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(1859)

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Stop Means Stop . . . Kinda



In the early days of automobiles, roads were rutted, muddy, and unregulated. A lack of civility on the part of some early drivers coupled with dodgy brakes caused many a crash at intersections, eventually leading to the establishment of signage to control driving.

In the U.S., the first stop sign was erected in Detroit in 1915. (Two years earlier Oregon introduced the first state gasoline tax.)

Police departments had their roles expanded to enforce driver observance of traffic signs. (Some pioneer drivers took exception to the government telling them how to drive, so they rebelliously blew through stop signs whenever they could with great enthusiasm.)

Since sign design varied from area-to-area and state-to-state, traveling beyond one's own area often often resulted in motorist confusion. Towns and cities discovered that traffic sign enforcement was a nice little earner to augment their budgets.

These days traffic sign design has been standardized and their meaning clearly spelled out in driver manuals. (Police departments, city and state, still gleefully enforce traffic

signs with tickets, fines, and on rare occasions, warnings.

One of the most iconic traffic signs is the octagonal stop sign, which has been around since 1935 or so. (For about two decades they were yellow with black lettering before moving to red with white lettering in the 1950s.)

The meaning of the stop sign couldn't be any more clear than its name – come to a complete halt, wheels motionless, then look around to make sure it's safe to proceed. (A concept apparently lost on many bicyclists.)

Whether the sign is large for engine-powered vehicles or smaller for bicycle pathways, the meaning is the same: **Stop Means Stop.**

The only exception is an adjacent sign indicating that right turns can be made without stopping.

Trouble is, now the Oregon department of transportation (O.D.O.T.) has gone and muddied the meaning of stop signs by using smaller versions of them on pedestrian signs while making stopping conditional. The signs tend to be at eye level for vehicle drivers, causing confusion about whether stopping is

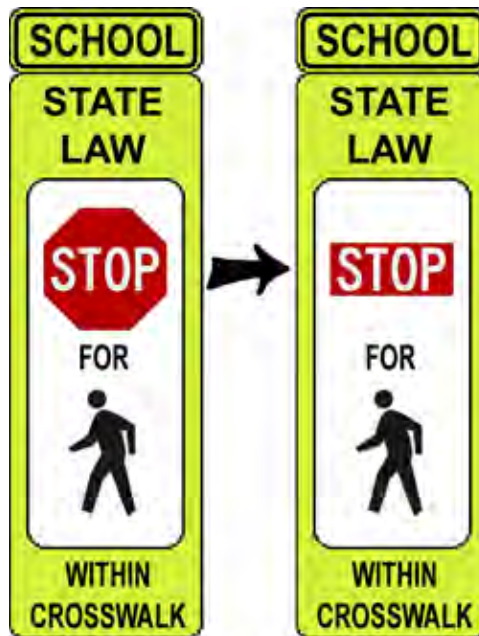
actually required.

Conditional stopping is the function of a yield sign, not a stop sign.

Misusing the stop sign image, even a smaller one, in such a manner dilutes the meaning of the stop sign.

If O.D.O.T. wants to use the concept of stopping for occupied crosswalks, then they need to use the word, not the symbol, as provided in section 2B.12 of their own manual.

Meanwhile, they can crop the top and bottom off of existing small stop sign images to leave the word "STOP" in white letters in a red rectangle. When new signs are manufactured, they can display "STOP" in a more prominent fashion without using an octagon outline.



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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

Easyriders magazine editor Lou Kimzey issued a plea in issue #3, October 1971, for bikers to come together to fight impending restrictions from the *National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* by joining a new national biker's rights organization called the *National Custom Cycle Association*. But because of a conflict with the acronym, the name was changed in February 1972 to *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments (A.B.A.T.E.)*

Easyriders began granting state charters around 1974, and Keith Ball was the original national coordinator. The biggest threat was that the U.S. *D.O.T. (Department of Transportation)* was investigating ways to restrict modified or customized "choppers" which they deemed unsafe, especially extended forks.

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the *Huns Motorcycle Club* in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart McKinney, to introduce HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists

of Oregon (A.M.O.)

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

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

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)

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

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

regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

A = Single entity.

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

A GAINST = In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

TOTALITARIAN = Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.

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

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State Coordinator

Greetings to you all,

Can you believe this is February already? It seems like yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and welcoming in the new year.

I hope that January treated you well and that you are ready to continue our journey to motorcycling freedom and our right to choose.

A.B.A.T.E. is a great organization. One of a very few that works for your rights in Salem, and helps educate new riders and also those in vehicles. All together we can make a difference. You have heard me say this over and over, but it takes all of you believing these words to make it happen.

Please volunteer for a position at your local chapter. Agree to organize a community event. Help out at a

state run function. Don't let the work of *A.B.A.T.E.* fall to just a few.

I would still love to hear from any members with ideas and suggestions that will help move *A.B.A.T.E.* forward or motivate people into action. If you have something to share, please call me at (503)–313–7129.

I hope you all have a very happy Valentine's day !

Yours in the brotherhood,

Paul Hering
state coordinator

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

I have agreed to be coordinator for one more year just to keep the chapter going, but we really need some new blood for the future. We are still in need of a vice-coordinator. Hopefully someone will come forward to take this position and learn the ropes to take over as coordinator for next year.

The snows keep coming and going around here so it has been a little cold to see many bikes on the road. The below freezing temperatures, deicer, and cinders on the road make for hazardous conditions. So use caution. Most motorist would not expect to see motorcycles on the road this time of year, so be aware of this additional danger.

Now is a great time to catch-up on maintenance, and maybe install some goody from Santa so the bike will be ready come better weather.

Hope to see you on the road
(when it warms up a little),

-- Bob Terrill
coordinator

[**crusty ol' editor's note:** *This report was so late that it almost missed the print deadline. Bob works really hard for the chapter, so how about some other members stepping up to help him out?*]



Paul Hering

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CENTRAL OREGON MEETING **TIME and PLACE**

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

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

Douglas County

This month's meeting will be on January 21, will be the first meeting the new year. Let's have a good turnout

We will be finalizing our bike nights and continue planning for our *Thundering Waters Poker Run* in June.

Bill Sebers
secretary
Douglas 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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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**

As the new year begins, we are excited to hear that many are braving the chilly weather and getting together and riding. That always warms one's heart.

Be safe and watch out for each other. Also take time to review the last time you took your *Team Oregon* class. Is it time for a refresher class? If you take the class, and walk out having learned something you didn't already know, it was well worth it.

Keep in mind that you can take that refresher course and it may reduce your required motorcycle insurance. Please, contact your agent to see how a refresher course would affect your insurance rate. (Some offer a lower premium. Each company is different. Be sure to check it out.)

BikePAC and *M.R.F.* memberships are a way to get our voices heard at the

top regarding motorcycle and safety awareness. We have Paula Leslie, and Don Mason who keep us in the loop and in the know about what is being discussed. Also who we as a chapter can talk to about topics regarding our rights and freedoms as riders. Be sure to thank them when you see Paula and Don. They are a wonderful resource for each of us.

Jackson County has been working with *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* in Roseburg, Oregon as they plan bike nights and *Thundering Waters*. We are an extra team for support (extra helping hands) and it is exciting to see what they have going on. Keep an eye out for *Douglas County*. They have some pretty cool plans and a lot of energy. I have no doubt they will be making things happen.

There are many *A.B.A.T.E.* events



going on around the state of Oregon. Make sure to check your calendars and save the dates. We will be riding to support as many events as we can get in hosted by other *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters. So if you want someone to ride with, let us know you are interested and we will see about making a ride of it.

Spring swap meets, chapter poker and fun runs, and *Fossil Campout* are the start of the riding season. Check your *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper for dates and locations.

Jackson County Chapter is busy this year too.

We have a ride in May as well as bike nights and other events planned. We

are excited about the support and look forward to work with you in making *A.B.A.T.E.* a household name.

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Jackson County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

I hope 2016 has been treating you well so far.

I am finally remembering to write 2016 instead of 2015. Seems like it takes longer each year to make that transition.

January provided us with some awesome rides as long as the heated gear was working. Nice and dry, sunny and clear. Could even see the Sisters from my living room window on occasion.

Trivia question: What are the names of the Three Sisters?

New officers are handling their roles well and with their assistance *Hub City* is winding down the final preparations for the *Chilly Buns Run* on February 21st.

This run started out as just a group of Don Nash's friends who wanted to brave an early outing in the year and enjoy each other's company. Well, if you have

participated in any of the recent year's runs, you know it has become one of the largest events of the season.

Hub City is proud to continue Don's tradition and offer the chance to blow the dust of your bike, get caught up with old friends, meet new friends, and tour around the valley.

In keeping with tradition, we will take off from the *BiMart* parking lot in Stayton. Come early to socialize and mingle.

We will send bikes out at 11 a.m. with poker hands remaining at just \$5 a hand.

We've rounded up some great door prizes too.

The last couple of years have blessed us with dry weather and we're hoping for a continuation of that trend. But dress warm!



After this run, we will be in a lull for a bit till our next event, but we are making plans and will keep you posted.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Smooch your honey whoever or whatever that may be. (Heh, heh, heh.)

Hope to see you at the *Chilly Bun's Run*.

-- Mo Sims

(trivia answer on page 12)

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

Happy New Year's everyone,

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers.

The *Rogue Valley Polar Bear Ride* was . . . invigorating.

We had clear dry roads and cold chilly breezes. Leaving just before noon allowed the day to warm up to 38° or 40°F. Thirty bikes from Grants Pass met fifteen to twenty riders from Central Point and Medford in Rogue River. The *V.F.W.* auxiliary cooked up a great champagne breakfast buffet for all of us. There might have been a total of 60-75 brunches served.

A new year brings a new calendar. Our 2016 calendar has been set. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for each of the following events:

- Apr 30-May 1 – *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*. New location. The swap meet that has been held at *Touville Lodge* for many years is moving to Grants Pass (Merlin) area. Set-up will be Friday, April 29th. Looking for vendors, customers, and volunteers to help with set-up and clean up. Call Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.
- May 7th – *Motorcycle Awareness Day*. County courthouse in Grants Pass at noon.
- Aug 6 – *Run to the Coast*. Grants Pass to Brookings. Burgers and hot dogs at the marina.
- Aug 12-14 – *S.O.S. Run*. Weekend at Wolf Creek. State board meeting under the trees on Saturday.
- Oct 1 – *Grants Pass Toy Run*.



Potluck meetings are quarterly in March, June, September, November, and December.* Potlucks start at 6 p.m. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the *Fruitdale Grange*, corner of Parkdale and Rogue River highway in Grants Pass.

See you down the road,

-- Karen and Lance

* [c.o.e.: *The only chapter with five quarters in their year.*]

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*

With the terrible winter we have had here on the Oregon coast, we have the first sure sign that spring is coming. Crab season has begun.

We did catch a couple of dry days, so several of us got out individually to blow the cob webs out of the pipes and charge the batteries. Felt good!

Makes you wonder though if you would appreciate riding as much if it was something you could do every day and not have to look forward to.

We did gather for our meeting in December with our usual amount of business and stirring, tension-filled report by our state board representative, Jack. He has the thankless job of attending the state board meetings and boiling down the happenings there into a brief understandable report that we, attention deficit members, can follow. His style of delivery is a cross between a *C.N.N.* pundit and Rodney

Dangerfield. Thanks you, Jack.

Millie, our secretary, is still fighting the dragons of her health issues. We miss her at the meetings and our hearts go out to both her and her husband, Bob.

After the meeting the conversation naturally flowed into talk about *Fossil Campout* and *Sturgis*. Plans to make plans and what happened in previous trips. Good stuff.

Ride hard, 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

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

Hello friends and family,

It is with great sadness to share with you all that we lost my dad yesterday evening. He passed away with Amelia at his side.

Known to us as “Daddee”, Piky Dad”, “Bob”, “Captain Bob”, and “Piky Bob”, he will be remembered in all our hearts forever.

He was an amazing dad, a grandfather, wonderful husband, and a great friend to so many.

Please keep our family in your prayers and I will post service information when that has been established.

With love and kindness,

-- Angela Janssen



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**

Wow, January 10th, 2016 already and today is beautiful. But I am stuck inside working. I hope some of our brothers and sisters are taking advantage and riding today. I know it's cold and there are rocks and debris on the roads but the way the rain has been, you have to take advantage of those precious moments.

We are looking forward to participating in many other chapters' events this year.

LoCo has volunteered to be the cooking vendor for the spring swap meet on April 9th, so we hope to see you all there.

-- 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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Clatskanie, OR 97016

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

January 05, 2016

It is cold out and we had a small meeting of nine people.

We did well on the candy sale, though the final accounting is not yet completed.

We had two good parties and lots of fun.

There will be work to do on the trailer this spring.

The whole Hildreth family was in our thoughts tonight. We voted to send some money to the fund set up for the children. Folks had many questions and we hope that all will be clear in time.

**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**

Throttle twisting greetings to all,

Perhaps you've been thinking of working on your bikes and the trips you might take in 2016 as we proceed through January. We hope that everything goes according to your master plan.

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* was not able to have its officer elections on December 20 because of the lack of a quorum and the January 03 meeting was canceled on account of the snow and ice. So, we had our elections on January 17th. Yippee!

Our chapter events for the year are as follows:

- March – Chapter dinner and food drive delivery
- May – *Yer Mothers Poker Run*
- July – *Southeast Portland Chapter* swap meet (Maybe.)
- August – *Solstice Dice Derby*
- September – Family picnic
- December – *A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners' Toy Run*

Please visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter Mini Mall*.

We have a large chapter trailer (8' x24') for sale that was used for *Run 21* purposes.

The 2015 toy run t-shirts are on 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.* 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.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**

We have had only one meeting yet for 2016 and it was to discuss very high-level events for the year.

Look for our first organized event in April in the form of a spring biker night on the 23rd!

The only other thing I can think to mention here is that it being an election year, emotions and efforts are high in the political world. Do your research check out those "facts" you see on the internet, support *A.B.A.T.E.*, and *BikePAC*. Watch your rights and keep your communication to your representatives open.

Now, more than ever, be vigilant in fighting for your and my freedoms.

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

POINT of CONTACT

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Cornelius, OR 97113

Our Officers at Work

Fine folks attending = 26 ; Bikes ridden = 1

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

09 January 2016 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome : The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:03 p.m. with nine of eleven chapters represented. All chapter representatives present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused: *Central Oregon*.

Excused chapters: *Lower Columbia*.

Pledge of allegiance. Moment of silence: for downed brothers, sisters and service men, women.

Guests and first time attendees: Diana Nicolay (*Douglas County* representative), Tonya Judd (*Douglas County*), Bruce (*Confederation of Clubs*), Mike Friend (*Bikers for Christ*), Derald Stafford (*Josephine County*).

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

Passed unanimously.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering welcomed the group and asked us all to refocus for the new year so we can make *A.B.A.T.E.* better than ever.

Now is the time to be on the doorsteps of our elected representatives.

He also noted that the chapter treasurers meeting after the February 13 state board meeting is mandatory.

Secretary report, correspondence: Teresa Hepker reminded representatives that chapter officer contact lists are due. As of the end of this meeting, *Central Oregon*,

Douglas County, *Jackson County*, and *Southeast Portland* lists have not been received. A form was included in the representatives' packets that you can copy and take to your next meeting.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer said he's looking forward to the new year.

He recently had to spend some time by the side of the freeway in the rain, and he watched motorcycles and trucks go by. He said he could hardly see most of the bikes because of the spray, except for one who was wearing neon.

Food for thought: If you want to be seen, you have to make an effort.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen reported on upcoming events:

- April 30-May 1 – Southern Oregon swap meet
- September 12 – Jackson County swap meet
- August 5 – *Josephine County Coast Run*
- August 13 – *S.O.S.*

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

Treasurer: Karen Tolle presented year end profit and loss report along with final budget figures for 2014-2015.

The 2015 budget goal was to earn an additional \$479 but we watched our money carefully and ended up \$8,929.38 ahead of projections.

The sanctioning, tithing report shows chapter event reconciliation reports that have not yet been submitted and those chapters have been notified.

Karen has forwarded the revised expense report and event reconciliation report forms to Carl for

posting on the web site.

She sent invitations to all of last year's chapter treasurers to attend the treasurers' annual meeting at 2 p.m. on February 13 after the state board meeting. (*Free pizza !*) Representatives also got a copy of the invitation in their packets today.

In response to a suggestion we consider a short term certificate of deposit (CD) for some of our funds, she checked with the bank and found that on a \$10,000 CD for six months, we would earn \$7.50. She considers the earning not worth the effort.

Once Carl finishes uploading all forms on the state web site, she plans to download by-laws, manuals, and forms to the flash drives we purchased and have them for the treasurers in February.

Checking	\$ 2,914.73
Savings	\$24,945.54
PayPal	\$ 200.00
U.S. postmaster	\$ 130.41
=====	
Total	\$28,190.68

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg reported a total of 1,323 members, broken down as follows:

Expired	– 270
Deceased	– 5
Newspaper	– 432
Family	– 301
Lifetime	– 86
Associated	– 229

Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb renewal reminders have been sent out.

Kathy has been including extra information with her mailings, including *Fossil* and *BikePAC* cards.

She needs some life member



Teresa Hepker

state recording secretary

patches.

She will be removing expired members who have not responded to multiple renewal notices.

She will also remove deceased members, so they will no longer appear on chapter lists.

Sanctioning officer: Todd Sahlberg discussed some sanctioning issues.

Some chapters turned in event dates but not the expected attendance. Todd can't apply for insurance without that information, and he needs it as soon as possible in order to process the insurance applications for all chapters.

This year you can expect to receive your insurance certificate about 30 days prior to your event.

Todd is working on a shorter form to make it easier to fill out.

Using the *A.B.A.T.E.* name in your advertising is what triggers the need to be sanctioned. Insurance is not necessary for all events. If you are not certain your event needs insurance, contact Todd for help.

River City asked for clarification: The *See's* candy sale gets insurance through a different vendor (because it is a month-long sale), but has not been turning in a sanctioning application. Todd said to turn one in, with a note about the insurance.

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Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer asked treasurers to get their December reports in as soon as possible so she can get our files to the tax accountant by January 31.

She is missing November and December reports for *Washington County*.

December is missing for *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Hub City, Josephine County, North Coast, and Southeast Portland*.

The treasurers' meeting in February is very important.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path advised the board that this will be his last year as newspaper editor. Fifteen years is enough. We will need a new editor in 2017.

Chapter reports are due on the 10th of each month. He is not going to chase them down any more. If your report has not been received in time for publication, your chapter page will simply say "no report received."

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle said the *Southern Oregon Polar Bear Run* had three staging areas, each getting thirty to forty bikes. All came together at the *V.F.W.* hall for breakfast.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop shared a verse about the *River City Polar Bear Ride*. He said they got six hardy souls to share the -13 degree wind chill factor, meeting at *Frosty's* in Rufus for a much-needed hot breakfast.

Products director: Ted Tracy was excused.

Paul will notify him that Kathy needs life member patches and will give him a list of patches requested by *Douglas County Chapter*.

Education director: Geoff White reported that he and Mel Yeager will be meeting this month with two chapters of the *Red Knights* (firefighters club) to

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

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make a presentation about becoming *Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)* instructors. He asked any previous instructors to check their closets for videos and other course materials and return them to him if they are not being used.

Anyone still conducting classes, or wanting to get re-involved, should contact him too.

Public relations director:

< Vacant >

State run coordinator (Fossil): Rick Prentice was excused.

Paul showed a T-shirt design submission to the room and asked for feedback. He will e-mail the design to Rick.

Douglas County members are considering stepping up to conduct the games. Members have done it in the past, but have not yet made a decision.

Teresa reports that we will have *Fossil Campout* tickets available at the February board meeting.

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg said he is waiting for confirmation from the Hillsboro *Elks* that the second weekend in April is available.

Lower Columbia Chapter is interested in doing the food. They would be included as part of the swap meet sanctioning and insurance. Food handlers cards are required.

Historian: Teresa Hepker received

some historian items from the Sturbas. Otherwise, nothing to report.

Web page editor: Carl Earl was excused.

Quartermaster: Paul Hering and Gene Mortimore: Gene was excused.

Paul reminded the group that the Conex is at his house, holding *A.B.A.T.E.* records.

Legislative director: < Vacant >

Don Mason apologized for not remembering the following in December: donations to *BikePAC* are eligible for political tax credits on your next year's Oregon return.

Paula Leslie will continue efforts to meet with more stake holders about lane filtering, also anti-profiling and driver accountability. The next *BikePAC* meeting is February 6.

Motorcycle Awareness Rally is May 7 at noon in Salem.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall said, "Join *BikePAC*!"

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall said, "Join the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*!"

Confederation of Clubs representative: Mike Friend introduced Bruce, current president of the *Confederation of Clubs (CoC)*.

Bruce said there have been some changes in the *CoC* and they are adding new clubs. They recognize that new blood is needed, and that has led to a new open door policy on admitting

new clubs.

They plan to work with *BikePAC* when issues coincide. They are working on a *Motorcycle Profiling Project*. Learn more at:

<http://motorcycleprofilingproject.com>

There have been changes to Oregon's insurance regulations regarding underinsured and uninsured driver benefits. Such benefits are now "stackable". Old limits have been removed. Talk to your insurance agent. New benefits only apply to new policies, so you may need to ask your agent to rewrite your existing policy. This may also change premiums.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Motion submitted by Randy Phipps, seconded by Chuck Miller:

"To renew our annual subscription to the computer program we use to keep our membership list. (It's called Member Ties.) Cost is \$69."

Discussion: Currently Kathy can't make P.D.F. file for chapter lists. Renewing our subscription should add that tool to the program. In addition, the subscription includes an off-site backup benefit, in case of computer problems.

Vote:

Yes = 9

No = 0

Passed.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: February 13, 2016 at *Ciddici's Pizza*, in Albany, Oregon.
- A memorial for Vic Voltz is planned for January 30.
- A memorial was recently held for *North Coast* member Bob Williams.

Adjourned: 2:22 p.m.

From yer ...



... for the final year

Keeping An Eye On Historic Riding

last twelve

c.o.e. – 169



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

Riding Through History

Looking for a way to get members or other riders aware of your A.B.A.T.E. chapter and involved in your activities?

How about living history rides?

There are few spots in Oregon that don't have some sort of historical significance attached to them, but not all of them have markers. Fortunately there are increasingly numerous books being published about Oregon places of interest, including your neck of the woods, thundering coast line, or patch of desert.

Oregon's Covered Bridges, coastal light houses and shipwrecks, national forests, railroading, athletics, festivals, institutions, different counties, military installations (such as they are or have been),

So get thee hence to yer local library or book shop to start planning an historic ride.

Dash Cams

Dashboard-mounted video cameras have become increasingly commonplace in some parts of the world, including Europe, Asia, and Russia. News stories are beginning to be augmented by dash-cam footage of everything from flaming meteors to crashing airliners.

And if another driver careens into your vehicle, dash cams can provide undeniable evidence for settling insurance claims.

The dash cam market seems to be aimed largely toward cages (automobiles and pickups), but there is no real reason why they can't be used on motorcycles.

Most of the cams come with wide-angle lenses, so they can capture quite a bit of what is happening around your vehicle. They're a great tool for grabbing license plate numbers and footage of drivers who endanger riders. And they have the potential to document

profiling activities by errant enforcement personnel.

Yer crusty ol' editor had become intrigued by the concept of dash cams. It being too wet and windy for drone operations, late last year c.o.e. began researching what was available in the way of dash cams.



He found a great little unit by Swann, though it was a bit pricier than desired. But it has a built-in battery so that it can be pulled out after a crash to document circumstances with photos or additional video. Plus it can detect when a crash occurs, locking video for thirty seconds before and after the impact so it can't be erased.

By heck, c.o.e. has even pulled still frames off of his dash cam to use in this rag . . . er, respectable publication.

Insurance companies should be encouraged to give discounts to riders or drivers who outfit their older vehicles with dash cams.



Arcadia Publishing has over 125 separate books about Oregon, from Baker City to Bandon, from Ashland to Astoria. And not just town or cities. They also have books telling about *Bridges Of The Oregon Coast*,

Beginning Of An End

This issue marks the first of the last twelve yer crusty ol' editor will be putting together for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Fifteen years and one hundred-eighty issues is enough for any one volunteer. (Some may claim it's one hundred and eighty too many.) Then it's "exit stage right" and a slow fade into forgotten obscurity.

It's time for other members to step up, take their place, do their part.

A lot of folks who might otherwise volunteer are fearful of failing, then looking foolish. They worry about wounded pride.

There is nothing to fear.

You *are* going to make mistakes. At times you may look silly.

It's all part of the learning process and it's something that you'll grow through as you learn a new job.

Whatever job you choose to do, you'll not be alone. Experienced help is just a phone call, an e-mail, or a meeting away. What folks don't know how to do, they figure out. (We bikers are a creative, cunning lot.)

So to whoever takes over this editing gig next year, yer crusty ol' editor will still be around somewhere to advise and help you out.

And c.o.e. has gotta tell ya, he wouldn't trade this last decade and a half experience for a winning lottery ticket. (Though he might consider a 50-50 split.)

Yer crusty ol' editor completes sixty-six trips around our sun midway through this month. That's over 38 billion miles, some of them on motorcycles.

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FEBRUARY Cryptogram

IRP TPAVEJ VX HEUHRDUP

HIPPCH XQEV AQELRH

JUG IDUIH IRP AEGH

JUG HOPNNH IRP NPJBPH ODIRDU.

--ODNNDJK S. AVXJUI

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)



FEB. 21, 2016
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HIGH
HAND**

OPTIONAL POKER RUN
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**\$50
LOW
HAND**

ENDING AT

Corvallis Elks Lodge
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For further information on this or any other upcoming Hub City A.B.A.T.E. event, or how to join please contact:
BRAD UPTON 541-742-8159

Apr 30 - May 1, 2016
Fri: 9:00 - 7:00 vendor set-up
Sat: 9:00 - 7:00, Sun: 9:00 - 5:00



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Josephine County Chapter

17th Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet And Bike Show

Free Bike Show

All-Bikes (American & Metric Classes)
Registration 10-noon, Show 12noon - 3:00 pm

NEW LOCATION

545 California Ave, Grants Pass - Merlin Exit 61 off I-5
Empty lot at the end of California Ave off Monument Dr

Great Food, Music, new/used
parts, leather goods, clothing,
gift items, drawings

Blessing of the bikes
Sunday morning biker church

Entry Fee: \$5.00/day
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Pat @ 541-832-2219

For general information:-
Spanky @ 541-659-8715 or
Karen @ 541-600-8730

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Motorcycle Awareness Rally

May 7th 2016
12:00 noon



Front steps, Josephine County Courthouse
500 NW 6th St, Grants Pass

The public is openly invited to attend this free event to be conducted in the interest of public safety about issues pertaining to motorcycles, motorcyclists, and public safety.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Similar rallies will take place in Grants Pass and in Salem. Lives can be saved by becoming more aware of all vehicles on the road. "Look twice, save a life." Come out and learn more about motorcycle safety, motorcycle legislative issues, and what is happening in Salem. Help us tell Salem what you are concerned about.

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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

Jackson County

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Come to our planning meetings and get involved. If everyone does a share, we have a great time working together, and no one gets burned out. We are on a roll and having a blast keeping things rollin' .

The *Breast Cancer Awareness Run* was fantastic, with A.B.A.T.E. of Jackson County donating \$450 to both the *Eisenstein Breast Cancer Center* and the *Asante Women's Imaging Center*.



We owe you, all of you who attended this event a huge thank you for coming out in support of our first event. This ride was such a hit. And you the riders made it so enjoyable that we have been asked to repeat the event. So here is your notice: In October you are cordially invited to the *Second Annual Jackson County A.B.A.T.E. Breast Cancer Awareness Run*. Requested by you, the riders and the community. Yayyy !

Watch the calendar coming out in the newsletter [paper] and keep your riding gear close, folks. There is a lot happening this year.

Hub City

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Answer to the trivia question:
Faith, Hope, and Charity.

[c.o.e.: Is that north-to-south or
versa-versa ?]

Measures Affect Numerous California Riding Areas



The U.S. house subcommittee on federal lands conducted a hearing in December on the *Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act* (HR-1838) and the *California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act* (HR-3668), both of which are of great significance to off-road enthusiasts from California and nearby states.

HR-1838, sponsored by U.S. representative Sam Farr (D-California) would allow off-road vehicles to return to the 75,000-acre Clear Creek management area southeast of Hollister, California, and establish the 21,000-acre *Joaquin Rocks Wilderness Area*, a compromise proposal that has bipartisan support among California's congressional delegation.

Clear Creek, which offers about 240 miles of trails, was closed to motorized

vehicles by the U.S. *Bureau of Land Management (B.L.M.)* in 2008 after the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* raised concerns about naturally occurring asbestos.

Asbestos is a known carcinogen. The *E.P.A.* claims that the dust kicked up by dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles presents a health hazard for riders and others.

But subsequent studies by the *International Environmental Research Foundation* found that the lifetime risk from asbestos for those riding at *Clear Creek* five days a year was about the same as for someone who smokes less than one cigarette a day for that same year.

Under the resource management plan adopted by the *B.L.M.* in 2014, the serpentine area of critical environmental concern was opened to some motorized traffic on a very

limited basis.

HR-3668 would designate 965,000 acres of the *Mojave Trails* area in the Mojave desert as a special management area that would be closed to renewable energy development. The bill also would designate 1,200 miles of roads and trails for O.H.V. use and include a "no net loss" provisions for trails and roads to prevent closures.

The bill also would designate six national off-highway-vehicle recreation areas at Spangler Hills, El Mirage, Stoddard Valley, Rasor, Dumont Dunes, and Johnson Valley. El Mirage, Spangler Hills, and Johnson Valley would be expanded.

HR-3668 also would transfer 4,600 acres to the city of Apple Valley for creation of an O.H.V. park.

The bill would prohibit the federal government from designating any national monuments on land that

is part of an O.H.V. area or special management area.

HR-3668, sponsored by U.S. representative Paul Cook (R-California) is similar to the *California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act* (SB-434) sponsored by U.S. senator Dianne Feinstein (D-California).

Feinstein has been battling unsuccessfully since 2009 to get congress to pass her bill, and in late 2015 asked president Obama to sidestep congress to designate the *Mojave Trails National Monument*, the *Sand to Snow National Monument*, and the *Castle Mountains National Monument* through the *Antiquities Act* of 1906.

Cook's bill would designate the *Sand to Snow National Monument*, but not the others.

Polar Bear Run

It's an annual event,
We do so with pride,
This thing we call,
The *Polar Bear Ride*.

Those who stay home,
And warm inside,
Probably just think,
It's just slow suicide.

As we gather to wait,
For all riders to show,
Freezing our butts off,
Ready to go.

The laughter starts,
Everyone agrees,
That's lots of cheer,
For twenty-seven degrees.

Wind chill at minus eleven,
With knees in the breeze,
Thinking of *Frosty's*,
The warmth that will please.

Some may say,
How crazy are we,
To be here Jan one,
And ride to be free.

Well, home warm and happy,
Without a care,
It was quite the nice day,
For the old *Polar Bear*.

-- Steve B

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

E.P.A. Raises Ethanol Blend Levels



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) reports that the *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*) last week raised the amount of ethanol and other renewable fuels that must be blended into the nation's gas supply, announcing that 18.11 billion gallons of renewable fuels must now be blended into the nation's gasoline supply in 2016.

The *M.R.F.*, as directed by our sustaining state motorcyclists' rights organizations (*S.S.M.R.O.'s*), does not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 (10% ethanol) 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.

This increase comes as part of the renewable fuel standard, a mandate that was meant to encourage the use

of domestic ethanol in U.S. gasoline supplies. Supporters claim it helps reduce carbon pollution and cuts American dependence on foreign fuel.

Higher ethanol blends, however, void new motorcycle warranties and have been reported to cause damage to motorcycle fuel systems and other engine components.

Interestingly, while the *E.P.A.* announcement of the 18.11 billion-gallon figure is significantly above the 17.4 billion gallons initially proposed in May, it falls far below the 22.3 billion-gallon amount laid out by congress in 2007 legislation and raises new questions about the viability of the controversial renewable fuel standard moving forward.

As part of its 2016 legislative agenda, the *M.R.F.* will continue to call for further motorcycle engine testing with these blends and seek manufacturer recommendations regarding their

use. And as always, the *M.R.F.* will continue to keep its members apprised of any actions regarding the ethanol issue.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Highway Bill Signed Into Effect

Passed by the house 359-65 on Thursday afternoon, December 3rd, and approved by the senate 83-16 later that same day, a long-awaited long-term highway funding bill has been signed into effect by president Barack Obama, marking big gains for the nation's infrastructure and America's motorcyclists, among others.

Overwhelmingly approved by congress a day before current funding expired, the 1,300-page, five-year \$305 billion measure increases federal money for transportation infrastructure projects around the country, addressing our aging and congested highways and bridges after years of stymied efforts. The legislation, dubbed *Fix America's Surface Transportation (F.A.S.T.) Act*, takes effect immediately and represents a 25% increase in federal funds committed to surface transportation infrastructure.

In addition, the good news for motorcyclists is that the new highway bill:

- Prohibits the department of transportation from awarding grants to local and state governments for motorcycle-only checkpoint programs, effectively preventing such discriminatory roadblocks.

- Reinstates the *Motorcycle Advisory Council (M.A.C.)* to advise the federal government on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists.

- Funds motorcycle safety grants and distracted driving programs, and makes it easier for states to qualify.

- Establishes privacy and security measures in infrastructure technologies and data retrieval.

- Continues funding for off-highway recreation.

Honda and B.M.W.

Address Climate Change

As 150 heads of state and government convened in Paris, France at the 21st conference of the parties to the United Nations' *Framework Convention on Climate Change*, with a goal to "reach a new universal climate agreement that is applicable to all," the hope is that some arrangement can be reached to help reduce carbon emissions worldwide and keep global warming from exceeding a two degree Celsius (3.6°F) rise in the coming years.

Emissions legislation and the transition to cleaner energy, both of which are included as strategies toward curbing climate change, have obvious impacts on the motorcycle industry.

Europe, for example, has set some of the most stringent emissions standards on motorcycles with additional restrictions forthcoming.

Further changes are likely to be seen in the U.S. as well, in part because of the pledges two motorcycle companies have made in accord with strategies outlined by the federal government while in Paris.

American Honda Motor Company and the *B.M.W. Group* are now involved in efforts to address global warming, with both companies signing the *American Business Act on Climate Pledge*.

In a press release issued November 30, 2015, by the white house, 154 companies are cited as having signed the pledge, each offering company-

specific strategies to combat climate change. *American Honda* and *B.M.W.* are currently the only two motorcycle original equipment manufacturers to sign the following pledge:

"We applaud the growing number of countries that have already set ambitious targets for climate action. In this context, we support the conclusion of a climate change agreement in Paris that takes a strong step forward toward a low-carbon, sustainable future. We recognize that delaying action on climate change will be costly in economic and human terms, while accelerating the transition to a low-carbon economy will produce multiple benefits with regard to sustainable economic growth, public health, resilience to natural disasters, and the health of the global environment."

Children's Advocates Denied Access To Courthouse Over Club Colors

The *New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (N.M.M.R.O.)* is helping address an issue where a group called the *Guardians of the Children (G.O.C.)*, a nonprofit organization of child abuse advocates comprised of motorcyclists, is being denied access to the courthouse unless they remove their motorcycle vests as instructed by the Bernalillo sheriffs department.

The patches on these vests help identify themselves to the children and families they are supporting. Along with this, many of the members have received rude and uncalled for treatment by several of the officers.

G.O.C. president Frank Montano and *N.M.M.R.O.* chairperson

Annette Torrez (also a member of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors) met with sheriff Manny Gonzales along with several officers to discuss the matter. *"Sheriff Gonzales received us well, listened to our concerns and apologized for the treatment [by] the deputies,"* reports Torrez. He asked them to report any negative actions from the deputies to their internal affairs division and he will see the issue is addressed.

As for the removal of the vest, the supreme court says that individuals have the first amendment right to wear clothing which displays writings or designs in a courthouse. There are several cases specific to motorcycle club colors, states the *N.M.M.R.O.*

Recent federal case legality confirms motorcycle organization patches and club colors as a protected expression.

A U.S. district court this past September, relying on supreme court precedent, concluded that the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of displaying membership in a motorcycle club. The court, citing 1985 and 1971 U.S. supreme court cases on first amendment rights, states it is not reasonable to prohibit speech in courthouse hallways merely because it may offend someone.

"Sheriff Gonzales suggested we now make an appointment with the chief justice where we will address the violation of our first amendment rights concerning this issue or any ban on motorcycle patches and attire in the

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court house,” said Torrez, who also told TV stations KRQE, channel 13 and channel 7 KOAT in interviews that; “It is the people’s court and our house and the government may not impose restrictions on an individual solely because of displaying membership in a motorcycle club or organization.”

More Female Riders Than Ever

Motorcycle ownership by women has doubled over the past decade, and female ridership is now at an all-time high.

Today, women riders account for 14% of all U.S. motorcycle owners, according to the *Motorcycle Industry Council’s* latest motorcycle owner survey, well up from the 8% reported in 1998.

“Women continue to embrace motorcycling like never before,” said Sarah Schilke, national marketing manager of *B.M.W. Motorrad U.S.A.* and chair of *PowerLily*, a group consisting of female motorcycle industry professionals. “Of the 9.2 million owners, more of them are women than we’ve ever recorded. In fact, the number of female owners better than doubled from 2003 to 2014. And, among the more than 30 million Americans who swung a leg over a motorcycle and rode at least one time in 2014, a quarter of these riders were women.”

Among younger generations of owners, the percentage of women is even higher.

Slightly more than 17% of *Gen X* owners [born early 1960s to early 1980s], and 17.6% of *Gen Y* owners [born early 1980s to early 2000s], are women. Among *Baby Boomer* owners [born 1946 to 1964], women make up 9%.

The owner survey also revealed what type of bikes women prefer.

Cruisers are the choice of 34% of female riders.

Scooters rank a close second at 33%, followed by sport bikes at 10%.

In the survey, of some 48,000 American households, women were also asked to share their top three reasons for riding motorcycles. They answered “fun and recreation,” followed by “sense of freedom” and “enjoy outdoors, nature.”

When it comes to purchasing a motorcycle, women rate fuel economy and test rides as the most important decision-making factors.

The study revealed that female riders are safety-conscious. While 60% of women took a motorcycle safety course, only 42% of men had any formal training. In some state motorcycle safety training programs, women make up 30% of the student population.

Other key survey results: The median age for female motorcyclists is 39 versus 48 for males; 49% are married; 47% have a college degree; New bikes are preferred over used by 57% of female riders; and 49% of women motorcyclists take care of their own maintenance.

N.C.O.M. Convention Rolls Into Atlantic City

The 31st Annual N.C.O.M. Convention will be held Mother’s Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at *Harrah’s Resort*, located at 777 Harrah’s boulevard in Atlantic City, New Jersey, so reserve your room now for the special N.C.O.M. rate of \$109 by calling (888) –516-2215.

The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, this year’s *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* (N.C.O.M.) convention will draw over a thousand concerned bikers from across the country to “America’s

Playground” to engage in serious discussions on topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists were welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders’ rights and preserve Freedom of the Road.

Topics will range from anti-profiling regulations to S.M.R.O. effectiveness, with special meetings for veterans affairs, women in motorcycling, clean & sober roundtable and world of sport bikes, as well as the christian unity conference and *Confederation of Clubs* patch holders meeting.

N.C.O.M. has successfully out-reached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America’s motorcycle rights organizations (M.R.O.s), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sport bikers, and minority motorcyclists.

The N.C.O.M. convention is solely sponsored by the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (A.I.M.) nationwide legal services program and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 N.C.O.M. member clubs, organizations, and associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists.

To pre-register for the 2016 N.C.O.M. convention, contact the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* at 1-(800)-525-5355 or visit:

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Weird News

Women Racing Motorcycles For Saudi “Gamer” Prince

Although the women of Saudi Arabia are not authorized to take the wheel, in a new video game designed by Arab royalty, they ride motorcycles as they race through destroyed and corrupted lands.

The smart phone game called *Saudi Girls Revolution* (S.G.R.) was created by his highness prince Fahad Al-Saud, the grandson of the Saudi Arabia king’s brother. He’s got an occidental culture, studied at *Stanford University*, worked at *Facebook* on the launch of the Arabic version, has lived in Los Angeles and London, and has founded several companies including *NA3M Games*, the company behind *Saudi Girls Revolution*.

Will a video game help the fight for more relaxed regulations for all women living in the Arabic world?

Saudi Arabian women have been fighting for their right to drive for decades, but now they can at least imagine being one of the eight ladies of the game riding at full speed under dark clouds in a post-apocalyptic kingdom through hostile landscapes, fighting against brutal tyrants with their abayas in the wind.

Quotable Quote

“There’s really no such thing as the ‘voiceless’. There are only the deliberately silenced or the preferably unheard.”

-- Suzanna Arundhati Roy
political activist, author
(b. 24 Nov 1961, India)

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Clackamas County Fair Settles Motorcyclists Discrimination Claims

September 2015

Two members of Portland area motorcycle clubs were refused entry to the 2013 *Clackamas County Fair and Rodeo*, **solely** because their clothes displayed their club affiliations. After traveling miles to the fair, they were turned away at the gate.

In response, Bruce Ankarberg, chairman of the *Oregon Confederation of Clubs (CoC)* and member of *The Flying 15 Motorcycle Club* attended meetings of the county fair board, along with legal research analyst Kevin

Phillips. Ankarberg told the board these motorcyclists were singled out and refused admission based **only** on the writing on their attire, indicating their club affiliations.

Jeff Williams of *Brother Speed Motorcycle Club* and another biker from a local club worked with Portland civil rights attorney Kyle S. Clark, and in June, 2015, through the efforts of the *CoC* and their attorneys, each motorcyclist was paid \$10,000 for the violation of their civil

rights under the first and fourteenth amendments to the U.S. constitution.

Ankarberg said he was impressed and pleased by how quickly the Clackamas county fair board understood they had erred and corrected their policy. As a gesture of their goodwill, the fair gave the *CoC* free passes for the 2014 fair and demolition derby.

The *Oregon CoC* wants the public to know that Oregon motorcyclists are their friends and neighbors, and

that they have a constitutional right to belong to any club and to associate with whomever they choose, free from government interference or discrimination.

The two motorcyclists each donated part of their settlement to legal funds set up through *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* to assist other motorcyclists who are victims of discrimination, including the recent Waco, Texas tragedy.

letters to yer crusty ol' editor . . .

E-Zero Gas Follow Up

Rot Path,

Thank you for the article *Ethanol-Free Fuel*.

[State newspaper, September 2014]

Once after running out of gas and then pushing my bike a mile up a hill, I became painfully aware of my mileage and began using the trip odometer at every fill-up.

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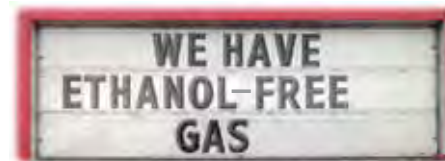
I repeated this result three times. Using ethanol-free gas, I have gotten more miles per a tank and my motorcycle runs smoother with more power.

In addition, I only buy gas that has separate hoses for each grade of fuel.

Do not use gas stations that use one hose [blender pumps] because the consumer is getting a hose full of whatever the last person bought, and that is 30% of one gallon. Therefore, the consumer may be paying for premium gas but getting approximately 40 ounces of regular gas.

Have a great day,

-- Matt G.



Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

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 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	
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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	
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Kathy Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
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Sgt-at-arms (south)			
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Education director			
Geoff White	Education@abateoforegon.net		
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< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
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Swap meet coordinator			
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< 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	

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Portland, Oregon
97208

(Return address)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

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			

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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: _____

February 2015 (imibolic) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 River City 1900 (7 pm)	3	4	5	6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> BikePAC noon - Salem library </div>
7 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	 new moon Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	9 <i>mardi gras</i>	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> March 2016 chapter reports due at newspaper </div>	11	12 <i>Abraham Lincoln's birthday</i>	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> ABATE B.O.D. noon <i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> Albany, Oregon 2 p.m. - Treasurer meeting (mandatory fun) </div>
14 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm)  Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) <i>Valentine's day</i> (birthdays of Oregon and c.o.e.)	 1st quarter moon <i>George Washinton's birthday</i>	16 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) <hr/> North Coast 1730 (5:30 pm) <hr/> River City 1900 (7 pm)	17 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	18 Douglas Co. 1900 (7 pm) <hr/> Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	19 Jackson County 1800 (6 pm)	20
21 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Hub City Chilly Buns Run Albany </div>	 quikening moon Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm) <i>Martin Luther King Jr. holiday</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 13 Feb 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	(541)-742-8169
Mar 2016	Chapter Dinner and Food Delivery / SE-PDX		
23 Apr 2016	Biker Night / WaCo		
Apr 2016	Spring State Swap Meet		
30Apr-01May 2016	Southern Oregon swap meet	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
07 May 2016	May Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Salem	
07 May 2016	May Motorcycle Awareness Day	Grants Pass	
May 2016	Yer Mother's Poker Run / Southeast Portland		
May 2016	Fossil Campout	Fossil	
July 2016	possible chapter swap meet / SE-PDX		
06 Aug 2016	Coast Run / Josephine County	Grants Pass	
12 -14 Aug 2016	S.O.S /	Wolf Creek	
Aug 2016	Soltice Dice Derby / SE-PDX		

Once there was a rider called Drunk Mike,
 Who's antics on two wheels caused fright,
 After one-too-many,
 He reached for a penny,
 Now brothers wonder who'll get his bike.

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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