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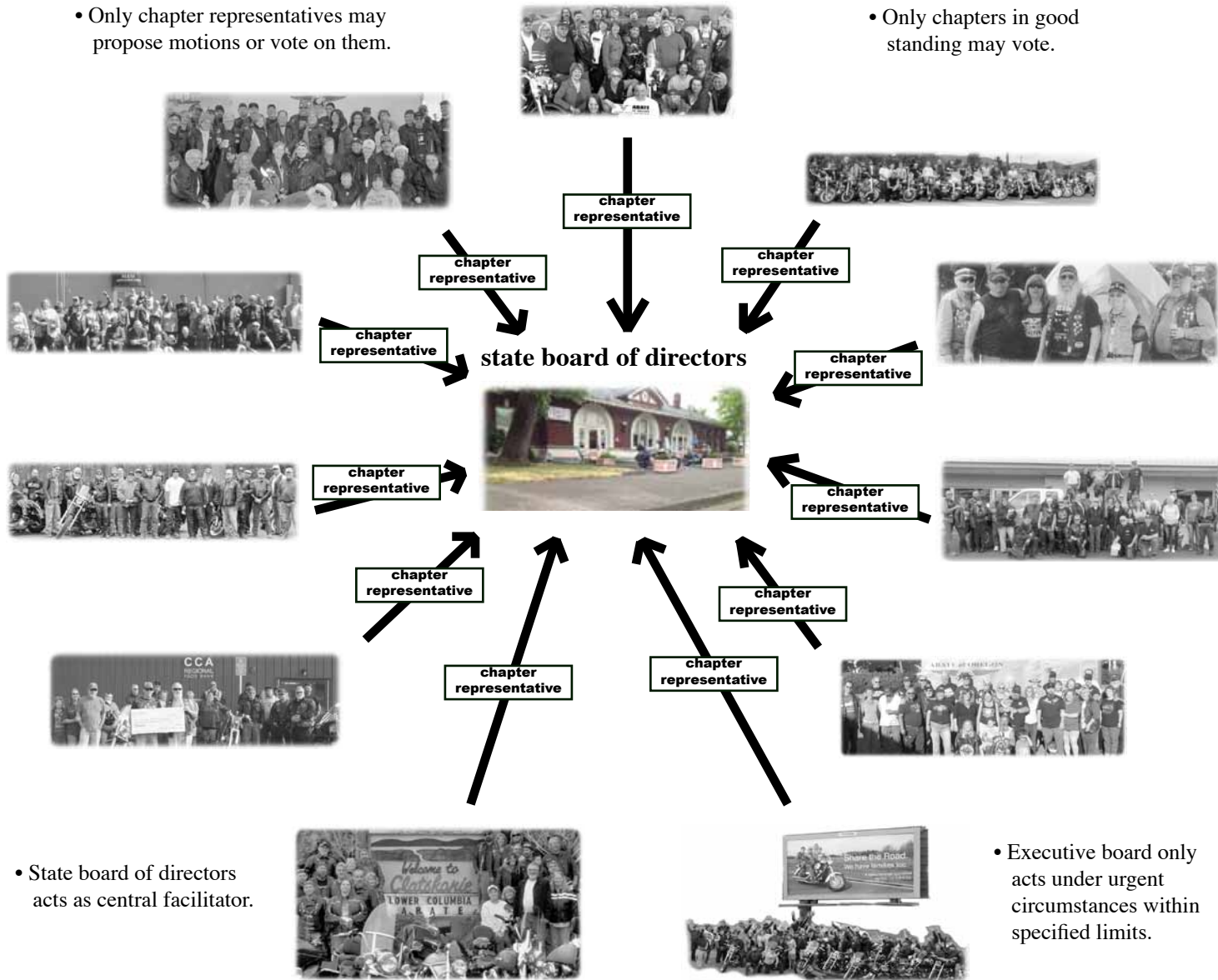
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Chapters Hold Power To Effect Change

- Only chapter representatives may propose motions or vote on them.

- Only chapters in good standing may vote.



- State board of directors acts as central facilitator.

- Executive board only acts under urgent circumstances within specified limits.

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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

Welcome to 2016 !

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season.

Now that the new year is here, we can all look forward to the many events that keep *A.B.A.T.E.* moving forward.

With a clear views of our mission statement always in front of us, we can plan our biker nights, poker runs, and our camp outs.

I hope that you will consider volunteering some time to help with an event this year. "Many hands make for light work." What a great saying, and it's oh so true. Please help out at a chapter event, or maybe even a state function.

Also be looking for a call to action from *BikePAC*. They will be having

some legislative days at the capital scheduled for later this month. With the momentum that was achieved last year, we are looking forward to better things this next session.

Call your local representative or senator. Find out where they stand on motorcyclist rights. If they are in our corner, that's great. But if not, find out what will it take to change their mind. Sometimes it's as simple as giving them *all the facts*. No one can make a good decision without knowing all the facts.

Take the time to call or better yet, make a personal visit. You can make a difference.

Congratulations to all the newly elected chapter officers. I look

forward to meeting you and working with you. If there is any way the state officers can be of help, please don't hesitate to ask. Help is just a phone call away.

Again, *happy new year to you all.*

In the brotherhood,

-- Paul Hering
state coordinator



Paul Hering

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coordinator
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of Oregon

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

I hope everybody had a great holiday season. This time of year can be crazy and very hard on some of us. I am glad it only comes once a year.

We still have vacancies in our officer list. Please come to our next meeting and see what you can do to help.

If we do not get some people to step up and help it may be the end of the chapter here in the Bend / Redmond area. I would hate to see the years of hard work building our *M.R.F.* benefit and *Teddy Bear Run* go to waste.

Without help, the chapter will be forced to fold and those runs will be no more.

If you or anybody you know can

help out, please come to the next meeting.

I would hate to see the end of this chapter.

Hope to see you on the road (when it is warmer and drier),

-- Bob Terrill
coordinator (*pro-tem*)



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 miss
hearing from you**

Douglas County**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)
 5669 N.E. Stephens St.
 Winchester
 (541)–672–1522

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

Hello to all and Merry Christmas to you,

Getting ready for the new year, ready to meet new people.

Jackson County will have a lot going on this year as well as all the other chapters, so let us all have a safe year and have a lot of fun.

**Jackson County****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Friday at 1800 (6 pm)
Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant
 2339 Biddle road
 Medford, Oregon
 (541)–

POINT of CONTACT

Name (541)–890–9047

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Ja.Co.Abate@gmail.com

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

Happy New Year from *Hub City*,

There were many toy runs held last month that we all participated in by bringing toys. I am sure many boys and girls had a wonderful Christmas, thanks to the generosity of our motorcycle community.

Hub City is already busy planning events for 2016.

First on the calendar is the *Don Nash Annual Chilly Buns* ride on February 21, 2016. Details are being planned so watch for more information in next month's paper. Or you can always check the *Hub City* web site for details.

Next will be a biker night in May and then our annual poker run the first Saturday in June.

Already looking like a busy year for *Hub City* folks.

Okay, we all know what's coming, but

just because winter is here doesn't mean that you have to give up on riding.

Here's a few tips that can help keep you in the saddle all year 'round. Although most of you may be familiar with this information, it hopefully will help some new riders

– **Get layered.** Layering will keep you insulated and warm. Start with a light base layer that's breathable. (Microfiber is a good choice.) Your base layer should trap warm air next to your skin and wick away sweat. Make sure your top layer is made of tough, windproof material, such as leather or nylon. Be sure layering clothing hasn't restricted the movement you need to ride safely.

– **Trap body heat.** Keeping your hands and head warm is crucial. Most body heat escapes there. To seal the gap



between jacket and gloves, invest in gauntlet-style gloves. Consider wearing a silk or microfiber layer under your gloves as well. In addition, invest in a neck warmer or balaclava to prevent cold air from entering your helmet.

– **Don't get foggy.** Visor fogging can cause hazardous visibility problems during cold weather. Wear a half-mask inside your helmet over a wind-proof balaclava. This combo allows your breath

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Hub City **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue — Albany

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

Josephine County

Our drive to the December state board meeting became quite a weather challenging event.

Anticipating the three-hour drive in pouring rain going north and not wanting to drive back in the dark pouring rain, we decided to make it a one way trip up on Saturday and return on Sunday.

With extra time on our hands following the meeting, we followed Paula to her storage unit and picked up a few *BikePAC* shirts to sell at our chapter meeting. On a pretty day, this might have been a pleasant drive through the back streets of Albany and Corvallis. As it was constantly raining, it was more like an adventure trying to keep up with Paula's nimble riding abilities. (Yes, she rode to the meeting.) Her bright colored jacket and helmet made it easy.

We picked up our shirts and headed back to the freeway. Lance and I were talking too much making plans for

dinner and missed our turn to get to the freeway so we proceeded south on a parallel road that took us through some more pretty scenery. (But not on a rainy day.)

I think we ended up in south Eugene. We stopped at a *Staples* to get speakers for Lance's laptop, then dinner.

Found the freeway and headed to Creswell and our hotel. Spent the rest of the evening watching TV and catching up on some needed rest.

Sunday morning we headed to Cottage Grove and breakfast. It wasn't raining as hard, so we looked forward to a more pleasant drive home. During breakfast we checked weather reports and road conditions.

To our surprise, we learned of all the snow that fell over night. Several inches back home. Power outages in Grants Pass. Roads closed and fallen trees. Trip check said the southbound I-5 was closed at Canyonville. There was a



weather-caused crash at Wolf Creek and the freeway was closed there also.

Now our trip home was not looking so good. We started talking about getting a room in Roseburg. Or maybe we would just stay in Cottage Grove.

Well, we bit the bullet and started driving. We finally figured out that the trip check reports were more than two hours old and maybe everything was clear now. Crossed our fingers and hoped for the best.

Sure enough, as we headed south, there was more and more snow along side the road, but the road was clear. We crossed our fingers and kept going.

No slow-downs in Roseburg.

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Josephine County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

POINT of CONTACT

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1252 Redwood Avenue, #55
Grants Pass, OR 97527

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

The poet Thomas Hood wrote (in part):

*No warmth,
No cheerfulness,
No healthful ease.
No comfortable feel in any member.
No shade,
No shine,
No butterflies,
No bees.
No fruits,
No flowers,
No leaves,
No birds.*

November

To this, I would add,

*No-secretary,
No-meeting.*

Our long standing secretary, Millie, has suffered a serious stroke and is still in recovery. She is the force that

kept the disorderly in order, dotted the “t”s, crossed the “i”s, and took care of the paperwork that defies the rest of us. She is a founding member of the chapter.

Anyone caring to send her a card can mail it to:

Millie Highfill
2830 NE Iler
Newport, OR 97365

For years we have been having our meetings at the same place and same time. The person managing the place, citing that nobody had contacted them to confirm, closed the place and went home early. Seven people standing outside a bar in the rainy darkness. Well, you can imagine the pathetic picture.

Our toy drop was a success in spirit, but, as with everything else, could have been better with a few more people.



Some kids Christmas's are going to be better due to the chapter's efforts. (And some of the members may get a little more something than a lump of coal in their Christmas stocking.)

Hope that you had a nice Christmas. Hope that you enjoyed some nog, hugged your loved ones and also had a nice New Year's. Along with “visions of sugar plum fairies” there were probably some dreams of warm weather and dry roads!

ride safe,

-- skid more

Lincoln County ***MEETING TIMES and PLACE***

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

POINT of CONTACT

Bob (541)-265-7586

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P.O. Box 372
South Beach, OR 97366

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

Spaghetti Feed was a walloping success.

More than 115 people attended the *2015 Spaghetti Feed and Auction*. Laird is putting the final numbers together for the December 15, meeting, but signs are we raised over \$6,700!

The spaghetti was mighty tasty and the laughter and fun was everywhere. The *Moose Lodge* was very accommodating. Thanks, Laird, for making that happen.

We had difficulties with the sound system. Not everyone who joined the fun.

North Coast A.B.A.T.E. will feed a lot of people next year.

Officers Elected

The slate for next year's officers was approved at the November meeting. The new officers are:

Coordinator: Carl Earl

Vice-coordinator: Bill Varozza

Secretary: Allen Schumacher

Treasurer: Laird Akins

Membership secretary: Mick Inniss

State representative: Chuck Miller

Sgt-at-arms: Bruce Westerlund and Ron Gray

Education director: Chuck Miller

Web page editor: Carl Earl

-- Carl Earl
coordinator
North Coast Chapter



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

Brothers and sisters, we are now in 2016 and the holidays have been completed.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I first want to congratulate all the new officers for *LoCo*. I believe that you will do a great job. And for those continuing, keep up the great work

I want to pass on just a couple of thoughts on goals and what I hope I can achieve and what hopefully *LoCo* can achieve for 2016.

I am going to set a goal for myself to invite someone new to the monthly meeting every month. I also would challenge our group to try and do the same. If we work at inviting people

and reminding them what we do and what we support, we should add to our membership.

We are looking at starting our own monthly newsletter this year. If there are current chapters doing this and have any advice, I am more than willing to listen. My e-mail address is: **pandl12@yahoo.com**

I wish everyone a great year with wonderful riding weather.

-- Philip Warnke
coordinator
Lower Columbia



Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

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

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Clatskanie, OR 97016

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

November 17, 2015

December 01, 2015

We had two visitors (Randy and Daisy) who traveled through a mighty storm to get here from the Hermiston area. Randy joined and wants to become involved.

We nominated and reelected our current officers again. Congrats to you, whoever you are.

Bob and Teresa are going to do the highway cleanup during several weekdays. Call them if you want to help.

Teresa won the 50/50 at \$14/14 and donated \$4 back to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

Samantha Prentice would have won the membership game for \$30 if she had been present. It will be \$35 next meeting.

We also planned our holiday events and a mailing will follow.

High spirited meeting due to out candy sale progress.

We plan to take a new chapter picture at the holiday party (7 p.m. on December 15 at the *Portage Inn*.) The holiday party is a white elephant gift exchange.

Lee won the 50/50 at \$13/13 and donated \$3 back to the chapter.

Samantha Prentice would have won the membership game for the second meeting in a row, if she had been present. It will be \$40 next meeting.

It's cold and a storm is rolling in. I'm going to go get cozy.



River City
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
The Dalles

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The Dalles, OR 97058

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

Southeast Portland

SHi there,

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* members wish all of you a really exciting, adventurous and stimulating New Year.

We are ready to rip! We have an old / new officer line-up that is itching to get busy with our 2016 events.

I can't stress this enough, be careful out there when you are riding.

We are into winter, 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.

Check out your cold weather riding gear to make sure its good to go. And, slow down on the curves and try to stay out of the center of the lane where the oil accumulates.

Check out the *Southeast Portland Chapter* mini mall:

We have a large chapter trailer for sale that was used for *Run 21* purposes.

We have the *2015 Toy Run* t-shirts for sale.

\$15 or \$20 will get you into some new threads.

The *2014 Toy Run* shirts are on sale for \$5. Check it out.

<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 report goes 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* education page for valuable information on M.A.P. (Motorcycle Awareness Program) classes, group riding techniques, educational *You Tube* 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.

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

Best regards to all,

-- James Niece
secretary
Southeast Portland Chapter

Southeast Portland
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd 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

SHappy New Year to all of you from all of us here at *WaCo*,

We have a lot of the same faces filling the same seats as we did last year. And, the year before that. There are still a couple of seats that have no faces. So, please, consider becoming more involved in your local chapter or even at the state level.

I have two items I want to cover in this report.

Firstly, we tried something new with our toy run this year. Hoping to spur some participation from some members who don't regularly attend our business meetings or events, we sent most of our members ten raffle tickets to sell, buy themselves, or return. The results of this trial were . . . disappointing.

Most tickets were never returned.

While this didn't change the odds for those who were invested in the raffle, it did break our hearts just a little.

We did however reach a few kind and generous souls who not only purchased the raffle tickets but, also sent additional donation dollars along with their money. Thank you to those few.

Second on my list, we are changing a popular feature of our membership drawing. For many years we have done a membership drawing at every business meeting for a cash prize. If the person drawn is not in attendance, the monies carry over to the next meeting. The final meeting of the year we draw until we pull someone's name who is in attendance.

This has caused a great many members to show up for the final meeting of the year, but neglect the other eleven months of business meetings.

2015's prize was close to \$400 in cash.

What's changing?

For 2016 those who attend business meetings throughout the year will have additional chances to win compared to



those who only show at the final meeting in December.

If you have questions or comments, come to a meeting and share them.

Ride safe,
Ride smart,
Ride.

-- Goat
chapter secretary
WaCo

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

Fine folks attending = 23 ; Bikes ridden = 1

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

12 December 2015 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:10 p.m. with nine chapters represented. All were eligible to vote except *Southeast Portland*, which is three months past due on chapter treasurer's reports.

Excused chapters: *Central Oregon, Douglas County*.

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Geoff White, Nic Oliver.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Jack Wingfield, seconded by Todd Sahlberg, to adopt October meeting minutes as printed in the state newspaper. There was no state board meeting in November.

Motion passed.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering welcomed all and extended holiday greetings, remarking on the extensive rainfall we have experienced recently.

Secretary report and correspondence: Teresa Hepker reported receipt of our membership certificate from the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* and a greeting card from the post office.

Please send her your list of 2016 officers and their contact information as soon as possible.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer had no report.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen was excused.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice attended the *Stan Johnson Memorial Toy Run*, which had good donations and turnout.

He also attended the *Shriners Toy Run*, reporting that he and *River City Chapter* had sold 200 tickets for the raffle bike. He also sold \$600 worth of 50/50 tickets at the toy run.

River City is in the middle of their *See's Candy* sale and shopping for their Christmas adopt-a-family.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle asked chapter representatives to remind their treasurers to plan to attend the treasurer's training session after the February state board meeting. It is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. (Starting time may be delayed depending on conclusion of regular board meeting.)

Each chapter must have a treasurer at the meeting. It is preferred that the new incoming treasurer attend, however if incoming treasurer is sick or unable to attend and the outgoing treasurer can attend, we are happy.

Pizza and sodas will be provided for anyone staying for the treasurer's meeting

Savings =	\$ 24,944.28
Checking =	\$ 3,401.72
Post Office =	\$ 130.41
<u>PayPal =</u>	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total =	\$ 28,676.41

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg asked that we use her cell phone for contacting her: (541)–890–9042

Total members =	1,327
Associate =	229
Died =	3
Expired =	263
Family =	312

Life = 86

Primary, newspaper = 434

Please review the list she gave representatives today and let her know about corrections and any you know who will not be renewing.

Your help in getting renewals is much appreciated. She is concerned that the rate of return on renewal notices is down recently.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill was excused. He is willing to help the new sanctioning officer get up to speed on the insurance process and will answer any questions as needed.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer wants to get 2015 taxes to the accountant by the end of January 2016. Several chapters are behind on getting their bank statements and registers turned in:

Central Oregon, Hub City, Josephine County owe November.

Jackson County, Washington County owe October and November.

Southeast Portland owes September, October, November.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked Carl and the *Daily Astorian* for the wonderful color on the front page of the December newspaper. He was surprised and pleased.

Six chapters are on the "naughty list" for not having chapter reports in by December 10: *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Josephine County, Lower Columbia, North Coast, Washington County*. Please get them in by Tuesday so he can meet his deadline.



Teresa Hepker

state
recording
secretary

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle said that southern Oregon is getting ready for their January 1st *Polar Bear Run*, then things look quiet until April swap meets.

Douglas County Chapter has some new officers. Members were attending a local toy run today so they could promote *A.B.A.T.E.*

Spanky, Karen, and Lance plan to attend the next *Douglas County* meeting.

Teresa requested a list of officers and their contact information.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop reported that *River City Chapter* tries to have a new year's day ride on January 1st each year, if the pavement is dry. He said that strangely, they often end up at a place called *Frosty's*. He shared a new poem, which was well received.

Products director: Ted Tracy was excused.

Education director: < Vacant >
Geoff White recently did a *Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)* in Portland and expressed interest in renewing his work with *A.B.A.T.E.* and wants to do what he can as his schedule permits.

He plans to meet with two chapters of the *Red Knights* to help them get involved, and would like to help

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other groups start doing *M.A.P.* presentations.

Public relations director: <Vacant>
Don Mason reported seeing good coverage of toy runs in various newspapers, and said that Hub City is investigating changing their motorcycle awareness advertising to the movie theaters instead of billboards for 2016.

State run coordinator (Fossil):
Rick Prentice said the flyer is in development, and has artwork for that.

He encourages members to submit artwork for the shirts.

So far, Todd Sahlberg has offered to help with the Saturday poker run.

Dave and Cindy Witmer have committed to running the *A.B.A.T.E.* products booth.

Rick encourages chapters to commit to help with other activities including running the bike show, bike games, staffing the gate, and doing security. We also need E.M.T.s in attendance and willing to be on call.

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg reported that all but one booth was sold at the fall swap meet, and he has six already reserved for spring.

Due to conflicts on other dates, he suggested having the swap meet on the second weekend of April.

After discussion, the group will consider not having a board meeting in April and devoting that time to the swap meet. This has not yet been formally decided.

Diesel Dave gave him a list of places offering free advertising. Chapters requested that he share the list with them as well.

Fall swap meet:

Income = \$1,615
Expenses = \$172
Donation to *Elks* = \$216
Total profit = **\$1,226**

The food vendor has informed Todd they will not return for the next swap

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

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meet, so he is looking for another food vendor.

Historian: Teresa Hepker had nothing to report.

Web page editor: Carl Earl said the revised sanctioning form has been posted. Karen will send him the other forms that were revised at the planning session.

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore reported that Wheeler county has completed installation of a new outhouse in *Shelton Park*. (Using grant money that included some *A.B.A.T.E.* matching funds.) New picnic tables will be installed next.

Legislative director: < Vacant >

Don Mason pointed out that Oregon primary elections are in May. Get to know the candidates and invite them to a meeting or go to their events, and educate them about lane filtering, gear choice, and other issues of importance.

Paula Leslie and Doug Tiller attended a lobby training day, which was a good learning experience and gave them some good contacts.

They plan to meet with representatives from the *Oregon Trucking Association* and *Oregon Department of Transportation* to talk about lane filtering.

Paula also said that the Benton County district attorney is working on some anti-profiling rules and that she plans to try to meet with him.

The “Dead Red” regulation goes into

effect on January 1st.

There was some discussion about *A.B.A.T.E.*'s 2016 donation to *BikePAC*. No decisions made.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall said this was good news.

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall said to check out

<http://MRF.org>

Sign up for e-mails. Become a member.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat “Spanky” Allen was excused.

Unfinished Business

- Randy Phipps moved, Jack Wingfield seconded, to nominate Todd Sahlberg as sanctioning officer. He was elected by a vote of 8-0.

- Rick Prentice moved, Todd Sahlberg seconded, to nominate Geoff White as education director. He was elected by a vote of 8-0.

Thank you to both for stepping up to take care of business.

- 2016 chapter event schedules and insurance payments are due today.

New Business

- Motion by Randy Phipps, seconded by Jack Wingfield, “To reduce the *A.B.A.T.E.* of Oregon, Inc. recipient share on qualified *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter

events to 13% of the net profit of these events.”

Discussion:

> The state organization has drastically cut back on spending to bring the bank account back up, and is succeeding. Because of the cuts, some things have not been accomplished, such as *S.T.E.A.M.* (*Seminar to Education and Motivate.*) Officer reimbursements were drastically reduced, and much of those expenses are now being shouldered by the officers themselves or their chapters.

> Technically, all chapter moneys are part of the state organization's funds. It is “ours”, not “yours” and “mine”

> If a chapter is struggling financially, the state stands ready to help. Money flows two ways.

> The board recognizes that *Southeast Portland* is asking for some flexibility. The board is requesting that the chapter look for a different way for the board to help.

Consensus was that 20% is a reasonable amount to ask from the chapters.

Voting (chapter representatives): Yes = 0, No = 8

Motion failed.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: non, January 09, 2016 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany.

- Teresa may be out of state for the January board meeting, and requested a volunteer to take minutes in her place.

Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.

From yer ...



... yet again

Fear and Courage

going 'round in circles

c.o.e. – 168

Fear.

Sometimes it prevents folks from acting, other times it affects views and decisions.

Had an epiphany this morning that fear of the unknown in elected officials is what often thwarts motorcyclists' legislative efforts. (Aside from partisan politics or special interest groups.)

This next year is an important time vanquish fear in people running for office or reelection.

How do we do that?

By attending town meetings where they come to talk with local people, listening to what they and how they say it, asking questions to take measure of their integrity.

You can also set up short one-on-one meetings to ask questions and answer their concerns.

And when you find candidates who you feel you can trust, you can volunteer to help their campaigns.

Some of our biggest political supporters at both state and federal level have never forgotten that motorcyclists helped them get elected. And we have educated them about motorcycling so they no longer act out of fear.

With the new year comes the realization of just how much yer crusty ol' editor has gained, first as a chapter secretary, then as c.o.e.

It takes a certain amount of personal courage to step up to an officer position at any level.

Overcoming a fear of failure is the first step.

Knowing and accepting that you will make mistakes is the next mental hurdle.

But the great thing is that you learn. And there are experienced people around who are willing to share their lessons learned so you don't have to make the same mistakes others have

made.

This is a organization of well-intentioned people. Keeping that fact in mind helps you over the rough patches.

In our own small way, we of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* are making the world a better place.

Had an early holiday present while heading down to the December state board meeting. That silly round-about (traffic circle) that had been shoehorned into an intersection on Spring Hill Drive in northwest Albany was gone. Apparently yer crusty ol' editor wasn't the only road user disgruntled by that particular piece of pretentious engineering.

Round-abouts are an urban feature originating in Europe, so we don't encounter many of them out here on the upper left side of the U.S.

Perhaps if c.o.e. had grown up with traffic circles and was used to them, he



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

might not find them so frustrating. As it is, they seem to be nothing more than glorified obstructions to trucks and farm equipment that give priority to left-turning, latte-sipping S.U.V. drivers.

customer: "Where's my frappe?"

barista: "Sorry, the delivery truck was held up at a traffic circle."

In one year, yer crusty ol' editorial will be writing his last editorial for this rag in which he reveals whether or not he ever figured out how to italicize periods.



Above is a RADAR image of a weather front moving into northwestern Oregon on the day A.B.A.T.E. was holding their December state board meeting in Albany.

It made for some hairy driving for folks traveling any distance. (Like Karen and Lance from JoCo.)

Paula Leslie was the only one to ride a bike to the meeting.

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JANUARY Cryptogram

**YTFX GLN NER GUV, YTFX TF NER FRB,
YTFX, EIWWS HRUOO, IKYGOO NER OFGB,
NER SRIY TO XGTFX, URN ETJ XG,
YTFX GLN NER AIUOR, YTFX TF NER NYLR.
--IUAYRV UGYV NRFFSOGF**

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)

Hub City (continued from page 5)

to escape without causing condensation inside the visor.

– **Ride on down electric avenue.** Longer trips often require additional protection, such as electric vests and gloves. These accessories use your bike's electrical system to provide heat. A vest, electric or regular, is essential to keeping the torso warm. A warm torso prevents frostbite by allowing the heart to focus on pumping blood to the hands and feet. Or, spring for the heated grip option available on many touring bikes.

– **Watch the voltage.** Be sure your alternator or generator can handle the addition of electric accessories, such as heated vests and gloves. Check your owner's manual to find out how much wattage your alternator or generator creates and how much of that wattage is used to run lights and other electrical components. Then, subtract the wattage the electric gear needs to be sure you have the power necessary, and some to spare,

when running the accessories.

– **Get streamlined.** Direct chilly air away from your body by adding a functional, not just cosmetic, fairing. Your height and torso length will dictate the proper height of the fairing. If a stock product doesn't dispel the airflow correctly, have a fairing custom cut.

– **Don't get fooled.** Hypothermia is insidious. If you ignore early symptoms, like uncontrolled shivering and numb fingers or toes, slow reaction times, or fuzzy thinking, you could get into trouble, fast. Wind chill adds to the danger, so make sure you stop frequently, enjoy a hot beverage and allow your body to warm up.

– **Practice tire smarts.** If you fit sticky race-type tires in the summer, be sure to switch back to ordinary street tires during colder months. They develop grip at lower temperatures and reach effective operating temperatures much more quickly.

– **Put your oil on a diet.** Using thinner oil during the cold months will improve

your bike's performance, especially during start-up. But check your owner's manual for recommendations. Some manufacturers recommend only one weight of oil, no matter what the temperature.

– **Rev up your insurance I.Q.** Make sure your insurance policy allows for year-round riding. Many insurance premiums for motorcycles are based on an annual term that already takes into consideration the variances in use throughout the year. Accordingly, a discount for limited use off-season is already reflected in your annual costs. However, if your policy requires your bike be laid up during certain months, you may not be as protected as you think.

Come join us the third Thursday of each month 7 p.m. at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany and spend some time with people who like to ride and are fighting for the freedom to choose.

Wishing everyone a blessed 2016!

Josephine County (continued from page 5)

No slow-down at Canyonville. Wolf Creek was clear. After Canyonville, there are three passes that can be trouble.

All three were clear. Grants Pass on the horizon. After several hours of over-worry, we made it home. Once again safe and sound.

God willing and the creek don't rise, we will see you all in January.

Josephine County Chapter hold their monthly meeting the third Wednesday of each month at the *Fruitdale Grange* in Grants Pass.

We hold quarterly potlucks (March, June, September, and December) which begin at 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting usually starts about 6:30 p.m. It's always nice to have visitors from other chapters and guests attend our meetings.

See you down the road,

Karen and Lance
Josephine County Chapter

Insurance Regulation Change Takes Effect 02 January 2016

I am writing to the *A.B.A.T.E.* membership and friends to inform you of an exciting, recent change in Oregon's motor vehicle insurance regulation which could have a profound impact on you and your loved ones if you get in a collision.

This recent legislative change finally allows you, as an auto or motorcycle insurance consumer, to collect on all the coverage you have been paying for.

Starting in January, you will receive the full amount of uninsured motorist coverage (and underinsured coverage) if you are injured by an at-fault, uninsured driver, to the extent your claim warrants it, without any offset for the at-fault driver's insurance, if any.

But you must act.

The regulation goes into effect on January 2, 2016 for auto insurance policies issued or renewed on or after that date.

If your policy doesn't renew until April and you get in a crash in February, you will not have this additional coverage.

So, in order to get the full coverage you have been paying for and to qualify under the new regulation, you need to call or e-mail your auto insurance company and tell your agent that you want your auto policy reissued effective January 2, 2016.

Agents should quickly be able to help, including letting policyholders know if a reissue, rather than waiting for the scheduled renewal, might negatively impact other insurance you

hold, such as umbrella coverage.

I would be happy to speak with you in more detail if you need to.

I just wanted to alert you of the need to get hold of your agent and take care of this at your earliest convenience.

As you know from my articles and talks to *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters over the years, we always recommend you buy as much uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage as you can. The state minimum is really too low for adequate protection.

Sincerely,

-- Sam Hochberg

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Renewable Fuel Standard Increases Damage Risk

The renewable fuel standard (R.F.S.) volume requirements announced 30 November 2015 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency increase the risk of inadvertent misfueling for motorcyclists and all-terrain-vehicle owners by mandating the widespread availability of higher-ethanol fuel blends, such as E15.

Although the *E.P.A.* renewable volume obligations under the R.F.S. are lower than the statutory requirements, the *E.P.A.*'s decision still means more ethanol must be blended into the nation's fuel supply during the coming year.

The *E.P.A.* set the renewable fuel standard for 2014 at 16.28 billion gallons.

For 2015, the standard is 16.93 billion gallons.

And for 2016, the total increases to 18.11 billion gallons.

Those volume obligations are higher than the *E.P.A.*'s initial recommendations issued in May, when the *E.P.A.* proposed setting the renewable fuel standard for 2014 at the levels that were actually produced and used, which totaled 15.93 billion gallons; for 2015 at 16.3 billion gallons, and for 2016 17.4 billion gallons.

"We are extremely disappointed that the E.P.A. bowed to pressure from the ethanol industry and agreed to foist more ethanol onto the backs of American consumers," said Wayne Allard, *A.M.A.* vice president of government relations. *"Any increase in the amount of ethanol required in our fuel*

supply, coupled with America's decreasing demand for gasoline, is going to result in higher-ethanol blends, such as E15, at more pumps and stations. And the widespread availability of E15 and higher-ethanol fuels increases the risk that motorcyclists will inadvertently misfuel their bikes."

E15 fuel is a blend of 85 percent gasoline and 15 percent ethanol and represents a 50 percent increase in ethanol over the common E10 blend most Americans currently use in their vehicles.

None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in use in the United States is approved by the *E.P.A.* to operate on ethanol blends higher than ten percent.

Using higher-ethanol blends in those vehicles is illegal and may cause engine and fuel system damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

By increasing the amount of ethanol in America's gasoline, the *E.P.A.* will severely strain the fuel marketplace by exceeding the blend wall by hundreds of millions of gallons. The blend wall is the point at which no more ethanol can be blended without forcing consumers to use higher blends, such as E15, E30, or E85.

The *A.M.A.* also is concerned that forcing higher-ethanol fuel blends into the marketplace will cause E10 (which most Americans currently rely on for their vehicles) to become less available, and that gasoline with no ethanol may become virtually unavailable. The amount of E0 will go from 9.2 billion

gallons to just 130 million in 2016 per the rule.

"Owners of vintage motorcycles already have trouble finding E0," Allard said. *"What are they supposed to do if ethanol-free fuel disappears entirely?"*

In addition to the R.F.S. mandate, the spread of E15 and higher-ethanol fuels is being augmented by a \$100 million matching grant program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture that is funding the purchase and installation of blender pumps at service stations in twenty-one states.

These pumps dispense several blends of fuel and can retain as much as a quart of fuel in the delivery hose after fueling. That amount of E15 or higher ethanol blends in a motorcycle's small tank creates a real risk for the vehicle owner.

During the *E.P.A.*'s comment period on its proposed R.F.S. rule, which ended July 27, the *A.M.A.* collected 29,379 signatures on an on-line petition opposing the higher ethanol mandate and asking the *E.P.A.* to lower, rather than increase, the standard. The *A.M.A.* forwarded those signatures, along with its comments, to the *E.P.A.*

The *E.P.A.*'s proposed standards include cellulosic biofuel, biomass-based diesel, advanced biofuels, and traditional corn-based ethanol. The corn-ethanol volumes would be about 12 billion gallons for 2014, 12.2 billion gallons in 2015 and 12.4 billion gallons in 2016.

A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days: July 8-10, 2016

If you love old motorcycles, and the people and activities that make them great, circle July 8-10, 2016, on your calendar. That's the date for this year's premier celebration of vintage motorcycling: *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* at *Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course* in Lexington, Ohio.

"A new generation is realizing how much fun you can have on old motorcycles, whether they are barn fresh, pristine show pieces or what we call 'swap meet specials,'" said *A.M.A.* chief operations officer Jeff Massey. *"A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days, from the vintage racing to the huge*

swap meet, is witnessing this resurgence first hand, and let me be the first to invite all vintage motorcycling enthusiasts to this wonderful event."

A fundraiser for the *A.M.A.* motorcycle hall of fame, *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* features classic motorcycles of all makes and styles, and honors the riders who made them famous.

Activities include the *A.M.A.* vintage grand championship, which features road racing, motocross, hare scrambles, trials, and dirt-track racing.

The event also includes North America's largest motorcycle swap meet with parts, bikes and memorabilia from all eras.

A premier bike show will feature examples of some of history's most beloved motorcycles.

Stunt shows and demo rides of current production bikes keep attendees entertained, while seminars on numerous topics by noted motorcycling experts keep them informed.

A.M.A. members who buy tickets directly from the *A.M.A.* before June 6 receive an exclusive price discount. *A.M.A.* members can call **(800)-262-5646** to purchase a weekend pass for \$45, a \$5 savings off the regular advance rate, and a one-day pass for \$25 for Friday or Saturday and \$20 for Sunday, a \$5 savings off the regular advance rate. There is no service charge for *A.M.A.* members when purchasing through the *A.M.A.*

A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days is a family-friendly event. Children 12 and under get in free with paying, supervising adults.

All proceeds from *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* benefit the *A.M.A.* motorcycle hall of fame.

The mission of the hall of fame, located on the *A.M.A.* campus in Pickerington, Ohio, is to tell the stories and preserve the history of motorcycling's legends and heroes.

For more information, call **(614)-856-2222** or visit the hall of fame's web site at

<http://www.motorcyclmuseum.org>

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Federal Highway Bill Headed To President's Desk



The U.S. senate approved the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (F.A.S.T.) Act* by an 83-16 vote within a few hours of the U.S. house voting 359-65 in favor of the highway bill compromise. (One day before the current funding extension was set to expire.)

It now heads to the president's desk for signing. Indications are that he will sign it, giving us the first highway bill spanning longer than two years since 2005.

The five-year bill is a \$305 billion dollar fully funded reauthorization of federal highway and transit programs.

- Re-establishing the *Motorcycle Advisory Council (M.A.C.)* to advise the U.S. department of transportation on motorcycling infrastructure issues.

- Continuation of the funding of motorcycle safety grants.

- Funding distracted driving grant programs.

- Language titled *Share-The-Road* model language that requires the secretary, within one year of passage of the *F.A.S.T. Act*, to provide to the states model *Share-The-Road* language on the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists

- Stops motorcycle checkpoint federal grant funding for any program to check helmet usage or to create checkpoints that specifically target motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers

- Limitations and owner definition on data retrieval from vehicle event data recorders

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* would like to thank our former lobbyist, Jeff Hennie, for the tremendous effort he put into the positive measures of this highway bill.

Additionally, the *M.R.F.* would like to recognize in appreciation our membership who worked tirelessly for several years in Washington D.C. and back in their home states to further this important bill.

M.A.C. Membership and N.H.T.S.A. Ban December 7, 2015

As previously reported by the *M.R.F.*, the U.S. senate approved the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation (F.A.S.T.) Act* within a few hours of the U.S. house voting in favor of

the same legislation.

Now that the bill is in front of the president for his signature, it's important to note two very important issues on which the *M.R.F.* will be working vigorously.

The language within the *F.A.S.T. Act* that reestablishes the *Motorcycle Advisory Council (M.A.C.)* to advise the U.S. department of transportation on motorcycling infrastructure issues does not, unfortunately, spell out the motorcycling organizations that will make up the membership of the council.

Instead, organizations who wish to be included now need to lobby the secretary of transportation to be a member.

The *M.R.F.* had been a member of the original incarnation of the *M.A.C.*, and we will be actively lobbying to be once again included in the *M.A.C.* membership. The *M.R.F.* already has the commitment of several members of congress to support our efforts of inclusion, and we will work diligently to ensure that the voice of motorcyclists is included in the council's makeup.

While the *M.R.F.* was not successful in our effort to include language within the *F.A.S.T. Act* to expand the ban on lobbying states (without invitation) using taxpayer dollars to all of the D.O.T., the ban that prohibits *N.H.T.S.A.* from doing so remains intact.

The *M.R.F.* will continue to closely monitor *N.H.T.S.A.* to ensure that they adhere to the limits of the ban and that your tax dollars are not used against you. And we will be working to expand the ban to include all of the D.O.T.

M.R.F. Legislative Strategy Agenda For 2016

At the 2015 *M.R.F. 31st annual Meeting of the Minds* conference held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a legislative strategy session was hosted by the *M.R.F.*'s legislative committee. As has been done for the past several years, the *M.R.F.* requested that it be attended by sustaining state motorcyclists' rights organizations (S.S.M.R.O.) legislative and/or executive officers.

We welcomed several representatives from our sustaining motorcycle clubs and organizations as well.

The goal was to set the *M.R.F.*'s federal

legislative agenda for the 2015 to the 2016 *Meeting of the Minds* annual cycle.

The *M.R.F.*'s S.S.M.R.O. partners responded once again with a majority attendance that resulted in a healthy dialogue focused on motorcycling.

The *M.R.F.* legislative committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our S.S.M.R.O. partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be developed by our legislative committee and our board of directors that can be effectively employed by our government relations department and our S.S.M.R.O. partners while in Washington D.C. and in working federal issues in their home states.

Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle.

The *M.R.F.* legislative committee continued the practice instituted five years ago of recording one vote per S.S.M.R.O. in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote will be printed in the upcoming issue of the *M.R.F. Reports*.

The session this year was moderated by *M.R.F.* vice-president, Jay Jackson, with support from *M.R.F.* vice-president of government relations and public affairs, Jeff Hennie, and *M.R.F.* president, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

- *F.A.S.T.* reauthorization (the highway bill). Work to include motorcycle 2010-type grant funding, continuation of the *N.H.T.S.A.* lobbying ban, pursue reinstatement of the *Motorcycle Advisory Council (M.A.C.)* to advise the *F.H.W.A.*, oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the highway bill.

- Closely monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.

- Seek to include HR-1861-type language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock grant funding.

- Seek to clarify ownership of "black box" data.

- *S.A.E.* motorcycle roadside sound test: The *M.R.F.* to **not** promote the use of the *S.A.E.*

sound test as a national enforcement standard. The majority considered this a state issue.

- Continue monitoring the federal crash causation study and the *M.S.F.* naturalistic study

- Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

- Work to discourage **all** forms of distracted driving.

- Oppose all forms of funding blackmails or withholding of funds as related to motorcyclists. Watch this issue closely for motorcycle specific discriminatory language

- Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review, taking advantage of any opportunity available to enhance and further clarify

- *M.R.F.* will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. congress or by a federal agency.

- *M.R.F.* to seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language this upcoming session.

- Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada.

- *M.R.F.* to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards.

- *M.R.F.* directed by our S.S.M.R.O.'s to not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 or any other newly developed fuel blends including alternative renewable fuels without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use

- *M.R.F.* to continue to ensure the inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing *Intelligent Transportation System (I.T.S.)* emerging technologies.

- Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level.

- Continue to promote our theme of "crash avoidance versus safer crashing", using the principles of house resolution-1498 urging *N.H.T.S.A.* to focus on crash prevention and rider education

- *M.R.F.* to pursue limiting funding in a relevant legislative vehicle of the *Center for*

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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Disease Control (C.D.C.) for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues.

- *M.R.F.* to monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the *M.R.F.* and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars.

- *M.R.F.* to monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission, respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars.

- *M.R.F.* to monitor and report on non-transportation federal agencies becoming increasingly involved in motorcycling such as the government accountability office. (G.A.O.)

- *M.R.F.* to continue to closely monitor the federally mandated *Affordable Health Care Act* for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination.

- *M.R.F.* to fully engage the *E.P.A.* on upcoming activity on motorcycle emission regulations and motorcycle drive train mandates.

- *M.R.F.* to support the *Black Box Protection Act* to regulate black boxes in motorcycles, seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data.

- *M.R.F.* to monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roads and roads supported by federal bonds.

- *M.R.F.* to seek to add clarification of

an “autocycle” as third class of vehicle at the federal level.

- Lane splitting was discussed and decided it should remain a state-by-state issue with the *M.R.F.* providing resources. There is no federal lane splitting initiative at this time.

- Federal agency motorcycle design standards: *M.R.F.* to oppose non-motorcycle manufacturer-mandated specific design standards.

- S.S.M.R.O.’s by discussion and vote requested the *M.R.F.* engage with multiple partners to draft federal anti-profiling language specific to motorcyclists and work to include it in the upcoming congressional session

- Request for *M.R.F.* sustaining member motorcycle club committee to lead an effort to provide resources to clarify the usage of the terms “gang”, “club”, “known associate”, or “associate” when referring to motorcyclists.

- There was agreement that there would be an effort by the *M.R.F.* and S.S.M.R.O.’s to get non-motorcycle powered two and three-wheelers such and mopeds, scooters, and the various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles removed from motorcycle crash statistics.

- There was discussion on the novelty helmet educational promotional campaign by *N.H.T.S.A.* to the enforcement community. It was decided the S.S.M.R.O.’s should be educating their members on the definition of

a helmet as practically used in their states.

With the current U.S. congress, combined with our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda, the *M.R.F.* legislative committee strongly encourages our S.S.M.R.O. partners and our *M.R.F.* members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with their U.S. house of representative and U.S. senate members as an immediate priority. We will need our strong presence to continue with this congress.

If your S.S.M.R.O. needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of congress, contact the *M.R.F.* Washington D.C. office at: **(202)–546–0983**

We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker lobby day event in Washington D.C., *Bikers Inside the Beltway*, on Thursday, May 12th, 2016.

See our web site at:

<http://www.mrf.org>

for more details.

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-- Kirk “Hardtail” Willard

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M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Pennsylvania Anti-Profilng Legislation

On November 13, 2015 Pennsylvania senator John Wozniak (D-Johnstown) introduced bipartisan bill SB-1058, an act providing for prohibiting motorcycle profiling. The measure has been referred to law and justice.

“No police officer or police department may engage in motorcycle profiling in this commonwealth,” states the bill, and calls for police instruction on *“what constitutes motorcycle profiling in patrol procedures and other police department operations and the duty to refrain from engaging in motorcycle profiling.”*

As defined in this legislation, “motorcycle profiling” means *“the use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears clothes or possesses paraphernalia that a reasonable person associates with such individuals as a factor in a decision to stop and question, take enforcement action against, arrest or search the individual or motorcycle in violation of federal or state regulations.”*

Such violations by enforcement *“may bring a private right of action in a court of competent jurisdiction against any police officer or police department that engages in motorcycle profiling in violation of this section. In the action, the victim may be awarded injunctive relief, actual damages, punitive damages, and reasonable attorney fees and costs.”*

A companion measure, house bill-1580, *“prohibiting motorcycle profiling and establishing a private right of action”* was introduced October 1st by representative Garth Everett (R-Muncy) along with 46 bipartisan cosponsors and was referred to the house judiciary committee.

Riders’ Injuries Differ With Helmet Type

Helmet-wearing motorcycle riders are less likely to hurt their heads in crashes, but end up with more injuries to other parts of their bodies, suggests new

research. Researchers suggest in *J.A.M.A. Surgery* that the results may be due to helmeted riders being more likely to survive high-force crashes, and ultimately end up with more extensive injuries.

The authors write that loosening restrictions on helmets in some U.S. states allowed them to study how wearing head protection may influence other injuries. For the study, they used national data from 2007 to 2010 on almost 86,000 people with some sort of motorcycle-related trauma, paying particularly close attention to the number and extent of injuries to people’s heads and necks, torsos, spines, and extremities.

Overall, the researchers found helmeted motorcycle riders were about half as likely to end up with head injuries, but helmeted riders were more likely to have injuries to the chest and extremities than riders who weren’t wearing helmets.

One explanation for increased injuries to other body parts could be that helmeted riders feel more secure and end up driving at higher speeds, wrote the *Indiana University* researchers.

[Speculation, I.M.H.O. -- c.o.e.]

There was no difference in the time people spent in a hospital regardless of whether they were helmeted or not.

72 Types Of Americans Considered “Potential Terrorists”

Are you a conservative, a libertarian, a Christian, or a gun owner?

Support states’ rights?

Belong to *The Patriot Movement*, or display a “Don’t Tread on Me” flag?

Are you opposed to abortion, globalism, communism, illegal immigration, the United Nations, or the new world order?

Anti-establishment?

Do you believe in conspiracy theories, or ever visit “extremist” web sites?

Are you a veteran?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, or a vast array of others, you may be an “extremist” or a “potential terrorist” according to official U.S. government documents.

At one time, the term “terrorist” was used very narrowly, explains the alternative web site <http://www.activistpost.com>, but says now the federal administration is removing all references to Islam from terror training materials, and instead the term “terrorist” is being applied to large groups of American citizens, which it delineates in an article on their web site; *72 Types of Americans That Are Considered “Potential Terrorists” In Official Government Documents*, by D.C. attorney Michael Snyder.

The “list” covers much of our country’s demographics and most of its citizenry, but if you belong to a group of people who is now being considered as “potential terrorists” by the government, the author warns that you should not take it lightly.

Waco Information

One hundred seventy-seven people were arrested and held on million dollar bonds following a melee in Waco, Texas in May that left nine bikers dead and nearly twenty wounded.

On November 10th prosecutors announced 106 felony indictments charging defendants with engaging in organized criminal activity.

“The Waco grand jury indictments on 106 individuals for engaging in organized crime are not convictions,” explains David “Double D” Devereaux of the *Motorcycle Profiling Project*. (<http://www.MotorcycleProfilingProject.com>)

“The grand jury only determines whether the prosecutor has sufficient evidence to indict. The grand jury only hears from the prosecutor, no defense attorneys are allowed, and does not make a determination on guilt.”

“Double D”, who is also a member of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists’*

legislative task force (*N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.*), says that as examining trials have made clear, the basis of the prosecutor’s argument in many of these case relies solely on an individual’s association with a motorcycle club that had members accused of committing a crime on May 17th.

“These indictments based solely on association, particularly the cases where the prosecutor admits that there is no evidence that the individual participated in any crime or violence, flies in the face of recent federal court precedent.”

A U.S. district court decision in *Coles v. Carlini* on 30 September 2015, relying on supreme court precedent, concluded that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of their membership in a motorcycle club, including a 1% club that the government labels as a gang or criminal organization.

“The criminal activity of others does not justify denying rights and privileges solely because of association with an unpopular organization,” according to Devereaux.

“Although I agree with many that are concerned about the seemingly broken Waco criminal justice system, recent federal decisions seem to say that the underlying assumptions of an indictment based solely on association are unconstitutional,” said Devereaux in a prepared document titled *Understanding the Waco Grand Jury Indictments*.

“The decision by the Waco grand jury comes as no surprise to many considering the obviously over-broad arrests, excessive bail, and unsuccessful challenges to probable cause during examining trials,” he concludes, adding that an overly-broad indictment affords the prosecution the ability to offer plea deals, shield themselves against lawsuits, and pressure defendants to testify.

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Idaho Clubhouse Raid Leads To Settlement

Ten members of the *Brother Speed Motorcycle Club*, along with the club itself, will be splitting a \$16,500 payment from the United States government, to settle their lawsuit over a 2013 raid on their Nampa clubhouse that yielded no charges.

The club and its members sued numerous federal agents and the United States, saying their civil rights were violated when federal agents serving a search warrant broke down the door, set off flash-bang grenades, and sent dozens of heavily armed S.W.A.T. team members into the small home.

The club members were detained for up to three hours while agents forcibly removed their personal property,

including their clothing, and confiscated club memorabilia, according to the club's attorney, Craig Durham.

"These were regular guys minding their own business that night," Durham told *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper. *"They were not a threat, and there was no call for the use of terrifying, military-style tactics to serve a simple search warrant."*

The government admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to the settlement, under which the club will receive \$4,000, and the individual members will receive payments ranging from \$500 to \$2,500.

"This was never about money," said chapter president Daniel Bugli. *"It was about standing up for our rights as citizens and members of this community. Enforcement officers shouldn't be able to run roughshod over people's rights based on speculation and assumptions."*

Biker Lawsuit Against Las Vegas Police

A Nevada lawyer who represents motorcycle clubs has filed a federal civil rights, false arrest, and negligence lawsuit against Las Vegas police after he was acquitted in March of a misdemeanor obstruction charge.

Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (C.O.C.) attorney Stephen Stubbs alleges that a Las Vegas practice of harassing motorcycle club members led to his arrest in November 2013, and that being found not guilty by a local judge showed the arrest was improper.

Stubbs told the *Associated Press (A.P.)* that he was prevented from representing a member of the *Bikers for Christ* motorcycle ministry who was being questioned by police, and who is a plaintiff in a recent lawsuit seeking at least \$75,000 in

damages from the department.

Stubbs is representing members of biker groups, including the *Mongols*, *Vagos*, *Stray Cats*, and *Bandidos* in a federal civil rights complaint filed in June 2012 alleging harassment by Las Vegas and other area police. The lawsuit is pending in U.S. district court in Las Vegas. It was filed a day after a meeting of *Mongols* national leaders in Boulder City was monitored by hundreds of local and state police and federal agents.

Quotable Quote

*"Tous pour un, un pour tous."
(All for one, one for all.)*

-- Alexandre Dumas
(1802-1870)

French author
The Three Musketeers

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Bench Racing

Bad weather seemed forever,
Weekend was here at last,
To feel my bike rolling,
Seems a memory in the past.

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We sat on plastic buckets,
Or leaned against the wall.

Oh, we had some stories,
First liar didn't have a chance,
A lot of talk about racing,
A little talk about romance.

Old Mike would talk to the window,
While staring out at the rain,
"You guys and bench racing,
Only thing that keeps me sane."

-- SteveB

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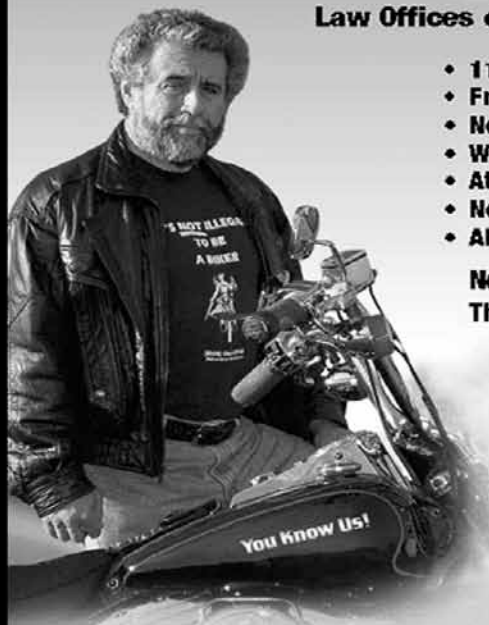
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Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X				X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X					X		X
Southern Oregon area										
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Medford				X		X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Oregon area										
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X			X	X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X				X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X					
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X			X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X			X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X		
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X			X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X			X	X	X
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	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

For Sale

Lost

Help Wanted

• 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.
 (Jan 2016)

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.

... another year.

Found

... a new replacement.

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 2016

[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]			
Todd Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	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			
Geoff White	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, Mike Friend	(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
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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	(please circle desired duration of membership.)
_____	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* <small>(Individuals only. Join second chapter for \$5 per year.)</small>		\$400			

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: _____

January 2016 (winter) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 09 Jan 2016

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:



2016 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

(boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events)

PR = Poker Run

BN = Biker Night

21 Feb 2016 *Don Nash Annual Chilly Buns / Hub City* Albany

Spring State Swap Meet

May Motorcycle Awareness Rally Salem

Fossil Campout Fossil

Planning Session

Fall State Swap Meet

Shriner Toy Run Portland

31 June 2074 **Rover-to-Rover Run / Solar ABATE** Mars (XL5)-843-6666

Some folks think new year is just dandy,
 But they may have ate too much candy,
 When yer head's a throbbin',
 And the world's a bobbin',
 Be glad you kept the aspirin handy.

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

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	<i>Izzy's Pizza</i> ; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)-504-1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)</i> ; 5669 N.E. Stephens st.; Winchester	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	(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.)	<i>American Legion</i> hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Shiloh Inn</i> ; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sunday	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-723-6013 chapter
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684