

Ride hard, ride safe,

-- Phil



**Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- River City**September 15, 2015**

Thanks again to Steve for helping me out.

Teresa and I had a wonderful dozen days out and about. We attended two local meetings (*Josephine County* and *Jackson County*) and camped in as many places as suited us. We found two groves of yew trees (an objective of mine) and took notes on campgrounds wherever we went.

Two of our members, Joe and Jan Wolford, were in a serious motorcycle crash in southern California. We are keeping track of their progress and trying to help. Much of this meeting was concerning them.

We have several important calendar items for you:

Our highway cleanup will be Sunday, October 4. We will start from the Portage parking lot [*Shilo Inn*] at 9 a.m. We want to take a new chapter picture then, so please come

on out.

Our next regular meeting will be on October 6 at 7 p.m. with an early (6 p.m.) meeting to begin preparing for the upcoming candy sale.

The annual *A.B.A.T.E.* planning session will be October 17-18 in Cottage Grove. Call Brian at (541)–340–9442 for more information.

October 6, 2015

Rick and Shelley regaled us with stories of the *Meeting Of The Minds* conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They reported a very good conference.

Joe gave an update about Jan and talked about the whole event. Wow! Fortunately, she will keep her leg, but she has a long haul to get well. Go Jan!

Rod Runyon would have won the membership game for \$20, if he had been present. It will be \$25 next meeting.



Rick won the 50/50 at \$20/20 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

State board of directors (annual officer elections) this weekend and planning session next weekend. All members welcome to bring ideas and discussion to the meeting.

**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

It's a good public relations thing when we get out in public. People notice and it generates more interest in our group. A lot of people just don't understand what we are about and have myths and untruths about our group and that's where the trifolds help. Be proactive in promoting *A.B.A.T.E.*

Be careful out there when you are riding. We are into autumn, so please be careful when riding in the wetness as it does draw up oil from the pavement the first couple of days it is wet. Slow down on the curves and try to stay out of the center of the lane where the oil accumulates.

The *Musicians Toy Run Benefit* will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the *Trails End Saloon* in Oregon City.

Be sure and put this on your calendar. Visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site or *Facebook* page for the details.

The *36th Annual A.B.A.T.E./Shriners Toy Run* will be held on Saturday, December 5th. Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special event. Visit the toy run web site for more information:

<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

Check out the *Southeast Portland Chapter* mini mall. We have a large chapter trailer, that was used for *Run 21* purposes, for sale. There are a lot of chapter products and private party things for sale too. 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 or encounter profiling or harassment while you are out and about on your motorcycle. 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 reports go to Sam Hochberg, *BikePAC*, *Confederation of Clubs*, and *A.B.A.T.E.*

<http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

Visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter's*

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Southeast Portland
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

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

Washington County

With October wrapped and November at the front door, here at *WaCo* headquarters, we only have two notable events remaining of 2015:

- *Stan Johnston's Memorial Toy Run* and
- Chapter officer elections.

On October 10th we held our *Fall Biker Night* at *Coyote's* in Hillsboro. Always a good time there at *Coyote's*. We had prizes, auctions, good food, and great company. If you haven't attended one of our biker nights (we hold two a year) be sure not to miss them in 2016.

November brings us our annual *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* on the 21st. This annual event is a ride in "parade" with police and emergency vehicle escorts. Every year we donate hundreds of toys (and more dollars)

to the Hillsboro fire department's *Toy and Joy Foundation* with the help of Washington county, the city of Hillsboro, and the Hillsboro *Elks*.

Catch a *WaCo* member to purchase your raffle tickets for multiple chances to win \$100 *Visa* gift cards or \$250 gift cards to a local motorcycle shop and support this great community cause. I hope to see you on the 21st. Look for more information on our flyer in this magazine.

Lastly, I want to mention the 2016 nominations and elections for chapter and state officer positions. Don't be shy. Don't be discouraged. If you have an interest in maintaining *A.B.A.T.E.* and, better yet, improving it, step up. Ask an existing or former officer for more information about their role and how you can help. There are, unfortunately,



always unfilled positions of late, both at the state and chapter levels.

Whether you can help with designing flyers, balancing books, taking notes, or organizing events,

We need you

A.B.A.T.E. needs you

Ride safe,
Ride smart,
Ride.

-- Goat

chapter secretary
Washington County

Washington County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)

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Our Officers at Work

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

10 October 2015 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 11:54 a.m. with eight chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused: *Douglas County*.

Excused chapters: *Central Oregon, North Coast*

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Derald Stafford (*Josephine County*), Eloise Mortimore (*River City*).

Reading, approval of minutes: Secretary noted a correction: the officer nominations list omitted the sanctioning officer from the list of nominations. Teresa Hepker had accepted that nomination, providing that a new secretary is found.

Motion made by Randy Phipps to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Jack Wingfield. Motion passed by voice vote.

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering spoke briefly about the *Umpqua Community College* shootings, in Douglas county. Spanky reported that *Douglas County* and *Josephine County* members are involved in attending several funerals today that had been threatened with picketing by the *Westboro Baptist Church*, which has disrupted many funerals around the county.

Paul said that now is the time for chapters to pick the dates for next year's events and it's important to avoid conflicts with other chapters.

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

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer thanked Rick Prentice and Steve Bishop for attending *Lower Columbia's* event last month.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen said he had been busy because of Butterfly's health.

He will miss the planning session because of a *Wind & Fire* funeral event.

He plans to be at the swap meet in November.

He said he has encouraged *Douglas County* officers to hang on into the new year and he

will try to help get more people involved.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice said he and Steve Bishop have attended several chapter events and will continue to do so as long as they don't interfere with with state board responsibilities.

Rick reported that he and his wife Shelley attended the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation Meeting of the Minds* along with Ted and Jill Tracy. *M.R.F.* is in the black due to careful financial management. It was a good conference with lots of information and he encourages *A.B.A.T.E.* officers and representatives to attend next year when possible.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle distributed a copy of this month's financial report that included a column that explains the abbreviated titles in each *Quicken* category.

checking = \$2,129.17
savings = \$26,941.9
PayPal = \$200.00
U.S. Postmaster = \$130.41
=====

Total = \$29,401.50

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg
Head of household members = 289
Family members = 681
Lifetime members = 84
Associated members = 252

=====

Total = **1,306 members**

A short discussion took place about how chapters help in reminding members to renew or join back up again.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill was excused. He intends to be at the planning session.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer received mail from the *I.R.S.* confirming that the 2014 report extension was approved and notices of form 990's due. She will contact the accountant about these items because the *I.R.S.* seems to have one hand that doesn't know what the other is doing.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path said he did not yet have reports from *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Josephine County, Lower Columbia, North Coast, or Washington*

County. Reports are due by 11:59 p.m. (2359) tonight.

He had stopped in at a D.M.V. office and picked up a driver's manual, motorcycle manual, and bicycle manual. They were interesting reading because they treat motorcycles and bicycles very differently. He also got a card with phone numbers for the *O.D.O.T. (Oregon Department of Transportation)* regional offices for reporting road hazards on state highways.

Sergeant-a-arms (north): Randy Phipps said "*We need you at the planning session.*"

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

Sergeant-a-arms (east): Steve Bishop delivered his first year report, included here because he took the time to write it.

Goals

He feels most of the goals he set for himself have been accomplished, calls his first year a success.

Future Goals

- Spend more time attending your chapter events.
- Keep building relationships for membership and participation.
- Revive the inspiration committee. (Ask him about it.)

Lessons Learned

- Always keep a backup bike.
- My now favorite cinnamon roll is 300 miles from my front door.
- Karen Tolle wants to hear her requests answered with a "yes".
- Jack and other brother Jack (*Lincoln County*) make the best coffee. (Ever.)
- Never get in Randy Phipps' way when he's cooking.
- The closest together the cinnamon roll and Jack's coffee will get is at *S.O.S.*

How great it is to hang with such dedicated people. Thanks for letting me tag along.

Products director: Ted Tracy was excused. He will have products at the planning session.

Don discussed web ordering of 40th anniversary shirts. Cutoff is 12 October. He hopes the orders will be ready in time for the planning session.

Education director: < Vacant >



Teresa Hepker

state
recording
secretary

Public relations director: < Vacant >

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Rick Prentice wants to get bands arranged and flyers, tickets ready by December 31. Property around the *Bear Hollow Park* has been sold, but he does not yet know if that will impact next year's event. He asks for chapters to give him feedback: who will be coming to *Fossil 2016* and what they can do to help at the run.

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg reports 14 of 32 booths have been rented. It is not going as smoothly as the spring swap meet, but it's still coming together. Food vendor is booked.

Setup: Friday 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday 6 to 8 a.m.

Doors open to public 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Todd needs volunteers to help control foot traffic.

Historian: Teresa Hepker had nothing to report.

Web page editor: Carl Earl was excused.

Quartermasters: Paul Hering and Gene Mortimore: Gene said the new canopy covers are in progress. Rick said if the contractor runs out of material, he can get more.

Legislative director: < Vacant > .

Paula Leslie of *BikePAC* said she is trying to find out what governor Brown thinks about our issues. At least the governor has said she "wants to talk more." Paula requested an hour at the planning session to discuss strategy.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall spoke about how important it is for someone from *A.B.A.T.E.* to step forward and ask to be appointed to the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety. (G.A.C.M.S.)* There are two vacancies. (One was previously filled by Ted Tracy, a former state coordinator from *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and active *A.B.A.T.E.* and *M.R.F.* member.)

The committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. in Salem.

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

10 October 2015 (continued from page 9)

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall said, "Join M.R.F.! Get your chapter to join M.R.F."

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen said the next meeting is November 08. The N.C.O.M. convention is October 17 in Boise, Idaho. The CoC continues to focus on profiling, discrimination, harassment.

Unfinished Business

- Final officer nominations for 2016:
- Coordinator:** Paul Hering
- Vice-coordinator (north):** Dave Witmer
- Vice-coordinator (south):** Pat "Spanky" Allen
- Vice-coordinator (east):** Rick Prentice
- Secretary:** Teresa Hepker
- Treasurer:** Karen Tolle
- Membership secretary:** Kathy Sahlberg
- Sanctioning:** _____
- Auditor:** Cindy Witmer
- Sgt-at-arms (north):** _____
- Sgt-at-arms (south):** Lance Tolle
- Sgt-at-arms (east):** Steve Bishop
- Products director:** Ted Tracy
- Education director:** _____
- Public relations director:** _____
- State run coordinator (Fossil):** Rick Prentice
- State swap meet coordinator:** Todd Sahlberg
- Newspaper editor:** Rot Path
- Web page editor:** Carl Earl
- Historian:** Teresa Hepker
- Quartermasters:** Paul Hering, Gene Mortimore

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall; assistants Rick Prentice, Doug Tiller

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen and Mike Friend

- Officer elections: Todd Sahlberg moved, Cindy Witmer seconded, to elect the slate of officers as presented in the final list of nominees.

Yes = 7, No = 1.

Motion passed.

New Business

- Motion** by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps:

"To donate to the M.R.F. according to this formula: one dollar per member, rounded up to the next \$100. This would be \$1,400."

Voted: Yes = 8, No = 0.

Passed.



- Motion** by Randy Phipps, seconded by Jack Wingfield:

"To implement Skype, Go to Meeting, or any other workable software for the purpose of enabling any chapter's state representative or any state officer to participate in any state board meeting where any State representative or any state officer is unable to attend a state board meeting."

Discussion ensued regarding technical challenges and previous attempts to do this.

Motion to table and bring up at planning session:

Yes = 7, No = 0, Abstain = 1

Agenda Items For Planning Session

- Revision of sanctioning application form
- Budget
- Revision of expense report form
- Bylaws: refresher course
- Skype, Go To Meeting motion

Announcements

- Karen Tolle, on behalf of *Josephine County Chapter*, said thank you to all state officers and members of other chapters who helped out at the *S.O.S. Run*. It wouldn't have been the success it was without you.

- Gene Mortimore displayed two sample bricks he had made for the *National Motorcycle Riders Memorial (N.M.R.M.)* at Shelton park near Fossil. He does not yet know the costs for making the bricks and placing them.

- Shriner's Toy Run* motorcycle raffle tickets are available. Go to:

<http://www.abatetoyrun.com/toyrunemail.html>

to contact Jim Niece about buying a ticket or getting tickets to sell.

- Planning session and special board of directors meeting October 17-18, V.F.W. hall in south Cottage Grove, Oregon.

- Next monthly state board of directors meeting at noon on November 14, 2015 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.

Upcoming Events

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

Oct. 23-25 – *Hub City Mall Show*.

Oct. 24 – *Jackson County* poker run.

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

Nov. 07 – Fall state swap meet.

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

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

Dec 05 – *Holiday Run - North Coast*.

Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.

Special Board Meeting

State Planning Session

September 18, 2015

V.F.W. hall – Cottage Grove, Oregon

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 9:13 a.m. with nine of eleven chapters present.

Excused chapters: *Central Oregon, Douglas County*.

Excused officers: Pat "Spanky" Allen, Robert Terrill, Rot Path, Carl Earl. All other state officers present.

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Bob and Millie Highfill (*Lincoln County*), Paula Leslie (*BikePAC*), Kenneth Ward, Geoffrey White (*Southeast Portland*).

Motions

1. By Lance Tolle and Cindy Witmer:

"To adopt the revised event reconciliation report, expense report, and sanctioning application forms as presented, with correction of a typo."

Yes = 8, No = 0

Passed

2. By Lance Tolle and Cindy Witmer:

"To adopt the 2016 state budget as revised and agreed on by the board."

Yes = 8, No = 0

Passed

3. By Lance Tolle and Todd Sahlberg:

"To change membership categories 'Family' to 'Couple' and 'Associate' to 'Sustaining', effective to coincide with next printing of trifolds, but no later than January 1, 2017."

Discussion ensued.

Yes = 4, No = 2, Abstain = 2

Passed

4. By Todd Sahlberg and Randy Phipps:

After discussion, original motion was amended to read:

"Spouse of a life member may join at the difference in fee between 'Individual' and 'Couple' rates."

Yes = 3, No = 4, Abstain = 2

Failed

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From yer . . .



. . . yet again

The concept of November is much less a page of our calendar than a state of mind. “. . . a certain brownness at the edges of the day” as Tom Stoppard puts it in *Rosencrantz And Guildenstern Are Dead*. (At least on the top side of our planet.)

Leaves have departed trees to be wind-whipped into piles that rains turn into sodden slippery heaps for wary motorcyclists to avoid.

Rolling through eleventh month countrysides, one is surrounded by bare-limbed trees relieved by fir trees’ sullen green, immersed in tan autumn grasses composting into earth tones.

As darkness continues to spread into our days, it’s time to retreat inside, to find renewal in the cozy company of others.

Most of our major motorcycling events are behind us. Now we can relax into unstructured enjoyment of each other’s company, sharing new memories, creating others.

Giving pause to think of those who have departed for other realms, giving thanks for what we have rather than being envious of what we do not.

When we have each other, we are rich.

It’s a challenge attempting to edit around a catten (older than a kitten, younger than a cat) snuggling on one’s chest.

Still, it gives time for dreamy contemplation that one would not normally allow one’s self.

Happened to park near a D.M.V. office while doing errands the other day, so ducked in to retrieve driver, motorcycle, and bicycle manuals.

Every so often yer crusty ol’ editor likes to pick a driver’s manual just to see what’s changed lately. (Knowing the regs gives less opportunity to see flashing blue lights in rearview mirrors.)

Brownness Of Days

right to pedal ?

c.o.e. – 166

The driver manual begins with an introduction reminding motorists that driving on taxpayer-funded roadways is a privilege.

The motorcycle manual starts out with responsibility of riders.

Bicyclists are advised in their manual that they have a *right* to ride on roads, streets, and highways. (The fact that bicycle riders are to obey traffic signage isn’t mentioned until three-quarters of the way through the manual, which may help explain why so many of them routinely roll through stop signs.)

Quite a change of attitude between the human-powered manual and the others: Entitlement versus responsible road use.

The fact is that the primary purpose of our roads and highways is to allow movement of larger engine or motor-driven vehicles. Bicycle use of motorways is incidental and must not interfere with pavement’s



Rot Path
crusty ol’ editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

primary purpose. Face it, without motorcycles, cars, trucks, and buses, there would be no justification for having paved roads, especially outside of urban areas.

A little humility on the part of some of the more strident bikists would go a long way to finding workable solutions for all road users. (That and obeying traffic regulations.)

Here’s hoping for rain in the lowlands and snow in the mountains.

A political system is broken when party control and power are paramount to elected official’s attention while acting for the good of the citizenry is incidental.



NOVEMBER Cryptogram

H B J K H B V L R M H D O N M L O E P F O Y M J
R C H B R M L O Y P B M R L P N D O O W P B A
P N F R I B U M R F O S R K O H M J Y H B M,
H B U H B J K H B V L R J P O E U N I W L P N E P F O Y M J,
P B L R V O X O Y N E P A L M M L O K O H N I T O,
P N F R I B U M R F O S R K O H N E H X O.

-- L. E. K O B S D O B

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 for 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.

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

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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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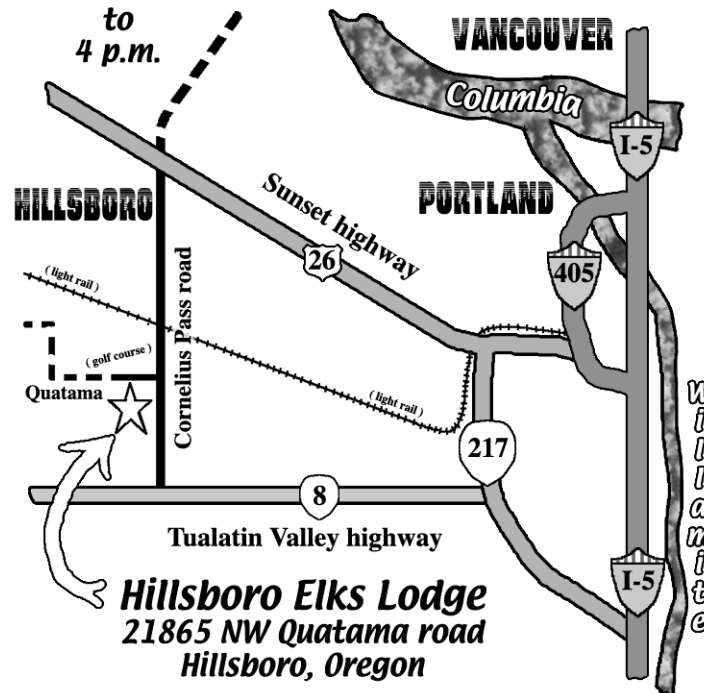


Fall Swap Meet

Saturday

07 November 2015

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



Hillsboro Elks Lodge
21865 NW Quatama road
Hillsboro, Oregon

Special Board Meeting

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Sanctioning Of State Runs And Events

The board agreed it is the responsibility of the state run coordinator and state swap meet coordinator to complete the sanctioning application for each event.

Event reconciliation will be done by the state treasurer.

No formal motion was submitted.

It was agreed that job descriptions for these coordinators should be amended to make this clear.

BikePAC Financial Report

Paula Leslie reported that BikePAC currently has \$2,500 in the general fund and less than \$200 in the political fund.

Raffle

- Brian Stovall raffled off a knife, and donated \$49 to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

- Jeff White purchased several Shriners Toy Run tickets and offered to accept donations for them, proceeds to be donated to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Adjourned: 10:17 a.m.



36th Annual ABATE Toy Run

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

Saturday Dec. 5, 2015

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

Festivities Start at 9:00 am
Raffle Drawing at 12:00 Noon
Parade Leaves at 12:15 pm
Santa Party at the Hospital at 1:15 pm

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

ALL TYPES OF MOTORCYCLES / SCOOTERS WELCOME



2014 Equipment Presentation

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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Kid's Christmas Toy Drop

Saturday

December 5th, 2015

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

sponsored by Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

for

Newport American Legion Post 116

Annual Kid's Christmas Party

(Please keep toy prices at approximately \$10)

Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E. will have a 50/50 drawing
and a short ride at 1:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Information: Bob & Millie at (541)-265-7586
kawasakibob@yahoo.com

Donations to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and it's chapters
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Southeast Portland

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education page for valuable information on motorcycle awareness program (M.A.P.) 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 and runs, etc. We need member input to help us improve our way of doing things. We also want to know what we are doing right.

<http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/chaptersurvey.htm>

Best regards to all,

-- James Niece
secretary
Southeast Portland Chapter

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*Curing
legislative
ignorance since
1975.*

North Coast Chapter ABATE of Oregon

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21

Astoria Moose Lodge
420 17th St.
Astoria, Or 97103

\$10 Adults
\$3 Children 12 & under

Proceeds support Clatsop County food banks



Donations of auction items can be given to any North Coast Chapter member or brought to the Moose Lodge.

For more information, visit www.northcoastabate.com
Email info@northcoastabate.com or call Carl Earl at 503-325-6932
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Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run

November 21, 2015

Proceeds benefit the Hillsboro Fire Department's Toy & Joy Program



BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY
Cash Donations Accepted

2 CHANCES TO WIN
\$250 TO
BEAVERTON HONDA

Begins @ Hillsboro Fire Dept, Station #3, 4455 NW 229th
Group ride leaves @ 12 Noon Sharp!
Ends @ Hillsboro Elks Lodge, 21865 NW Quatama Rd
For more information call Tom Kippert @ 503-307-2067

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Motorcycle Awareness



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Central Oregon	2nd Sunday – 2 p.m.	Izzy's Pizza	Redmond
Douglas County	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)	
Hub City	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	Winchester	
Jackson County	3rd Tuesday – 6 p.m.	Ciddici's Pizza	Albany
Josephine County	3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.	Witham's Restaurant	Medford
Lincoln County	3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Fruitdale grange	Grant's Pass
Lower Columbia	2nd Sunday – 7 p.m.	American Legion	Newport
North Coast	3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.	Colvin's Pub	Clatskanie
River City	1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Moose lodge	Astoria
		Shiloh Inn	The Dalles
Southeast Portland	3rd Sunday – noon	M&M Restaurant	Gresham
Washington County	2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.	Pine Time	Forrest Grove

Unknown Brother

Didn't know him.
Weren't biologically related.
He was four years younger than ancient self.
Yet, because he rode a motorcycle, we were brothers of the road.
The same road, as it turns out.
River Road South out of Salem.
Claimed it's share of riders, though not always their fault.
Used to ride it a lot on the bike when working in Cherry City.
Day or night, fair weather or foul.

Tricky bit, where his spirit departed his body.
Through road comes up over a small rise.
Side road sneaks in from railroad underpass.
Driver pulled out in front of rider.
Fled scene after causing crash on Friday evening.
Turned himself in following Monday.
Charged with manslaughter, failure to perform duties of driver.
Doesn't seem enough.
Won't rejoin spirit to body.
Can't take place of son, husband, father, grandfather.

Looking isn't enough.
Cage drivers have to *see* motorcyclists.

-- Rot Path
(Oct 2015)

State Planning Session

September 17, 2015

VFW hall – Cottage Grove, Oregon

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 9:08 AM with nine of eleven chapters present. Excused Chapters: Central Oregon, Douglas County. Excused officers: Pat (Spanky) Allen, Robert Terrill, Rot Path, Carl Earl. All other State Officers present.

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Bob and Millie Highfill (*Lincoln County*), Doug and Denissa Tiller (*BikePAC*), Paula Leslie (*BikePAC*), Bill Foster, Kenneth Ward, Chuck Miller (*North Coast*), Geoffrey White (*Southeast Portland*).

Housekeeping

- Revision of sanctioning form submitted by Jim Niece (*Southeast Portland* web master).

Changes include making the form “fillable” on-line, fixing some text spacing, changing *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* recipient share from 10% to 20% (actual increase was adopted in 2013), and adding more space for “additional insureds” on page 2.

- Don Mason (*Hub City*) suggested adding a section under “purpose of fundraiser”:

“Check all that apply:

This event promotes motorcycle

Awareness

Education

Safety

Liberty”

- Revision of *Event Reconciliation Report* was submitted by Karen Tolle, changing the format to make it easier to use, updating state share from 10% to 20%.

- Revision of expense report is set up to add up all expenses, then deduct “portion paid by chapter” from that subtotal to give the total requested from the state.

Sanctioning

- **Question:** Who is responsible to sanctioning of state swap meets and state runs? Event coordinators or sanctioning officer?

Discussion: Event coordinators know the information that needs to be completed on the form.

State treasurer reconciles the events.

Sanctioning officer is responsible for getting insurance certificate on time.

- List of 2016 chapter events is due at the December state board meeting, including proposed dates. This will allow sanctioning to be sure there are no date conflicts between events.

- Sanctioning questions: Some are covered in sanctioning guidelines, some are not.

- Do all events need insurance?

Answer: Insurance protects the organization and its chapters from liability, so is recommended. If you are unsure, contact the sanctioning officer or state coordinator.

- Do all fundraisers require 20% tithing?

Answer: Sanctioned fundraisers require it. Chapter raffles, etc. do not.

- Do all events need sanctioning?

Answer: Any event or activity that is promoted under the name of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* or chapter names.

- What **cannot** be sanctioned? See sanctioning guidelines.

Chapter News

- *Douglas County Chapter* is active in funerals for persons killed in the *Umpqua Community College* shootings.

- *Jackson County Chapter* has changed their meeting date to the third Friday of the month, to avoid conflict with *Douglas County* meeting date.

- *Central Oregon Chapter*: Robert Terrill is not running again for coordinator. As one of just two chapters east of the Cascades, this chapter is very important, and we need to make recruiting efforts in central, southern, and eastern Oregon.

Officer Training

Karen Tolle and Cindy Witmer requested a treasurers meeting after the February state board meeting.

Karen suggested that we consider similar meetings for training coordinators and other chapter officers.

It gives the people doing each job a chance to meet the state officers they work with, and meet and learn from their peers in other chapters.

Tax Accountant

Cindy and Karen are not happy with the performance of our current tax accountant and suggested looking for a new one.

The board will ask Rot Path to run a newspaper ad for a new accountant with not-for-profit experience, in hopes one of our members could fill that role.

Tabled Motion

From October board meeting:

“To use technology to allow officers and chapter representatives to participate in state board meetings from remote location.”

After much discussion of pros and cons, Don Mason offered to work with Carl to set up a test run to see what would work best in our situation.

BikePAC of Oregon

- Paula Leslie reported that *BikePAC* will watch the short session in early 2016, but will not submit any bills.

During the coming months, they will be working to identify supporters and opponents, and single out key races in the 2016 primary and general elections.

The filing window for 2016 elections is January 28 to March 8.

- The *Oregon Traffic Safety Commission* recently narrowed down 2017 legislative interests to two areas: distracted driving, and concerns about “advisory” speed limits and “firm” speed limits.

- The *Governor’s Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S)* has said that “strip” pavement repairs on interstates or freeways is illegal.

Paula suggested a campaign by *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters to survey area roads, identify hazardous areas, and report the problem.

- *O.D.O.T.* and the *Traffic Safety Administration’s “Don’t Ask for a Crash”* campaign offers assistance to groups such as *A.B.A.T.E.* in planning safe events. Contact Paula for information.

- Adopt a legislator: Bill Foster suggested some ideas for chapters to help educate their legislators, such as sending them our newspaper.

Doug Tiller noted that the legislature

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State Planning Session (continued)

has a “Going Green” initiative where they prefer to receive information electronically, not on paper. Board agreed it would be easy to e-mail the newspaper to all legislators.

- Motorcycle fatalities are up 40% over last year: 52 people so far. Most are experienced riders, solo crashes in turns.

- Question: What are rules on transporting legal marijuana on a motorcycle?

- Question: How many A.B.A.T.E. members have taken a *Team Oregon* class? Chapters are asked to inquire with their members and report back.

Membership

- Some life members have contacted Kathy Sahlberg to object to asking spouses to pay regular member rates. Discussion ensued.

- Kathy said there is some confusion over the “family” part of the membership form.

- She has signed up two new life

members, but did not have a life member patch to send to them. Ted Tracy will take care of getting some to her.

- Kathy suggested sending postcards (when she has name and address available) to group member associates inviting them to become individual members of A.B.A.T.E. Board liked the idea.

Budget

- Karen Tolle reviewed 2015 budget and actual spending. She will bring proposed 2016 budget to board tomorrow. [Sunday]

Budget goals:

1. Be prudent with money
2. Grow membership
3. Grow officers

Officer Vacancies

- Sanctioning: Discussed need

to make sanctioning process more automated, done on-line.

- Need to shop for insurance vendors to compare prices.

- Several people indicated interest if process is streamlined.

- An election will take place at the November 2015 state board meeting.

- Public relations and education are vacant.

- Sgt-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps accepted nomination.

Products

- Ted Tracy said on-line store tests have been very successful, getting closer to going live.

- He plans to offer specials on older items in stock.

Adjourned 3:50 p.m.



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

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Mongols Motorcycle Club Patch Forfeiture Case Dismissed

In a long-awaited decision with ramifications that could affect all patch-wearing clubs, on September 16, 2015 federal district judge David O. Carter issued a dismissal of the government's most recent attempt to seize the *Mongols Motorcycle Club's* name and patch.

In the case titled *United States of America versus Mongols Nation*, judge Carter saw the key legal question in the case as the “distinctness” between a ‘person’ and an ‘enterprise’ that is not simply the same ‘person’ referred to by a different name.”

In layman's terms, the good news is that the government's indictment is hereby dismissed pending appeal, which appears unlikely.

“We won,” said Richard Lester, a California-based attorney who has rallied support for defense of the patch forfeiture case through various *Confederations of Clubs* around the country and the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists*, organizations he helped to establish.

“We didn't win the day on key legal points, and the court's decision didn't make the statement we wanted to make in defending the patch, but we won.”

The protracted litigation against the *Mongols Motorcycle Club* on racketeering charges began October 21, 2013 when the indictment against the club was unsealed. Although the club won its first trial, the judge's ruling was poorly written and welcomed the charges to be properly re-filed.

While the constitutionality of seizing the *Mongols* insignia (or the insignia of any motorcycle club) remains unresolved under the dismissal, judge Carter did rule that the government

cannot indict a club as an “enterprise” for racketeering without also indicting a group who can be actually punished, noting that the indictment makes “no meaningful distinction between the association *Mongol Nation* and the enterprise of the *Mongols gang*,” which is good news for all motorcycle clubs.

The prosecution, and subsequent persecution, of the club as a whole was designed to bankrupt the *Mongols* with mounting legal fees, but money has been raised by both the *Mongols* club and through the *Save the Patch* effort launched by the *C.o.C.s* and *N.C.O.M.*, and the *Trademark Defense Fund*. I will continue to accept donations until the enormous debt is retired or if needed for a governmental appeal.

Civil Forfeiture Regulations Legalize Property Seizures

The recent attempt by the government to seize the patches of motorcycle clubs has focused attention in the motorcycle world on civil forfeiture laws. What started off as a measure to cripple drug kingpins and crush their criminal empires by confiscation of their property has morphed into an often abused enforcement tactic that harms blameless citizens.

“Civil forfeiture” is the legal procedure which allows police to seize property suspected of being related to a crime. In testimony given before a citizen commission, one police chief was surprisingly frank in referring to assets seized as “pennies from heaven,” and said the money acquired was sometimes used to buy “toys” that the department could not usually afford.

Under state and federal regulations,

police departments can seize and keep property that is suspected of involvement in criminal activity. Unlike criminal asset forfeiture, however, with civil forfeiture, a property owner need not be found guilty of a crime, or even charged, to permanently lose their cash, car, home, or other personal property merely on suspicion that a crime might have been committed.

No hearing is held prior to seizure, which occurs abruptly without any notice or warning whatsoever. Although civil forfeiture doesn't draw criminal charges against the owner, it does deprive him of his property without due process based solely on an officer's “reasonable suspicion,” and a portion of the assets seized typically is retained by the police departments who seized the property in the first place.

In 2012, \$4.5 billion was acquired via civil forfeitures in tens of thousands of instances nationwide, and in most cases the value of the assets seized was less than what it would cost to hire an attorney to go to court to win it back.

Asset forfeitures have been abused by many police departments, but like the *Mongols Motorcycle Club* and other motorcycle clubs, citizens are starting to fight back. Americans from all sides of the political spectrum have started to expose the dangers of civil forfeiture, and members of congress from both sides of the aisle have introduced legislation to reform the federal civil forfeiture regulations. Reforms of state regulations have also been called for.

Congress Addresses

Motorcyclist Safety

A congressional subcommittee has approved two motorcycle safety measures for inclusion in the federal highway bill. One to de-fund motorcycle-only checkpoints, and another to prohibit the department of transportation from lobbying on any pending legislation.

On September 10, the subcommittee on research and technology of the U.S. house science, space and technology committee passed the two amendments to the *Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015* to be incorporated in the house version of the surface transportation authorization bill.

Amendment number 036 directs a study to be conducted to determine the most effective methods of preventing motorcycle crashes, and further bars federal funding to states to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints until the research is completed.

Amendment number 037 prohibits the department of transportation from lobbying on any pending federal, state, or local legislation. The current *N.H.T.S.A.* lobby ban only prevents the federal D.O.T. from lobbying at the state level.

The U.S. senate's version of the highway funding bill already contains language to prohibit federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints.

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N.T.S.B. Wants Collision Avoidance Systems

For All Vehicles

In a report released June 8, the *National Transportation Safety Board* outlined the life-saving benefits of currently available collision avoidance systems, and recommends that the technology become standard on all new passenger and commercial vehicles.

“You don’t pay extra for your seat belt,” said chairman Christopher A. Hart. *“And you shouldn’t have to pay extra for technology that can help prevent a collision altogether.”*

N.T.S.B.’s special investigation report, *The Use of Forward Collision Avoidance Systems to Prevent and Mitigate Rear-End Crashes*, stresses that collision avoidance systems can prevent or lessen the severity of rear-end crashes, thus saving lives and reducing injuries.

According to statistics from the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)*, rear-end crashes kill about 1,700 people every year and injure half a million more. More than 80% of these deaths and injuries might have been mitigated had the vehicles been equipped with a collision avoidance system.

Citing slow progress as a major safety issue, the report notes that a lack of incentives and limited public awareness has stunted the wide adoption of collision avoidance technology.

Only four out of 684 passenger vehicle models in 2014 included a complete forward collision avoidance system as a standard feature.

In the report, the *N.T.S.B.* recommends that manufacturers make collision avoidance systems standard equipment in newly

manufactured vehicles.

Missouri Mounted Plates

In a measure signed into effect on July 13 by Missouri governor Jay Nixon, SB-254 modifies provisions relating to motor vehicle license plates, allowing trailer and motorcycle license plates to be mounted horizontally or vertically on the left rear of the motor vehicle.

Allstate Donates Dangerous

Intersections Warning Signs

Allstate Insurance Company and its engineering partners are working closely with local traffic authorities to review available crash data and to identify intersections with a high number of multi-vehicle crashes involving motorcycles. *Allstate* then donates warning signs to be installed at the site with the intent of elevating awareness of motorcycle incidents that would not be readily apparent to a driver.

The warning signs used in the campaign are yellow diamond warning signs that read *“Watch For Motorcycles.”*

Allstate worked in conjunction with the *Federal Highway Administration* to design the current sign to ensure compliance with section 2A.06 paragraph 13 of the M.U.T.C.D.

The *N.H.T.S.A. (National Highway Safety Administration)*, in their fatality analysis reporting system, supports the *Hurt Report’s* findings, showing 46% of all multi-vehicle motorcycle crash fatalities (8,107 out of 17,470 fatalities from 2006-2012) occurred at intersections. This data shows that, on average, three motorcyclists are killed every day from multi-vehicle crashes at intersections in the U.S.

Motorcycle Helmet Cameras

“Illegal” Down Under

An Australian motorcycle rider unsuccessfully challenged a citation for using a camera attached to his helmet, setting an important legal precedent for riders in the Australian state of Victoria.

Victorian police cited a technicality within the rules to argue the camera was an “unauthorized alteration” to an otherwise Australian standards-approved helmet. Items that protrude more than 5 mm [about 1/4”] from the helmet surface are deemed illegal attachments, the police argue, and therefore render the helmet non-compliant with the Australian standards.

In other words, as far as Victoria Police were concerned, it’s as if the rider wasn’t wearing an Australian standards-approved helmet at all.

In all Australian states and territories, motorcycle riders must wear a helmet approved by Australian standards while riding.

As a landmark ruling by a Victorian court, the decision effectively bans motorcycle riders in that state from wearing helmets with cameras attached, but meanwhile police in other states enforce the regulations much differently.

New South Wales police have

already been targeting riders for wearing cameras.

So while riders in Victoria are now fair game and have even reportedly been fined for attaching tinted visors to their helmets, police in Western Australia and Queensland wear helmet cameras themselves. (The very act that has seen motorcyclists fined in N.S.W. and, now, Victoria.)

“Riders tell us they wear helmet cameras to improve their safety while on the roads and that drivers and other road users show more care when there is a camera in use,” said the rider’s lawyer, who is considering an appeal. *“Riders should not be penalized for trying to improve the safety of their riding,”* he said, adding that cameras are also ideal for capturing evidence during a collision.

Quotable Quote

“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.”

-- Plato

(428-347 BCE)

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Socrates student,

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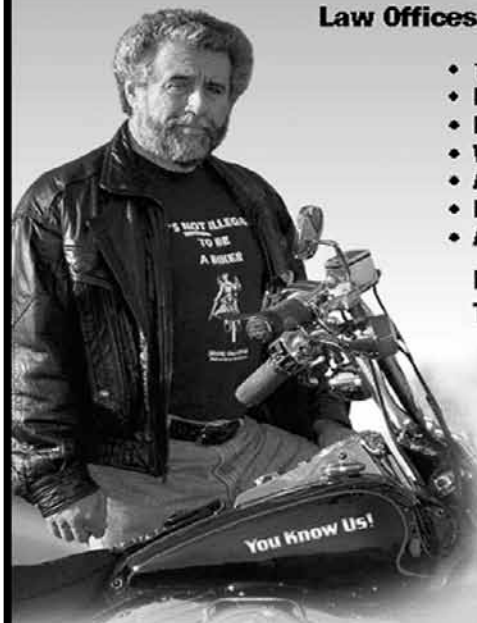
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Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X	X			X		X	
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
other areas										
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	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	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 motorcycles, 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 statenews@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

• New trailer axle 3,500 lb torque flex 6'-4" frame perch width, Ford 5-hole wheel pattern. **\$250** or best offer.
 • New *Ultima* six-speed transmission. (200 miles) Pulled out of 1998 *Softail*. (Sold the bike to buy a bagger.) **\$600 (503)-706-7158** (If no answer, leave a message and I will get back with you.) Wilsonville area.
 (Nov 2015)

For Sale

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.

Lost

... all the leaves on trees.

Found

... reasons to give thanks.

Help Wanted

Accountant to help us file our taxes. *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* is looking for an accountant who is familiar with not-for-profit organizations and knows how to file *I.R.S.* forms as well as Oregon state forms.
 Interested?
 Call Cindy at **(503)-728-3908** or Karen at **(541)-660-8730**

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.

news@abateoforegon.net

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.)

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

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

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

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

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

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

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES: What was the verdict? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2015

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
Teresa Hepker	(541)–965–2701	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Dave Witmer	(360)–560–6403	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	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Kathy Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Robert Terrill	(503)–887–3032	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor			
Cindy Witmer	(360)–560–6403	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)–838–6893	news@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)			
Steve Bishop	(541)–980–7017	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
Products director			
Ted Tracy	(503)–819–8113	products@abateoforegon.net	
Education director			
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	Education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
Todd Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
Teresa Hepker	(541)–965–2701	Historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
Carl Earl	(503)–325–6932	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
Paul Hering, Gene Mortimore	(503)–313–7129	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Brian Stovall	(541)–340–9442	BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
Brian Stovall	(541)–340–9442		
Confederation of Clubs representative			
Pat Allen	(541)–659–8715	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

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

(Return address)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DON'T
FER-
GET
YER
STAMP

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

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

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

Membership Rates:

number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single*	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Family* <small>(Includes couple. Additional family members \$5 each per year.)</small>	\$ 45	\$ 80	\$120	\$200
_____	Associate** <small>(Includes name printed in state newspaper.)</small>	\$100	\$190	\$280	\$450
_____	Sustaining*	\$100			

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

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

Total members: _____

Date paid: _____



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

Notes:






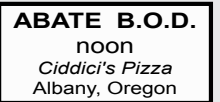



- * **Single, family, sustaining and life member benefits:**
 - Patch (first year), card
 - Accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members
 - Discounted admission to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events
 - Qualify for *Team Oregon* tuition reimbursement offers as may be set by the board.

**** 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: _____

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STATE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, 14 Nov 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:



There once was a rider called Shamas,
 Who used to drink until quite painless,
 Rode his bike on a whim,
 Crashed into a museum,
 Now his pickled liver is famous.

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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:
01 Nov-26 Dec	Care bear collection / North Coast		
07 Nov 2015	Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Hillsboro	(541)-890-9047
07 Nov 2015	Musicians Toy Run Benefit	Oregon City	
21 Nov 2015	Spaghetti dinner & auction / North Coast	Astoria	(503)-325-6932
21 Nov 2015	Stan Johnson Toy Run / WaCo	Hillsboro	(503)-307-2067
05 Dec 2015	Kid's Christmas Toy Drop / LinCo	Newport	(541)-265-7586
05 Dec 2015	Holiday Run / North Coast		
05 Dec 2015	36th ABATE Toy Run / SE-PDX	Portland	(503)-
30 Feb 2057	Earthlight Run / World ABATE	the Moon	(XL5)-843-6666

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 Friday	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 & 3rd 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