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It's Freakin' Summer!



It's time to ride yer bike . . .

A.B.A.T.E. members in southern Oregon rally at the Grants Pass courthouse to raise driver

awareness of other road users.



... and raise motorcycle awareness



Members of North Coast Chapter (left to right, Ron Gray, Laird Adkins, and Laura Sellers-Earl) load up on the Westport Ferry for a trip across the Columbia River.

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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 Brother-hood 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, onroad 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 Rasor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists

of Oregon (A.M.O.)

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

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

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

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

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.

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

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 \mathbf{A} = Single entity.

B ROTHERHOOD = 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.

E NACTMENTS = To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinence; a decree; a regulation.

officers at work

State Coordinator

Greeting to you all!

I would like to start by saying *thank you* to everyone who took the time to join us for the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in Salem.

The crowd we had was smaller then last year, but those who were there had a good time and enjoyed some great sunshine.

Please mark the date on your calendar for next year. The rally is always the **first saturday in May**.

Also by the time you receive this, the *Fossil Campout* will be over for another year. I hope many of you came and enjoyed the company of your *A.B.A.T.E.* brothers and sisters. This event is always a good time, rain or shine.

If you are interested in helping plan

this or any other *A.B.A.T.E.* function, please let any of the state officers know. Any and all help is needed and appreciated.

Now that June is upon us, more and more options are available for those weekend outings. Check the list of flyers later in this newspaper for more details.

How about trying a poker run or other event that you've never done before? If you try something new, you never know, it just might turn out to be your new favorite run.

I would like to say a belated *Happy Mothers' Day* to all of you ladies who qualify. Also a *Happy Fathers' Day* to all of you gentleman who qualify. I hope that each of you got to, or get

to, enjoy your special day.

As always, I invite everyone to join us at a state board meeting. Or maybe you can call one of the state board members. Without all of you, there would be no need for what we do.

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul Hering state coordinator A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon (503)–313–7129



Paul Hering

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from Central Oregon,

Important announcement:

Starting in June, we will be meeting at *Kelly D's Irish Sports Bar and Grill* located at 1012 S.E. Cleveland in Bend.

Due to the closure of *Izzy's Pizza* in Redmond, we were forced to find a new meeting location. We will meet there at our normal time and date. (Second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.)

I have heard that *Kelly D*'s has great food and, as always, minors are welcome.

Come join us for our *Rocks, Lakes*, and *Bridges Dice Run* benefitting the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* on

Saturday, June 18. It is a beautiful ride through the Central Oregon countryside and ends at *Hardtails* in Sisters with a live band. Always a good time.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill



<u>CENTRAL OREGON MEETING</u> <u>TIME and PLACE</u>

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) *Kelly D's Irish Sports Bar & Grill* 1012 SE Cleveland street Bend, Oregon

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Douglas County

Another good turnout for the April Douglas County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter meeting. Again, we had great support with members from Josephine County A.B.A.T.E. members supporting us.

Our 50/50 drawing went well. (The secretary won the pot!)

We got a lot of support from our local stores with prizes for the raffle tickets.

Again, many thanks to Tonia and others for beating vendors into submission and getting us some nice prices.

Our first *Bike Night* for the summer went off without a hitch. Of course it would have been nice to see a few more folks there.



-- Bill Sebers secretary Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

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Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) Sunset Tavern 4818 NE Stephens street Roseburg (541)–673–5944

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

Jackson County's swap meet is coming in September and looking really good. So much time going into this by the 40 Boots Motorcycle Club. We appreciate the hard work and dedication that you are putting in to this.

This event will coincide with the drag strip race night. So anyone who would like to put their bike to the test can enter the event. (Price of the drag strip fee is extra.) So plan on attending and have fun.

If you would like to have a booth at this event, please let us know so we can get you on the schedule.

In October we will have our second annual *Breast Cancer Awareness Run*. Last year we were able to donate \$800 between two different centers to continue their work. I am happy to let every one know that both of the

centers are on for this one as well.

We are getting sponsors and donations, and the community is really stepping up and backing us like they did last year. We hope to get a large turn out. Remember: Cage, bike, or bicycle, you are welcome to come and participate or just show up for the friendship and conversation.

See you on the street or freeway.

Keep the rubber down.



Jackson County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

4rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City

I don't know about other A.B.A. T.E. groups, but Hub City has fun at their meetings. It starts with our great coordinator, Tracy Traw. He has a great sense of humor and runs a great meeting. I hope you had the opportunity to see him in action as the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally held on the capital steps, May 7th.

Thanks to all who showed up to support our rights as users of the roads. Our legislators and the general public need to recognize that motorcycles use the roads too.

It never hurts to have strong showing for the legislature. They do notice when *BikePAC* and crowds come a-calling with our concerns.

The poker run to support the Albany *Veterans' Day* parade was a

huge success. It was well attended. It is nice to see all the different groups come out and support the poker run, by staffing the stops.

Upcoming events for *Hub City* include our June 4th poker run. Check out our web page at:

http://www.hubcityabate.com

These events show a presence in the community and help us raise funds for our mission of rider awareness and safety.

Speaking of safety, I hope you were able to go to the movies in May and see the Hub City fifteen second promo spot. This year for May we decided on a video in the theaters instead of billboards. Let us know how you thought the spot was. Maybe next year we will do another one.





June is the time of year when weather starts to be warm enough and the riding bug hits people. If you know of someone who is getting back to riding or is new to it, encourage them to attend the *Team Oregon* training. There are several different levels and it is great training, conducted by well

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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

The weather was good to us in May. Good riding weather, good swap meet weather.

This year's swap meet was the best we've had in several years. Great vendors, a good band, delicious food at reasonable prices, and lots of attendees. (Whenever you change location or dates, you always worry about attendance.)

The new swap meet location worked out to be a good decision. The new location can be seen from the I-5 freeway and we drew in a large number of newcomers.

We made a few mistakes.

- We have to improve the signage.
- We have to make a better gate/ entrance.
- Since this is a two-day event, we want to have some activities on Sunday to make it a better draw.

- We will advertise free camping next year.
- We'll have regular shuttle to the store.

A little history of the southern Oregon swap as I know it:

The swap meet was started by Mike Horn as a private enterprise.

It had several homes before it landed at Touvelle in Central Point.

In the early days it was called the *Southern Oregon Bikers' Swap*. (S.O.B., for short.)

Our chapter inherited it after the eighth one when Mike Horn became ill and unable to mange it by himself.

There was no *Jackson County Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* at that time, so he came to *Josephine County* to ask for help.

Someplace early in the counting,



the 6th, 7th, or 8th annual swap meet got mis-numbered. So, even though we called this year's event the "18th Annual", next year will be the 20th anniversary of this swap meet.

We have to plan something very special for next year. Not sure yet what it will be, but you can look forward to it being *big*.

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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

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

April's meeting was sparsely attended. The business of the chapter fell, as usual, to the core group who always show up. Attrition due to divorce and death has reduced that core even further. Sad commentary when it is reported that at one time, *Lincoln County Chapter* had the largest membership of any chapter in the state.

On the positive side; since there had not been a state meeting in April, Jack had no report to give. Members applauded Jack for his best efforts ever. (Although Trucker mentioned that he did miss his usual nap.)

Some of us purchased our advance tickets for *Fossil Campout*.

After adjournment, talk turned to the event: What to provide for door prizes, what to expect for this year's weather

Three of the folks I ride over there with pull trailers. In the past years, they have laughed at my little tent and suggested that I should pull one also. My response has been, "How can you look cool pulling a trailer?" Or, "Peter Fonda didn't pull a trailer."

So I look cool.

"Oh, you brought an extra chair for me. Wow, thanks."

"Man, it sure is nice that we have this pop-up over the table to eat out of the rain."

"That was a great dinner Jack. Would



of been pretty hard to do that on my one-burner."

Pretty simple solution, you see.

Have nice friends who pull trailers and still look like *Easy Rider*!

Ride safe,

--Skid More

Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 p.m.) *American Legion Hall*, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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

Spring Fever, May Awareness

What a great time we had at our *Spring Fever Run*, which made a really nice start to the season. There were close to fifty bikes that showed and almost sixty riders made the run.

This year we made our final stop at the *Gearhart Bowl* for the first time and it was a very nice spot. They had plenty of room for us and were very accommodating. Thank you to everyone who participated and everyone who helped out.

On May 7, the chapter had a motorcycle awareness rally on Marine drive in Astoria. Thank you Al for bringing the signs and water.

Afterward, some of the members went on a ride to *Duffy's Irish Pub* in Gray's River, Washington, and then back over on the Westport Ferry, while others went to Mount St. Helens.





Riders on the Spring Fever Run make their annual stop at the Tillamook Cheese Factory for a little ice cream.

North Coast <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u>

3 rd 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

May is always a busy month with everything going on at work and with *A.B.A. T.E.*

I hope everyone got to enjoy some of this great riding weather we had. It was great seeing a lot of you at the swap meet. Thanks for supporting us and buying a burger.

LoCo had its *Spring Run* on Saturday, May 21, 2016. We hope we saw you there.

Ride safe,

-- Phil



Lower Columbia <u>MEETING TIMES</u> and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

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

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

April 19, 2016

May 03, 2016

Most of our meeting tonight was spent on final preparations for our poker run, this Saturday.

We approved sponsoring Teresa for \$100 for a benefit walk for the *National Alliance on Mental Health* in Portland on May 15.

Rick won the 50/50 for the third time in a row at \$19/19. He donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

Earl Kunhausen would have won the membership game if he had been present. It will be \$20 next meeting.

Good weather is here.

Get out and ride!

We had a loud and boisterous meeting tonight. We had a modest profit from our poker run and approved sending \$62.00 to the *A.B.A. T.E.* state treasury.

We added a new officer position of run coordinator and elected Rebel to fill the position. It will be in cooperation with the ways and means officer.

Jon Huteson would have won the membership game for \$15 if he had been present. It will be \$20 next meeting.

Teresa won the 50/50 at \$30/30 and donated \$20 back to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

The picture on the agenda game was won by Rebel who correctly identified the 1957 *Royal Enfield 700*.



River City <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u>

 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.) Shiloh Inn The Dalles

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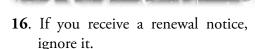
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17 Ways To Kill Most Any Organization

- 1. Don't attend meetings, but if you do, arrive late.
- **2**. Be sure to leave before the meeting is closed.
- **3**. Never have anything to say at meetings, wait until you get outside.
- **4.** When at meetings, vote to do everything. Then go home and do nothing.
- **5**. The next day, find fault with the officers and members.
- **6**. Take no part in the organization affairs.
- 7. Be sure to sit in the back, so you can talk it over with a friend.
- **8**. Get all the organization will give you but don't give the organization

anything.

- **9**. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
- **10**. At every opportunity, threaten to resign and try to get others to do the same.
- **11.** Talk cooperation, but don't cooperate.
- **12**. If asked to help, say you don't have the time.
- **13**. Never read anything pertaining to the organization.
- **14**. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
- **15.** If appointed to a committee, never give any time or service to this committee.



17. Don't do any more than you have to and when the others willingly and unselfishly use their abilities to help the cause, howl because the organization is run by a clique.

Guilty anyone?

observations by Luke Metcalf

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

Washington County

Hello, greetings, salutations, and howdy,

Things are sure getting busy out here in *Washington County Chapter*. But I would hope you already knew that.

We held our *Spring Biker Night* at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge* back in April. We made a little bit of money, but certainly would have liked to make some more.

Hopefully with our upcoming favorite, the *Roll'n'Ride* on June 18th, we can bring in some extra change.

You should find a flyer for that event here in this edition of the state newspaper.

Just a rundown though of some of the details:

- Saturday, June 18th
- Hits-The-Spot Cafe in North Plains, Oregon (North of Hillsboro)
- Be there at 9 a.m. (Or earlier if you'd like to order some tasty breakfast first.)

• Kick stands up at 10 a.m.

The *Roll'n'Ride* is a dice-based poker run that's always been a hit!

\$10 for one hand or \$15 for two.

Following the *Roll'n'Ride* in June, we have our *Scavenger Hunt* on July 16th starting at *Beaverton Honda Motorcycles* in Tigard, Oregon. (More on that later, but be sure to mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on this exciting hunt and seek run.)

While all these events are technically fundraising events, we like to have a bit of fun along the way, too.

I think I've asked this before but, just in case I hadn't:

It sure would be nice if every member from every chapter attended *just one* event or run held by each of the other chapters here in Oregon. I know we are all seeing a decline in attendance and that is hurting the old pocket book. We can help



each other by supporting each other. And talk some friends into coming too.

They may just like it!

Ride safe, Ride smart, Ride.

-- Goat secretary Washington County Chapter

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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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P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113 our officers at work

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

2016 (Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The family.) meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:13 p.m. with eleven chapters represented, all eligible to

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Laura Sellers-Earl (North Coast), Mike Friend (Southeast Portland), Mel Yeager (BikePAC), Tammy Mittig (Kustom Shirtz With Attitude), Critter Mittig (*K.S. W.A.*)

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Randy Phipps to adopt as printed in the state newspaper (April). Seconded by Carl Earl. Passed.

Executive Board Officer Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering reported a successful motorcycle awareness rally in Salem on May 7, somewhat smaller than in past years.

Unfortunately, the sound system failed, but people were patient with that.

Thanks to *BikePAC* for hosting. Fossil Campout is two weeks away. Still looking for volunteers and door prizes.

Secretary report, correspondence: Teresa Hepker asked for Fossil Campout advance tickets and money to be turned in. If it is not here today, please bring it to her at the campout.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer apologized for missing the Salem May rally. (Illness in the

They had a May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Astoria.

North Coast Spring Fever Run had a Total good turn out.

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

Karen Tolle reported seventy participants at the southern Oregon May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Grants Pass. (More than last year.) Had a variety of bikes and riders there.

Vice-coordinator (east): Prentice reported he missed the Salem May Motorcycle Awareness Rally because his new grandson was being born. Mom and child doing well.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle reported receiving the following today: \$ 43 from Chilly Buns Run \$ 62 from River City Poker Run \$713 from Southern Oregon Swap Meet.

\$	8,586.01
\$1	1,949.27
\$	200.00
\$	130.19
	\$1 \$

Total \$21,671.86

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg reported running two weeks behind on membership processing due to a death in the family.

Renewals are coming in and chapter representatives have current lists in their packets.

She has life member patches now

Membership Count:

Associated - 132 -360Expired

Family Lifetime 85 Newspaper = 367 1,154

officer: Todd Sanctioning Sahlberg discussed the requirements for chapters to include beer gardens or other alcohol at A.B.A.T.E.sanctioned events.

A.B.A. T.E. cannot provide alcohol, but can contract with outside vendors, who must provide proof of liability insurance, liquor permit, and any other permits required by the venue.

Todd is working with Mitch from the insurance company to clean up the details on insurance certificates and to get them out farther ahead of events.

Considering the learning curve, sanctioning is going well.

Thanks for everyone's extra efforts on May Motorcycle Awareness Rally and Fossil Campout insurance.

Karen Tolle reported that their grange meeting place is now requiring liability insurance for each meeting. Todd will talk to Mitch about what they can provide and Karen will check local sources.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer reported that 2015 taxes are in the hands of last year's accountant, but she has not heard back from them on progress.

We are still looking for a more accessible accountant.

We are currently paying \$1,500 per year for the accountant. The price is not the problem so much as being able to communicate with them.



Teresa Hepker

state recording secretary

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked all for attending on such a soggy day.

He was missing reports from Central Oregon and Jackson County.

He needs some photos from the May Motorcycle Awareness Rally and also wants some from Fossil Campout.

moved the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper phone from land line to cell service to save money. The number is the same.

He knows the road list in the newspaper needs updating. A volunteer is needed to call all the numbers and update the information that is there.

Anyone wishing to be included on the road list can send Rot Path an e-mail with the relevant information.

We are currently trading ad space with A.B.A.T.E. of Washington for their Spring Opener and our Fossil Campout.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps said the Salem May Motorcycle Awareness Rally attendance was a bit light.

He also reminded chapters sergeants-at-arms that their job descriptions include assisting at Fossil.

Other volunteers are needed and

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle sent his resignation, as his health prevents him from traveling

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A.B.A. T.E. State Board Meeting (continued from previous page)

There were two funerals that day for *A.B.A.T.E.* members, which might have had an effect.

He said 13 booths have been reserved for the *State Fall Swap Meet*. He will also need a food vendor.

Spring Swap Meet

Income \$2,265.00
Expenses \$ 267.85
Gross income \$1,997.15
Paid to Elks Lodge - \$ 300.00
Net income = \$1,697.15

Historian: Teresa Hepker had nothing to report.

Web page editor: Carl Earl said the web site is up-to-date.

Please let him know right away if you see something that needs to be fixed.

Quartermaster: (Paul Hering, Gene Mortimore) Gene was excused.

Legislative director: >>> V A C A N T <<<

Don Mason said *BikePAC* needs to submit 2017 bill proposals in the next three months. He asked chapter representatives to involve chapters in discussion of the subjects under consideration:

- Ethanol (less in gas, choice of nonethanol).
- Driver accountability in crashes involving a motorcycle.
- Gear choice (clothing, helmets, reflective vests, seat belts, etc.)
- Lane sharing (Should be called "traffic jam filtering", as we are only considering low-speed filtering through slowed and stopped traffic.)
- Anti-profiling.
- Mandatory motorcycle endorsement retesting.

Please report member opinions

back to BikePAC.

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

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall asked everyone to check http://www.mrf.org/ regularly for updated federal information, and to join the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen was excused.

Unfinished Business

Mel Yeager and Mike Friend reported on their experiences at the *N.C.O.M.* national convention that they attended in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Their reports will be in the June *A.B.A. T.E.* state newspaper.

Mike's airline delays caused him to miss a connecting flight and arrive a day late. The airline refunded him \$93, which he in turn refunded to *A.B.A.T.E.*

New Business

- Nic Oliver, who is the administrator of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's Facebook* page said that Anna Dahl also runs an *A.B.A.T.E. Facebook* page and that sometimes there are issues with information presented this way. Paul Hering will look into this.
- Motion by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County*), seconded by Cindy Witmer (*Lower Columbia*):

"To reimburse Josephine County Chapter \$174.24 as part of the expense for Karen and Lance Tolle, and Pat "Spanky" Allen to attend and support the 2016 Spring State Swap Meet."

Discussion pointed out that this for one night's hotel room. The chapter is paying for the other night and other expenses and that the attendance of the state treasurer is very important for our organization to operated efficiently.

Yes = 5

No = 5

Chair's "yes" vote broke tie.

Motion passed.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting
 = 11 June 2016 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.
- Several *non-A.B.A.T.E.* events

coming up were announced.

- Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety meets May 19.
- Lincoln County Chapter is still considering restarting the Beaver Creek Run, but not this year. Manpower continues to be an issue.

Adjourned: 2:59 p.m.

Upcoming 2016 Events

Date:	Event:	Sponser:
15 May	Bike Night	Douglas County
21 May	Spring Biker Night	Hub City
21 May	Spring Run	Lower Columbia
May	Southern Oregon Historical Poker Run	Jackson County
27–30 May	Fossil Campout	Oregon A.B.A.T.E.
04 June	Annual Poker Run	Hub City
05 June	Thundering Waters Poker Run	Douglas County
18 June	Bike Night	Douglas County
18 June	Roll-N-Ride	Washington County
June	Bike Night	Jackson County
25 June	Around Saddle Mountain	North Coast
25June–04 Jul	Heritage Days Hamburgers	Lower Columbia
July	yBike Night	Jackson County
15 July	Bike Night	Douglas County
16 July	Scavenger Hunt	Washington County
06 Aug	Run to the Coast	Josephine County
Aug	Bike Night	Jackson County
12 - 14 Aug	SOS Run	Josephine County
19 Aug	Bike Night	Douglas County
21–23 Aug	Mall Show	Hub City
27 Aug	Biker night or poker run	Hub City
27 Aug	End of Summer Run	Washington County
Sept	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	Jackson County
16 Sept	Bike Night	Douglas County
17 Sept	Fall Run	Lower Columbia
01 Oct	Grants Pass Toy Run	Josephine County
Oct	Breast Cancer Run	Jackson County
Nov	Fall State Swap Meet	Oregon A.B.A.T.E.
19 Nov	Spaghetti Feed	North Coast
19 Nov	Toy Run	Washington County
05 Dec	Holiday Run	North Coast
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Monday, 21 Aug 2017 - 10:15 a.m. Oregon total solar eclipse (Plan your event now, order solar glasses.)

From yer ... CRUSTY OL' EDITOR ... for the final year

Building Legislative Success

getting catty c.o.e. – 173

Between now and the November elections is the time when we can do the most good for motorcyclists.

This is the time when folks campaigning for public office are visiting communities and holding public meetings. This is when they are attentively listening to "we, the people", hearing our concerns. It's when we have access to them without having to travel to wherever their offices might be.

As pointed out in a recent *N.C.O.M.* convention, elected officials don't have a whole lot of time or concentration to be educated about our issues once legislatures are in session.

So now is when we can be most effective in gaining the ears of potential legislators.

We do that by becoming involved in the campaigns of candidates who seem to share our way of thinking. You chose the amount of personal involvement that you are comfortable with, from stuffing envelopes and making phone calls to erecting lawn signs and more.

This is where the diversity of A.B.A.T.E.'s membership comes into play. Although we work together on

motorcycle issues, individually we may have opposing political viewpoints. Which means that when we make the effort to become involved with office-seekers' campaigns, we end up with broad support across the entire political spectrum, not just a single party.

Politicians don't forget who helped them during elections, especially the grunt work. They tend to listen more attentively when we speak about our concerns. And they turn to us as subject matter experts when it comes to bills that affect motorcyclists.

This whole getting involved before an election thing is like building a bike from the ground up.

You have to start with a good solid, straight frame.

If you don't, you risk wandering all over the road and never getting where you meant to go. The framework is the foundation of yer bike.

Getting involved with the election of officials sets us up for a smooth ride through the legislative process.

Yer crusty ol' editor's internal calendar seems to be permanently stuck in school year mode, where summers were June, July, and August. That meant that the middle of summer was July. (Northern hemisphere.)

The reality is that by the third week of June, we turn the corner on daylight and begin losing sunshine, even though the temperatures often continue to climb in what might be described as thermal inertia.

So it's always a bit of a rude shock to yer c.o.e.'s questionable sensibilities when the latter parts of August begins producing shorter days and cooling weather.

Here's hoping it all begins making sense when c.o.e. gets his G.E.D.

One of the perks of being an *A.B.A.T.E.* officer is that you can appoint others to help you out with your job. Sometimes those appointments come about in unexpected ways.

On the first day of this month a year ago, yer crusty ol' editor managed to rescue a feral kitten that had become trapped in the garage. She was roughly thirty days young with blue eyes and a "Z"-shaped tail,



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

hence she was dubbed, Blue-Z.

Since then her eyes have gone light green, though her fully functioning tail retains its Zorra shape.

She has risen through the ranks from apprentice mouse catcher to friend and on to catssistant editor. (c.f.e.) She frequently tries her paws at creative writing by walking across the keyboard when c.o.e. isn't paying enough attention to her.

The biggest problem has been finding a green plastic sun visor to fit her.



Of course when you take on an officer role, you may choose human assistants.

The point is that volunteering for an officer position doesn't have to be lonely or scary.

You're never alone because *A.B.A.T.E.* is a brother/sisterhood.

You're no a brother/si

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Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page

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Portland, Oregon 97208

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

JUNE Cryptogram

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RM QNAEAW CAWL XODH'Q PCD IOEI.

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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "l" 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.









Hub City

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qualified riders/instructors.

If you haven't been to a *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* meeting in a while, come on out and see how much fun it is.

Remember to always ride safe and watch out for those intersections and cell phonedistracted drivers.

Hub City Rocks!

-- Bob Thomas

Josephine County

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Through the use of *Facebook*, and flyers everywhere we could think of, we were able to improve the attendance at our *Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.

Several groups rode in as part of their ride someplace else. One couple stopped by on the their way to Brookings. Several groups gathered in Medford, took different routes and stopped in Grants Pass to give us their support.

We had a few scooters, several sports bikes, and of course lots of *Harleys*. Lady riders, patched riders, families walking by. It was a good turn out.

Last couple years we've only had 25 or 30 bikes.

This year it was closer to 70 or 75, with bikes on both sides of 6th street in front of the courthouse.

Our messages were:

"Ride safe, drive safe."

"Look twice, save a life."

"Share the road."

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Josephine County

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While many of our members help with veterans events over the *Memorial Day* weekend and other events during the summer, our *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter will spend the next few months getting ready for our *Run to the Coast* and *S.O.S. Run* in August.

Run to the Coast Poker Run is the first Saturday in August.

The S.O.S. Run is the second weekend in August. August state board meeting will be at the S.O.S. Run on Saturday.

Watch our *Facebook* page for summer dinner rides or a quick trip to the coast.

The June chapter meeting is our potluck. The chapter will prepare the main course while members are to bring the side dishes.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the *Fruitdale Grange*. Potlucks starts at 6:00 p.m.

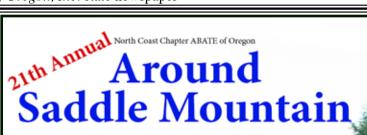
See you down the road,

-- Karen Tolle

Josephine County Chapter
(541)-660-8730



Randy Phipps directing traffic at May Motorcycle Awareness Rally in Salem this year.



Saturday, June 25, 2016

All motorcycles and riders are welcome to enjoy the scenic ride, meet new friends & riders

> Starts at Astoria Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon

stops include:

- · Colvin's Pub & Grill Clatskanie
- V & V Leathers Vernonia
- · Elderberry Inn Resturant Jewell
- American Legion Seaside

\$20 includes meal at the end of the run 50/50 • Prizes • Games

> Proceeds support Clatsop County food banks

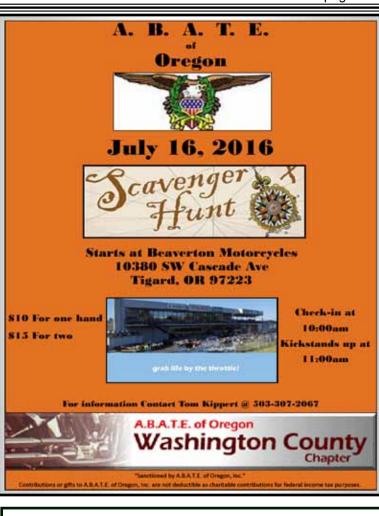
All stops are family friendly Kickstands up at 10 a.m.

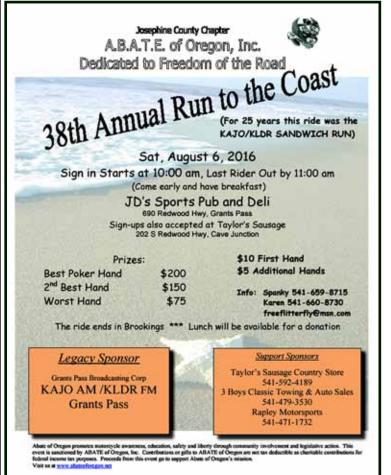
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2016 S.O.S. Run

Southern Oregon Summer Run
(an A.B.A.T.E. coalition event)

August 12-14, 2016
Gates open Friday at Noon

Wolf Creek Park, Wolf Creek, OR Exit 76 off 1-5 freeway, follow the signs

All advance tickets: \$25 each or \$40 couple
At the gate: members \$30 ea or \$50 cpl | Non Members \$35 & \$60
\$20 Day passes Saturday only at the gate

Doesn't matter what you ride, EVERYONE is welcome.



Bike Show | Poker Run Wet T-Shirt Contest | Bike Games

Motorcycles only in campground. RV/Trailer/Vehicle & Handicap parking in designated areas.

For more information contact: 541- 659-8715 or 541-660-8730 Vendors contact: Pat Wine 541-832-2219 No Firearms | No Fireworks

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists





Bill Promotes E15 Gas

Despite controversy over the proliferation of E15 fuel, which is not approved for use by any motorcycle manufacturer and can invalidate warranties, congress will consider a bill to expand existing infrastructure utilized in the "process of dispensing fuel containing covered renewable or alternative energy."

HR–4673, the *Renewable Fuel Utilization*, *Expansion*, *and Leadership Act* (*R.E.F.U.E.L. Act*) would provide federal grant money to subsidize the installation of blender pumps and equipment necessary to expand the availability of E15 gasoline, a fuel blend containing 15% ethanol.

The measure directly conflicts with earlier congressional action taken in the *F.A.R.M.* bill to prohibit funding for ethanol blender pumps, in an effort to restrict E15 expansion in the U.S. marketplace.

Maryland Anti-Profiling Measure Approved

Maryland is set to become the second state in the country behind Washington to pass a bill restricting police from profiling motorcyclists.

Companion bills HB-785 (passed 136-0) and SB-233 (passed 47-0) call for a statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in police policies, and require training of officers on "motorcycle profiling," defined in the legislation as "The arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search the individual."

The motorcycle anti-profiling legislation passed unanimously through committees and both chambers of the Maryland legislature, without a single no vote and without opposition from police enforcement. It now heads to governor Larry Hogan who is expected to sign it into effect.

"Having the police training commission add information on motorcycle profiling in their current training materials can only benefit everyone, by helping to raise awareness of any implicit bias officers may have against those who ride motorcycles or wear clothing associated with those who ride motorcycles," stated the A.C.L.U. in written testimony in support

of the measure, and drawing comparisons to racial profiling.

New York "Textalyzer" Identifies Distracted Drivers

Drunk driving is dangerous, and so is texting while driving.

But while police have long had a breathalyzer test for drivers who imbibe too much, until now they haven't had similar tools to combat distracted driving.

According to the *Centers for Disease Control*, distracted driving causes eight deaths every day. Now New York legislators are considering a bill that would allow police to use a piece of technology to see if a phone was in use during a crash, causing a distraction.

The device is called a "textalyzer", a roadside device that can read cellphones to detect recent activity.

The unprecedented piece of legislation would require drivers who have recently been in a crash to submit their cell phones to police for testing. The textalyzer wouldn't be able to read contacts or content, such as what you write in your texts, but it would tell the cops if the phone was in use before the crash.

The textalyzer also would work like a breathalyzer in another way -- refusing to have your phone scanned would result in having your license immediately revoked.

White House Responds To Racing Petition

The white house has been flooded with nearly 170,000 signatures from racing enthusiasts and race industry stake holders concerned over an over-reaching regulation from the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* that would prohibit street-legal vehicles, including motorcycles, from being modified for racing. The administration recently responded, noting that the *E.P.A.* is still considering the proposed standards and the issue is still in review.

The *E.P.A.* has reopened the proposed regulation for further public comment, with final approval expected this summer.

While the battle over the *E.P.A.* proposal continues, the U.S. congress has introduced the bi-partisan *Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (R.P.M.) Act* as HR–4715, which would ensure that street vehicles can continue

to be modified for the track.

The *R.P.M.* Act would guarantee that the longtime practice of modifying street vehicles into dedicated racetrack competitors is continued today, and protected for future generations of race fans as well.

Minnesota Defines "Autocycle"

Is the *Slingshot* a car or a motorcycle?

"Both", says Minnesota legislators, in deference to Twin Cities-based *Polaris Industries*, which began manufacturing the reverse three-wheeler with an open cockpit and a steering wheel in 2014.

The state house says such a three-wheeled vehicle fits in a category of its own. Representatives recently voted 129-1 to create an "autocycle" category, between a car and a motorcycle, allowing Minnesotans without a motorcycle operator's license endorsement to drive the vehicle, which will be considered a motorcycle for insurance and license plate purposes.

Many states remain divided over such distinctions between three-wheels and two, but Minnesota's bill includes several requirements for an autocycle, including antilock brakes, a steering wheel (instead of handlebars, like cycles), and car-like seats (not a straddling seat like a motorcycle). Helmets would not be required on an autocycle, but eye protection and seat belts would be.

A companion measure awaits a senate vote.

California Considers Traffic School For Motorcyclists

Traffic violators in California have long enjoyed the option of completing an authorized traffic violator school in lieu of adjudicating certain minor vehicle code infractions, thereby avoiding points against their driving record and dismissing the citation.

These traffic schools originated in California, where violators have a choice of approved defensive driving courses, everything from comedy to singles and even on-line courses, but nothing for motorcycle riders even if their ticket was on a bike.

Now, assembly bill 1932 would "authorize a person who is ordered or permitted to complete a

course of instruction at a licensed traffic violator school as a result of an offense committed while operating a motorcycle to instead complete an advanced-level motorcyclist safety training course."

Pennsylvania Rolls Out Free Motorcycle Training

Professional motorcycle training is recognized as the most important part of riding. And with warmer weather ahead, the *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation* (*PennD.O.T.*) recommends free motorcycle training through the *Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program* (PA.M.S.P.) as part of a rider's preparation for the 2016 riding season.

Whether totally new to motorcycles or an experienced rider, there are courses available for everyone.

From the fifteen-hour *Basic Rider Course* (*B.R.C.*) for novices, to the six-hour *Basic Rider Course* – 2 (*B.R.C.*–2) to refresh skills, or the one-day *Advanced Rider Course* (*A.R.C.*) for more seasoned riders, free course are being offered at 76 state-wide locations.

Motorcycle learner's permit holders who successfully complete a basic rider course will be issued a motorcycle license.

Quotable Quote

"News is the first rough draft of history."

-- Philip L. Graham (1915-1963) journalist, newspaper publisher

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N.C.O.M. Convention Reports

5-8 May 2016

Atlantic City, New Jersey

Mel Yeager's report:

The *N.C.O.M.* conference was held in Atlantic City, New Jersey this year. *Harrah's Resort* was the chosen place to have the event from May 5th through May 8th 2016.

Since there was interest in having BikePAC and A.B.A. T.E. representatives attend to tell of the items of interest and the events planned for the 2016 election and the following legislative session in 2017, Mike Friend was selected to represent A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and Mel Yeager was sent to represent BikePAC of Oregon. The attorney office of Sam Hochberg arranged for the lodging of all Oregon delegates and also paid for the banquet following the conference. We all in motorcycling in Oregon should be grateful that there is a great supporter of and benefactor as Sam and his attorney firm.

Now to the actual conference report. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* reimbursed Mike and me for the cost of the airplane tickets to and from the conference. The *United Airlines* flight I took left Portland at 10:51 p.m. and after stopping in Chicago, flew us to Philadelphia. There I managed to get to the 30th street station, met two biker mamas from Washington state. We took the train down to Atlantic City, arriving late at night. Together we took a cab to the resort where the conference was being held.

Chris Slater, had made the arrangements for the rooms we were to stay in during the conference. His flight arrived in Philadelphia two hours later than mine. He rented a car and drove down to Atlantic City. This caused him to arrive about two hours later than I did, which means that I could not get into my room until about 2 a.m.

After a couple of hours sleep, I was up and attending the various sessions as time would permit.



Friday

• First session I attended was at 9 – 11:30 a.m.

This was an open meeting of the *A.I.M.-N.C.O.M.* attorneys. It was moderated by Richard Lester, founder of the *A.I.M.-N.C.O.M.* program.

Much of the report was from various attorneys who told of their on-going efforts in the fight for motorcycle rights, many of which are still in the courts awaiting further action.

Of prime interest was the ongoing fight in the Waco, Texas area. *A.I.M.* attorney Bill Smith is leading the effort to get justice and satisfaction for those affected.

Next session was at 1 p.m. following lunch.

Doc Reichenbach (chairman of *N.C.O.M.*) led the presentation of the orientation and goals of the convention.

A welcome to Atlantic City speech was given by the mayor of the city, Dan Guardian. The message was short, positive, and sweet as he was pressed for time.

(A side note to this event: The meeting rooms were approximately 100 feet per side and about forty feet high. There was no baffling in any of the rooms I entered. The acoustics were so bad that unless you were sitting in the front row, you could not tell what was being said.)

• Next seminar at 2 p.m. was state motorcycle rights organizations victories and defeats.

The moderator for this one was Annette Torrez (chair of *New Mexico M.R.O.*)

John Bilotta (A.B.A.T.E. of Virginia), Chalupa (Maryland Confederation of Clubs), and Pagan's Motorcycle Club told of the work on Maryland's anti-profiling bill.

Pennsylvania is drafting a bill to make it possible for profiled individuals to sue for damages, compensation, and loss

By now my old bones were in need of some more rest, so I skipped the seminars on *How To Hold An Effective Fund Raiser* and the *U.S. Defenders Program*. Mike Friend had some misfortunes on his travels and will report those in his report.

I will tell you only the basics and he will fill in the details.

First of all, Mike's takeoff flight time was delayed due to the plane having hit a bird. There had to be a complete inspection of the plane, which resulted in arriving late in Chicago. Of course he missed the connecting flight and decided to drive from Chicago to Atlantic City with four others from the Portland area. They arrived in Atlantic City at about 2 a.m. Chris met them at the airport and brought them to the convention center. There they were assigned rooms and retired for the rest of the night.

Saturday

• General session chaired by Doc Reichenbach.

Following the invocation by reverend Todd of *S.F.G. Motorcycle Club*, there was a special dedication for two board member who had passed away.

Ringing of the bell was next. As each deceased member's name was read, the bell was struck one time. There were about 100 names read and the bell was rung for each one.

The keynote speaker was congressman Donald Norcross.

• At 11 a.m., the regional meetings were held.

As Oregon is in region I, a report of activities was given by representatives from the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

For the Oregon report I told of the efforts in *BikePAC* and the issues we are dealing with in the upcoming session. Chris also spoke of the efforts he was aware of on the legal side of the efforts. Together we made a very comprehensive showing.

Double D from Washington questioned whether the lane splitting bill or the helmet requirement repeal bill would have priority over each other. He feels that we will not get both as there are conflicting views.

BikePAC will have to discuss and decide if there is a need to prioritize.

Sam Hochberg and Chris both said privately that I gave a good presentation.

Rick Miera (New Mexico state legislator) gave a short report on the regulations concerning profiling and New Mexico. He stated that he is a biker first and a legislator second. He told of the efforts to get an anti-profiling bill that is all encompassing, It would cover all groups and all would be treated equally.

- Following lunch, the next seminar was *Safety and First Aid*, moderated by Christine Firehock.(*Kickstart Motorcycle Training Series* C.E.O.) As the acoustics were so bad, I honestly could not hear more than a few scattered words of her presentation. I walked away.
- Following a short break, the next session was presented by Slider Gilmore.

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N.C.O.M. Convention Reports

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(senior E.M.T. instructor)

The Golden Hour: How To Save a Biker's Life was the topic.

His presentation was audible and informative. There were videos and still pictures of wrecks and injuries suffered in motorcycle crashes. He showed the proper steps to take when you are the first one on the scene.

• The following session was of more of the same, a continuation of the previous session.

Slider recognized me and asked if I could get him an invitation to present this seminar in Oregon. I stated that I would notify Geoff White and let the two of them make any arrangements.

Slider has relatives in the Portland area. He mentioned Ted Tracy and asked if I know him.

That concludes my report of the conference sessions.

The only remaining item to be done was the *Silver Spoke Awards* banquet.

The meal was excellent.

Special awards were presented to several hard-working bikers in various organizations.

The convention was officially concluded



and we all started to make arrangements to go home by whatever means we had arranged.

My arrangements had been changed after being confirmed and vague instructions were included in the new confirmation letter. This led to confusion and nearly cost me over \$800 to make the flight back home.

That is another story. If you really want to hear it let me know.

-- Mel Yeager treasurer, BikePAC of Oregon

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Mike Friend's report:

I appreciate very much *A.B.A.T.E.*'s thoughtfulness of sending me to the *N.C.O.M.* convention this year.

I was looking forward to reporting all sorts of good stuff for you.

Unfortunately my *Spirit Airlines* plane hit a bird (likely a Canada goose) and then my "goose was cooked" for the first day of the convention. *Spirit* left Portland 90 minutes late

As we were landing in Chicago, our connecting flight to Atlantic City was taking off.

I was traveling with three other people from the *CoC* and we were all in the same boat. We were stunned to learn the airline would do nothing to help us and that our option was to wait 24 hours to catch the next flight out.

Our only choice at this point was to rent a

car and drive the 850 miles to Atlantic City. It was a long haul but we made the trip in fourteen hours, arriving at Harrah's at 1 a.m. Saturday morning.

After a little bit of sleep I was able to attend all of the events on the agenda for Saturday.

(A note on *Spirit Airlines*: I would recommend being very careful using them. You might save some money on your flight, but there are extra charges for luggage, seat selection, etc. Also, their customer service is terrible. I learned the hard way that you get what you pay for.)

I thought I could save some money on this flight for *A.B.A.T.E.* but I ended up losing an entire day of the convention which had a ton of great sessions.

I apologize for the loss of this first day. It was something that was beyond my control but at the same time, I lost the ability to provide you with a full report.

Saturday

• General session opened up with prayer and the ringing of the bell for club members and deceased motorcyclists lost in the previous year.

Keynote speaker, congressman Donald Norcross was absent due to a death in the

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Regional meetings — regions 1, 3, 9

• Oregon: Mel Yeager did a great job of reporting *BikePAC*'s legislative agenda for 2017.

Lane filtering, gear choice, ethanol bill, and driver responsibility bills being looked at for 2017. *BikePAC of Oregon* is looking ahead!

Washington state had an issue with their lane splitting bill due to possible loss of their helmet bill.

One thing for Oregon to keep in mind regarding lane filtering:

The *Berkley* studies are based on helmeted riders. Therefore, the passage of a lane filtering bill can jeopardize our ability to pass a helmet bill at a future date.

Achieving a helmet bill at a future time leaves the possibility of losing lane filtering.

This could be an either/or issue.

This scenario may be a moot point for Oregon because a helmet bill has strong opposition in Oregon. Riders are forced to wear helmets by the will of the people.

There was quite a bit of discussion of what happened in Oregon in the 2015 legislative session. Much thanks to *A.I.M.* attorney Christopher Slater who helped clarify many of the issues.

• California was successful in maintaining their lane splitting.

Much discussion on this topic.

The *California Highway Patrol* is in favor of lane splitting so motorcyclists are safe for now. If the *C.H.P.* ever backs off on their support for lane splitting, then California will lose it.

For now, *C.H.P.* [motorcycle officers] want to have the ability to split lanes so they can manage traffic.

It was encouraged that everyone talk to their assemblymen (this extends to all states) regarding this issue and any other issue that needs to be reviewed.

• Washington state legislature had a short session this year.

Discussion regarding potential updates to their profiling bill to include the ability to sue for damages when one's rights are violated.

A very good point was made that we normally work with the transportation committees on our bills.

This particular bill would be heard by the judiciary or rules committee, which is a different animal. Something to be aware of when putting together a profiling bill.

• Colorado had a shooting at a convention.

Even though there were credible witnesses to the shooting, the district attorney chose not to file murder charges.

The shooter claimed self-defense.

The families of the victim (*Mongols Motorcycle Club*) may be filing a civil suit against the venue as well as the shooter.

Lane filtering has been discussed and they may introduce it in the next session.

Motorcycle interlocks had good rules language and that was discarded recently in a "clean up" effort. Work is being done to get all the old language back.

• North Dakota had no issues or problems at this time.

They recently had a conference where many different clubs were represented. Double D came to speak and now everyone is all fired up.

The *A.I.M.* attorney said that if *Marcey's Law* came up, it is not a good deal. It is a victim's bill of rights, but it will force more issues into trial, which would not be good for the system.

• Arizona had their profiling bill pass the senate, but it has not gone through the house yet.

They have prepared a coloring book for kids with bikers as the subject matter. (Very similar to what *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* had many years ago.)

• Nevada *CoC* has been doing some charity work, raising \$15,000 at a recent toy run.

They are looking at lane-sharing, but taking a conservative approach on it.

Handle height regulation was amended so now it is legal to have grips four inches above shoulder height.

Southern Nevada reports they had a rally with profiling a big topic of discussion. They are in the process of collecting profiling examples.

• New Mexico

Guardians of the Children (similar to B.A.C.A.) were not allowed into the courtroom for the kids they are helping out. They have been getting push back from the police.

The *CoC A.I.M.* attorney wrote a letter to the police. Now colors will be allowed in the courtroom at the judge's discretion.

During the *CoC* meeting recently, the police took pictures of all the bikes and their

license plates while everyone was inside.

Also discussion how *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* is getting so much money to train riders. The thinking is that if there was competition for motorcycle safety training, the cost would come down and they will have more money to spend on other things.

A retired New Mexico legislator spoke for a bit. He made a good point to everyone present in the room.

His point was that if we are trying to get to know the legislators during the legislative session that is the wrong time.

Election time is the right time to reach out to them and talk to them about our issues.

To try to educate them on our issues and make friends in the legislature when they have the business of the people of their state on their mind is the wrong time to do that.

Do all the work up front and help them get into office. They will be more apt to listen and remember us during the legislative session.

• Utah has two cities that have anti-gang regulations and now the entire state is looking to go with those rules.

Motorcycle rights groups were working against that. Their *Confederation of Clubs* got involved and the bill died.

They are looking at a dead red bill.

Lane splitting was squashed because of the risk of losing their helmet bill. (The *Berkley* study is for helmeted motorcyclists only.)

Safety and First Aid

-- Christina Firehock.

A lot of good information shared by a master motorcycle trainer.

Her main point was that it is best to not have the crash to begin with. That comes with practice and training.

The safest part of the motorcycle is *you*. It is very important to ride your own ride.

It is a very good idea to have a first aid kit with you.

This was a good presentation by Ms. Firehock.

See YouTube:

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Crash Scene Management

The golden hour: saving a biker's life
-- Slider Gilmore

Typical high energy and thoughtfulness from Slider Gilmore.

Slider's seminar is very thorough on what one should do when a motorcycle crash happens

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or sister's life.

It will be a friend or one of the riders on the ride who will be saving a rider's life.

Slider Gilmore repeats this seminar several times a year. He lives in Iowa and is recently retired, meaning we may just see more of him

He would love to come to Oregon and give a presentation here.

The Silver Spoke Awards banquet was great.

It was good to see so many people recognized for what they do in the motorcycle community:

- Media: Jim and Patty Kay were recognized for their efforts with *Two Wheel Thunder TV*.
- Legal: William Swatek, A.I.M. attorney from Alabama was recognized for his outstanding work.
- Entertainment presentation was awarded to Arlo Gutherie. He could not be there to accept the award, but Arlo was recognized for his consistent friendship to the biker community.
- Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievment Award was given to Louie Nobs, the liaison for Christian Unity. And also for his work, along with others, for helping the Waco victoms.

Respectfully submitted to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon,

-- Mike Friend (BFC M/M) chaplain Southeast Portland Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

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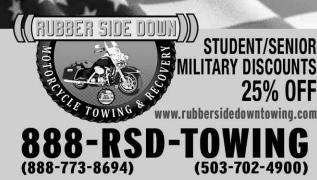
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- Patch (first year), card
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- Qualify for Team Oregon reimbursement offers as may be set by the board.

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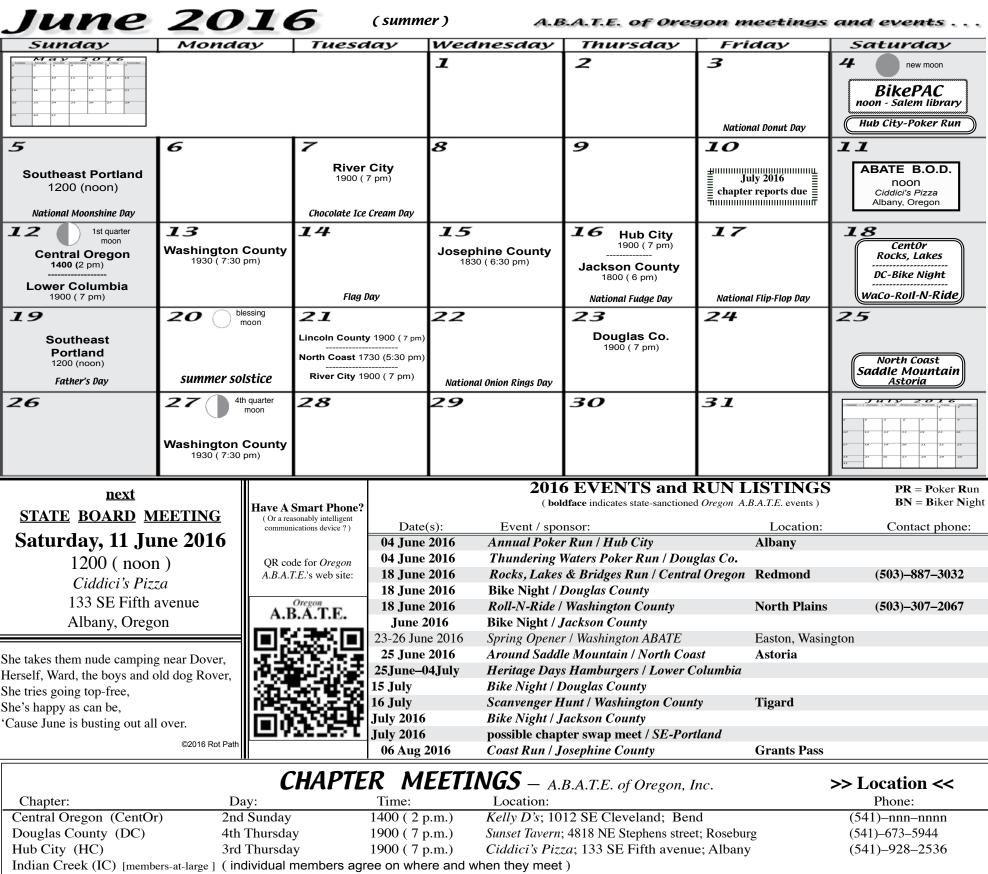
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Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Kelly D's; 1012 SE Cleveland; Bend	(541)–nnn–nnnn	
Douglas County (DC)	4th Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Sunset Tavern; 4818 NE Stephens street; Roseburg	(541)-673-5944	
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)–928–2536	
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large] (individual members agree on where and when they meet)					
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant; 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	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–9017	
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	n (503)–728–4122	
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881	
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)–298-5502	
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sunday	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–723–6013 chapter	
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	e (503)–357–3684	