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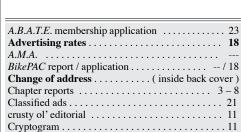
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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

What We're About

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

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

We also do business as (DBA) American Bikers Aimed Toward Education.

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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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.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights

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

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

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

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

$\mathbf{A} =$ Single entity.

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

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

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

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

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Dec 2010

officers at work

State Coordinator

Happy Valentine's Day to you all,

It was nice to see new and former officers at the January state board meeting.

Lots of things in the plans for the year. Check the calendar in back of *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper. And if you have something planed, be sure to get information, sanctioning, and other paperwork turned in so it can be added.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar To Educate and Motivate) 03 February 2018 at the Newport *American Legion*, with great appreciation for the efforts of Geoff White for getting the ball rolling. It will be good to start attending this event again. If you haven't gone to one

before, ask a member who has or come and we will show you.

Our new state membership person, Linda Cline, has hit the ground running and hopeful the chapter membership person has gotten information that she requested back to her. This was reviewed at the January state board meeting.

Bottom line: she can't do it without y'all helping her. And most of that is the information she needs. The other side is streamlining process. We are looking at that also. Mostly how to shorten the waiting period.

Ask your state representative about the *Fossil Campout* or read the board meeting minutes in the state newspaper.

If there is an event near you, go have some fun.

-- Jack



Jack Wingfield

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

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

Central Oregon

Happy new year to all our brother and sister members of A.B.A.T.E.,

With this new year brings a new group of officers to the *Central Oregon Chapter*.

My thanks to Bob Terrill for the hard work and numerous hours he put in to keep the chapter moving. I look forward to taking the reins and hope to make the chapter successful as long as I'm able.

At our December meeting we discussed our very successful *Teddy Bear Run* and how much the sponsors help with donations. The sponsors are given a plaque with their name on it and the chapter's thanks for participating.

It's great to see one of our plaques on their wall. It is a good way to start a conversation with someone you may not know.

As Bob mentioned last month, we are considering changing the route and possibly the start time for the *Rocks*, *Bridges*, *and Lakes Run* that supports *M.R.F.* to attract more riders. This is a really great scenic ride. Central Oregon has some of the best scenery for rides.

Attracting more members is high on the list of things to do this year. I hope to meet all the current members of *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* throughout the year and discuss how we can accomplish this together.



I'm going to bring this to a close for now with some age-old words of advice:

The weather may be warm enough to ride, but we need to keep in mind that car and truck drivers have not seen that many bikes out for a while and may be driving with their blinders on. Look for them as they may not be looking for you.

We're looking forward to a great year in *Central Oregon* with great people to ride with.

-- John Mickley coordinator

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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https://www.facebook.com/ Central-Oregon-ABATE-263285353740921/?fref=ts A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Douglas County

Dear riders in the wind,

Douglas County Chapter is in need of new officers from **all** chapters in Douglas county for keeping A.B.A.T.E. open throughout the year.

Douglas County Chapter is sponsoring-only the Thundering Waters Run.

Please come to our next meeting on 22 February 2018 at Abby's Pizza on Stephen's street in Roseburg.

-- Joy Reyes



Douglas County on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 1521250574871175/ or 367198656679619/

Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)

Abby's Pizza annex
1661 NE Stephens street
Roseburg
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Jackson County

Happy new year from *Jackson County*!

Hope this year is a great one for everyone and stay safe.

Getting the word out and trying to make *Jackson County Chapter* a stronger part of our voice for safety and awareness and to support all of our brothers and sisters on two wheels.

-- Todd

Jackson County Chapter



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Jackson County <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u>

4rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
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(541)—

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

Happy new year,

I hope everyone had great holidays and are ready for a new year of riding new places, seeing new things, and making new friends along the way.

First a big "thank you" to everyone who has stepped up to take on an officer position at the chapter and state levels. The volunteers are what help make this organization run smoothly and help it accomplish its mission statement. If you have never held a position, seriously think about it for next year. The positions are not hard and it is always good to have more people involved in A.B.A.T.E.

Here is a list of *Hub City*'s officers for the year of 2018:

Coordinator: Tracy Traw Vice-coordinator: Tom Corrick. State board representative: Jim Engel Secretary: Monika Niebuhr-Sims

Treasurer: Donita Rietz

Membership secretary: Betty Engel

Sergeant-at-arms: Troy Stevens

Quartermaster: Al Sims Run coordinator: Brad Upton Public relations: Rich Burright Historian: Michelle Waite

Legislative representative: Dave Ezell

Education director: Robin Rich Web administrator: Don Mason

Thank you.

Be sure to mark your calendars for *Hub City*'s *Chilly Buns Run* coming up on February 18, 2018. It is going to be a roll-and-ride again starting at the *Bottle Factory* in Stayton, then to the *The Point* in Sweet Home, with the





final stop at Front Street Bar and Grill in Albany.

It was great fun last year, so come and join us.

Soon after that in June, *Hub City* will be hosting their annual poker run. Keep watching for more details on that run. It is a lot of fun too.

Let's have a great riding year in 2018!

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Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Josephine County

Happy new year's,

I know this is printed in February, but I am typing it in January.

In December *JoCo* held elections. Most officers stayed the same. Only new election was membership secretary. Thank you everyone.

I accepted the membership position in hopes of reaching out and working with all our chapter members to strengthen communications.

For now, our calendar of events is a little smaller than last year.

We will have the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet* in April, *Run to the Coast* in August, and *S.O.S.* in September.

During the next couple months we will discuss our local *May Awareness Rally* and the toy run. (If

we will be hosting these events or will we just participate in other toy runs around the valley.)

At the state level, there will be two state *A.B.A.T.E.* swap meets; one in June and the other in October, both in the Portland area. (Milwaukee)

Fossil Campout will be held in Bear Hollow, south of Fossil. Details are being worked out now.

All *A.B.A.T.E.* members are asked to come out to help with these state events.

S.T.E.A.M. is coming up the first weekend in February. Seminar To Educate And Motivate will be held February 3rd at the American Legion in Newport, with a social gathering planned for the evening. Members coming from out of town will be staying at the Knights' Inn.



Lobby Day will be February 9th in Salem. This is a chance for us to meet at the state capitol and join *BikePAC* in talking with our legislative representatives.

This is a short legislative year, but it's the time of the year that we need to lobby our representatives and get them to learn about our issues and needs. The process is long and labor

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Facebook:

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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

Happy new year to everyone! 2018, here we come,

I would like to thank *all* near and far who have helped bring some life to this chapter and this organization. With a difficult but successful 2017, we move forward with hope for a positive and prosperous new year.

I would like to congratulate all officers state-wide who have stepped up to the plate as a team member.

We are all human, and will do our best to see that A.B.A.T.E of Oregon will carry on.

I took some time off to go to the state board meeting in January.

I believe it is important for all

officers state-wide to introduce themselves to the state board of directors and to become acquainted with other chapters who come to the meeting.

See you on the road.

Ride safe,

-- Shirley

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



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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Happy new year,

In 1988, in a small basement of a bar in Astoria, Oregon, a few people got together and began a new chapter of *A.B.A.T.E.* Thirty years later, we are still going strong and we are loving it.

That's right folks, *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* is now thirty years old. In honor of this, we have created a T-shirt celebrating thirty years. 'Cause we are *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* and we don't suck.

Hello all and I hope you survived your new years eve festivities.

I'd like to welcome everyone to 2018. May this year be even better than last year.

My name is Chuck Miller and I am honored to have been elected

to be the new coordinator for *North Coast Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* I have some pretty big shoes to try and fill. So, with the support of our great members, I hope not to screw this up.

First, I'd like to start by thanking our outgoing coordinator, Carl, and outgoing vice-coordinator, Billy, for your guidance and leadership and great sense of silliness and good humor that made every event enjoyable.

2017 ended with two super strong events: the phenomenally successful *Spaghetti Feed* in November followed up by our December *Holiday Run and Chili Feed*. What a way to close out the year.

Last year we lost far too many brothers and sisters on the roads of Oregon. So, this year, let's all be much safer.

Ride within your abilities, check your bike and be sure she's ready for the highways and back roads.

And maybe, we should all consider a refresher course with *Team Oregon*.

For now, let's all be safe, have a great time on the rides, and never forget why we do this: For fun and freedom.

-- Chuck Miller coordinator

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

3 rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)

Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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

Lower Columbia

Greetings from *LoCo*!

We at *LoCo* are excited to start a new year and to see what tomorrow brings. A year full of adventures and excitement.

We had the voting for officers and all officers have remained in their positions.

We are a strong group of officers along with our dedicated members. As a whole, we have all worked together to keep things rolling and have become a successful team.

Our Christmas potluck was a great success. We had twenty-two members show up for the festivities. We had a feast with ham and turkey

with all the trimmings.

We are looking forward to our *Spring Run*, which is on May 19, 2018.

Heritage Days and Car Show is on June 30, 2018.

Come down and try one of our famous burgers at our burger booth in Clatskanie park on July 4th.

Also, join us in our *Fall Run*, which is August 18, 2018.

Mark your calendars and come join the *LoCo* group. Everyone welcome.

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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

The candy sale is done again. After tithing 20% to the *A.B.A.T.E.* state treasury, our profit stands at \$2,780. That money is almost all from non-*A.B.A.T.E.* members, and indeed from non-motorcyclists. In addition to earning money, we also sold tickets for the *Shriner's Toy Run* bike for a week and promoted *A.B.A.T.E.* to our customers.

When we discussed the December board meeting, two issues were reported to the chapter that deserve chapter responses.

First, we heard about the *Southeast Portland Chapter* proposal regarding the state swap meet. (see January newspaper, *Southeast Portland Chapter* report for details.)

Our chapter members were not in favor of paying a chapter to conduct a state event.

River City has been in charge of Fossil Campout for several years

and did not ask for a cut. We feel we are all volunteers for everyone's mutual benefit and don't need to be paid to do it. (Reasonable reimbursement of expenses is expected.)

Second, we heard about debit cards being used by some *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters or officers. Rick reported that this issue has been discussed at the board level before.

River City Chapter members voted to end this practice, as it bypasses the two-signature rule for our treasurers and opens too many cracks that can become financial carelessness or fraud.

Debit cards do not carry the same protections against fraud and loss as credit cards do. There should be no debit cards used for *A.B.A.T.E.* business at any level. Sticking with checks and two signatures is secure and works.

S.T.E.A.M. will be in Newport



on February 03 beginning at 8 a.m. in the *American Legion Hall*. See newspaper flier and map for details.

Here is our list of officers for 2017:

Coordinator – Rick Prentice
Vice-coordinator – Larry Loop
Secretary - Teresa Hepker
Treasurer – Lorraine Umbarger
Membership secretary – Bob
Boynton

Board representative – Dusty Hawkins

Legislative representative – Brian Stovall

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River City

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1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)

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

Southeast Portland

Hellooooo there,

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* had its officer elections on December 17th and all positions were filled.

We are looking forward to a successful year of events and activities in 2018.

Our first event of note is the *Cabin Fever and Anniversary Party* on February 10th at the *Spare Room* in northeast Portland.

All members and friends (past and present) of the *SE Chapter* are invited to eat, drink, and be merry with us. Our wonderful friend, Melinda McCrossen, is and has been really busy arranging things for a really nice and fun time.

We will have a booth at the *One Moto Show*, which happens on 09-11

February. The 2018 toy run bike will be there and we will be passing out *A.B.A.T.E.* information fliers to the attendees. Drop by our booth and say "Hellooooo!"

Our road captain, Aaron Manning, is urging everyone to be alert and careful when you are out riding in the winter. It is still dark, cold, slick, and wet. Plus there are rough road conditions to deal with. Just watch out for those things and be careful.

We have all sorts of public relations materials to get out to shops and other motorcyclists. It is up to everyone to promote *A.B.A.T.E.* and don't be bashful about it. We'll be doing a lot of that at the *One Moto Show*.

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 SE PDX Chapter

Facebook:

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Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

M&M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Washington County

Not a whole lot of activity out here in the wild west, yet.

We did have our first run committee meeting of the year with our 2018 run coordinator. Welcome back, Gordon Sahnow. We kept the seat warm for you.

While we haven't got it all figured out, we do have a solid start to our plans for 2018. The folks who actively participate in the planning of our *WaCo* events are excited for our 2018 schedule. I list the dates below so you can mark your calendars early.

21 April – Spring Kick Off Party

16 June – Roll N' Ride Poker Run

21 July – Scavenger Hunt Run 25 Aug – End of Summer Poker Run and Picnic

17 Nov – Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run

Additionally, for the last two years, we have held long-term, firearm raffles. And, for 2018, we will continue that tradition.

Coming this spring, we will begin our efforts for the 2018 Washington County Firearm Raffle.

There will be a limited number of tickets available and the drawing will be held when all the tickets have been sold, *or* at our *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* in November, whichever comes first.

Save your pennies. You will want in on this.

Trust me.



Ride safe, Ride smart, Ride!

-- Goat recording secretary *WaCo Chapter*

Facebook:

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

Washington County <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u>

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

Prime Time Restaurant 4450 Pacific avenue Forest Grove

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

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

13 January 2018 (Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon)

Meeting Highlights

- Team Oregon presentation.
- *S.T.E.A.M.* is 03 February in Newport.
- 2018 chapter event lists needed to get insurance.
- Fossil Campout graphics needed by February state board.
- River City presents candy sales check to state.
- *SE-PDX* swap meet motion fails.

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Jack Wingfield (*Lincoln County*) at 12:03 p.m. with eleven chapters represented. Eleven of eleven chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters: < None > Absent or unexcused chapters:

< None >

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees:

Patrick Hahn from *Team Oregon* noted that they have developed an on-line classroom called "*E-Rider*". Riders can now do their class time on-line before they come to training.

Team Oregon would like to remind us that we need to have their back like they have our backs by training new riders.

They are also in the process of making advance rider training in suites. (Mini-classes)

You can find *Team Oregon* information at:



http://www.team-oregon.org/

Team Oregon is Oregon's official motorcycle safety program. Learn to ride and get your motorcycle endorsement in a Team Oregon basic (B.R.T.) or intermediate (I.R.T.) rider training course.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Paul Hering to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by John Mickley (*Central Oregon*).

Motion passed.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Jack Wingfield welcomed attendees to the first meeting of 2018. he has never had this job before. He is excited and anxious at the same time.

Paul Hering passed the *A.B.A.T.E.* state coordinator gavel to Jack.

Secretary report and correspondence: Cindy Witmer said that we have a received a Christmas card from *Bishop Sanitation*.

We also have received an acknowledgment from the state of Oregon that our D.B.A. (Doing Business As ...) has been renewed.

Also received was a newspaper report from Dave Meeker on the sentencing of the driver of the crash southeast of Fossil on Saturday night of the 2017 annual campout. She received twenty-three months prison time for causing three deaths, dismemberments, and injuries to a group of *Gypsy Joker* riders.

This is the beginning of a new year. Cindy will be cleaning up the e-mail list, so please fill out the officer forms and have your chapters fill out the state form. Please return them as soon as you can.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer thanked everyone who stepped up to take officer positions. This is going to be a great year.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen welcomed people to the first meeting of 2018. We are putting along down south. *Douglas County* is putting along.

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

Treasurer: Karen Tolle is working on getting the year end reports and lists of events.

River City Chapter presented a check to the state for their candy



Cindy Witmer

state recording secretary elf

sales tithing.

We ended the year as follows:

Checking = \$10,991.27

Savings = \$40,750.41

Paypal = \$200.00 U.S. postmaster = \$129.77

Total = \$52,071.45

Membership secretary: Linda Cline is working through membership files. Trying to get ahead. We have 703 active members, according to the records.

Linda presented a certificate to *Lincoln County Chapter* for only having one expired member.

Every expired member is getting a phone call from Linda or Chuck (public relations).

Membership secretary in each chapter needs to do their part by contacting the expired members

Linda has not yet purchased a printer.

The membership laptop computer is acting up. It is very, very slow.

Jackson County Chapter has no active members. Todd says membership is down. As of last month, they had members.

Sanctioning: Todd Sahlberg noted that we are insured until 21 February.

We are staying with organizationinsured events.

We need chapter events by December so that there is time to detail every event. It is imperative that every chapter gets their dates turned in. Everything needs to be in to get a quote.

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

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If you do not have your events list turned in, please do so before the end of the month.

We also need the reconciliation forms after the event.

The insurance covers when you are off of the bikes.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Karen Tolle (Covered under treasurer report.)

Newspaper: Rot Path still needed three chapter reports.

Make sure your new officers know that their reports need to be in by the tenth of every month.

When writing your report, make sure you write for the upcoming month ahead.

New rider and driver regulations went into effect on 01 January.

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Diana Nicolay < Excused >

Closing the *Douglas County Chapter* will commence after sixty days if the chapter continues with no member involvement.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Dustin Hawkins < Excused >

Products director: Dave Meeker stated that this year he will be attempting to make a catalog.

Sweat shirts were ordered.

If you need products, contact Dave at:

davesfrogpond@yahoo.com

Make sure to tell him how soon ordered products are needed.

Need chapter ideas for products.

Anything that uses the *A.B.A.T.E.* name needs to get approved by the public relations officer.

Education director: Geoff White thanked the membership for convincing him that we need *S.T.E.A.M.* He is positive that it will help with future events.

We have a block of rooms reserved



Paul Hering turns over the state coordinator gavel to Jack Wingfield during the January state board meeting. (A more sturdy version of the gavel that Ted Tracy managed to mangle in 2002.)

for us at Knights' Inn.

Schedule is out. We hope that as many members as possible who can attend.

Public relations director: Chuck Miller noted that if you need a design approved, e-mail him at:

mchuck916@gmail.com

State run coordinator (*Fossil Campout*): James "Yukon" Rhoden went to Tyee Valley. First place wanted ten grand for a field.

He put all the potential site information out on *Facebook*. Most of the members wanted to keep it this year at Bear Hallow.

He will be working to get a committee together.

Please bring *Fossil Campout* design ideas for flyers and t-shirts to the next state board meeting. (10 February)

State swap meet coordinator: James Niece announced that we are setting up the 2018 state swap meets.

The first 2018 state swap meet is 10 June from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All the swap meets will be held at the Milwaukee *Elks Lodge* in the east Portland area.

There is some confusion about the swap meet on the state web site. Jim will contact Carl to help get things straightened out.

Historian: < Vacant > **Web page editor**: Carl Earl



< Excused >

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore had nothing to report.

Legislative director: Don Mason said that it was nice to see John from Central Oregon Chapter at the meeting.

We had our bill signing ceremony on Wednesday, 10 January.

This is an even year, making it an election year. Every state representative will be trying to be elected or reelected. This year is the time to talk with your representative and senator to get doors open for next year during the long session.

Reallyvote.com is a powerful tool for us. It shows how legislators actually voted on issues we are concerned about.

Lobby day will be Friday, 09 February at 9 a.m. at the state capital in Salem. Monitor **bikepac.com** to keep updated.

Try to get your local representative to a chapter meeting.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Jimmer Engel had nothing to report.

M.R.F. representative: Paul Hering talked about *Bikers In The Beltway*. This is when riders from across the nation go to Washington, D.C. *M.R.F.* is looking for sponsors to help with the event.

Jack needs to send a letter *M.R.F.* stating that Paul is our new representative.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen and Mike Friend had nothing new.

Unfinished Business

• Tabled *Southeast Portland* motion resubmitted as new business due to bylaw conflict:

New Business

1. Resubmitted motion made by Jim Engel (*Hub City*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland*):

"That the spring and fall swap Meets henceforth be recognized as a Southeast Portland Chapter/A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon event.

The Southeast Portland Chapter will be paid \$500 for each swap meet where it provides the personnel and materials necessary to staging each swap meet."

Amendment:

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

Ayes = 2

Nays = 7

Failed

2. Motion made by Gordon (*WaCo*), seconded by Chuck Miller (*North Coast*):

"To allocate up to \$1,000 for updated hardware and software required to perform the duties of the state membership secretary."

Ayes = 9

Nays = 2

Passed.

Announcements

< None noted >

Adjourned 3:20 p.m.

From yer ...



Political Pyramids

riding the vision

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

Monday, 05 February the Oregon legislature will be convening for a thirty-day session.

During these even year meets, focus is primarily on budget issues.

What we as bikers need to be vigilant for is motorcycle-harmful legislation tacked onto budget items as "riders".

Normally we enjoy being riders, but in this case political riders are unrelated legislation that would not pass a vote on its own that is added to bills that enjoy overwhelming support.

Yer crusty ol' editor finds such a practice to be unsavory and feels it is a sneaky, underhanded political strategy that undermines the principles and ideals of a democratic republic. It is but another example of how some career elected officials often warp the political process for

ignoring the needs of "we, the people" who's interests the officials are *supposed* to be serving.

The trouble with political hierarchy is that the further up one goes on the political pyramid, the less room there is to maneuver individually, and the more protective one is of their position. "We" gives way to "me".

One way around such self-interest is to realize that often elected officials are reluctant to act on proposals when there is no benefit to them or their party's agenda. By showing them how legislation can favor those interests, we give them the opening they need to support our

As motorcyclists interacting with elected officials at all levels, we need to keep in mind how political

their own or their party's benefit, processes work in the practical (real) world. We can use such information to tailor our actions for succeeding.

Two riders and motorcycles.

One cruises smoothly along a rural road, taking in the surrounding scenery, scents, sounds, and beauty.

The other jerks along on a snorting, squeaking beast that keeps trying to swerve for a ditch or log truck while the rider tries to control the engine long enough to get home.

Why the difference?

On the surface it may appear that it's a matter of maintenance styles. But it goes deeper than that.

It's a matter of vision, the outlook that drives people's actions.

In the first case, the rider has the vision, "Take care of my bike, my bike takes care of me."

The other rider may not have a while the second one is not.



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

formal vision, but may be operating under one such as, "Ride it 'til it breaks."

The thing about vision is that when it operates well, it becomes invisible.

That's what was happening for the first motorcycle rider. That rider could relax and enjoy life because that vision led to smooth operation of the bike.

The vision of the second rider caused so many mechanical problems that more time was spent worrying than riding.

Different results because the visions are different.

Both began with the same results and both appeared to work.

But the first vision is sustainable

What vision can we develop that will guide us to safe and continued motorcycle riding?



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Portland, Oregon 97208

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FEBRUARY Cryptogram

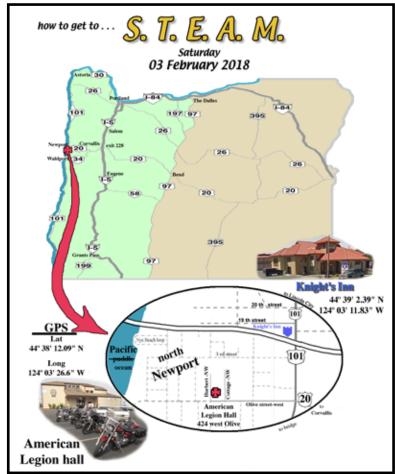
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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the"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









Josephine County

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intense, but if each one of us were to take a few minutes and speak up for our rights, we can make progress.

I'm going up. Anyone want to go with me?

Josephine County Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange, corner of Parkdale and Rogue river highway in Grants Pass.

Meetings start at 6:30 pm. Potlucks every March, June, September, November, and December. Potlucks start earlier, at 6 pm.

We are a family-friendly chapter. Please join us.

See you down the road,

-- Karen

Lower Columbia

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We have had great success with the donations of the empty bottles from *Snelson*. So far, the bottle donation amounts to \$800. It's been a great thing. Thank you, *Snelson*.

Have a great month and see ya all later on down the road,

-- Brandy Johnson secretary, membership *Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.*

River City

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Public relations - Rick Prentice Historian - Shelley Prentice Run coordinator - Dusty Hawkins

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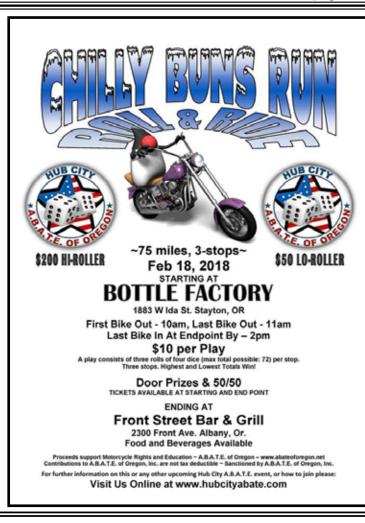
Our *New Year's Day Ride* drew five hardy riders. Yes, it was cold. Steve and Steve, Matt and Coni, and Brian went to *Frosty's* in Rufus for breakfast.

Gene reported that the Wasco county sheriff called the Wheeler county sheriff to ask what kind of mess they would have if the *Fossil Campout* moved to Tygh valley.

Yukon recently reported on *Facebook* that he could not reach an agreement with Mr. Justesen in Wasco county and is looking for alternatives. Yukon requested feedback on his efforts, which our chapter appreciated. He has been actively working on *Fossil Campout* plans. Thanks, Yukon!







Scenes From A
State Board
Meeting



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Linda Cline (state membership) presents Lincoln County Ship) presents Lincoln County Chapter with a certificate of Chapter with a certificate of membership excellence, which membership excellence, on be-Bob Highfield accepts on behalf of the chapter.



Meanwhile, Rotten Roger's hot pink minihack was just cryin' out fer some My Pretty Unicorn stickers.



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Statewide Membership Audit Underway

Karen Tolle (state treasurer) and Linda Cline (state membership secretary) are busy completing a line-by-line audit of the membership rolls. This project is designed to correct inconsistencies and bring renewals up-to-date.

Problems which have been discovered include those who have renewed but haven't yet received a membership card, differences in renewal dates for families who renewed together, members who have discontinued but remain on the rolls, and expired memberships without clarity regarding their intent.

Karen and Linda are comparing records.

Linda and Chuck Miller (public relations officer) are calling members individually when further clarity is needed.

It was hoped that the audit and corrections would be completed by January, but the job has proven to be more complicated than expected. Work on this project is expected to continue into February.

Please be patient with the process. You may receive your renewal notice later than expected, but know we will get it to you as soon as possible.

You can help this process by letting us know if you have paid a new or renewal membership fee and have not yet received your membership Good day to all A.B.A.T.E. members.

Below is the half page ad that is appearing in the *Team Oregon* motorcycle class work book.

It can also be used as a flyer that each individual chapter can use by adding their own blurb on the bottom. Write something about your chapter, about your rides, the charities you support.

Once you write something, please forward it to me, your state public relations officer, so I can see it before printing.

Let's make this something fun. (And please, let's keep it clean.) Most of all, let's keep it about *A.B.A.T.E.*

Thank you,

-- Chuck Miller state public relations director mchuck916@gmail.com



card.

You can also check the dates on your cards and inform us if they are inconsistent with what you understand the date should be. Any help you can give us is most appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has stuck with *A.B.A.T.E.* through all it's growing pains.

Hooooo rahhhhh!

-- Linda Cline state membership secretary (541)-961-9641 membership@abateoforegon.net

Driver Who Crashed Into *Gypsy Jokers* Group Sentenced

Lisa Niehaus (50) of Condon was sentenced to twenty-three months in prison after pleading guilty to losing control of her car and veering into a group of *Gypsy Jokers* on their way to *Fossil Campout* in May 2017.

Two riders died at the scene, while another passed on later from injuries. Numerous riders had to have life-changing amputations or suffered handicaps.

Is twenty-three months justice for her victims?

COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

compiled and edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists





Save Motorcycling

As a devastated motorcycle industry slowly recovered from the big recession nine years ago that decimated domestic sales, it was hit hard by an aging demographic. Reports of declining motorcycles sales blame an aging baby boomer generation*, disinterested millennials, unaffordable prices, limited choices for new riders, licensing requirements, closures of off-road riding areas, insurance and registration costs, and a nervous overall economy.

Whatever the reason, the situation has reached so dire a point that a group of industry insiders, veteran riders, marketers, and motojournalists convened at the recent *International Motorcycle Show* (*I.M.S.*) in Long Beach to discuss matters and come up with some solutions to save motorcycling from the steady decline it's been experiencing in the United States.

Former *Indian Motorcycle* executive Robert Pandya formed

the "Give A Shift" group last fall, beginning with a written survey which included 300 participants, and proceeded to a roundtable discussion in Long Beach, on 16 November 2017, with twenty-five of the most ardent influencers.

Their key findings and comments, made anonymously for fear of offending employers and business associates, paint a bleak picture:

- Sales are flat or falling in almost every area.
- Baby boomer buyers, the most consistent motorcycle consumers, are aging out of the industry fast.
- The industry has failed to increase sales by making new riders out of women, minorities, and millennials.
- The old dealership model is outmoded and unimaginative.
- The arrival of autonomous vehicles may push motorcycles off the road entirely.

"The message is, 'We are in trouble, and there is no silver bullet',"

Pandya said. The consortium called on the power sports industry collectively and riders individually to self-correct, self-police, and work together to improve motorcycling's image and prospects.

In summary, the panel's report identifies five major areas that participants felt the motorcycle industry should focus on over the next three years:

- 1. Improving the desirability of motorcycles.
- 2. Ensuring motorcycles are not forgotten amid the autonomous car boom.
- 3. Increasing female ridership.
- 4. The importance of self promotion.
- 5. Improving the dealership experience.

"There has never been a more compelling and interesting time in motorcycling," the report states, with consensus centering on attracting new riders in a shrinking market.

Retrial Of Twin Peaks Case Date Set

After a mistrial was declared in the first *Twin Peaks* case to go to trial in over two years, a spring 2018 trial date has been set for the first defendant to go back on trial in the deadly shootout.

The retrial date for Christopher "Jake" Carrizal, 36, will be April 2, the court coordinator for Waco's 54th district court determined.

A mistrial was declared in the case after the jury couldn't come to any agreement on the three gangrelated charges on which Carrizal was indicted in connection with the 2015 shootout involving police and bikers at Waco's *Twin Peaks* restaurant.

"At the end of the day they couldn't, there wasn't enough evidence that the Dallas Chapter (of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club), and specifically Jake Carrizal, had

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committed any violence against any person that wasn't self-defense," defense attorney Casie Gotro said in response to the ruling.

When leaving the McLennan county courthouse after the hung jury resulted in mistrial, Carrizal said he knew his battle was only beginning. "We'll fight it another day," he said.

New Transportation Research Partnership

[Caution: article contains excessive acronymism]

In a partnership that will raise the profile of behavioral traffic safety, the *Governors' Highway Safety Association* (*G.H.S.A.*) has announced the launch of a new forum for collaborative research through the behavioral traffic safety cooperative research program (B.T.S.C.R.P.).

Through funding from the national highway traffic safety administration (N.H.T.S.A.), the B.T.S.C.R.P. will conduct research projects proposed and selected by state highway safety offices to provide actionable solutions that will save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce the costs of traffic crashes associated with unsafe behaviors. B.T.S.C.R.P. will be jointly managed by N.H.T.S.A. and G.H.S.A. and executed by the transportation research board (T.R.B.), which is part of the national academies of sciences, engineering, and medicine.

As T.R.B. executive director Neil Pedersen explains, "Traffic safety has long been one of T.R.B.'s highest priorities. The vast majority of traffic crashes result from human error, so a research program that focuses on human behavior is critical. We look forward to working closely with the G.H.S.A. and N.H.T.S.A. in finding new ways to reduce crashes related to behavioral issues."

For each B.T.S.C.R.P. research project, T.R.B. will assemble a panel of subject matter experts to provide guidance throughout its full life cycle, from problem statement development through final product delivery.

G.H.S.A. research committee chair Thomas Glass states, "This is exciting for G.H.S.A. members and anyone working in the highway safety field. The panels can include members from enforcement, prosecution, treatment, and many other professional fields that do not work directly for an S.H.S.O. We are benefiting not only by the collaboration of T.R.B., but also by the widening circle of experts that will become active participants in highway safety research."

Information on G.H.S.A.'s current research projects can be found at:

http://www.ghsa.org/resources/ B.T.S.C.R.P.

Global Electric Motorcycle Growth

A recent study by *Infiniti Research Ltd* predicts that the electric motorcycle market will grow 42% in the next five years. Reported on *military-technologies.net*, the detailed analysis includes all major global markets, and identifies marketing strategies and market trends through 2021.

"One trend in the market is development of long-mile range motorcycles," said one analyst on the study team. "Hence, O.E.M.s are continuously working toward the development of battery technology so the mile-range bridge between these

motorcycles and I.C.E. (internal combustion engine) counterparts is reduced."

The report concludes that the most prominent driver in the market is decreasing battery prices, which allows O.E.M.s [original equipment manufacturers) to push cost benefit toward customers. The market is facing continuous improvement in battery technology, which has the strongest effect on both profitability and adoption rate.

The report also states that high purchase prices remain the most challenging prospect for high-performance electric motor-cycles. While the initial cost of electric motorcycles is higher than equivalent internal combustion powered bikes, the total cost of ownership is less than that of I.C.—powered bikes due to the latter's higher fuel and maintenance costs.

Full Moon Linked To Motorcycle Fatalities

A Canadian research study published in the *British Medical Journal* recently found that "distracted drivers, like those who text behind the wheel, are a danger to themselves and to others. Even a brief, momentary glance away from the road can result in life-threatening consequences." ["Duh" squared.]

Motorcycle riders can testify to that, but the research identifies one fatal attraction for motorists that shows up twelve times a year – the full moon.

"The researchers found that on nights illuminated by a full moon, fatal motorcycle [crashes] increased by 5% compared to nights without a full moon," the report concludes. "On evenings when the supermoon decorated the sky, this increased to 32%."

The study included forty years worth of data from the United States, as well as records from the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia.

After analyzing data from the official United States registry of motor vehicle crashes from 1975 to 2014, during which time 494 full moons and 65 supermoons appeared, researchers calculated the number of fatal crashes on full moon nights compared to nights with a quarter moon (one week before and after the full moon).

They found 4,994 fatal crashes occurred on the nights with a full moon, which is equal to 9.10 crashes per night. In contrast, a total of 8.64 fatal crashes per night occurred on nights without a full moon. Fatalities increased further under a supermoon, amounting to a total of 703 fatal crashes, or 10.82 fatal crashes per night. This means that for every two full moon nights, there was one additional fatal crash. Under the supermoon, this increased to two additional deaths.

Authors of the study believe there are at least three potential explanations for the link between motorcycle deaths and full moons, including lighting effects produced by the moon that may cause riders to misjudge their speed, or that a full moon means more riders (or other traffic) might take to the roads. "A different possibility is this idea of distraction, that glancing up at a full moon takes the rider's gaze off the road and creates a moment of inattention that can lead to a loss of control," according to the report.

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Oklahoma To Enforce "Move Right"

On 01 November, a Oklahoma state statute went into effect penalizing motorists driving in the left lane, especially if they are identified by police as impeding traffic. According to a report given by Tiger Mike Revere, liaison to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs at a recent N.C.O.M. board meeting in Oklahoma City, "... enforcement will issue tickets, especially since it's probably going to constitute a revenue generation tool to help with the state's budgetary shortfall (fines are estimated at \$285), and given that we don't have an antiprofiling [regulation] on the books, you can probably expect police to pull over any bikers on a pack ride if they're staying in the left lane, and especially if they're not passing slower traffic."

Isolated reports of this happening have been circulating already, said Revere, advising riders in the "sooner state" to be careful and observant.

Arizona Considers Lane Splitting

Arizona state senator David Farnsworth (R-Mesa) has introduced a bill that would make lane splitting legal in the state, making Arizona more like neighboring California and many European and Asian countries that allow the practice. (Also referred to as "lane filtering".)

Senator Farnsworth recently introduced the bill for the coming legislative session, which begins in January. The bill, SB–1007, strikes out the clauses in statutes that make lane-splitting illegal. If the bill comes into effect, it would allow motorcyclists to "overtake and pass"

in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken," and also would allow motorcycles to operate "between the lanes of traffic or between adjacent rows of vehicles."

Bob Eberhardt, chair the Arizona Confederation Motorcycle Clubs (A.C.M.C.),said he "absolutely" thought lanesplitting should be legal for safety reasons. Lane-splitting would likely "greatly reduce" rear-end collisions of motorcycles, he said. But he acknowledged it might take some getting used to by other motorists, "until the public was aware that it was legal," Eberhardt said.

Saudi Women To Be Allowed To Drive Motorcycles

Saudi Arabian women will be able to drive trucks and motorcycles, officials have said after the kingdom announced a historic decision to end a ban on women driving.

In September, king Salman issued a decree saying women will be able to drive beginning next June 2018 as part of an ambitious reform push in the conservative kingdom.

"Yes, we will authorize women to drive motorcycles as well as trucks," said the Saudi general directorate of traffic, adding that the royal decree stipulates that the regulation on driving will be "equal" for both men and women.

There will be no special license plate numbers for female-driven cars, officials said, but women involved in road [crashes] or who commit traffic violations will be dealt with at special centers that will be established and run by women.

Saudi Arabia was the only country in the world to impose a ban on women driving and its maintenance was seen around the world as a symbol of repression in the Gulf kingdom. The Saudis enforce some of the world's tightest restrictions on women, so its historic decision to allow women to drive has been cheered inside the kingdom and abroad and comes after decades of resistance from female activists, many of whom were jailed for flouting the ban.

Quotable Quote

"Use the talents you possess, for the woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except the best."

> -- Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) poet

* [c.o.e. note: How can anyone be blamed for the advancement of time and the aging process? If anyone is to blame, it is a motorcycle industry that is out of touch with every reality except increasing profitability.]

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Sanctioning Report

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

Thank you to the chapters who have submitted their events for the year. We need to really get these so we can file for the insurance.

We have to turn in a list of events with the paperwork to get the quote.

From the sound of everyone's reports, it will be a very fun year.

I will have more after we file.



Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS John Jelderks United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by Spencer M. Neal of Attorneys for Plaintiff

BikePAC Membership Application

(please circle your choice)

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Group/Business \$50+

You may publish my name YES NO

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February Cryptogram Answer

Good morrow, Benedick. Why, what's the matter, That you have such a February face, So full of frost, of storm, and cloudiness?

-- William Shakespeare



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. and LARRY SCHALK, Plaintiffs.

LERON R. HOWLAND, Superintendent of the Oregon State Police, and John Doe 1 through 100.

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

Comments:

Membership
Benefits
* Single, couple, and
life member:
Patch (first year), card

SIGNATURE:

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

- · 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
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . .



next **STATE BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, 10 Feb 2018

1200 (noon) – Ciddici's Pizza 133 SE Fifth avenue-Albany, Oregon

1100 = Fossil committee meeting

There's a rider who's a good hubby, Who's wife wanted heart-day of clubbin', The chocolate was good,

So he ate all he could,

North Coast (NC)

River City (RC)

Chapter:

Now he knows why cherubs are chubby. ©2018 Rot Path

Day:

2018 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS (**boldface** indicates state-sanctioned *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* events)

BN = Biker Night Contact phone:

PR = Poker Run

BikePAC Lobby Day 10 Feb 2018 Cabin Fever / Southeast Portland 18 Feb 2018 Chilly Buns Run / Hub City

Event / sponsor:

S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE

Apr 2018 Spring Fever / North Coast Biker Night / WaCo

Location:

Newport

Apr 2018 Southern Oregon Swap Meet / JoCo May 2018 **Motorcycle Awareness Rally**

Poker Run / River City

May 2018 Motorcycle Awareness Rally / JoCo

May 2018 Yer Mother's Poker Run / SE-PDX May 2018 Spring Run / Lower Columbia

May 2018 Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE

08 June 2018 Spring State Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE Salem Albany

>> Location <<

Phone:

(541)-265-9017

(503)-728-4122

(503) - 325 - 0881

(541) - 298 - 5502

Grants Pass

Milwaukie

Salem

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

Central Oregon (CentOr) 2nd Sunday 1400 (2 p.m.) Round Table Pizza; 11 th street; Redmond (541)-699-4921 Douglas County (DC) 4th Thursday Abby's Pizza annex; 1661 NE Stephens street; Roseburg 1800 (6 p.m.) (541)–ppp–nnnn Hub City (HC) 3rd Thursday 1900 (7 p.m.) Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany (541)–928–2536Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large] (individual members agree on where and when they meet) Jackson County (JackCo) Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant; Medford 3rd Thursday 1800 (6 p.m.) (541)-Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass (541)-659-8715 Spanky

Josephine County (JoCo) 3rd Wednesday 1830 (6:30 p.m.)

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A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:

A.B.A.T.E.

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Lincoln County (LinCo) 3rd Tuesday 1830 (6:30 p.m.) American Legion hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport Lower Columbia (LoCo)

2nd Sunday 1900 (7 p.m.) Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon

Date:

03 Feb 2018

09 Feb 2018

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3rd Tuesday 1730 (5:30 p.m.) Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria 1900 (7 p.m.) 1st & 3rd Tues Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles

Southeast Portland (SE-PDX) 1200 (noon) M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham (503)-723-6013 chapter 1st & 3rd Sunday Washington County (WaCo) 2nd & 4th Mon 1930 (7:30 p.m.) Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove (503)-357-3684