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I tell you !)**

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- John Helm

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



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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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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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officers at work

State Coordinator

Greetings and Merry Christmas to one and all,

I hope this finds you all doing well and getting ready for the holiday season.

We have just passed Thanksgiving and I hope you have taken time to truly give thanks for all you have. Family, friends, a job, a good home, or maybe just good health. There are so many things to be thankful for if we just take time to look around.

How about being thankful for all our veterans, or the dedicated first responders we have.

There are so many things if we just look.

We are at that time of year where most of us are involved in some way with a toy drive, raising money for your local food bank, or putting

together food boxes for those less fortunate. Congratulations for all you do to help make your community, and our world, a better place to live.

We are also at that time of year for chapter elections. I hope that you all give hard thought to volunteering to help keep *A.B.A.T.E.* growing and thriving.

As I announced in last month's newspaper, we have had elections for your state officers and I am pleased to welcome Jack Wingfield from *Lincoln County Chapter* as your new state coordinator. Jack and his new board of directors will continue to represent all of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* with honor.

tender is optimal, I managed to get twelve years from the factory battery by just starting it and letting it idle for about ten minutes every couple of weeks. Not all of us have nice garages with power outlets handy.*

For those of us who will go for a ride in the cold, make sure you dress for it. Wind chill factor is a bitch.

For me, heated gloves are a necessity and thinking about a heated vest to help keep me warm.

Also watch for additional road hazards, like patches of frost where the road is shaded.

My favorite hazard is the use of deicer or gravel only in the corners and at intersections. (Can you say "surprise skills test"?)

Remember, you and the bike are one. If you get cold, you get stiff and the bike will not perform as well. Cold also makes our tires harder, resulting in less grip for cornering and braking.

This may be my last report. Someone else will be taking the reins for the chapter. I may write the one for the January issue,

So, this will be my last article as state coordinator.

Looking back, it seems hard to believe that three years have gone by. It has been a struggle at times, but I believe that I am leaving office with things in good condition. Our finances and general state of business are good and sound. I thank you all for letting me guide *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. It has been my honor to represent this group.

I hope to see you all sometime in the future. Until then, I will say "Adios!"

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul Hering



Paul Hering

state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

Winter is upon the high desert, so riding times are rare.

If you do not like to ride in the cold, time to park it for the winter and pray for an early spring.

Remember to winterize your bike. If you have a water-cooled bike, check the level of freeze protection by testing or replacing your coolant for a level of protection greater than the coldest your bike will get.

Around Prineville, we will get some days into the negative teens and occasionally colder. (My bike has never had the luxury of heated parking area.)

If you have not recently done an oil change, it would be a good idea to do it. This will keep the nasty stuff in the used oil from attaching or attacking any of the internal parts.

Don't forget the battery. While a battery



but the new coordinator may want to do it.

Five years has been long enough and it is time for me to take a break.

Many thanks to all the members who served as officers with me and to all who have helped in the planning, donation gathering, staffing, and conclusion of our events. I won't try to name them all because I will forget somebody and you all deserve equal thanks. I could not have done this without you.

Hope to see you on the road (either bundled up or in warmer weather),

-- Bob Terrill
coordinator

*[c.o.e. note: Twelve years is an exceptional long life for a lead-acid battery. Good going and good advice, Bob.]

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING **TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Round Table Pizza
11 th street
Redmond, Oregon

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

Douglas County



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Douglas County**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

4th Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
VFH hall
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Jackson County



Starting out the new year will be a blessing, getting to be with our brothers and sisters talking about bikes. What better way to get started?

With the new year let us all try and get more riders involved and make our goals clear.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a great, safe new year.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Jackson-County-ABATE-1483423678625481/?fref=ts>

Jackson County**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

4rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Hub City*

Hello from *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*,

We have been enjoying the nice fall weather. There has been some great weather to go for a ride and see all the fall colors.

Here at *Hub City* we just had our annual mall motorcycle show. It turned out pretty good this year.

Now we are busy getting ready for the Veteran's Day parade. We have a great turn out for that every year. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget all the toy runs are coming up pretty soon. Hopefully everyone can get out and donate some toys for the people in need. It is such a joy to see all the happy kids' faces and fun to watch them enjoying their new toys. I hope

everyone has a great holiday season and gets to spend time with their friends and families.

Remember to be careful out there. There are many hazards on the road this time of the year. With weather, tree branches, leaves, and many crazy holiday drivers, traffic this time of the year can be a real hazard, so stay extra alert if you are out on the road.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Keep the rubber on the road.

-- Tom



Hub City **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

Josephine County

'Tis the holiday season.

Thanksgiving is just a few days behind us and Christmas and New Year's are right in front of us.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year to everyone.

Congratulations to all the newly elected chapter officers in all the chapters.

Looking forward to a prosperous new year.

See you down the road,

-- Karen



Josephine County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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

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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*

This is my last report as *North Coast Chapter* coordinator. I want to thank the chapter for giving me the opportunity to serve as coordinator for the past three years. It has been a great experience and I have enjoyed the challenge.

I am happy to be handing over the gavel to Chuck who has served well as the state representative. Chuck has taken on a lot this next year, so let's all give him the support you gave me.

We can accomplish so much when we work together.



Thank you again and I will see you at our January meeting.

-- Carl Earl
ex-coordinator
North Coast Chapter



Dinner ain't finished 'till the dishes are done, right Dave ?

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/142004309192879/>



The turnout was great at the 2017 North Coast ABATE Spaghetti Feed and Auction at the Astoria Moose Lodge. The fundraiser benefits Clatsop county food banks and features some of the best spaghetti anywhere.



Chuck threatens the crowd with kareoke (Stairway To Heaven, long version) unless they buy raffle tickets.



Kris Inniss and Linda Long are at the ready at the checkout table.



Susan and Bob Hutson had a great time.

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**

Greetings from *Lower Columbia*,

It's almost Thanksgiving already. Hope all of you had a good one.

We will be getting ready for our chapter Christmas potluck which will be at the regular meeting on 10 December starting at 6 p.m. instead of the usual 7 p.m. start time.

Since it's Veterans Day today, I just want to say thank you to all who sacrificed for our freedom!

-- Eva



Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

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

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

River City is gearing up for our annual *See's Candy* sale in downtown The Dalles. The first shipment of sweet and deadly temptations is sitting in our back room. We sell from the day after Thanksgiving until December 23, or until we sell out.

Important dates:

- At the December 05 chapter meeting, gifts for our adopt-a-family are due. (Call Teresa for more details.)
- On December 16, we'll have a tailgate party at the candy shack. (Our version of a customer and member appreciation day.)
- Our chapter holiday party will be December 19. (Replacing our regular meeting.)

Christmas season candy sales has been an extremely successful fund-raiser for our chapter over the

years. Our *See's* sales representative says *River City* is of their biggest sellers among Oregon's non-profit fund-raising groups.

The profit margin is good, and customer support is excellent.

It does require a small group of people to staff the trailer every day. We are lucky to have enough retirees to take care of this.

If your chapter is interested in learning if *See's* has a fundraising package that would work for you, contact Teresa.

May this December be good to you and yours!

-- Teresa Hepker
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River City
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Southeast Portland**

Warm holiday wishes to all of our brothers and sisters,

I hope that all of the A.B.A.T.E. chapters have or had very successful toy runs, holiday runs or other events of that sort which are meant to benefit others who have special needs or who just need some help.

Many heartfelt thanks to the *Hub City Chapter* for helping the *Southeast Portland Chapter* to have a more successful toy run by having the toy run bike at their impressive *Heritage Mall Show*.

And many heartfelt thanks to the *River City Chapter* for having the toy run bike at their annual candy sale.

The biggest *Southeast Portland Chapter* event of the year is happening on Saturday, 02 December. It's the 38th

Annual A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners Toy Run!

The parade format and route is the same as last year.

We are going to have some really nice shirts and pins.

And... there will be the popular 50/50 going on.

We are going to award the best decorated bike / trike owner \$50 for showing up in grand style. (By the way, we want everyone to decorate their bikes / trikes in a festive manner for the run up to the Shriners hospital.)

We want all of the friends of the Toy Run to show up on run day.

Visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter* and toy run web sites and our *Facebook* pages to get up-to-date information on



what we are doing or what is happening.

Come to a chapter meeting and join us in making A.B.A.T.E. more successful in our dedication to freedom of the road.

Happy holidays,

-- James Niece
secretary

Southeast Portland Chapter

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sechapter/?fref=ts>

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**

Is it really the end?

Look at that -- 2017 has gone and passed us by.

Not a whole lot of activity to cover from the last month.

Our *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* hasn't occurred yet as of this report, but will certainly be the highlight of our chapter and our year. I will be sure to give a full run report in my next submission.

Out here in *Washington County* we are looking forward to great things in 2018. We have some new faces showing up at our meetings and looking to get involved.

Look for updated names on some chapter office positions for 2018. Until then, Merry Christmas, happy holidays and we wish you all a fantastic start to 2018.

Ride safe,
Ride smart,
Ride!

-- Goat
recording secretary
WaCo Chapter

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

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

Prime Time Restaurant
4450 Pacific avenue
Forest Grove

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our officers at work

Annual Planning Session Minutes

Saturday, 21 October 2017 (*Quality Inn*— Cottage Grove, Oregon)

Opening comments – Paul Hering called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

It was asked that we stay on task to keep us moving through the agenda.

We still have officer positions at the state level that need to be filled

Flag salute

Guests – Vince (*Lincoln County*) and Tim (*Hub City*).

Topics**Membership**

Kathy Salhberg stated that *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* has 1,156 members.

461 [?]

No returns from 2014-2015 = 61

How to increase membership

Comments from Tim (*Hub City*). Tim is a sport bike rider and he had several suggestions. We as *A.B.A.T.E.* need to appeal to other organizations. The imaging that is out there about *A.B.A.T.E.* is, “Fat old guys on Harleys not doing anything”.

Please consider how to interact with other members and potential members.

Most motorcycle riders ride for two years or less.

We need to restart from the bottom and build up.

Awareness goes both ways.

There is a new generation of riders. Our old ways are not appealing to them.

One of the ways to reach the new generation of riders is electronic media.

Put out ads on *Facebook*.

Start with \$1,000 budget.

Discussion followed of the benefits of belonging to *A.B.A.T.E.*

- Successful activities make growth within the organization possible.
- Young people bring young people. Getting young people to participate seems to be difficult. Go to bike night where they go. Get to know them, mingle.
- Do softer approach to other groups.
- We have not had a public relations person for several years. Each one of us is public relations.
- Convince our own members to go and attend other activities other than

A.B.A.T.E.

- *Facebook* ads have several hits.
- We need to be on our bikes.
- We need to remember to have fun. Maybe every other chapter meeting have a fun night. Make *A.B.A.T.E.* fun.
- Every chapter should have a web site with a way to join or a link to the state web site.
- “Frame” make it more easy electronic [?]

Information Booth**Pendleton Bike Week**

Location is important. Have something to bring people into our space. (Free water, mister etc.)

We need people need be active in the booths. We need to be able to engage with people.

Need to be knowledgeable about *A.B.A.T.E.* Outgoing people.

What is the relationship with *BikePAC*? Should our booths be together? Do we need to be separated?

Comments “*I will support BikePAC but I not A.B.A.T.E.*”

Is it something that we will want to do again? Pendleton biker who wants to spearhead it.

Trifolds

Do we want to change?

Shiny paper does not work. You cannot write on it.

Use the D.B.A. (Doing Business As)

Have both sport and baggers on the front.

Go to in-house for printing and folding and not have an inventor.

Kathy has two full boxes.

Products

What sells: Sweat shirts, pocket t shirt.

New products: Helmet stickers, different color hats with *A.B.A.T.E.* logo, key rings, pens, bottle openers, pocket t-shirt with just the logo on the pocket.

Ideas: Products should be made with 50% D.B.A. (*A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education*) and the rest with the original name. (*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*)

We really need to start a product page

on the web site. Calendars: Look into **Cafépress.com** for vendor out-sourcing. Don Mason will do the research

Fossil Campout

- Who?
 - What?
 - Where? Better area and drier. The Tygh Valley? The Wasco county fair grounds?
- Changing location to the Tygh Valley or Wasco county fair ground.
- When? Do not change the date.

Non-Compliant Chapters

What needs to be done?

Financially, all up to date.

Central Oregon Chapter

Has not been present for some time at the state board meetings. How long do we let it go?

Every chapter needs to have leadership capabilities. It is an internal problem within the chapter. This has been an on-going issue for some years.

Douglas County Chapter

The state of the chapter.

Ideas: Not a good support system. Called members, they are not interested. Other chapter members say they are too old to ride.

Spending money on events that are not being attended.

Problems stems from a past coordinator saying things against *A.B.A.T.E.*

Spanky has been going to meetings to help. Five to six members are showing up.

They will be having a vote on Thursday (26 October) whether to continue or join *Josephine County Chapter*.

Finically, they will survive the winter.

If the chapter folds, can they give the money to another chapter? (They can bring a motion to the board of where the money will go.)

Comments were made about how it is harder to start over from the ground zero than with a few people.

S.T.E.A.M.

Looking for the weekend. February

Ideas of what topics to cover:



Cindy Witmer

state recording secretary elf

- Annual treasurer’s meeting.
- Legislative on the federal (Brian) and state level.
- Team work. (Roger)
- Individuals and organizations ideas.
- Fund raising. (Spanky)
- *Team Oregon/G.A.C.M.S./* motorcycle awareness.

BikePAC, Legislative

- Driver accountability: More specific, more work.
- Anti-profiling.
- Ethanol.
- Equal access.
- Autonomous vehicles: Will motorcyclists have the right to ride on the road when autonomous cars cannot see us?
- Infra structural planning: Road work
- Lane sharing: There are still a lot of people not supporting concept.
- Gear choice

Top two topics for BikePAC to focus on:

- Lane sharing.
- Gear choice and ethanol.

New Sanctioning Insurance

Todd: “*I think we really need to change our insurance company.*”

Who do we use now?

There might be adjustment in the price when we find a new insurance company.

West coast-base in California. Rick contacted.

Eventhelper.com

Sanctioned twenty-seven events last year.

Todd will do it another year if everybody has patience.

Where do we go?

All events need to be turned in at the December state board meeting, including payments.

Will there is reimbursement if events do not happen?

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Annual Planning Session Minutes (continued from previous page)

Budget

- Tithe: Do we change the amount?
- *M.R.F.* donation: Traditionally make it one dollar per member. (\$689)
- Advertising
- Newspaper
- Web site: Everything is updated and paid up.
- *Team Oregon* ad for the new *Team Oregon* text book. The ads are in the last ten pages. Need a new ad. Needs to be more bolder and “pop”.

- D.B.A. (Doing Business As): Do we need the D.B.A.?

Discussion of Financial Guidelines

We need to talk about our financial guidelines.

Electronic debit cards:

There are some chapters that have debit cards and they are using them. This does not follow the guidelines of two signatures.

It was decided that *no* chapter should be using a debit card because of the

accountability issue.

Why put our chapter treasurers in the situation when the guidelines are there to follow?

How should it be handled with a new coordinator?

Other Topics

New membership software program. Larry Hasset presented a membership program that might be something available for us to use. It was a program that he built himself.

Adjourned – 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, 22 October 2017

Budget

Karen Tolle – Budget was gone over and changes were made as necessary to try to meet the needs of the state board.

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

22 October 2017 (*Quality Inn*— Cottage Grove, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 9:50 a.m. with nine chapters represented. Nine of nine chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters: *Central Oregon Chapter.*

Excused chapters: *Douglas County Chapter.*

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees:

< None >

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering (*Washington County*) wanted to buzz through this quick.

November state board meeting will be canceled due to Veterans Day being the same Saturday as Albany hosting the biggest Veterans Day parade in the west.

Secretary report, correspondence: Cindy Witmer (*Lower Columbia*) had thank-you notes, both from and to *Quality Inn* for the meeting place.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle (*Josephine County*) noted that taxes are ready to be signed and filed.

Unfinished Business

Jack suggested that we make sure all officers make it to the meetings.

New Business

• Nominations for vacant positions.

Motion was made by Karen Tolle and seconded by Dave Witmer to accept the nominations of Todd Sahlberg as sanctioning officer and Chuck Miller as public relations.

• Election of 2018 State Officers

Coordinator – Jack Wingfield

Vice-coordinator (north) –

Dave Witmer

Vice-coordinator (east) – Rick Prentice

Vice-coordinator (south) – Spanky

Recording secretary – Cindy Witmer

Membership secretary – Linda Cline

Treasurer – Karen Tolle

Sanctioning – Todd Sahlberg

State auditor – Karen Tolle

Newspaper – Rot Path

Sergeant-at-arms (north) –

Randy Phipps

Sergeant-at-arms (east) –

Dusty Hawkins

Sergeant-at-arms (south) –

Diana Nikolay

Products director – Dave Meeker

Education director – Geoff White

Public relations – Chuck Miller

State run coordinator (*Fossil Camp-out*) – < Vacant >

Swap meet coordinator – James Niece

Historian – < Vacant >

Web page editor – Carl Earl

Quartermaster – Gene Mortimore

Legislative director – Don Mason

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – < Vacant >

M.R.F. representative – Paul Hering

Confederation of Clubs representatives – Spanky and Mike Friend

We still have positions to be filled. One of the big ones is state run coordinator.

Motions

1. Motion made by Rick Prentice (*River City*), seconded by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*):

“Move to pay \$100 to Oregon secretary of state, corporation division to cover registration fee and late filing fee for the A.B.A.T.E. D.B.A., ‘A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education’ for the calendar years 2017-2018.”

Passed

2. Motion made by Jack Wingfield (*Lincoln County*), seconded by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*):

“Starting January 1, 2018 chapter event tithing will decrease from 20% of the net profit to a minimum of 10% net profit.”

Passed



Cindy Witmer

state recording secretary elf

3. Motion made by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*), seconded by Rick Prentice (*River City*):

“Move to purchase a half-page advertisement in the *Team Oregon's riders' guide* instead of the previously approved quarter page ad, not to exceed \$800. If the price exceeds \$800, then revert to the previously approved quarter page ad.”

Passed

4. Motion made by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*), seconded by Rick Prentice (*River City*):

“Move to increase the 2017 budget for general postage and mailing services from \$300 to \$400 to cover the remaining three months of 2017.”

Passed

5. Motion made by Rick Prentice (*River City*), seconded by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*):

“Move to accept the budget for 2018, as attached.”

Passed

6. Motion made by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*), seconded by Rick Prentice (*River City*):

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From yer . . .



Rockwell Moments

past holiday musings

c.o.e. – 191

(Personal views of the editor. Not to be confused with reality or endorsement by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.)

Whenever a new calendar is hung up, there is a renewed sense of hope for the coming year.

By the time the last page is revealed, folks often feel somewhat battered by events of the previous eleven months. That's why it feels so good to slip into holiday forgetfulness. (Augmented eggnog helps.)

Any given year sees people we care about slip away from us, leaving memories to be cherished within and among us.

Sometimes there are unforeseen tragedies, often triggered by a few seconds of inattention. We can't undo them, but we can offer comfort to those who need caring support.

But for any losses we suffer, we also have gains.

Sometimes new future friends or companions quietly begin to slip

into our lives without our realizing it.

Every day that we are out on the roads, dozens or even hundreds of potential calamities are averted by the timely actions of others or ourselves.

Though our lives throughout the year experience highs and lows, there is an overall leveling effect that, while not perfect, allows us to flip that final calendar page with a sigh and hope that next year will make up for some of this year's failings.

This time year, bikers come into their own, making magic in young imaginations with toy run bikes decked with holiday decorations and twinkly lights. Or partying indoors midst the warmth of riding brothers and sisters, wearing silly

things that would be unacceptable any other time of year. (With or without augmented eggnog.)

Some observations from previous December editorials:

"The atmosphere we create to surround ourselves is vital to our sense of well-being and images of self-worth. A trusting environment allows people to relax, knowing they are safe with each other. And that is one of the greatest gifts bikers give each other, all year 'round.'" (Dec 2002)

" . . . keep in mind that it is our humanity that draws us closer to each other while institutions tend to isolate us into individuals. There can be a closeness of spirit when we come together as bikers, a camaraderie as strong as our commitment to each other. You can feel it when sharing experiences with others. It is this unity of experience that serves as the basis for our self vision – who we are and where we want to be. Let go of 'me' and think of 'we'. Biking is our tribe.



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

Please knock with enthusiasm – I'm in the back room tucked in the shell of editing and may not hear timid tapings.
— Rot Path

Let the spirit of the holidays infuse your being." (Dec 2004)

" . . . the bodies we see are but the physical manifestation others' presence. We tend to think of the body as being the the person. But they are not. We become so used to interacting with physical bodies that it is easy to forget that the true essence of people is their formless spirit." (Dec 2006)

"The biggest debt of thanks goes out to you, the members and potential members of Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

You've gone beyond being a mere road user.

Your awareness of larger issues facing motorcyclists in particular and the general public at large is increasing.

By reading this newspaper, attending chapter meetings, or joining such an organization as Oregon A.B.A.T.E., you are taking steps to ensure that citizens remain actively aware and involved in the process of government envisioned by the founders of this nation.

You are important. Know that." (Dec 2008)



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DECEMBER Cryptogram

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KAT BKWEA NYQHZY KAT OQAYZBHBB.

LYPYGNYZ KT EYZY NYQHZY KAT CSBY.

GI WHHLBYTT EHU AEY AKGY EOT QDYUB.

--LZ. TYSTT

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

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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)



38th Annual ABATE Toy Run

Presented by the SE Chapter of ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
Benefitting the Shriners Hospital for Children
Saturday Dec. 2, 2017

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

Festivities Start at 9:00 am
50/50 drawing - Prizes - Shirts/Pins
Prize for best decorated bike
Raffle Drawing at 12:00 Noon
Parade Leaves at 12:15 pm
Santa Party at the Hospital at 1:15 pm

Bring a new unwrapped toy + \$10
to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win
a new Harley Davidson, a \$500 Visa Gift Card
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ALL TYPES OF MOTORCYCLES / SCOOTERS ARE WELCOME

1st Prize - 2016 HD Softail Slim



2nd Prize - \$500 Visa Gift Card



3rd Prize - GoPro Hero 5 Video Camera

Shriners Hospital for Children



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Contact Info: James - (503) 775-2203 or Phil - (503) 723-6013

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A.B.A.T.E.

State Board Meeting

22 October 2017

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“To donate \$1,000 to M.R.F. for the 2017 year.”

Passed

7. Motion made by Todd Sahlberg (Jackson County), seconded by Jack Wingfield (Lincoln County):

“Approval for purchasing of a printer for the membership secretary. Not to exceed \$300.”

Passed

8. Motion made by Rick Prentice (River City), seconded by Chuck Miller (North Coast):

“Cancellation of the November state board meeting as the date falls on Veterans’ Day.”

Passed

Other Business

- Comments were made about the state web site and the search engines. Talk with Carl about making sure all the search engines lead to our web site.

Announcements

- National memorial rider’s memorial annual meeting will be held in The Dallas on November 11th at noon at the *Shilo Inn*.

- Paula has *BikePAC* items for sale
- *River City Chapter’s See’s* candy sale starts the day after Thanksgiving.

Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.

N.C.O.M. Region 1 Meeting

28 October 2017

Holiday Inn – Portland Oregon



Karen
Tolle

Region 1 covers Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

This was my first time at any *N.C.O.M.* event.

Most of the subjects discussed at this meeting were updates to the *N.C.O.M.* in Reno. Not sure how much of this was covered then, so some of this might be a repeat of what everyone already knows.

As far as I could tell, California, Oregon, and Washington were represented by *C.o.C. (Confederation of Clubs)* representatives. Oregon and Washington were represented by *A.B.A.T.E.* representatives. And Oregon was represented by *BikePAC*. There were about sixty or sixty-five people in attendance.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon sponsored a hospitality suite. Not knowing what to expect I brought a little bit of everything.

Friday night we had several visitors who came up from California.

There were no restaurants around the hotel, so on Saturday during lunch break we

had lots of visitors. Good thing we had some sandwiches, sodas, and other snacks.

It was fun meeting people from all over the state. The room only held five or six folks comfortably, but we were able to set up a small table out in the hall so we had “overflow room”.

Throughout The Nation

Richard Lester presented updates on a few current issues:

- 1998 almost sounds like yesterday, when in reality it was twenty years ago. That is when the war against the *Mongols Motorcycle Club* began. It’s like the 100 year war that will go on and on.

The whole government idea of this case was to destroy the *Mongols* and to create legal precedents that could be used to destroy all motorcycle clubs.

With all trademarked clubs, the questionable area is that of ownership of the organization’s logo and its possible forfeiture.

Mongols fighting in the court to save their patch have argued in legal documents that their logo is not a trademark such as those used by businesses, but rather represents a “collective membership mark” amounting to protected speech under the first amendment.

In the first legal battle, the court ruled that the government’s individual indictments didn’t justify the seizure of the collective mark owned by the club.

With this *Mongol* win, the government then changed strategy, naming the club as the defendant. (Rather than individuals.)

In 2015 that court case was dismissed.

In 2016 the government appealed and in June of 2017 arguments for the appeal began. The appeal overturned the dismal.

It’s a continuing battle and whoever has the deepest pockets will win.

The *Save the Patch* fund was being

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2017 Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Events

Date:	Event:	Chapter:
02 Dec	Holiday Run	North Coast
02 Dec	Shriner Toy Run	Oregon ABATE

N.C.O.M. Region 1 Meeting (continued from previous page)

managed at the *A.I.M.* office of Richard Lester. A committee was formed between the *A.I.M.* office and representatives of the C.o.C. The fund has been moved to an account that has a C.P.A. keeping track of the account and managed by the newly formed committee.

- The next national *N.C.O.M.* conference will be 08–13 May 2018 in Mobile, Alabama. Two members of each club, chapter, or member organization are invited to be in attendance.

- The states of Washington and Maryland now have profiling regulations on the books. *N.C.O.M.* is working with federal agencies to get a resolution passed, not a regulation, to prevent profiling against motorcyclists.

Waco, Texas Tragedy Update

-- Sarge

(*N.C.O.M.* executive coordinator)

There has been over \$98,000 collected and donated to the families and victims of the Waco tragedy. The money is being monitored by the *Shield of Faith Motorcycle Ministry* in Texas.

In May 2015, motorcyclists were in the Waco area to attend an *N.C.O.M.* meeting. The Texas *C.o.C.* was on the calendar.

Enforcement alleged pre-existing confrontation between *Bandidos* and *Cossacks* prompted the need for the police surveillance, for the cameras and for the police to be on the rooftops.

If I got the numbers right, there were nine killed, eighteen seriously injured, 177 arrested, and 153 indicted on organized criminal activity.

Now, two years later the cases are finally coming to trial.

Defense attorneys have filed federal civil rights legal suits against Reyna, the Waco prosecutor, and Stroman. (Waco police chief at the time.) Some of the charges are that they and their surrogates didn't even try to establish probable cause when they arrested the bikers. Instead, the legal suits allege, the officials relied on generic affidavits, filled out by one police detective, that provided no specific evidence about what crime was supposedly committed by each biker. (Rubber stamped indictments.)

Reyna has been caught in several lies about his actions during this investigation and has a pattern of withholding documents

from the prosecution.

Time will tell.

Know Your Rights During Police Encounters and Other Problems

-- Chris Slater

(*A.I.M.* attorney, Oregon and Washington)

Chris passed out copies of the third edition *Rider's Rights and Civil Liberties*. (It's smaller and more condensed than previous editions.)

Without going through the whole book, he pointed out the "What to do in case of a crash" section.

Know your rights: discussion about our 4th & 5th amendment rights.

• 4th amendment:

Protection against search and seizure.

The fourth amendment restricts the government from invasion of an individual's reasonable expectation of privacy. So if you are in your home having a conversation, you have an expectation of privacy. If you are on the street corner having the same conversation and within earshot of others, there is no expectation.

Enforcement know that members of the public are not taught or generally know very little about their rights and obligations. This gives investigators a decided advantage or power.

People talk when it is in their best interest to remain silent.

People consent when it might be in their best interest to refuse.

People have their rights ignored or overstepped without their knowledge.

At the scene, don't volunteer any information.

If an officer asks you, "Do you know why I stopped you?" don't say "because I had my cell phone in my hand?" He might say, "Oh, I didn't see that. I stopped you because your tail light is out."

Don't volunteer any information.

Be polite.

Be cooperative.

Don't be confrontational.

At any time you can say "I invoke my right to be silent."

As a driver, you have to show identification, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance.

As the passenger, you don't have to speak to the officer.

Oregon is a "one-party consent" state. Only one of the persons in a telephone

conversation must have knowledge and give consent to a recording of the conversation.

States of Washington and California are "two-party consent" states which means all parties to the conversation must have knowledge or have given consent to a recording.

G.P.S., telephone trackers, video taping, e-mails you send out: Do you have expectation of privacy?

This area is getting more and more grey if using wi-fi in a public place, telephone use out in public, etc.

Some fourth amendment searches or seizures require a warrant. Others do not. Still others are not considered fourth amendment searches. That's why we have legal books and lawyers and judges.

• 5th amendment:

No person shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.

No Miranda rights are required if the person is in a non-custodial setting. So, if you are not under arrest you have not had your rights read, so don't go talking too much.

When asked to pull over, don't try to elude the police because then whatever you did becomes a felony.

Rico And The Man

-- Sarge

(*N.C.O.M.* executive coordinator)

R.I.C.O. (*Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act*) is a United States federal regulation that provides for extended criminal penalties and a civil cause of action for acts performed as part of an on-going criminal organization.

R.I.C.O. was brought about to help enforcement fight the Mafia back in the day.

Now the government is using the *R.I.C.O. Act* to fight against motorcycle clubs.

They used *R.I.C.O.* to seize assets and attempt to close down the *Mongols* organization.

For a crime to be considered against the *R.I.C.O. Act*, it has to be treason, piracy, counterfeiting.

It must be by an enterprise, rather than an individual.

Prosecutors must establish a pattern, rather than one act.

The government can go back ten years to prove a "pattern".

R.I.C.O. can be used to deprive defendants of due process.

R.I.C.O. is an arbitrary penalty enhancer and bargaining tool.

The government's case against the *Mongols* has been on-going for several years. Knowing they have unlimited resources, government agencies keep refilling and counter-filling, hoping to dry up resources of the defendants.

In Conclusion

Know your rights.

Be prepared to protect your club or organization.

Protect yourself.

The police are allowed to lie to you but you are not allowed to lie to them. If you do and you get caught, it can bump up the charge to a higher penalty.

Reports From Member Representatives

A member rep from each state *C.o.C.* or *A.B.A.T.E.* was invited to sit at the head table to give a report.

Listening to these reports, we are reminded that the states in our region are working on the same issues legislatively. And they are having the same declining members and participation as we are.

- *Washington A.B.A.T.E.* reported that in Washington one of the regulations they are trying to amend has to do with parallel parking. The statute reads "two wheels next to the curb" where we all know that bikes back up into the curb with only one wheel next to or touching the curb. Lots of tickets are being handed out lately.

- An *Oregon C.o.C.* representative asked "What is important to us?" By show of hands, profiling was only a small concern in Oregon; Lane splitting or filtering was important.

Some bars and businesses are still posting "No colors" signs. *C.o.C.* is working with O.L.C.C. (licensing bureau) to add no prejudice for attire.

- *Oregon BikePAC* mentioned needing to add enhanced penalty to the new responsibility regulation.

- *California C.o.C.* reported that numbers are way down. They are working on profiling and *Save the Patch*.

The regional meeting was quite informative. All of this information has been reported by our *C.o.C.* representatives who come back from these conferences. But it's nothing like being there.

I hope to have an opportunity to attend a national meeting sometime in the future.



Federal Highway Administration Appoints Motorcyclist Advisory Council

The federal highway administration has appointed ten members to the motorcyclist advisory council, which will advise the agency director on infrastructure issues affecting motorcycle riders.

Mike Sayre (A.M.A. government relations manager for on-highway issues) has been named chair of the council.

“This is an important step toward ensuring that motorcyclists are

deeply involved in the planning and implementation of infrastructure changes and improvements and that motorcycles are considered at all stages, especially with regard to emerging technologies,” said A.M.A.

president and C.E.O., Rob Dingman. *“We are elated that our own Mike Sayre is chairing this group. The motorcyclist advisory council can become a powerful mechanism for promoting motorcycle safety.”*

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Riding Free From D.C.

Your *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your *M.R.F.* to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle. Published weekly when the U.S. congress is in session.

news from the hill “Zoom Zoom” Goes R.P.M. Act

It was a delightfully busy week for the long-sought-after legislation, the *Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act*. (Also referred to as the *R.P.M. Act*.)

As a reminder, the *R.P.M. Act* clarifies that the E.P.A. needs to keep its hands to itself when it comes to modifying your motorcycle for competition at the racetrack. They tried to suggest they had the authority to do this and though they were shut down, this bill would put that in black and white.

The legislation got attention in both the senate and the house

advancing out of a subcommittee. Here’s more:

HR-350, *Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (R.P.M.) Act of 2017*, authored by representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC) and committee member representative Richard Hudson (R-NC), passed the subcommittee by a vote of 13-9.

During the hearing, representative Hudson said, *“This interpretation by the E.P.A. directly conflicts with the original purpose of the Clean Air Act.”* (The *Clean Air Act* is a decades-old statute that the E.P.A. has been using to push the envelope when it comes to their authority over other issues, including climate change. It’s a bigger issue than just R.P.M. and many in congress would like to overhaul the original legislation completely.)

The senate also rolled up its sleeves on the *R.P.M. Act*, holding a hearing in an environment and public works subcommittee. Senator Shelly Moore Capito (R-WV) said during the hearing that the E.P.A. tried to circumvent the regulatory regime to hurt the motorcycle industry and U.S. citizens all across the country.

The *M.R.F.* was a signatory on a

letter that was entered into the record as a part of the senate hearing. The letter supported S-203 and urged the committee to take a vote on the bill. To see a copy of the letter, contact: Megan@mrf.org

All of this recent activity bodes well for the legislation.

It’s easy to forget just how many hoops one has to jump through to make it into regulation. There are hearings in the subcommittee and the full committee, then “markup” by both subcommittee and full committee. (Which is the process of editing the bill and adding amendments and making changes.) And then the biggest hurdle is vying for floor time and consideration. And remember, that’s just *one* chamber. We have a bicameral legislature, so that same process has to happen in the opposite chamber. And if they don’t pass an identical bill, the process starts once again.

It’s not impossible, but it’s an uphill battle and it takes determination and patience.

Washington, D.C. is a powerful city, but it moves slowly.



Executive and Regulatory Updates

The M.A.C. is government at its worst. And while its purpose according to the statute is to “advise the federal highway administration on issues of concern to motorcyclists”, all but one of the selected council members selected are there to represent the technical aspects of the council, like engineering, construction, and traffic safety systems. Only one seat out of ten was designated for a national motorcycle riders’ association to speak for the 8.5 million motorcyclists in the U.S. And though nine of the ten appointees have their motorcycle endorsements, their intended purpose for participation on the council is to represent the infrastructure and technical side of the conversation, not to advocate for riders. Nor do they have the authority to speak on behalf of riders at large, as would other motorcycle riders’ associations at the national and regional levels.

So we continue to fight against this injustice. And you can help.

On Tuesday, 05 December, the M.A.C. will hold its first meeting.

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M.R.F. (continued from previous page)

I am attending and will be there to personally deliver and enter into the record a petition asking the secretary to add three additional seats to the M.A.C.: One for a national motorcycle riders' association that *only* represents on-street riders and two others for state or regional motorcycle riders' associations.

Will you help me send a strong message by signing the petition? Take it one step further and circulate the link to your friends, colleagues, and family. They don't need to be a rider to sign, they just need to share the *M.R.F.*'s opinion that you can't have a successful motorcycle council with only one person to speak on behalf of 8.5 million riders.

state news

Wisconsin and Michigan Deliver the Goods

This week, we announced that congressman Tim Walberg (Michigan) and senator Ron Johnson

(Wisconsin) will be awarded the 2017 Motorcycle Legislator of the Year Award.

Congressman Walberg, who represents Michigan's seventh district, was one of the leading sponsors of a proposed resolution addressing the profiling of motorcyclists (HR-318) introduced in May.

Senator Johnson was the lead republican in sponsoring the senate companion to the profiling resolution. He continues to support the riders in his state through working to ensure motorcyclists' perspective on automated vehicles policies and E.P.A. emissions issues. (*R.P.M. Act*)

Though we had many solid candidates this year, we think these guys went the extra mile. We would like to honor them for that and will be looking to host a special event in conjunction with this year's *Bikers Inside the Beltway Event* in D.C.

M.R.F. News and Announcements

A few items to report on for this week:

- On Wednesday, the *M.R.F.* hosted a webinar on political action committees. (P.A.C.s are a separate fund with the purpose of raising and spending money to elect and defeat candidates.)

We had twenty-seven attendees call in and follow along as our experts in P.A.C.-building delivered a solid overview of how to avoid jail time if you have a P.A.C. or want to start a P.A.C.

They also highlighted ways you can fund raise for the P.A.C. and things you can do if you are interested in starting your own P.A.C.

Who do we help elect? *Bikers.*

Who do help defeat? Freedom-hating non-bikers.

The *M.R.F.* P.A.C. has over \$20,000 in it, and as next year brings a new election cycle, we'll be looking to cut checks to those who support us.

A November week bulletin had a picture of the *M.R.F.* testifying at a *N.H.T.S.A.* session on autonomous

vehicles. Though we are still waiting to see if *N.H.S.T.A.* heard us, shortly after the testimony, the *M.R.F.* was contacted by *Bloomberg's* government transportation reporter and *Car & Driver* magazine. Both were interested in what the *M.R.F.* had to say. After doing interviews with both media sources, we should reach some new audiences with our message once the articles are published.

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-- Megan Ekstrom
vice-president of government affairs, public relations
Motorcycle Riders Foundation



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First Twin Peaks Case Goes To Trial In Waco

Following more than two years of examining trials, hearings, motions to recuse judges and to disqualify prosecutors, appeals court rulings and a host of speedy trial demands, the first case in the Twin Peaks melee has finally gone to trial in Waco, Texas.

Jacob Carrizal, president of the Dallas chapter of the *Bandidos*, appears before judge Matt Johnson of Waco's 54th state district court on charges of directing the activities of a criminal street gang and two counts of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Carrizal is the first to stand trial of the 154 bikers indicted in the Twin Peaks shootout that left nine bikers dead and dozens injured while attending a Saturday, 17 May 2015 meeting of the *Coalition of Clubs and Independents*, an affiliation of motorcycle groups.

Many questions will hopefully be answered at long last, including how much of the bloodshed was due to a biker turf war and how much resulted from police enforcement actions.

Authorities tightened security measures around the McLennan county courthouse, including a metal fence around the 115-year old building, and black curtains over the windows. Attorneys have whittled down a jury pool from nearly 150 prospective jurors to eleven men and three women, with two serving as alternates.

Lowest U.K. Motorcycle Fatalities

In a promising message for motorcyclists, statistics recently released by England's department for transport (D.f.T.) show that U.K. motorcycle deaths are down by 13%, the lowest figure since records began in 2006, despite an overall increase in motorcycle traffic last year and amidst the highest total of overall road deaths since 2011.

In fact, statistics from the D.f.T.'s *"Reported road casualties in Great Britain: 2016 annual report"* reveal that motorcyclists were the only road user to see a decrease in fatalities from 2015-16, even though they rode 2% more to cover 2.8 billion miles.

A.A.A. Claims Baby Boomers Higher Risk On Bikes

A new report from A.A.A. claims that the baby boomer generation that made motorcycles cool are now more likely to sustain life-threatening or fatal injuries in a crash than younger riders.

The organization, analyzing federal crash data from the national highway traffic safety administration (N.H.T.S.A.), says older riders make up a disproportionate number of motorcycle fatalities. The mortality rate for riders who are 60 or older is more than four times the overall increase in motorcycle deaths for 2015-16, says A.A.A., with motorcycle fatalities rising 5.1% while deaths among older baby boomers increased 22%.

Important to note, the increase in overall motorcycle fatalities is partially the byproduct of a corresponding rise in the number of motorcycles on the road, increasing to 8.6 million motorcycles in 2015 compared with 8.4 million in 2014, according to federal highway administration (F.H.W.A.) data cited by the organization.

Killer U.K. Drivers To Face Life Sentences ?

U.K. drivers or riders convicted of causing death by dangerous driving could face life imprisonment, if new government proposals are adopted to increase maximum penalties.

The move follows a public consultation in which 70% of respondents believed that the maximum penalty for causing

death by dangerous driving should be increased to life imprisonment, the top penalty that British courts offers.

Under the same proposal, the crime of causing death by careless driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs will also be increased to life imprisonment. Currently, both offenses carry a maximum term of fourteen years imprisonment, while the average sentence imposed is four years.

The government also proposes the creation of a new offense of causing serious injury by careless driving, with a prison sentence up to five years, a measure supported by 90% of those surveyed.

The punishment for cases that involve mobile phones, street racing, or speeding would carry a sentence equivalent to manslaughter.

Gas Engines Future Questioned

Some world governments are already acting to curtail or eliminate gasoline-powered engines.

Now the governor of California, Jerry Brown, has announced that he is also considering ways to ban the sale of vehicles with internal combustion engines.

During a recent public meeting on U.S. climate alliance in New York, Brown stated; *"We're doing something in the face of inaction."*

"Eventually, Washington, D.C. will join with us, because you can't deny science forever, you can't deny reality. And the reality is climate change is occurring."

With a zero-emissions mandate currently in place, California is one of the U.S. states that is fully committed to carrying out the objectives of the *Paris Agreement*, which is an ambitious project from the United Nations aiming

to tackle the problems caused global climate change.

Governor Brown's announcement follows a similar dictate from the British and French governments, reflecting plans to move to electrically-powered vehicles within the next few decades.

Self-Driving Cars Closer

The U.S. house of representatives unanimously approved a bipartisan bill called the *Self-Drive Act*, the first of its kind to push the unmanned market forward by putting federal regulators in charge and barring states from blocking autonomous vehicles or setting performance standards.

This legislation would supersede state-by-state rules, making it possible for autonomous testing to proceed on a level playing field across the U.S.

If it becomes statute (which still requires it to pass the senate), then it would make it possible for companies working on self-driving to field a lot more vehicles per year, as many as 100,000 autonomous test cars annually, in fact.

The proposal would make it possible for car companies such as *Ford*, *General Motors*, and others to bypass certain safety standards that currently apply to human piloted cars, including equipment and controls.

The senate has also been working on its own self-driving bill, which may cover trucking as well.

California Measure Ensures Traffic Lights Detect Cycles

Two-wheelers will be detected by all newly installed and replacement traffic signals throughout California, as recently passed senate bill 672 will *"ensure that local transportation*

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agencies will replace current traffic-actuated signals during the course of regular maintenance and upgrade cycles to adopt motorcycle-and bicycle-sensitive signals.”

Existing regulations due to sunset provides that, in due course of maintaining or replacing traffic control devices, local governments ensure that the systems are set at a level to that can detect cyclists and motorcycles, thus this bill indefinitely extends these provisions without a specific mandate from Sacramento.

“Since I authored the original [regulation] ten years ago, this common sense measure has proven to be effective at making our roads safer,” said senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield).

Signed by governor Jerry Brown on 03 October 2017, SB-672 specifies that “Upon the first placement of a traffic-actuated signal or replacement of the loop detector of a traffic-actuated signal [responding to the presence of traffic detected by mechanical, visual, electrical, or other means], the traffic-actuated signal shall, to the extent feasible and in conformance with professional traffic engineering practice, be installed and maintained so as to detect [legal] bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway.”

Advanced by A.B.A.T.E. of California, the motorcycle rights organization says of the legislation, “Thanks to governor Brown for signing this permanent extension,” stated chairman of the board Glenn Phillips, adding that “With over a million motorcyclists in our state, this legislation is imperative to protect riders on California roads.”

New York Would Ban Children From Riding

Assembly bill 8700 would prohibit children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle.

Introduced by assembly member

Aileen M. Gunther (D-district 100), the bill states, “No person shall operate or ride a motorcycle on a public highway, road, or street in this state with a child under the age of twelve on such motorcycle.”

A-8700 has been referred to the assembly transportation committee.

Pennsylvania Riders Need Help For Lemon Law

A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania has issued a legislative call to action regarding house bill 74, a bill introduced by representative Pam Snyder that would include motorcycles in the current Pennsylvania automobile lemon law.

HB-74 was introduced and referred to the house consumer affairs committee. On June 12 the house consumer affairs committee approved HB-74, and the measure is now facing consideration by the full house.

“Contact house of representative members and ask them to support HB-74 to include motorcycles in the state’s automobile lemon law,” urges the state office of A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania. “You can call them, e-mail them, or visit them. But you have to do something if we are to have success in having HB-74 pass the house and be sent to the senate for their consideration.”

Motorcycle Thefts Rising

The annual theft report from the national insurance crime bureau (N.I.C.B.) shows bike thefts rose 2% nationally across the U.S. in 2016, with a total of 46,467 motorcycles being reported stolen, up from 45,555 in 2015.

For the second year in a row, California is the top state for stolen bikes, where 7,506 motorcycles were reported taken. (Compared with 4,482 stolen in Florida and 3,692 in Texas, the next most troublesome territories.) Vermont had only 24 motorcycle thefts in 2016, the least amount of all the states.

New York was the most-plagued city, followed by San Diego, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles, while Los Angeles county was the top county.

The N.I.C.B. study reveals that the bulk of motorcycle thefts predictably occur during the summer months, when more bikes are on the street. August was the top month, when almost twice as many motorcycles disappeared than in December or January.

Some bikes are more popular targets than others or are simply easier to steal. A disproportionate number of Japanese models top the theft list: *Honda* (9,052 thefts), *Yamaha* (7,723), *Suzuki* (6,229), *Kawasaki* (5,221), *Harley-Davidson* (4,963).

The recovery rate for stolen bikes isn’t encouraging, according to the N.I.C.B. report, with only 17,463 of the 46,467 motorcycles reported stolen in 2016 being returned to their owners, about a 40% nationwide rate of recovery. The recovery rate in Hawaii was highest at 94%, while the New York rate, at 19%, was the lowest in the nation.

By brand, *Honda* owners had about twice as good a chance of getting their bikes back than owners of *Ducatis*, which had only a 29% chance of coming home.

On a more positive note, bike thievery is down considerably: about 30%, from what it was a decade ago.

Philippine Government Seeks Strict Helmet Use Enforcement

The department of interior and local government (D.I.L.G.) in the Philippines is seeking to strengthen enforcement of the mandatory helmet requirement (RA-10054) nationwide.

In a memorandum issued 06 September to all governors, mayors, and other government officials, the D.I.L.G. directs local officials “to implement said [helmet requirement] act, and ensure that the provisions are strictly complied with.”

Congressman Cesar V. Sarmiento directly addressed D.I.L.G. during the department’s budget hearing in congress, saying he observed several motorbike riders and drivers forgetting to use their helmet, resulting in road crashes and deaths.

The subject of the memo calls for the “observance of the provisions of republic act number 10054, an act mandating all motorcycle riders to wear standard protective motorcycle helmets while driving and providing penalties therefor (sic).”

Quotable Quote

“A man wearing a helmet defending our country is more valuable than a man in a helmet defending a football.”

-- seen on a T-shirt

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-- Dr. Seuss

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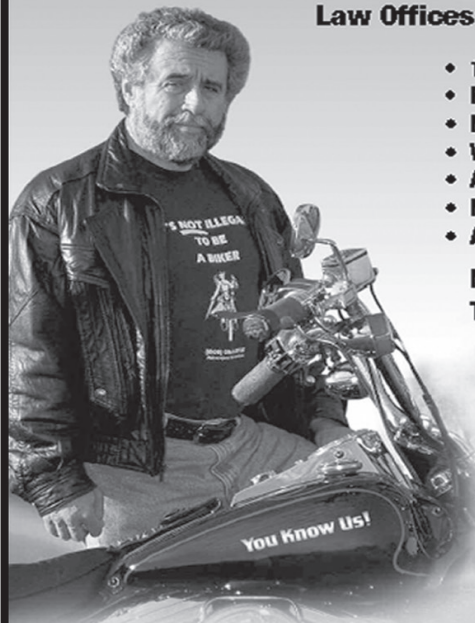
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Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barry Dadashiell	(503)-556-1133	Rainier	X	X	X					

Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your **local** community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem.

Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT>

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available. This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcycles, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means you, telemarketers.) If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to statenews@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to ABATEofOregon.

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

For Sale

Lost

Langlitz leather pants, side zippers 38" waist, 28" inseam. Asking \$175 Bob (541)-265-7586

(Dec 2017)

Gift memberships to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Only \$30 for an entire year. What a great way to introduce folks to our fine organization while increasing membership. Use convenient form on inside of back page.

Just think . . .

Your ad could be here.

Or here.

(Free for memebtrs)

. . . my mind to holiday craziness.

Found

. . . it lounging by the fireplace sipping augmented eggnog.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Business will need to place *paid* advertisements. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

news@abateoforegon.net

Note: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements. (Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

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

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

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for chief of staff. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Christopher A Slater (A.I.M. attorney) - 2314 NW Savier St. – Portland, OR 97210 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 2017

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
Cindy Witmer	(360)–560–6403	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Dave Witmer	(360)–560–6403	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
Pat “Spanky” Allen	(541)–659–8715	VCS@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Karen Tolle	(541)–660–8730	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Kathy Sahlberg	(541)–890–9042	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Todd Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor (pro tem)			
Karen Tolle	(541)–660–8730	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)–838–6893 (c)	news@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
Randy Phipps	(503)–347–0524	SergeantNorth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Diana Nicolay		SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
Steve Bishop	(541)–980–7017	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
Products director			
Dave Meeker	(971)–400–6100	products@abateoforegon.net	
Education director			
Geoff White	(503)–774–7558	Education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
James Niece	(503)–775–2203	swapmeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
Teresa Hepker	(541)–965–2701	Historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
Carl Earl	(503)–325–6932	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
Paul Hering, Gene Mortimore	(503)–313–7129	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
Don Mason	(541)–990–2884	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
< Position open and available for you >		BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
Ted Tracy !	((503)-819-8113	MRF@abateoforegon.net	
Confederation of Clubs representative			
Pat Allen, Mike Friend	(541)–659–8715	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

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

(Return address)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DON'T
FER-
GET
YER
STAMP

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

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

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

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

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

Membership Rates:

number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single*	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple* <small>(Includes couple. Additional family members \$5 each per year.)</small>	\$ 45	\$ 80	\$120	\$200
_____	Sustaining** <small>(Includes name printed in state newspaper.)</small>	\$100	\$190	\$280	\$450
	Life* <small>(Individuals only. Join second chapter for \$5 per year.)</small>		\$400		

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

(revised Jan 2015)

Total members: _____
Date paid: _____



(state membership secretary notes)

Chapter: _____

New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	Membership # _____
Patch Received ?	
Yes _____	
No _____	

Please send completed application to:

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

Membership Benefits

*** Single, couple, and life member :**







- 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.

**** Sustaining member :**

- Certificate of membership for group
- Sustaining cards for each listed member
- Accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members
- Discounted admission to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events.

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

Comments: _____

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next
STATE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, 09 Dec 2017
 1200 (noon) – *Ciddici's Pizza*
 133 SE Fifth avenue–Albany, Oregon

Tea-totaling this festive season,
 Makes perfectly good sense and reason,
 Sobriety's pleasant,
 But eggnog's augmented,
 One's intentions undone by treason.
 ©2017 Rot Path

Have A Smart Phone?
 (Or a reasonably intelligent communications device ?)

QR code for Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



2017 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run
 BN = Biker Night

Date:	Event / sponsor:	Location:	Contact phone:
02 Dec 2017	A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners Toy Run	Portland	
02 Dec 2017	Holiday Run / North Coast		

2018 Events

10 June 2018	Spring State Swap Meet/Oregon A.B.A.T.E.	Milwaukie	
14 Oct 2018	Fall State Swap Meet/Oregon A.B.A.T.E.	Milwaukie	
2024	Solar Eclipse	eastern U.S.	
19 Sept 2169	Non-Planet Pirate Run / Solar ABATE	Pluto	(XL5)–843–6666

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

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 11 th street; Redmond	(541)–699–4921
Douglas County (DC)	4th Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	<i>VFW</i> ; 1127 NE Walnut street; Roseburg	(541)–ppp–nnnn
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 Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	<i>Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant</i> ; Medford	(541)–
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–659–8715 Spanky
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 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