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- John Helm

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That stretches from here to there,
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If we but allow ourselves to dare.



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S.T.E.A.M. Returning

Good morning A.B.A.T.E. officers and members,

This is Karen, your state treasurer.

As discussed at the December state board meeting, we are going full steam ahead for S.T.E.A.M. 2018.

(Seminar To Educate and Motivate)

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A. of California*, and Ed Armstrong from *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

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

Well hello and happy new year to all,

Hopefully you all got what you wanted in your stockings and made it home safely on the first.

I look forward to an interesting and challenging year.

My thanks to my most excellent predecessors, all of them. They succeeded because of you all, the rank and file who make up A.B.A.T.E. I know I will need you even more.

We have lots of new (okay, same old, just revisited) obstacles. A lot of them are driven by changes in our society, with county ordinances and such.

One dogging us the most is age. The only fix for that is recruitment and new blood.

The other biggie is competition for the attention of potential new members from other motorcycle organizations, clubs, groups. etc.

They seem more “whatever”.

We are the helmet people.

What I *do* know is someone knows we are fun.

Over 80% of attendees at S.O.S. at Wolf Creek were non-members. Beaver Creek had 75% non-members. And at Fossil Campout there were roughly 70% non-members.

That says that someone must be spreading the word by mouth or print to the public.

A.B.A.T.E. has lots of things going on, so check the calendar for events

and activities listings in the back of our newspaper.

I might add all events I have been to were fun, even when pulled in to help

I look forward to meeting all the new officers and other members I haven't met before through the year at meetings, runs, and events.

For those who know me well, I can't begin to tell you why I am in this seat now. A year ago I would have laughed at the thought. Right up to three months ago I would have had same result to the thought. And yet here I am.

It isn't so much how much you do but that you do what you can.

If you get that feeling, don't ignore



Jack Wingfield

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

it. Put your hand up and be counted.

We are the organization A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and I probably mostly need you all.

-- Jack

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

This will be my last time writing the chapter report for a long time. I have stepped down as chapter coordinator and someone new is taking up the reins.

I would like to thank all who helped me during my time as coordinator. Without you I could not have done the job I did. You helped make this chapter a great success. I will not try to name all the people who helped because I would forget somebody and I don't want to hurt anybody's feelings. You were all crucial. You allowed me to be a coordinator, you didn't ask me to do it all.

My best wishes and support to the new coordinator who you will hear from next month. I will still be around, just not as much as I used to. I have some big projects in the year ahead that I must attend to.

This year promises to be a great year in *Central Oregon Chapter*.

We are looking at a new route for our *Rocks Lakes and Bridges Run* that benefits the *M.R.F.*

And of course we will be doing the teddy bear run again.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and best wishes to all for the new year.



Hope to see you on the road (once it gets warmer),

-- Bob Terrill

ex-coordinator [*extraordinaire*]

[*c.o.e. note: Heartfelt thanks to Bob for doing such a good job as coordinator for the far-flung Central Oregon Chapter. Even though it made for long days in the saddle, Bob often rode over the hill for state board meetings. At least the next lambing season won't be quite so hectic. (Hopefully.)*]

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**

Hello riders in the wind,

Dear riders, forgive me for I have not been able to write in my article for October and November due to cancellations. [?]

I want to thank everyone though this year who helped us continue to support *A.B.A.T.E. of Douglas County*.

I also want to wish everyone happy holidays. Please remember to be safe on the road over this holiday season.

Reminder : We are now meeting in *Abby's Pizza* annex at 1661 NE Stephens street in Roseburg, Oregon.

Come one and all to our meetings and see if you would like to become of member of the *Douglas County*



Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. Our next meeting will be December 28th at *Abby's*.

We have an opening for the state board representative.

We've discussed upcoming events. The *Thundering Waters Poker Run* will be June 16th. We will be needing sponsors.

Biker nights will be held every other month.

December events : We participated in two toy runs last month: 10 December in Roseburg and 16 December in Myrtle Creek.

Go Douglas County Chapter !

-- Joy Reyes

Douglas County on Facebook:

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or
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Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Abby's Pizza annex
1661 NE Stephens street
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all,

We start a new year and a chance to start anew with our commitment to safety and for all riders, new and experienced alike.

Getting our message out to look twice for motorcycles and all motorcycles look for vehicles. This will always go both ways for staying alert.

This will be more to the top of the list for the ones of us who ride year-round, so eyes open, shiny side up, and always love and respect for all bikes and cages it will take all of us to keep the roads safe.

-- T.K. Sahlberg



Facebook:

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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**

After our successful October *Heritage Mall Show*, many of us participated in the November 2017 *Albany Veteran's Day Parade*. A perfect time as it was a Saturday, reasonable weather, and a time to pay tribute to veterans since many of them were able to ride.

Lemme tell ya, the roar of over 400 motorcycles leading off the parade was a sound to behold! We were celebrating our freedoms which included the freedom of being on the road. Is that not A.B.A.T.E.'s purpose?

The next local event was the toy run on Sunday, 03 December, put on by many sponsors beginning at our east side *WalMart*. It is always a good cause for those kids in need of a bit of comfort.

Hub City is planning their annual *Chilly Buns Run* in February 2018 as our first event of the new year and a challenge for riders. (Even if the weather is iffy.)

It will be similar to last year with a start point, out-and-back to the finish.

Again, a dice roll instead of a card draw. That way, if there are marginal conditions, you will not be out in the weather, going from stop-to-stop. Hope to see you there.

So what makes all of this keep going?

Chapter officers.

Take a small step forward to fill a needed chapter position as myself and wife have done to make our A.B.A.T.E. organization able to



continue to move ahead. It is not beyond your personal abilities to take an officer's position.

Be more than just a member, participate as a chapter office to keep A.B.A.T.E. a vibrant force to keep riders issues in our government's limited visibility.

-- Jimmer

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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

End of the year.

Holiday time.

Happy, joyful time, but also a little sad.

The end of another year.

Reflecting back, what have we accomplished?

We lost a few members, gained a few new members, lots of laughs, several successful events: swap meet, *Run to the Coast*, *S.O.S.*, and toy run. All good, fun events. Lots of work and lots of fun.

Went to both state swap meets, *Fossil Campout*, *Run 21*, and *Beaver Creek*. A very busy year for me.

In January we gear up for a new legislative year. What would you like to see us fight for in Salem? What issues are at the top of your

wish list? Come to an A.B.A.T.E. meeting and let's talk about what's on your mind.

By the time this article is printed *JoCo* will have held their annual election of officers. I can't predict the outcome, so we will have to wait until the next issue to see a list of officers. Will there be changes? Will someone new step up and take a hand in helping to run the chapter?

Looks like our list of events will be the same for next year:

Chapter swap meet in April.

Run to the Coast in August.

S.O.S. in September.

Toy run in October.

Spanky is going to work on a few dinner runs and sociable get-togethers. We will work on making the meetings lighter and more fun.



What would you like to see happen at monthly meetings? More legislative information? Games? Food? Less business? More business?

These are your meetings. Tell us what you want.

S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate and Motive) is coming in February 2018. *S.T.E.A.M.* will be held in

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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*

As 2017 comes to an end, I look back on another year that has gone by so fast!

With everything that has happened to everyone this year, we look forward to 2018 with great hope and promise of a better year.

Once again we would like to thank all who helped make *Lincoln County Chapter* what it is today.

Chapter elections are here, so please volunteer in your area.

Congratulations to our own Jack Winfield who has gone above and beyond the call of volunteerism to become our state coordinator. We will do our best to support him, our chapter, and this organization.

Merry christmas, happy new year, and we'll see you all in the near future.

Ride safe,

-- Shirley



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

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

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

North Coast A.B.A.T.E. Kicks Off Holiday Season ***With Spaghetti, Chili, and Fun***

Some of the best grub followed good runs for *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.*'s quest to fund Clatsop county's food banks.

On 18 November, around 120 diners enjoyed the highly prized *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* spaghetti sauce.

More details about funds raised will come soon, but the 50/50 raffle was won by our very own chaplain, pastor Bob Hutson, who took home \$276.

On 02 December, seven hearty bikers and thirteen people actually braved the elements for the *Holiday Run*. They and a number of other supporters enjoyed the best, almost-world famous chili made by pastor Bob.

It was a heart-warming ending to a stellar year: good rides, good food,

great friends, and awesome times.

Heading into 2018, we're ready to discover more miles on the road and more dollars for the hungry in Clatsop county.

Come join us every third Tuesday of the month at the *Astoria Moose Lodge*, 420 17th street.

Or, contact 2018 chapter coordinator Chuck Miller at:

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-- Carl Earl
2018 coordinator



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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**

Season's greetings from *LoCo*,

Here we are again, another year behind us and another year ahead of us.

Now that riding season is over, it's time to turn our attention to other things, like bike maintenance and getting ready for spring. Tires, brakes, and fluids. Not that it wasn't done during the year, but now is a good time to really go into detail! We don't want to waste one moment of sunshine when it comes back.

I've had a very good year myself and did some really wonderful things that will not be forgotten.

When it's cold and rainy, it's nice to reminisce on those days of glory.

Our Christmas potluck was on 10 December at *Colvin's* in Clatskanie. There was turkey, ham, broccoli salad, and pie. Oh, can't forget the potatoes!

We at the *Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.* hope everyone had a merry christmas and a happy new year.

We will see you later on down the road.

-- Brandy Johnson
secretary, membership

**Lower Columbia****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

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

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

Happy new year, from *River City Chapter*,

It seems like the pace hasn't slowed down yet for winter. know him!

Brian and I went from gardening to raising a litter of foster puppies (and, boy were they cute), then straight into the chapter's *See's Candy* fundraising sale.

The *Candy Shack* has been bustling, going great, and a lot of chapter members have stepped up to staff the trailer.

We are gathering gifts for our adopt-a-family project, which is lots of fun for the shoppers.

Dusty, one of our members, works for the corps of engineers at on of the dams here. His employer has sent him to Puerto Rico for a month to help with repairs on the electrical grid. He will be working twelve-hour days around the clock for a month. We're all proud to

-- Teresa

**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**

Happy new year to all of our A.B.A.T.E. brothers and sisters,

May 2018 be a year where we are all still alive at the end of 2018.

Our December 2nd A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners' Toy Run was well attended, despite the rain. We did our best to put on another enjoyable event.

The winner of the Harley was Dorothe Wilms #3023.

The winner of the \$500 Visa gift card was Barry Fisher #2511.

The winner of the GoPro Hero5 camera was Brian Adamski #3107.

Congrats to the winners. We are thankful for all of you who helped us and the Shriners by buying raffle tickets and helping with making the toy run continue to be a wonderful

yearly event.

At the last state board meeting on December 9th, James Niece on behalf of the Southeast Portland Chapter submitted a motion:

"That the spring and fall swap meets henceforth be recognized as a Southeast Portland Chapter / A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc, event. The Southeast Portland Chapter will be paid \$500 for each swap meet it provides the personnel and materials necessary to staging each swap meet."

This motion is currently tabled for revising the wording of the motion to reflect that the swap



meet events will be A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. in cooperation with the Southeast Portland Chapter events. Any moneys paid to the Southeast Portland Chapter will be based on a fixed percentage of 20% applied to the profit of the swap meets.

The Southeast Portland Chapter has been providing the great majority of personnel and materials necessary

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Southeast Portland**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)

M&M Restaurant & Lounge
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<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Washington County**

To close out 2017, our Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run was a hit. We had over 175 motorcycles and 200 participants. The weather was great and we were able to supply an ample pile of toys to the Hillsboro Elks Lodge. We also sold enough raffle tickets to present a \$2,500 check to the Hillsboro fire department's Toy and Joy.

Speaking of raffles, the grand prize of a \$600 gift certificate for Stewart Leathers went to Jeff Van Ness.

LT Snyder and Dave Dunmore each won a \$100 Visa gift card.

Shelley Kippert won our raffled stained-glass garden art.

Finally, Ed Vaughn won the KelTec pistol from our 2017 raffle.

Wrapping up the year with our final

meeting of the year, we solidified our officer roster for 2018. We also held our annual membership drawing, which yours truly won.

Until next time . . .

Ride safe,
Ride smart,
Ride!

-- Goat
recording secretary
WaCo Chapter



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

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

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

09 December 2017 (Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:09 p.m. with nine chapters represented.

Nine of nine chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters: *Lower Columbia*.

Absent or unexcused: *Central Oregon*.

Pledge of allegiance: Led by Todd Sahlburg.

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

Guests and first time attendees: James “Yukon” Rhoden, Rotten Roger.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Jack Wingfield (*Lincoln County*) to adopt as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County*).

Motion passed by voice vote.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering extended well wishes to all toy runs, wished everyone a good holiday season, and passed out cookies.

Thanks for letting him be your coordinator for the last three years. It was challenging, but good.

Welcome to Jack Wingfield, the incoming state coordinator.

Mike Friend stated that he appreciated Paul's service and that he's done a good job.

Secretary report, correspondence: Cindy Witmer received a memorial announcement for Frank R.J. Harms, “Dan”, and thank you card from Amy McNeel.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer <Excused >

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat “Spanky” Allen announced that “Eddie” suffered a head injury in



a crash and was life-flighted to the hospital.

There is a combat hero bike build.

Spanky has raffle tickets, \$10 each. First prize is an *AK-15*.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice noted that the roads are finally cleared of rock after wild fires.

They are two weeks into their candy sales. See *River City's Facebook* page for types of candy for sale: *See's Candies* at \$19.90 per pound.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle thanked everyone and asked chapter representatives to please tell their treasurers that they have done a great job in getting reports in on time.

Karen is planning to have taxes done by February.

Just a reminder that she still needs copies of monthly bank statements, even when there is no change from the month before. She has to have all statements to balance and reconcile the books.

There will be training during *S.T.E.A.M.* for chapter treasurers.

Conversation about treasurers using debit cards. It was decided that it would be addressed at *S.T.E.A.M.*

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg was excused for birth of grandbaby, Todd delivered report:

Expired = 472

Families = 185

Life = 87

Newspaper = 356

Sustaining = 68

Sanctioning: Todd Sahlberg has called about seven other insurance companies. After investigating how they would do business with us, no group discounts, and the costs, it was determined that the current insurance company was still our best choice due to costs. Todd will have discussions with our current company and representative about being more responsive, even it that means we need to ask for a different person to work with.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Karen Tolle thanked everyone for doing a great job.

Newspaper: Rot Path greeted attendees with “Ahoy and Ho! Ho! Ho!”

Chapter reports are due tomorrow. (Sunday, 10 December.)

Make sure to brief incoming chapter officers on when reports are due. Try to have back-ups for this position so people know what's going on.

State board representatives need to provide updated officer information for who will be sending reports: name, phone, e-mail.

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south):

Diana Nicolay <Absent>

Spanky filled in for Diana, noting that *Douglas County Chapter* is plugging along with five to seven people at meetings. Spanky is trying to repair their problems and help them get back up and running.



Cindy Witmer

state recording secretary elf

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop < Absent, not excused >

Products director: Dave Meeker has been inquiring about shirts and says we need to do some presales. He has two shirts in the works.

Stickers will now be about the size of a business card.

Year bars now cost \$1.12 to \$1.18 each.

Please submit ideas for new products.

Also thinks we need to get products in the newspaper.

Has \$78 cash on hand and deposited \$100 today.

Education director: Geoff White stated that *S.T.E.A.M.* is scheduled for Saturday, 03 February 2018 at the *Newport American Legion*. There will be programs during the day and something fun at night. There will be no break-outs, just three to four large sessions.

Geoff thinks he now has a full line-up and would like to get this information out by next month's meeting. Don Mason has agreed to do a presentation on state level lobbying.

Jack Wingfield mentioned that if any chapter needs financial assistance to get someone there, they should bring the request to the January state board meeting.

Public relations director:

< Vacant >

• Don Mason gave a follow-up report on *Café Press*:

He ran a trial order. It costs \$10 per month on a monthly basis, or \$5 per month if paid in advance. You purchase at their price and charge whatever price you would like to set for on-line orders.

• Chuck will be the public relations

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director for 2018. He mentioned that we need to find a way to have some fun at each meeting, such as talking about the rides and how much fun they are, then move on to business.

State run coordinator (Fossil Campout): Rick Prentice had nothing to report.

State swap meet coordinator: James Niece noted that swap meets this year have been successful.

2018 swap meets are scheduled for the second Sunday in June and second Sunday in October at the same location. (Milwaukee Elks Lodge.)

Karen suggested we are in a position to look more professional with better signage.

Historian: Teresa Hepker

<Excused>

Web page editor: Carl Earl

<Excused>

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore had nothing to report.

Legislative director: Don Mason said that *BikePAC* is on hiatus, so nothing to report there.

Texas has applied for a waiver to not use ethanol in gas.

Only twenty days left to go to bikepac.com to donate for this year's tax deductible donation.

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

M.R.F. representative: Ted Tracy noted that you can read all reports in the December newspaper.

Ted will be handing off all information to Paul Hering who will be the new M.R.F. representative for 2018.

Confederation of Clubs representative: (Pat "Spanky" Allen, Mike Friend) Mike said it was great seeing everyone at the N.C.O.M. conference. There were a lot of people there, the agenda was a repeat of Reno except for Waco county tragedy.

Things a pretty quiet right now.

He thanked A.B.A.T.E. for the hospitality suite at the region 1

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

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conference.

Karen suggested when there is something like this going on in our state, it's important for A.B.A.T.E. to step up.

Unfinished Business

- Report on the ad in the *Team Oregon* text book.

Chuck and Karen talked about how each chapter could use the ad and personalize it at the bottom for your chapter.

- Paul traveled to *Central Oregon Chapter* meeting. They held elections with a full slate, including a new coordinator. He talked to them about S.T.E.A.M. and they seemed excited about that. He impressed upon them the importance of attending state meetings.

New Business

- How is mail to the Portland A.B.A.T.E. address going to be handled after the new year when Jack in Newport becomes the state coordinator. This was not discussed.

- Motion was made by Ted Tracy and seconded by Jack Wingfield:

"That the state treasurer reserve ten motel rooms at Knight's Inn in Newport at the rate of \$136 per room for two nights 03 – 05 February 2018." [For S.T.E.A.M.]

The motion passed.

- Motion was made by James Niece and seconded by Randy Phipps:

"That the spring and fall swap meets henceforth be recognized as a Southeast Portland Chapter / A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. event. The Southeast Portland Chapter will be paid \$500 for each swap meet where it provides the personnel and materials to stage the swap meet."

Dave Meeker mentioned that we are all volunteers.

Karen Tolle asked how would that work if the swap meet didn't make any money.

After some more similar discussion,

Jack Wingfield moved to have the motion tabled until the January state board meeting. He requested that the chapter representatives take the question back to their chapters for discussion.

Jack's motion was seconded by Chuck and motion to table was passed.

- James "Yukon" Rhoden was nominated for *Fossil Campout* coordinator. He accepted the nomination and was voted in.

- Jimmer volunteered for the position of *BikePAC* representative and was voted in.

Announcements

- Paul Hering mentioned that state representative Susan McClain is head of the state transportation committee and will be attending a *Washington County Chapter* meeting in January. He encouraged all who could, to attend and ask Susan questions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



Spanky thought the meeting went well . . .



. . . while many of us felt squeezed in.



At least Ted had most excellent reading material.

Upcoming 2018 Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Events

Date:	Event:	Chapter:
03 Feb	S.T.E.A.M. in Newport	Oregon ABATE
10 Feb	Cabin Fever	Southeast Portland
18 Feb	Chilly Buns Run	Hub City
08 Apr	Spring State Swap Meet	Oregon ABATE
Apr	Spring Fever	North Coast
Apr	Poker Run	River City
Apr	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	JoCo
May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Salem
May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	JoCo
May	Yer Mother's Poker Run	SE-PDX
May	Spring Run	Lower Columbia
May	Fossil Campout	Oregon ABATE
June	Around Saddle Mountain	North Coast
Oct	Toy Run	Josephine County
14 Oct	Fall Swap Meet	Oregon ABATE
Oct	Planning Session	Oregon ABATE
Oct	Mall Bike Show	Hub City

From yer ...



New Year House Cleaning

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c.o.e. – 192

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

Some folks wait until spring to begin house cleaning (if they do it at all), but here at the galactic headquarters of the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state newspaper, our own form of house cleaning takes place in January.

Since many officer positions in chapters and the state board have new people taking over the duties at the beginning of the year, this is a good time to let everyone know about newspaper submission and style guidelines.

- The primary guideline is that reports and submissions should be turned in by the tenth (10th) of each month for the following month's issue, unless prior arrangements have been made with yer crusty ol' editor. (So material for the February newspaper would need to be sent in by 10 January, for example.)

One goal of the current state newspaper staff is to have newsrags printed and mailed before the end of the month so they are received by members well before the next month begins. That way folks don't miss events happening around the beginning of the month.

- Each article is allowed one explanation mark.

Excessive use of explanation marks makes a writer seem overly excitable while tending to cause other folks to edge away nervously. This is not a desirable trait when we are trying to attract new members or connivence elected officials to take our concerns seriously.

- Let reports or articles rest overnight after writing them, then read them out loud the next morning to yourself or a domestic animal who is impatiently waiting for breakfast.

Too often it is easy overlook missing words or grammatical errors when reading an article to one's self just after writing it. (We tend to read what we want to see.)

- Spell check articles created on word processors before e-mailing them to yer crusty ol' editor.

Come on, how difficult is that to do? It takes just a few seconds and raises the writer out of the ignorant lout category.

- Become aware of the differences in spelling and meaning of words that sound the same.

In that spirit, on page 13 is *Rot's Guide To Wordage*.

December's state board meeting, despite wonderful treats and folks dressed for the holidays, turned out to be a

Meeting From Hell!



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

The meeting room we normally use was divided in two by a curtain with twenty board attendees crammed into the smaller portion in back while noisy kids birthday parties came and went next to us. We could barely hear each other.

(How many young 'uns were traumatized when they pulled open the curtain and beheld bewhiskered bikers in black leather wearing Santa hats?)

At least there were lots of tasty cookies and other treats to munch on.

For the first time this year, yer crusty ol' editor had to break out the French dictionary. (Wanted to pay a sophisticated-sounding compliment to *Central Oregon Chapter's* out-going coordinator, Bob Terrill.)

Canada, a member of the British commonwealth, went metric in the 1980s.

The United States, which broke away from England in the late 1770s, still uses imperial units.

Strange ol' world, eh?

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JANUARY Cryptogram

ENGA JNZX AGE UGHD ZA JZPG XNHYY GAV,

YGJ ZJ RG XHZV Z'CG LYHUGV JNG SDZGAV,

NHCG YZCGV HAV YICGV HAV YHRIDGV NGDG,

HAV PHVG IS ZJ H NHLLU UGHD.

--GVWHD WKGXJ

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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

S.T.E.A.M.

is back

Seminars To Educate And Motivate
will take place on

Saturday
03 February 2018

at the
American Legion hall
in
Newport, Oregon
424 west Olive

Room block at Knights Inn for
Friday and Saturday nights.
Reservations at 1-(877)-361-2520

(map will be in next month's newspaper)

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Celebrate and Honor Volunteers
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and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

For more information: Melinda 503-231-2701 or pdxmelinda@gmail.com

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Josephine County

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Newport, Oregon on February 3rd. A block of rooms is being held for Friday and Saturday nights. All members are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending *S.T.E.A.M.*, please come to the January chapter meeting. One or two lucky members will win hotel rooms in Newport for *S.T.E.A.M.*

Our chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of each month.

Potlucks every March, June, September, November, and December.

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m., potlucks start at 6 p.m.

We are a family chapter. Guests are always invited.

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale drive
Grants Pass.

See you down the road,

-- Karen
(541)-660-8730

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For further information on this or any other upcoming Hub City A.B.A.T.E. event, or how to join please:
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S.T.E.A.M. Returning

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S.T.E.A.M. will be held on Saturday, 03 February 2018 at the Newport, Oregon *American Legion* hall.

If you have never been to *S.T.E.A.M.*, ask other *A.B.A.T.E.* members, discuss at your next meeting, find out what it's all about.

Suggestion to all chapters: Have a drawing at your next meeting to help pay for a member to attend *S.T.E.A.M.*

Encourage as many members as possible to attend.

If your chapter is struggling a bit, this a great place to talk with experienced folk to find both hope and answers.

For chapters that are cruising along comfortably, you may be able to help out other chapters with advise and ideas.

I am getting really excited that *S.T.E.A.M.* is coming back.

I have been working on hotel rooms. Even in February Newport is a popular destination, so I have blocked fifteen rooms for Friday and Saturday, **02 and 03 February** at the *Knight's Inn in Newport*.

Ten rooms are single queens at \$68.89 per night. (\$137.77 for two nights, if I calculated right.)

Five rooms are double queens for \$86.79 per night. (\$173.58 for two nights.)

These rates include all taxes.

To reserve your room, call:

1 - (8 7 7) - 3 6 1 - 2 5 2 0

Use group confirmation #**28465405**.

Call before January 19th to get our group rate prices.

Your credit card will not be charged until you check in. You can cancel anytime before 01 February 2018.

Please call and make your reservation as soon as possible. And after making your reservation, please e-mail me and let me know so I can keep track of how many rooms we have left.

Thanks and see you in February,

-- Karen
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Southeast Portland

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to staging the swap meets, primarily because the event is located in Portland.

The Southeast Portland Chapter wants to use the events as a chapter fund-raising activity. We provide the help and materials necessary to successfully stage the event: The state gets 80%, the Southeast Portland Chapter gets 20%.

Consider this statement: "A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon money is still A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon money no matter if the money is in the state bank account or a chapter bank account." [source of statement ?]

The Southeast Portland Chapter's effort to use the swap meets as a fund raising action can be best described as a "Give the dog a bone" action.

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.

With respect and good wishes,

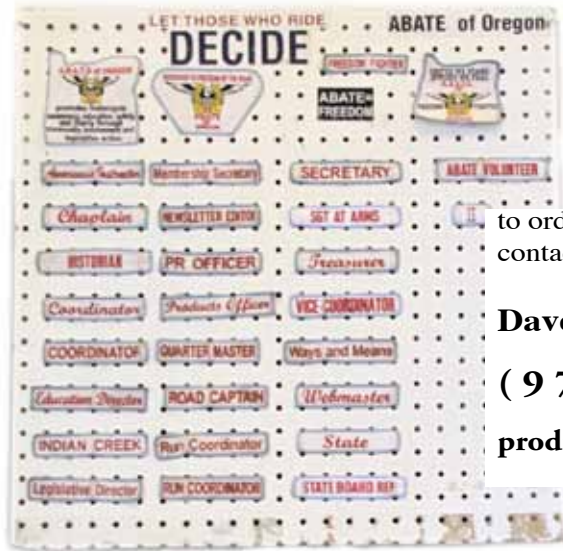
-- James Niece
secretary

Southeast Portland Chapter



Non-boring state board meeting.
(What a December treat.)

Shameless Plug For Products ride in A.B.A.T.E. style



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Dave Meeker

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products@abateoforegon.net

Sanctioning Report

-- Todd Sahlberg
(541)-821-2252
sanctioning@
abateoforegon.net

This is a new year and great events are going to be available for us to enjoy.

A new one that is coming from Hub City is the *Cabin Fever Run*, so lets start the year off with a bang and show our support.

We do come from all over the state for runs and some have quite the ride to get events, but take an extra day and don't just make the run itself, but enjoy the ride.

Don't rush yourself. This causes errors in judgment and does not make any ride safe.

So as the new year is here and we all want to show integrity in strength and support, let's be safe and practice what we are preaching. Get involved, let your voice be heard, and presence known.

We are A.B.A.T.E.

Bikers have rights and we will keep them.

-- Todd Sahlberg

state sanctioning coordinator

For the edification and enlightenment of casual report writers . . .

A Rot Guide To Wordage

Are -- future action.

"**Are** you going to be getting that transmission off the table so we can have dinner?"

Our -- belongs to us.

"**Our** chapter campsite is on the fire ant nest."

Hour -- sixty minutes, 3,600 seconds.

"A minute at a traffic light seems like an **hour** out of yer life."

Its -- indicates possession.

"A motorcycle's appeal is **its** number of wheels."

It's -- short for "it is" (contraction).

"**It's** about time you realized that the handlebars go in front."

There -- indicates location or direction.

"**There** must be a way to make drivers look out for us."

"Ain't that a naked rider over **there**?"

There's -- short for "there is" (contraction).

"**There's** a distinct lack of service in this restaurant since the grease fire."

Their -- indicates possession.

"**Their** problems are our problems."

Theirs -- belongs to or about more than one person.

"**Theirs** is the tent with tire marks on it."

"**Theirs** is not to reason why."

Their's -- short for "their is" (contraction).

"**Their's** . . . (Maybe this ain't a real word after all.)"

They're -- short for "they are" (contraction).

"**They're** bikers . . . or possibly pirate wannabes."

To -- direction.

"Go to . . ."

Too -- also.

". . . and the horse you rode in on too."

Two -- whole number between one and three.

"Two wheels is better than none."

Were -- past tense. (often used to open unlikely stories.)

"There we **were**, cruising down the coast highway . . ."

We're -- short for "we are" (contraction).

"**We're** just gonna wait here until it stops raining. Oh wait . . . this is Oregon."

Your -- belonging to someone or referring to a group.

"**Your** bike just fell onto mine."

"**Your** chapter did a great job!"

You're -- short for "you are" (contraction).

"**You're** much larger than I am and therefore right."



Illegal Search and Seizure Protection For Motorcycles

The *American Motorcyclist Association* filed an *amicus* brief with the highest court in the land on 20 November defending the rights of motorcyclists against unlawful search and seizure as protected by the fourth amendment to the U.S. constitution.

The *amicus* brief was filed in case number 16-1027, *Ryan Austin Collins v. Commonwealth of Virginia*.

The supreme court of Virginia ruled that, because Collins' vehicle was a motorcycle and not a car or truck, the officers who searched under Collins' motorcycle cover did not need a warrant to do so.

The *A.M.A.*'s brief argues that the judgment of the lower court should be reversed.

A.M.A. president and C.E.O., Rob Dingman, stated that the *amicus* brief points out an example of how motorcyclists' rights can be threatened at all levels and branches of government.

"The A.M.A. and its members must be vigilant at all times, because we can never know where the next threat will be," Dingman said. *"The U.S. supreme court is the final arbiter on matters of constitutional rights, and the court's decisions direct the enforcement of law across the country at all levels. When motorcyclists' freedoms are before the court, it's critical that we speak forcefully and convincingly to defend those rights."*

The *A.M.A.*'s brief states: *"This court's analysis should not be affected by the fact the vehicle searched was a motorcycle rather than a car or truck. . . . There is nothing inherently suspicious, and no inherent justification for a search, in the use or ownership of a motorcycle."*

The brief points out that a motorcycle cover is commonly used to protect motorcycles from the elements, to provide privacy, and to prevent theft.

"By removing and looking beneath the cover of the motorcycle parked in the curtilage [fenced courtyard] of the home, the police conducted a warrantless search in violation of the fourth amendment," the brief continues.

While the *A.M.A.*'s brief expresses no opinion regarding the petitioner's ultimate guilt or innocence of any alleged crime, it emphasizes that motorcycles should not be subjected to unreasonable searches and seizures. The consequences of the erosion of motorcyclists' protections under the fourth amendment would be severe.

E.P.A. Releases Final 2018 Renewable Fuel Mandates
higher volumes not in best interest of motorcyclists

The renewable fuels mandates released this week by the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency* are higher than the 2017 levels and

the 2018 levels the agency proposed in June.

The *E.P.A.*'s final 2018 renewable volume obligations call for 19.29 billion gallons of renewable fuel (primarily corn ethanol) to be blended into the nation's gasoline supplies. That figure is higher than the 19.24 billion gallons the agency proposed in June and slightly higher than the 19.28 billion gallons required in 2017.

"It is disappointing to learn the E.P.A. raised its proposed renewable volume obligations for 2018," said Wayne Allard, *A.M.A.* vice-president for government relations. *"The decision goes against the agency's promise to listen to consumers, who have indicated a low demand for higher ethanol blends. Forcing more ethanol into the nation's fuel supply places motorcyclists at greater risk of misfueling their bikes."*

The *E.P.A.* mandates continue to rise, even as cars become more fuel efficient and drivers travel fewer miles each year. Forcing more ethanol into fewer gallons of gasoline results in higher-ethanol blends for consumers.

Most gasoline sold in the United States contains ten percent ethanol (E10), which all modern automobile engines and many motorcycle engines are built to accommodate. However, if the R.F.S. requirements continue to be implemented, it will result in higher-ethanol blends,

such as E15 (15 percent ethanol), to become more prevalent at retail outlets.

An increase in the supply of E15 can lead to inadvertent misfueling by motorcyclists, caused by blender pumps and confusing pump labels.

None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in use in the United States is approved by the *E.P.A.* to operate on ethanol blends higher than ten percent. Using higher ethanol blends in those vehicles is illegal and may cause engine and fuel system damage, voiding the manufacturer's warranty.

The *A.M.A.* also is concerned that the increased reliance on ethanol could further reduce the amount of E0 fuel available. Since the distribution network for E15 and E85 is limited, fuel producers may be forced to reduce E0 output to stay within the *E.P.A.*'s rule.

"The renewable fuel standard has been broken for years, and congress needs to reform the [regulation] to protect motorcyclists and the millions of consumers who do not want higher ethanol blends," Allard said.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Petition to Motorcyclist Advisory Council

A petition containing over 5,000 signatures was delivered to the first meeting of the federal highway administration's motorcyclist advisory council on Tuesday, 05 December. The document was presented by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* and demanded that the council designate additional seats to represent the motorcycle rider community.

Currently, the council has ten available seats, only one of which is filled by a motorcycle rider association representative.

Reauthorized in the latest highway bill in 2016, the motorcyclist advisory council (M.A.C.) was created to coordinate with and counsel the administrator of the federal highway administration (F.H.W.A.) on infrastructure and other issues that affect motorcyclists. It was originally conceptualized in 2005 and designed to allow the motorcycle community a dialogue with government officials. (The only one of its kind.)

Previous iterations of the group also held ten seats, however unlike the current parameters, four of the ten council members included representatives from the motorcycling community from various state and federal motorcycle associations.

When the M.A.C. was reauthorized, the federal highway administration eliminated all but one of these, only calling for one representative from the motorcycling community with the other nine positions to be filled by experts in roadway data, design, and engineering.

*"We continue to be concerned that [the M.A.C.], the **only** group of its kind on a national scale, fails to include adequate representation of the nearly 8.5 million motorcycle riders on our nation's roadways,"* said Megan Ekstrom, vice-president of government affairs for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* in prepared comments delivered at the meeting. *"Only **one** out of **ten** of these individuals can speak for the rider community at large and has the authority to do so and is here to serve that specific purpose. The M.A.C. should have more of these,"* Ekstrom went on to say.

Members of congress also weighed in. The senate issued a letter, led by senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) asking for additional seats for motorcycle riders association. The letter, sent in February, included senator John Thune (R-SD), chairman of the senate committee on commerce, science, and transportation which has jurisdiction over transportation-related matters.

The U.S. house of representatives issued its own letter to secretary Chao, outlining their own concerns and asking the secretary of transportation to allow the motorcycle community a strong voice on the council. The letter stated, *"It is critical to allow motorcyclists to have a strong voice on this council. These are the individuals who have experience and can provide a motorcyclist's insights on the challenges and benefits of our roadways. Depending on where they*

live, riders have unique experiences and are differently impacted by roadway and barrier design, and construction, among others."

Seated in the audience of Tuesday's meeting was Andy Kelly. Kelly, a rider for most of his life and a member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania (Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education)*, made the trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the meeting after signing the petition. A handful of other motorcycle riders representing various state and local rider associations were also in the audience, allowed to listen, but not officially weigh in on issues that affect them as riders.

"This is an example of government at its worst," said Ekstrom. *"The purpose of this group is to advise on issues important to motorcyclists. How can the M.A.C. identify and prioritize these issues without adequate rider representation?"*

Registration Open For Bikers Inside The Beltway

must register by 30 April

Date: Monday and Tuesday, 14 and 15 May 2018.

Location: Falls Church, Virginia; Washington, D.C.

The *10th Annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway* is the **only** national motorcycle lobby day held in our nation's capitol. Motorcyclists from around the country ride to D.C. to help educate

members of congress about the issues facing motorcyclists today.

Download the flyer from the *M.R.F.* web site.

Schedule of Events

Lobbying preparation session

Monday, 14 May at 7 p.m.
Governor's House Inn
6650 Arlington boulevard
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Lobby day

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Mistrial In First Waco Case

It's been over two years since the bloody Twin Peaks melee in Waco, Texas. The first trial of more than 150 of those arrested and charged has ended in a mistrial when the jury was hopelessly split on multiple counts.

Dallas *Bandidos* leader Jake Carrizal was charged with three criminal counts, including murder and racketeering, stemming from the 17 May 2015 brawl and gunfight with rival *Cossacks* members during a meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents that left nine bikers dead and eighteen seriously injured, most shot by responding police.

The prosecution had hoped a conviction in this first "big test case," considered the state's strongest, would serve as an indicator of how solid the government's cases might be going forward, and could be used to generate plea deals amongst the remaining 153 bikers indicted, explained A.I.M. (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) attorney Bill Smith of Texas. Smith, who also serves as legal counsel for the *Confederations of Clubs* (C.o.C.) in Texas, gave a much-anticipated update to bikers from across the U.S. during a recent National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) regional meeting in Oklahoma City.

Carrizal faces life in prison if found guilty, but following more than a month of testimony in proceedings that cost the Waco community over \$2 million to date, the three woman, nine man jury deliberated for just under fifteen hours over two days

before notifying Judge Matt Johnson they were irrevocably deadlocked and unable to reach a verdict.

Judge Johnson sent the jury home on Friday, 10 November and declared a mistrial.

The state has reportedly announced they will retry the case, but at this point it is unclear if the case will be retried on the same or amended charges, or how it will affect others under indictment.

"Just by attending a regularly scheduled monthly meeting, many of these bikers lost their jobs, lost their motorcycles, lost homes, or lost custody of a child because of their arrest for engaging in criminal activity," said attorney Smith, *"spending days, weeks, or months in jail under million dollar bail bonds."*

In early 2016, several of the bikers filed a civil rights lawsuit against the district attorney, the chief of police and other Waco officials, and *"if acquitted, they can succeed in civil action."*

N.C.O.M. Meeting Report

"Many thanks to all who attended the N.C.O.M. board of directors meeting and N.C.O.M. region 2 conference this past weekend in Oklahoma City, and to all Oklahoma C.o.C. (Confederation of Clubs) member groups who worked so hard to ensure its success," wrote N.C.O.M. board member Tiger Mike Revere, liaison for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs, in his recent Oklahoma C.o.C. liaison report.

"Lots of valuable information was shared that will ultimately help improve our motorcycling quality of life," Tiger Mike continues, *"The seminar dealing with R.I.C.O. and biker judicial rights,*

the Texas A.I.M./N.C.O.M. attorney update on the Waco situation, and the presentation addressing profiling and police harassment of motorcyclists were educational. The regional motorcyclist rights forum and multi-state C.o.C. symposium afforded rights activists and club members from all over the nation the opportunity to share informational updates and legislative strategy for the future. The regional christian unity meeting featured spiritual riding groups from many states sharing their faith and community outreach experiences."

Revere goes on to say that, *"The N.C.O.M. board of directors continues to be impressed with the degree of enthusiasm and involvement region 2 members demonstrate for being educated on critical issues. Particular recognition goes to those who staffed the hospitality room, handled logistics for the hotel and transportation, and to the vendors who took part. The Saturday night camaraderie party and dinner was a blast! Thanks to our Oklahoma C.o.C. lawyers for providing the food. It was great to see how many riders showed up for Sunday's Oklahoma C.o.C. meeting as well. The Biltmore Hotel's ballroom was packed with well over 400 riders."*

He concludes with, *"I deeply appreciate your passion and commitment to defending biker liberty, in Oklahoma and nationwide. Be sure to put the 33rd annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists convention on your calendar. It's scheduled for 08-13 May 2018 in Mobile, Alabama at the Riverview Plaza Renaissance Hotel. It's going to be a great one. The region 2 conference was also a veterans' day celebration, and 150 bikes rode to the Oklahoma state capitol on November 11 to take part in the ceremonies. Thanks very much, attendees, for honoring our armed forces."*

Bikers Assist Disaster Victims

U.S. Defenders and the facilitators at Camp Ironhorse have been deeply involved not only in assisting hurricane Harvey disaster relief efforts in Texas, but also in traveling to Puerto Rico for disaster relief aid following hurricane Maria.

"Texas Defenders and Camp Ironhorse volunteers alternate every other week delivering supplies and support equipment," reports N.C.O.M. board member "Tiger Mike" Revere, liaison for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs. *"Multiple agencies in our area have donated to support efforts which benefit our fellow Americans victimized by the storms and enhance a positive biker image."*

A critical need continues, so anyone interested in providing any support or donations, assisting in relief efforts, or desiring more information can contact Monte "Stick" Keiner at:

wizzardproduction@yahoo.com

N.C.O.M. Christian Unity also continues to be very responsive in meeting disaster victims' needs, as updated at the recent region 2 conference in Oklahoma.

"They are working with an effort led by Central Harley-Davidson out of Austin Texas," reports Revere, *"and the assistance they provided is much appreciated by our awesome motorcycling community."*

For more information or to contribute, contact Louie Nobs, N.C.O.M. Christian Unity liaison, at:

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Recreation Advisory Committee Created

On 07 November 2017, secretary of interior Ryan Zinke announced the creation of a recreation advisory committee to help improve visitor experiences on America's public lands and waters through expanded public-private partnerships. "We used to have a bureau of recreation. We're bringing recreation back," Zinke said, adding that "I look forward to hearing from the best and the brightest in our private sector on how to improve the public experience on our federal lands and waters by expanding access for all Americans."

According to the *Outdoor Industry Association*, outdoor recreation generates \$887 billion in economic impact and supports 7.6 million jobs across the country. "The creation of the recreation advisory committee, combined with meetings, declarations, and events, is an important step in harnessing the might of the outdoor recreation economy and shows the department's commitment to supporting its continued growth," reports the *Motorcycle Industry Council (M.I.C.)* in announcing the formation of the committee.

The committee will offer new opportunities for experienced and committed supporters of the great outdoors to collaborate with the secretary and other interior officials on a range of issues, including expansion of world-class visitor services and infrastructure, skillful management of peak visitation, improving fee collection, incorporating new technologies, and much more.

This action is the result of numerous meetings between the department of the interior, the outdoor recreation industry roundtable (O.R.I.R.), of which the *M.I.C.* is a member, and others.

"Creation of the recreation advisory committee is great news for the outdoor recreation industry," said *M.I.C.*

president and C.E.O. Tim Buche. "We are excited to work with the department of interior to address issues facing outdoor recreation, including trail maintenance and expanding access to public lands."

New York

Motorcycle Safety Savvy

Those seeking a drivers license in the state of New York will soon be required to take and pass a series of motorcycle safety scenarios.

Legislation bill A-7486/S-2119, signed into effect on 23 October 2017 by governor Andrew Cuomo, establishes a motorcycle safety awareness component as a requirement for licensing.

Introduced by assemblyman Marcos Crespo (D-south Bronx), the legislation creates a motorcycle safety component to licensure, and requires "The commissioner to provide in the pre-licensing course, a mandatory component in motorcycle safety awareness education as a prerequisite for obtaining a license to operate a motor vehicle. The purpose of the component is to educate prospective licensees on the potential dangers to persons operating motorcycles on the roadway."

So motorcycle safety will now join alcohol and drug education, road rage awareness, and work safety zone safety as subject matters for the pre-licensing course.

Indiana Fraudulent

Motorcycle Endorsements

"It has come to our attention that some Indiana residents have been caught up in a scam regarding documents necessary to obtain a motorcycle endorsement," reports Jay Jackson from *A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana* (www.abateonline.org), which "represents all Hoosier motorcyclists and is very concerned anytime one of us is harmed."

Although details from the Indiana

bureau of motor vehicles (B.M.V.) are incomplete, "it appears that someone has made copies of the state form used to issue a waiver for skills test and forged the signature of a former A.B.A.T.E. instructor. This unlawful act of greed casts an ugly and undeserved shadow on the instructor's reputation, as well as that of A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana."

Jackson related stories of people caught up in this situation, with some paying money for these documents or attending and passing makeshift classes.

If the B.M.V. is unable to confirm that the applicant had successfully completed a legitimate rider course, "they suspend not only the motorcycle endorsement, but also the operator's license, and in some cases the commercial driver's license (C.D.L.), of the individual."

If you have any information related to this situation, please reach out and contact the Indiana state police. Or call the *A.B.A.T.E.* office at (317)-422-8040. (Indiana residents call (800)-23-A.B.A.T.E.)

"We want to get to the bottom of this in hopes that it may assist those who were victimized."

Humanity Triumphs Over Machinery

Humans have been getting their tails handed to them by computers, as artificial intelligence (A.I.) has been regularly trouncing humanity in classic games like chess, *Go*, and *Mortal Kombat*.

But at least there's one area where we still reign supreme (for now): Motorcycle racing!

In a tale bearing striking resemblance to that of folk hero John Henry, the "steel-driving man" who proved his human prowess in a race against a steam-powered contraption, an A.I.-piloted motorcycle recently lost a race against a modern-day riding champion.

Renowned *MotoGP* racer Valentino

Rossi outperformed *MotoBot*, a motorcycle-riding robot from *Yamaha* that controls six actuators aboard a non-modified motorcycle: steering, throttle, both brakes, clutch, and gearshift.

The *Yamaha MotoBot* project began in 2015. After three years of trials, the computer has developed a much better understanding of motorcycle racing such that *Yamaha* hopes by 2020 it will "deliver new value from *Yamaha* to our customers."

Quotable Quote

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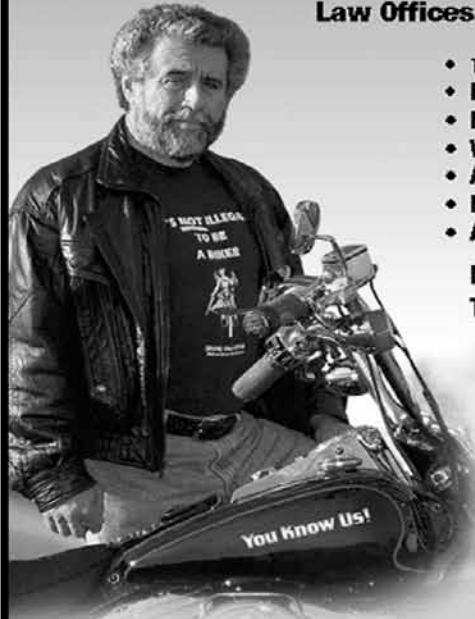
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Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

1996 *Yamaha Virago 535*. Pristine and only 7,500 miles on original engine. Kept warm and dry in storage with occasional warm up runs. **\$2,400** or best offer. Call Linda Cline at (541)-961-9641 or Chuck Miller at (503)-739-0439
(Mar-2018)



For Sale

Perfect *iMac* with 27" screen. Recently upgraded hard drive and graphics card. Comes with detached CD/DVD drive, extra hard drive storage, monitor stand, wireless keyboard and mouse. Like new, works perfectly. Original cost of this package was \$2,800. With upgrade, it is worth more than \$3,500. I'm asking **\$2,000** or best offer. To see, call Linda Cline in Waldport at (541)-961-9641.
(Mar-2018)

For Sale



Lost

... myself to sleep.

Found

... a year had passed by the time I awoke.

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 2018

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Jack Wingfield	(541)–272–0769	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]			
Linda Cline	(541)–890–9042	kmsabate@gmail.com	
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)			
Dusty Hawkins	(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			
Chuck Miller	(503)–739–0439	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
James “Yukon” Rhoden	(Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
James Niece	(503)–775–2203	swapmeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
< Position open and available for you >	(541)–965–2701	Historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
Carl Earl	(503)–325–6932	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
Gene Mortimore	(503)–313–7129	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
Don Mason	(541)–990–2884	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Jimmer		BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
Paul Hering	(MRF@abateoforegon.net	
Confederation of Clubs representative			
Pat Allen, Mike Friend	(541)–659–8715	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

>>> NOTICE <<<

Newly elected chapter and state officers are invited to attend the January 2018 state board meeting at *Ciddici's Pizza* in downtown Albany, Oregon. (133 SE 5th avenue) The meeting begins at noon.

This will be an excellent time and place to ask questions about your job and receive answers from experienced people who know how *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* works.

Come early and enjoy great pizza with wonderful people. (Like your own fine self.)

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

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

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

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

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

Membership Rates:

number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single*	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	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.)

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:

January 2018 (winter) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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STATE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, 13 Jan 2018
1200 (noon) – *Ciddici's Pizza*
133 SE Fifth avenue–Albany, Oregon

Lately there's one thing I've learned to fear,
It's at the start of every new year,
Tumbling out of bed,
On my way to the head,
Then seeing myself in the mirror.

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

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



2018 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:
03 Feb 2018	S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE	Newport	
10 Feb 2018	Cabin Fever / <i>Southeast Portland</i>		
18 Feb 2018	Chilly Buns Run / <i>Hub City</i>	Albany	
08 Apr 2018	Spring State Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Milwaukie	
Apr 2018	Spring Fever / <i>North Coast</i>		
Apr 2018	Poker Run / <i>River City</i>		
Apr 2018	Southern Oregon Swap Meet / <i>JoCo</i>		
May 2018	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Salem	
May 2018	Motorcycle Awareness Rally / <i>JoCo</i>	Grants Pass	
May 2018	Yer Mother's Poker Run / <i>SE-PDX</i>		
May 2018	Spring Run / <i>Lower Columbia</i>		
May 2018	Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE		
June 2018	Around Saddle Mountain / <i>North Coast</i>		
Oct 2018	Toy Run / <i>Josephine County</i>		

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.)	Abby's Pizza annex; 1661 NE Stephens 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.)	Fruitdale Grange; 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