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Central Oregon Chapter draws attention to A.B.A.T.E.'s community involvement effort's by helping keep roadsides clear.

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-- crusty ol' editor

July 2018



photos by Jack Wingfield (LinCo)

Peace reigns in the vendor area before the gates open for the 2018 Fossil Campout

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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.

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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U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

 $\mathbf{A} =$ Single entity.

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists. BikePAC works within the political process. (based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter)

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

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

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

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

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

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

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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.

officers at work

State Coordinator

Look at that. Our summer is almost half way through and in Oregon that means get in your riding opportunities. (They are right there in your trusty *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.)

Like three poker runs and the swap meet in June. And more poker runs in July and more camp-outs in August.

And speaking of camp-outs, when you go, go to the information booth and volunteer some help. The people running it can usually use it. And let them know what chapter you belong to along with your name. That also goes for the swap meets.

We are an organization of individuals with a common interest or bond, if you will. Together our combined different experiences

s make us strong.

Our differences can also tear us apart.

Welcome guests to your camp. You might meet someone interesting, someone with history. You might meet a friend.

Dave in products is still waiting for the day his fingers get tired from orders. But his shirt team rocked at *Fossil Campout*.

Linda in membership is averaging under a week for processing membership applications from when she gets them. And the membership committee is getting traction.

Fossil Campout is done for the year. But as was stated, starting sooner is better than later in making it work.

-- Jack Wingfield state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, or a hell of heaven."

-- John Milton



Jack Wingfield

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



Bear Hollow stage prior to Fossil Campout 2018 (Jack Wingfield photo)

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

SIt's June and the roads are clear of snow and cinders but loaded with cars, pickups, and trucks. We're still seeing too many distracted drivers with cell phones!

The chapter completed our roadside clean-up with an excellent turn out. The weather was great and we had a good time at the barbecue that followed. Thanks to all who volunteered for the clean-up and brought food and yummy deserts.

I was fortunate enough to get back to *Fossil Campout* this year. It's been a few since I went last. I hope it was a financial success for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. Lots of really great people and good stories. Excellent ride both ways too.

Central Oregon

June 23 was our *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run* to support the *M.R.F.* That's an excellent ride true to its name. We have some wonderful scenery here in central Oregon.

So until next time, keep an ever watchful eye out for distracted drivers and stay safe.

Please enjoy your ride,

-- John Mickley

chapter coordinator Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.



"What country can preserve its liberties if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms."

-- Thomas Jefferson

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

2nd Sunday at 1130 (11:30 a.m.) *Round Table Pizza* 810 SW 11 th street Redmond, Oregon

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

Dear riders in the wind,

Please forgive me folks for I have been ill this last month.

I do have good news for *Douglas County Chapter*. Our poker run is going to be a success this year.

Big prizes and gift certificates, concession stands with lots of food. A special thanks to all of the motorcycle clubs in Douglas county and all our sponsors: *Oregon Tool* (Milo), *Trader Tom's* buy-sell-trade (Tom), *Big River Cycle* (Jason), *Round Table Pizza*, *Applebee's*, and *Hogg Brothers' Cycle*.

Updated photo coming soon

(Really!)

We still need officers for our chapter. Please come to our meeting, July 26th, at *Round Table Pizza* in Roseburg.

Go Douglas County Chapter!

-- 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) *Round Table Pizza* 2040 Stewart parkway Roseburg (541)–ppp–nnnn

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

Jackson County

Hello from southern Oregon,

Some fun we had at the *Fossil Campout*. So glad we were able to participate.

Jackson County was fortunate to have some out-of-town and state company come and stay in the camp site. A family out celebrating some fun time and a ride with grandma, ended up at *Fossil*. They had a couple of malfunctions when they got to camp, so one of our members gave them her tent for the weekend.

We were also blessed with a visit from my cousin. He said that he had a blast and will be back.

The games, music, and company were awesome.

So as the summer activities continue, stay safe and enjoy.

-- Todd



Facebook:

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

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

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

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

Hope all the dads had a happy father's day.

Hopefully it was sunny, dry and you got a little putt in to soothe your soul.

Hub City's Annual Poker Run was blessed with a sunny, dry day. Had a great turnout and was successful. Thank you to all who participated. It was another wonderful opportunity to see old friends, put faces to Facebook friends, and forge new friendships. What a brotherhood motorcycles creates.

Super thanks to Brad Upton our run coordinator and the run committee for a funtastic day!

With the amount of better riding days ahead, vacations are looming and we are on the road much more. I myself am so looking forward to a forage into Idaho next month with some old and true friends. New roads to explore, scenery to appreciate, and friends to enjoy it with.

As we all come into the main riding season, please practice all your *Team Oregon* skills and stay alert. Too many are finding themselves in poor situations.

Keep on keeping on,

-- Mo Sims



Hub City <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u> 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) *Ciddici's Pizza*

Ciddici's Pizza 133 SE Fifth avenue — Albany

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

Can you believe that we are half way through the year already?

Riding season is in full swing. Mother nature is playing tricks on us. Thunderstorms and buckets of rain in the middle of June? Well, we do live in Oregon.

Our Southern Oregon Swap Meet was rained out. The end of April is always "iffy" but it was the worst weather since we took over the southern swap meet. We had lots of vendors but very few customers. Roseburg was pouring, Grants Pass was pouring, but at the swap meet we had blue skies. We just couldn't communicate that to everyone else.

Second weekend in June: Just a few days before summer. Again, mother nature showed us who was boss. The A.B.A.T.E. State Spring Swap Meet in Milwaukie was rained on. Half as many vendors and less than half attendees.

Try as we might, the weather is one factor we cannot do anything about.

I think everyone had a good time at *Fossil Campout*. Memorial weekend turned out to be beautiful, which paid off for us. Six hot bands, same faithful vendors. Hats off to all the volunteers who pulled this off.

Josephine County Chapter meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the *Fruitdale Grange*, 1440 Parkdale drive near Grants Pass.

Quarterly potlucks in March, June, September, and December. Extra holiday potluck in November.



Food is served at 6 p.m., meeting starts at 6:30.

We are a family friendly chapter.

Hope to see you soon,

-- Karen

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

Hello from *Lincoln County*,

Just a quick thank you to the *A.B.A.T.E.* information booth at *Fossil Campout.* We appreciate you letting us set our raffle basket out.

We are gearing up for our *Beaver Creek Run* in August. Lots to get ready.

This year we are going to utilize the folks from our local *Job Corps*. (If you happen to have a *Job Corps* in your area, use it. They are a valuable resource.) They will be helping us with the weed eating and any other outdoor chore we may have.

Looking forward to *Beaver Creek Run* and all the other events going on throughout our great state of Oregon,. (Washington too.)

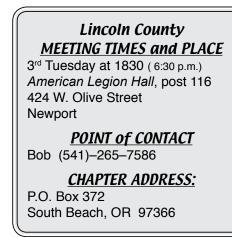
Watch out for the four wheel vehicles.

Unfortunately drivers who don't have a family member or someone close in their life who rides a motorcycle *just don't see us*! Sad but true. So watch out for them and may you have safe blessings in your travels.

See you at Beaver Creek,

-- Emersum secretary *Lincoln County Chapter*





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

Well all, summer is here!

June went sliding by and July has arrived.

Thus comes the end of my run as North Coast coordinator. Due to a death in the family and my wanting to start a new chapter in my life with Linda, my love, I'm moving to Waldport. Linda and I will remain members of North Coast and also will be joining with Lincoln County.

On June 7th, we awarded two \$1000 scholarships to two very deserving students. We were present with members of our chapter to shake these amazing kids' hands and congratulate them. I love this part.

Next up was our annual Around Saddle Mountain Run on June 23rd. Well headed out of Astoria and on to Seaside. First stop was at Camp 18, then on to Vernonia for stop two. Next was the Jewel Elk Refuge for a quick stop, then on to our final stop at the *Big O* in Olney. We had pulled pork and a nice lil raffle drawing. Love this run. The country side is beautiful and the ride has lots of twist and turns.

By this time we will have also completed a fun run to Mount St Helens to assist a dear friend of our world. Donations were accepted and sent to Byron. He's been doing leather work forever and always had something for us in Vernonia even when times were tough. Gotta love this brotherhood.

Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E. had a bike show at the Annual Waldport Beachcomber Days. I won Best Import Bike, all be it I was the only import bike. <lol> Nice showing al. Good to see ya there.

Next chapter meeting is Tuesday



July 17th at the Astoria *Moose Lodge* at 5:30 p.m.

This will be my final meeting as coordinator and state representative. It has been a privilege to be both, a part of this great group of people. They are amazing, as I have found all *A.B.A.T.E.* members to be. Gonna miss ya'll. But I hope to drop by now and again just to bug them up north.

My best wishes and support to the incoming coordinator and state representative. (Although they are really trying hard to keep me as state representative.)

And thank you to all *North Coast* members for your support in the good times and tough ones.

Love you all,

-- Chuck Miller, coordinator . . . out North Coast

Facebook:

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North Coast
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3 rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome
POINT of CONTACT

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

Greeting from LoCo,

It's been a great month. Our spring run was a complete success. We had a fun, safe ride through some beautiful country, thanks to our sergeant-at-arms, Willy, Donnie, Dan, and Phil. We ended at the *Relief Pitcher* this year.

Small but cozy.

I don't think anyone went home empty handed as well.

Best part was I won the 50/50. LoCo's fun in the sun to be continued 18 August 2018. This is our annual fall run. (We changed the date, but not the name.) It's a real busy time of year for us, as usual.

With the spring run out of the way, we are looking ahead to our annual *Heritage Days* celebration. The car show will be in the Clatskanie city park on the 30th of June. There should be over 300 cars there from all over the northwest.

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

June 5, 2018

Rick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Minutes: Moved by Bob, seconded by Shelley to accept minutes as printed. Passed.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from *Mid-Columbia Health Foundation* for teddy bears collected at *Northwest Cherry Festival*.

Treasurer: Lorraine reported \$10,771.86 in checking, and \$514.96 in savings, for a total of \$11,286.82.

Membership: 49. BOD report: None.

Legislative report:

1. Go to **BikePAC.com** and take the legislative survey (state).

2. **MRF.org** Anti-profiling bill. (Federal) Please contact representatives Walden and DeFazio, asking them to sign on to HR–318. Here is a link to help you do that:

https://www.mrf.org/federallegislative-issues/

Ways and means: Teresa requested a run committee meeting at 6 p.m. before the June 19 meeting to get next year's teddy bear collection process going early.

Run coordinator: Dusty wants to get other chapters not to schedule events next year in conflict with the *Northwest Cherry Festival*, April 26-28, 2019.

Public relations: Rick talked to Jack Wingfield last night about *Fossil Campout*. Jack has received two written complaints and one verbal complaint, which will be dealt with by state officers.

Historian: Diane said she would send pics of the *Cherry Festival* parade and poker run.

The three R's (Riding, Roads & Revs): Sunday rides. 9:30 a.m. meeting time. Kickstands up at 10 a.m. Meet at the *Shiloh Inn* parking



Lower Columbia <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30) POINT of CONTACT Dave Bridges (coordinator) (503)-308-2059 e-mail: fatboy-1hd@charter.net

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lot. June 10: Ride to spring swap meet.

Old Business

Highway cleanup rescheduled for July 08. (See announcements below.)

New Business

• Motorcycle trailer raffle. Ideas discussed. More planning at committee meeting before next regular meeting.

• *A.B.A.T.E.* state swap meet June 10 needs volunteers. From 6 a.m. (setup), 9 a.m. (gate and parking) to closing. Contact Rick at (**541**)–**980**–

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

Throttle twisting salutations to all,

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* wishes everyone a cheerful, tasty, and soul-satisfying Fourth of July celebration.

This is a continuing issue in *SE*-*PDX*: A substantial number of roads in the Portland metro area still have pot holes and rough surfaces. Be careful and watchful when you are out riding.

Also, there seems to be more people who are running red lights. The word is, wait a second or two and look both ways before you cross the intersection.

Our next event of note is our *Summer Dice Derby* on August 18th. The last stop will be at *Oaks*

Park where we will have our annual family picnic. Join us for some fun, barbecue, good eats, and beverages. It will be a ride or drive event and everyone is welcome to join us. (Especially, those bikers who no longer ride but still want to do biker things.)

The toy run bike and display will be at the 14–15 July *Sandy Mountain Festival* in Sandy, Oregon.

We will be at *Run 21* on 19 -22 July. Look for us there.

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.BA.T.E.* more successful in our dedication to freedom of the road.

With respect and good wishes,

-- James Niece secretary Southeast Portland Chapter

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/ sechapter/?fref=ts Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200

(noon) M&M Restaurant & Lounge 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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http://www.abatese.net http://www.abatetoyrun.com

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

We had our *Roll-N-Ride* with some *great* weather on June 16th. Great weather, great route, and great turn-out. Thanks for all those who made it.

Coming up in July we have our *Scavenger Hunt* on the 21st. It starts at *PDX Speed Shop* in southwest Portland. It will be a clue/answer hunt like we have done in the past. We hope to see you there.

Oh, and happy Independence Day from *WaCo* to you.

Ride safe, Ride smart, Ride!

-- Goat

recording secretary WaCo Chapter



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

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) *Prime Time Restaurant* 4450 Pacific avenue Forest Grove

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

our officers at work

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

09 June 2018 (Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon)

Meeting Highlights

- Fossil Campout results
- Membership growing
- Fossil Campout coordinator suspended, given standing ovation
- State swap meet tomorrow
- Ford has lane-splitting software for autocars

Call to order, welcome - The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Jack Wingfield at 12:05 p.m. with ten out of eleven chapters represented. Ten of ten chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters - Douglas County. Absent, unexcused chapters

< None >

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees -Katrina Fearn (Hub City), Jake Egger (Hub City).

Reading, approval of previous minutes - Motion made by Karen Tolle (Josephine County) to adopt as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Teresa Hepler (River City). Motion passed by eight.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments - Jack Wingfield expressed his view that Fossil Campout was about 85% successful. Thank-you all who stepped up to help.

Karen had to leave for family business and Cindy stepped up to take on the money portion and did an excellent job.



- Cindy Witmer also thanked all who helped at Fossil Campout.

She wore several hats at Fossil Campout. If she was short or disrespectful, she apologizes.

Cindy explained that the money collect was counted by the person taking the money, herself, and one other person. Each signed off and if totals did not match, we would recount it and sign off. Then it went into an envelope that was documented with the time and place collected.

Vice-coordinator (north) – Dave Witmer felt that *Fossil Campout* was a success and we might have even made a little money. He was pleased that Lauren stepped up with such a short notice, and had it very organized.

Vice-coordinator (south) – Pat "Spanky" Allen < Absent, excused>

Vice-coordinator (east) - Rick Prentice <Absent. excused>

Treasurer – Karen Tolle Checking - \$9,036.82 Savings - \$25,765.88 Paypal - \$200.00 U.S. Postmaster - \$129.77

Membership secretary – Linda Cline noted that in May, we had the biggest growth in A.B.A.T.E. membership so far this year. We gained nineteen new members and fifty

Washington County Chapter is the winner this month with nine new members and twelve renewals. Southeast Portland came in second with four new members and ten renewals.

Everyone is doing a great job recruiting new members, encouraging on-time renewals, and getting good participation numbers in local and statewide events.

Information and beneficiary cards will no longer be sent out with new membership and renewal packets, at the request of American Income Life Insurance Company. A mass mailing to all members will happen in September which will clarify that this is an umbrella policy under which all active members are covered, whether or not they designate a beneficiary.

State membership was represented at the information booth at Fossil Campout last month. Those who signed up or renewed were able to get membership cards on site. Activity was light, but we're hoping to offer the same service next year, getting the word out ahead of time, that on-the-spot membership services are available.

If you have ideas on how we can make membership more visible, contact Linda.

Karen received a certificate from

Fine folks attending = 23; Bikes ridden = 0

Cindy Witmer state recording

secretary elf

Linda for helping her be successful in her position.

We have active 811 members and 97 expired.

Sanctioning – Todd Sahlberg announced that sanctioning paperwork is all done for the year. If you did not get your certificate or new events, contact Todd immediately.

Officers' Reports

State auditor - Karen Tolle noted that all chapters represented today were able to vote.

Newspaper – Rot Path greeted everyone and thanked them all for slogging their way to the meeting. It's an odd way to begin summer.

The good news is that reports aren't due until tomorrow. (Sunday, 10 June 2018 at 2359 / 11:59 p.m.)

The even better news is that several chapters got their reports in early. Kudos to Lincoln County, Douglas County, Central Oregon, River City, and Lower Columbia.

In addition, our state membership coordinator had her report sent in earlier this week.

Thank you to all the folks who send their reports in via e-mail in normal text. For those with a taste of the more exotic, please avoid things like word processing formats (.docx) or things like Google Docs. (If yer e-mailing the link anyway, why can't you just e-mail the text instead?)

Do you have Fossil Campout photos? The newspaper, web page, and historian would all be interested in receiving copies. Just attach them as JPEGs to an e-mail to the newspaper for distribution. (It feels good to see yer

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

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name in the "photo by . . ." by-line.)

Remember, things get slipperier when rains hit after a dry spell, especially if yer putting around on two wheels. Slow down and take yer time. Few things suck more than ending up cold, wet, and injured in a ditch or gutter, waiting fer someone to find ya.

Sergeant-at-arms (north) – Randy Phipps did not have any chapter sergeant-at-arms come up to him at *Fossil Campout*, but he knew there were some there. Everything ran smooth.

Sergeant-at-arms (south)

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

Products director – Dave Meeker reported that products income at *Fossil Campout* was \$870. He thanked Stephanie Wolf and Kathy Sahlberg. They helped with selling off last year's *Fossil* t–shirts. They went out to the camps and the crowd to sell the cozies for \$10 and the buyer got a free t-shirt.

Education director – Geoff White

< Excused > **Public relations director**

< Vacant >

State run coordinator (*Fossil Campout*) – Lauren Schwartz received a standing ovation for the success of *Fossil Campout* and for her taking it over on a short notice.

There were 448 people in attendance.

The financial report has not been tabulated yet due to treasurer receiving the money.

Thank-you to all the volunteers.

After *Fossil Campout*, Lauren was asked to step down by Jack Wingfield (state coordinator) to save face for her actions as *Fossil Campout* coordinator. Her response was a letter she wrote regarding that action:

> to Jack Wingfield state coordinator A.B.A.T.E.

"I appreciate your honesty and asking me to resign, just to save face.

I would be remiss to just bow out without good



cause, because, I know we can do a better job next year with the cooperation and respect of all the A.B.A.T.E. chapter members.

I am willing to tender my resignation at any time, but I implore that my replacement needs to replace me, upon that resignation, to the 2019 Fossil, with the enthusiasm that I have, rather than let Fossil Campout's legacy burn out.

The 41st Annual Fossil Run 2018 would have gone by and be a piece of lost history if it had not been for James, Yukon stepping up. With him having no time to take care of the particulars, I became the Fossil run coordinator. He did a fabulous job at physical labor, but admits himself that he had no time to do what I did for the run.

The loss of Run 21 to the Southeast Portland Chapter was in no doubt detrimental to the continuation of the chapter. Was state A.B.A.T.E. ready to follow in those footsteps?

As to the accusations of my performance, you said you received both in writing and orally. I honestly think you should look more into the accusers and their motivations.

Is it because I was the first female coordinator for Fossil, much like Killer (female) took the job of Run 21 and was fought tooth and nail around every corner?

As for the few reports that you received, I had many, many others who came and thanked me for the job that I did in such little time. My response was for them to also thank Yukon because if it was not for him Fossil would not have happened.

Cindy and Dave kept telling me all day long, every day that I was doing a great job. My response to them was "I could not have done it without you and you are amazing."

Oh, by the way, they said they would come back next year to help me, even though that was not their intention.

As to the accusations of intoxication, I'm guessing I did not go any further than any other coordinator who ran an event for A.B.A.T.E., including the other chapters coordinators at this event. This was their event as well, to increase membership.

Being an insulin dependent diabetic, my age, the lack of sleep due to idiots revving their engines for two hours at 2 a.m. on Thursday (Friday a.m.), and the incredible amount of stress to get the work done and right, and the incredible lack of volunteers at a **state-run A.B.A.T.E. event**, were a greater impact on my performance than the amount of alcohol imbibed.

I truly believe that with cooperation of the chapters, next year will be stellar and membership will increase.

I feel that the confrontation clause in the sixth amendment, while meant for criminal cases, the idea of facing ones accusers, is viable and germane to this situation. We are an organization against the totalitarian enactments which puts a light on due process, not give power to those who strike from behind closed doors and the shadows, and to not allow the back stabbers to run A.B.A.T.E.

Open communications should be our greatest power to prevent the degradation of our mission.

When you called me last Saturday, June 02, I asked you for the names of my accusers and the exact statements, I do not recall you reading me anything, just giving me a synopsis. I am requesting you to provide me with the full written reports. I am sure that you had to inform them that you could do nothing about this situation without it being in writing and I am sure you informed them that these statements can not be anonymous in order for you to act upon them.

How can I possibly solve a problem situation when I really do not know the accusers story?

I also asked you to research if there were any other complaints from previous runs about their coordinators' performance. I did that to just show the irony of the situation, but you said you would anyway. Seems like kind of a waste of time to me, I have been staff of enough motorcycle runs to know better.

The flag ceremony was not improper even if it was somewhat clumsy. I researched the proper way to retire a flag and followed it to the letter. If it was due to the draping of the flags on my cart prior to the ceremony, this was not meant to be disrespectful, but to give the flags one more chance to be honored in the bright light provided by the sound man which was also the light of our flag flying over 2018 Fossil event.

The ones who complained did not bother to address their concerns with me, but surrounded me like a lynching mob, drunk, cursing and berating the group of veterans who were participating, as well as taking back a flag, at my suggestion, that was meant to be part of the ceremony.

The next morning I found the flag that had been flying over our celebration laying improperly folded on a dirty table, so I took it to C.M.A. and asked for some veterans to fold it properly, after which I clutched it to my heart and cried over it wondering where the complainers who yelled at me to get out of their campsite, while our flag was tossed aside improperly over an event that should have gone on in history for Memorial Day weekend.

I have not yet contacted the coordinator of C.M.A. to see if they would honor my request of running A.B.A.T.E. Fossil's gate because our chapters are incapable of volunteering. (Not exactly my wording, but it does not change the situation.) Time is of the essence with your response since this Saturday, June 09, is state board meeting.

I would appreciate your support.

- -- Lauren L. Schwartz
- coordinator of

2018 A.B.A.T.E. 41st Memorial Day Fossil Campout,

Run 21,

Southeast Portland Chapter A.B.A.T.E. staff for many, many years,

mother of the Patriot Guard in Oregon,

daughter of Lt. Colonel David G. Schwartz (*Purple Heart recipient*),

sister of two brothers who served in Vietnam (and I carried the flag that flew over my home to Fossil),

former Boy Scout leader.

P.S. I truly from the bottom of heart appreciate all of the Fossil volunteers. big and small. you are all priceless."

Jack replied:

"You want to meet your accuser?

My name is Jack Wingfield.

I am state coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon *and I am your accuser*.

While I agree that you were instrumental in making the Fossil Campout work this year, the first two days I was impressed, and it went down from there with increasing conflicts.

I was there Monday afternoon/eve when wood was brought to your campsite as per your request. I am witness to the fact that you berated a member of A.B.A.T.E. who had delivered firewood to your camp in a loud voice and demeaning tone and expressed something regarding it being the

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What Government Do We Want ? How do we get it ?



c.o.e.-198(Personal views of the editor. Not to be confused with reality or endorsement by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.)

In this, the two hundredth and fortysecond year since the founding of our nation, do we now have the government our founders desired?

Or were their ideals kicked aside somewhere along the way by self-interest?

Government stops working for the people when its members adapt the idea of entitlement, when they begin feeling that they desrve to be treated specially and better than the people who they are *supposed* to serve. (Nowhere is that more apparent than at the federal level with members of congress.)

Closer to home, we have the Oregon department of transportation (O.D.O.T.) dictating highway features, despite objections of actual road users.

The notorious "cheese grater" cable barriers on freeways are an earlier example of government disregarding safety over cost, even though such barriers have been shown to be deadly to motorcyclists.

The inverse is true of a road project southeast of Dallas, Oregon where O.D.O.T. insists on installing an expensive large European-style roundabout in the county on a major northsouth highway (99W), in spite of local opposition who want a less expensive traffic light. (The peliminary work for the light installation has alrady been completed.) The O.D.O.T. round-about would appropriate land from adjacent fields that is currently being farmed and it would make the movement of motorcycles, autos, trucks, and farm machinery more difficult. Yet O.D.O.T. administrators apparently refuse to listen to the will of the people.

This is an example of totalitaian exactment, exactly the sort of thing *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is against. (Sez so right in our acronym.)

Members of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* tend to be (mostly) human. We make mistakes, we often act on rumors rather than facts, sometimes we respond to what *might* happen rather than what is, we let judgement take a holiday after a couple of drinks.

But damnit, we're a good group.

Our chapter and state board officers don't hold themselves above other members or demand special privlages. About all they get is reimbursement for offical expenses. (If they choose to claim them.)

We're what government should look like at local, regional, state, and especially, national levels.

Why can't the government look more like us?

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Have we ever had a *Fossil Campout* when there was no drama or conflict?

If not, then the dirty laundry aired at the June state board meeting should come as no surprise to anyone present. (Or reading the minutes.)

One of the few lessons yer c.o.e. has learned from the business world is that

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Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

one should "praise in public, rebuke in private."

In the past, concern has been raised about chapter members sponsoring an event getting too wasted to fufill their duties.

It should be expected that those hosting an event need to remain sober in order that they may carry out their responsibilities to their best ability.

After an event has been cleaned up, the hosts can throw themselves a "dead dog party" to celebrate a job well done and imbibe any leftover booze.

We learn as we go.

But constantly relearning the same lessons we should already know is just wasting time and effort.

Presently much of what we know resides in the organizational memory of members who have been members for a while.

But what *A.B.A.T.E.* needs is an indexed *Book of Cumlative Knowledge*. That way, when a problem arises, one can look up how it's been handled in the past. Or someone in charge of an activity can find pointers on how to make an event a resounding success.

Why keep reinventing the wheel when we don't know what colour it's supposed to be?





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Lower Columbia

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On the 4th of July after the parade through Clatskanie, there should be plenty going on in the park as well.

Lower Columbia Chapter will be in the park for both events, selling dogs and burgers and generally just raising funds to keep us going and to help out with what we can around the community.

If you are looking for something to do over the 4th of July holiday, stop in for a burger and be entertained.

We usually have a raffle going on this time of year and guess what? This year is no different. We are offering a choice of either a rifle or a gun safe.

Please see our flyer elsewhere in this fine rag.

-- Dave Bridges coordinator Lower Columbia Chapter

River City

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423 or rix4x4@gmail.com

Swap meet at Elks Lodge #142 at 13121 SE McLoughlin boulevard. Oak Grove [Milwaukee?], Oregon. June 10 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Entrance fee: \$5.

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River City

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Announcements

June 10 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon spring swap meet

June 16 *Roll-N-Ride* (*WaCo*) June 23 *Around Saddle Mountain*

(North Coast)

June 23 Thundering Waters Poker Run (Douglas County)

June 21-24 A.B.A.T.E. of Washington spring opener

June 27-July 4 *Old Folks' Party* at Raunchy and Liska's. All chapter members invited, any day, any time. Camping available. Private event. (Not *A.B.A.T.E.* sanctioned.)

July 08 *River City* highway cleanup 9:30 a.m., *Portage Inn* parking lot.

July 21 Scavenger Hunt (WaCo)

Other events: see *A.B.A.T.E.* state newspaper or

http://www.abateoforegon.net

Join a Sunday ride - meet at Portage Inn Parking lot at 9:30 a.m., kick stands up at 10.

Upcoming Events

August 10-12 – Beaver Creek Run (Lincoln County) August 18 – Summer Dice Derby - (SE Portland)

Bob won the 50/50, gave \$10 and parking. back. The expen

Steve Rundell would have won the membership drawing if he had been present.

Adjourned: 8:30 pm **Next meeting**: June 19 at 7 p.m.

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

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Short of garbage cans. He has an order in for fifty-gallon barrels to use for next year.

We are also in need of butt cans for cigarettes.

Legislative director – Don Mason

< Excused > (We're thinking of you.) A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – Jimmer Engel did not make it to the BikePAC meeting because of the Hub City poker run.

The survey is now up on the *BikePAC* web site and this will help *BikePAC* pursue what is important for them to focus on this coming legislative session.

Please go to the *BikePAC* web site and take the survey.

M.R.F. representative – Paul Hering spoke of *Bikers Inside the Beltway*, where motorcycles showed up on national capital steps.

Most important issue is ethanol. The Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act, HR-5855. Introduced just days after Bikers Inside the Beltway (where participants told federal legislators we needed this exact relief), this bill would expand consumer awareness on how to safely use fuel containing more than ten-percent ethanol including improved labeling, fuel pump safeguards, and education outreach. Motorcycles are specifically mentioned as concerned consumers and their need to have a strong dialogue directly with the E.P.A.

Ford has recently received a patent for a system involving cameras and various other sensors to identify and even intervene in its cars driver assist features to identify motorcyclists. Specifically geared towards lanesplitting, the system would issue a warning to drivers and initiate automatic breaking if a motorcycle is detected near the car.

Confederation of Clubs representative – Pat "Spanky" Allen, Mike Friend < Excused >

Unfinished Business

(None)

New Business

• *National Motorcycle Riders* memorial: No takers

Laura Stuart raffle money from *Fossil Campout*. It was decided that this money for this year will go to the emergency medical team from Fossil. *Run 21*: Karen has already booked a booth space for us at *Run 21*.

Motions

• Motion was made by Teresa Hepker (*River City*), seconded by Bob High-field (*Lincoln County*):

"To reimburse Karen Tolle \$300 for the Run 21 booth." Passed.

Announcements

- *Hub City* sold 300 tickets for a \$1,000 Visa card. The tickets were ten dollars each and they sold really fast.
- Saturday, 16 June is *Washington County's Roll-N-Ride*.
- Central Oregon is having Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run on 23 June.
- Douglas County's Thundering Waters Run is also all on the 23rd.
- North Coast h as Saddle Mountain Run on the 23rd as well.
- We need to address that there are so many runs on one date.
- Please remember to check your file.

Adjourned – 1405 (2:05 p.m.)

< Excused > Web page editor – Carl Earl < Excused >

eighth time and not being in right place.

You had talked about things and nobody

gets it and wandered off waving your hand

I have two written and several verbal

Your actions were mean spirited and

You are placed on probation until the

abusive. Nobody should be talked to in that

end of your term and will address no one in

A.B.A.T.E. in that fashion again. You will

maintain your position, title, and all rights

can be removed by the eleven state board

representatives at any time or they can

remove her or vote her in again as they

-- Jack Wingfield

Lauren for what she did well.

others will be there at 7 a.m.

with parking.

meets will be lower.

spaces at the Elks.

state coordinator

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

Jack then led a standing ovation for

State swap meet coordinator -

James Niece announced that the spring

swap meeting will be tomorrow. He

will be there at 6 a.m. and Gene and

We have signage and cones to help

He went over to the Elks yesterday

and remeasured the area of the swap

meet. We now have more vender spaces

because of the signs. This is a one-time

purchase, so the cost of the next swap

He is looking into using the indoor

Historian – Sarge Martin

The expenses so far is \$540, mostly

Until there is a motion, we are done with

With consideration of the probation, this

and expressing expletives

complaints of similar nature.

fashion at any time. Period.

and privileges to your title.

desire.

this."

Quartermaster – Gene Mortimore related that the park host of Bear Hallow proceeded to put bleach and *Pine Sol* in the vault toilets. He thinks we might have a hazmat situation.

A.B.A.T.E. Membership Report

I've been Fossilized.

This was my first year at the annual *Fossil Campout* and I had a blast.

I stayed in the information booth to take renewals or new applications, but I didn't get too much traffic. I don't know if it was that people didn't expect it or if they were just too busy having a good time, but we only had a couple of people sign up as new members and a couple people renew. They didn't quite understand that they would get their membership cards right away, as I created them on-site.

Anyway, it gave me plenty of time to people watch and help with t-shirt sales or the many give-aways we had for raffling off.

If you've never been to the *Fossil Campout*, it is amazing fun.

I have a bunch of ideas for next year, so put it on your 2019 calendar. You won't regret it.

I have been asked by our representative with the American Income Life Insurance Company to stop sending out the insurance information and yellow beneficiary designation cards as a part of the renewal or new member packets. A mass informational mailing will be coming out in September which everyone will receive. It will remind members that this is an umbrella policy where everyone is protected with \$4,000 in accidental death and dismemberment coverage just by being an active A.B.A.T.E. member. No need to sign up.

The only two things you need to know are:

1. If you die, the benefits will go to your estate, unless you designate a specific person to be the recipient of these funds. In this case, you would want to contact *A.I.L.I.C.* to designate a beneficiary.

2. If you are in a crash which ends your life or results in dismemberment and

your *A.B.A.T.E.* membership has lapsed, you will not be eligible for benefits. This is a great motivator to renew your membership as soon as you get a renewal notice so that you can ensure you will be covered if you ever need it.

In the month of May, we brought nineteen new members into *A.B.A.T.E.* and we renewed fifty memberships. That is the biggest growth we have seen in the past six months.

I want to recognize the great recruiting work going on in each chapter, the dedication of the local membership secretaries, and the team spirit which is helping *A.B.A.T.E.* to grow. We couldn't do it without you.

I also want to thank our illustrious state treasurer, Karen Tolle, who graciously stepped out of her role to help us get caught up on membership renewals. She took the time to create and compile renewal notices for current members



Linda Cline

state membership secretary

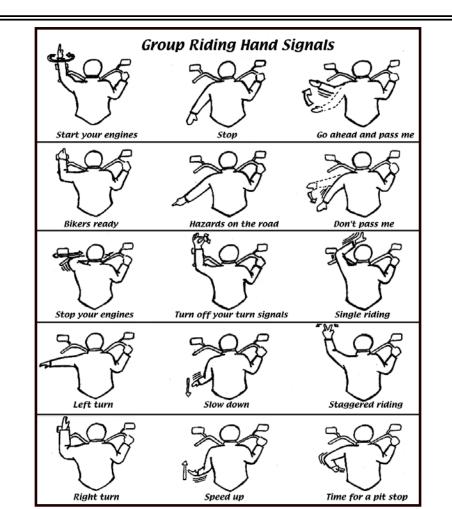
through December. Thank you, Karen.

So, keep up the good work. All of you are working so hard at getting the word out about *A.B.A.T.E.*, donating your time for events, and demonstrating what fun it is to belong to this great organization. It is meaningful work which is making a huge positive impact on local communities

Hoooo-Rahhh!

Thanks to everybody,

-- Linda Cline state membership secretary



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(INDIAN CREEK) (Ran Coordinator) State	davesfrogpond@ yahoo.com
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Fossil Bike Show

Turnout was rather small, but enough to get the job done:

New Stock

1st place = #23 Paul Winger

Old Stock

1st place = #22 Diesel Dave

Custom

1st place = #26 Richard "Hoss" Ives

Rat Bike

1st place = #-0 Gary Lechner

Foreign

1st place = #29 Rosemarie Kilpatrick

Paint

1st place = #25 Richard Martello

Peoples' Choice:

3rd place = #28 Bob Lowel 2nd place = #24 Chaplin Mike 1st place = #26 Richard "Hoss" Ives



American Motorcyclist Association

Supreme Court Sides With Virginia Motorcyclists' Rights In Search Case

Police without warrant inspected vehicle in property owner's driveway

30 May 2018 — The U.S. supreme court has ruled that the warrantless police search of a motorcycle on private property was an "invasion of the sanctity" of the area around the house, even though authorities believe the motorcycle may have been stolen.

The 8-1 decision bolsters the protections for outside areas around a home when police enforcement agencies do not have a search warrant. The American Motorcyclist Association filed an amicus brief in the case in November, stating that "there is nothing inherently suspicious-and no inherent justification for a search-in the use or ownership of a motorcycle."

"This was a very important case, and it was not a surprise that the court ruled to protect citizens

30 May 2018 — The U.S. supreme *from unreasonable search and* burt has ruled that the warrantless *seizure*" said *A.M.A.* vice-president blice search of a motorcycle on of government relations, Wayne ivate property was an "invasion Allard.

> The case number is 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 pickup, the officers who searched under the motorcycle cover did not need a warrant to do so.

> The *A.M.A.* brief argued that the judgment of the lower court should be reversed.

A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman said in November that the Virginia case is an example of how motorcyclists' rights can be threatened at all levels and branches of government 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 of the home, the police conducted a warrantless search in violation of the fourth amendment," the brief stated.

While the *A.M.A.*'s brief expresses no opinion regarding the petitioner's ultimate guilt or innocence of the 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.

Mail remittance to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation It's time you did something more to protect your rights! 1325 G Street N.W. Suite 500 Washington D.C. Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation...REGISTER, VOTE, AND RIDE! 20005 / Phone 202-546-0983 Someone had a www.mrf.org / mrfoffice@mrf.org Annual Individual Membership..... ...\$30 3-Year Individual Membership.....\$80 sense of humor or Annual Joint Membership.... ..\$50 3-Year Joint Membership..... \$130 something. Gary's Annual Sustaining Membership \$100 Sustaining Motorcycle Club \$100 CHARGE IT! Visa MasterCard AmEx Annual Industry Council Membership...... \$100 ratbike got one vote Card Number Freedom Fighter Donation: \$10 \$25 \$ New Renewal (Member # for best paint. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE YOUR INFORMATION: Expiration Date Name Signature Date Address. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY All information treated City, State, Zip confidentially Thanks, Phone. Referred by E-mail Address Date MRF # -- Kawasaki Bob Check here if you would like to receive MRF Email alerts Exp. Date Check here if you do not want to receive patches and pins Member was given: Pin Patch Year Rocker Newsletter Are you a member of a state motorcyclist's rights organization? Yes No If yes, name What issue?

The brief points out that a

NCOM Coast-To-Coast Biker News

compiled and edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

N.C.O.M. Convention Mobilizes Bikers Rights Activists

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists was founded over three decades ago during the turbulent formation of the bikers rights movement to foster unity among diverse segments of the motorcycling community in order to advance a more cohesive political agenda.

Unity and cooperation were the buzzwords at this year's *33rd Annual N.C.O.M. Convention* in Mobile, Alabama as hundreds of representatives from motorcyclists rights organizations (MROs), clubs, and associations from across the country came to listen, learn, and share information on a variety of issues important to today's riders.

While not the largest attendance at an N.C.O.M. convention, those who were there had a good time and the convention was a success, notes convention committee chairman David "Animal" Reid, who says, "Attendees at the various seminars and presentations were attentive, asked pertinent questions, and left with current information on a wide range of subjects and issues."

Among the many meetings, seminars, and breakout sessions conducted at the *Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel* were seminars on civil rights, profiling, R.I.C.O., veterans affairs, motorcycle insurance, and a mock legislative session presented by the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force. (*L.T.F.*)

The mock committee hearing went over very well, says N.C.O.M.– L.T.F. chairman Frank Ernst, adding that "Those in attendance gave our committee much positive feedback and they appreciated the information provided by the L.T.F., including a new Biker's Guide to Making Law free informational brochure on how to impact the legislative process."

Spreading some good news finally, after more than three years in litigation,

A.I.M. attorney Bill Smith of Texas gave an update on the deadly Waco shootings and reported that most of the nearly two hundred bikers arrested and charged under R.I.C.O. with murder have now had their cases dismissed, including longtime bikers rights activist Paul Landers, former *N.C.O.M.–L.T.F.* chairman who had to resign due to the miscarriage of justice that cost many innocent freedom fighters their jobs, homes, relationships, and even children taken from them.

During the *Silver Spoke Awards Banquet* on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving the image of motorcycling", including;

Government: New Hampshire state representative Charlie St. Clair, executive director of *Laconia Motorcycle Week*.

Media: Vernon and Melanie Schwarte of *Thunder Roads Magazine*, Iowa.

Legal: Michael DeKruif, California *A.I.M.* attorney.

Entertainment: Stunt rider Bubba Blackwell.

Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award: Presented to Charlie Boone of *C.B.A./A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina*, member of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors.

Next year, the *34th Annual N.C.O.M. Convention* will be held 09-12 May 2019 at the *Double Tree* by *Hilton* in Orlando, Florida.

For further information, contact *N.C.O.M.* at:

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Twin Peaks Cases Unravel

Three years ago on 17 May 2015, the bodies of nine dead bikers lay in the parking lot of the *Twin Peaks Restaurant* in the infamous Waco shootout as the district attorney had police round up and arrest everyone there to attend a *Confederation of Clubs* meeting.

Many of the nearly two hundred bikers arrested that night would spend the next several weeks jailed on million-dollar bonds.

It was a risky legal strategy, one that had never been tried on this scale: Throw a wide net around a complicated crime scene and charge everybody involved with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Now, with the third anniversary of the cases upon us, the failure of that audacious strategy has become clear as prosecutors dismiss most of the cases, the district attorney lost re-election by a landslide, and 130 bikers line up to sue over civil rights violations.

The only case that has gone to trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial in November.

"In the last three years, the 192 bikers arrested in the Twin Peaks shootout have lived under a cloud," reports the Waco Tribune. "Some have languished in jail, lost jobs, lost vehicles, or lost spouses. In some cases, ex-wives used their arrests to seek modifications in child custody or visitation orders. Most were under strict bond conditions that restricted their travel and freedom to associate with their friends."

The *Twin Peaks* debacle may also have ended a promising political career for D.A., Abel Reyna, who suffered an overwhelming defeat in the March primary in which his opponent accused him of corruption and prosecutorial overreach. Since the electoral loss, Reyna's office has dismissed 124 cases *en masse*, and has re-indicted 24 remaining defendants on a variety of charges including riot, murder, and tampering with evidence, superseding the original organized crime charges.

Meanwhile, the raft of civil lawsuits stemming from the *Twin Peaks* cases leaves the city and county in potential financial jeopardy, according to the Waco newspaper, noting that the massive volume of cases had put a severe strain on court operations and on county resources already.

California Motorcycle Club Claims Profiling, Police Harassment

A video posted recently on YouTube shows members of the Jus Brothers Motorcycle Club doing nothing wrong when a Sonora, California police sergeant started harassing them and photographed the license plates on their parked motorcycles. "They say police unlawfully profiled the club members as a motorcycle gang," reported The Modesto Bee newspaper.

Jus Brothers members from its Mother Lode and Stanislaus County chapters were waiting for a club event to begin at the nearby Intake Grill restaurant and sports bar, a monthly meeting geared toward sharing information about motorcycle legislation that is open to the public.

"We get this kind of hassle from Sonora PD all the time," a member told The Bee. "I think they're just

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trying to keep us out of downtown. or They come around taking pictures all of our bikes, nitpicking to see what No

Club members in the video,

they can find."

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tell the sergeant that they plan on posting the video on-line with the department's phone number, so callers can tell officials what they think of it. "*That way America can see what it's like to live in a police state*!"

Another Jus Brothers member in the video asks the sergeant if police will do the same to the other vehicles parked along the street, and the sergeant seems to indicate they're only doing this to "outlaw motorcycle gangs."

The Sonora police department has responded to the allegations of profiling local bikers. "*The police* sergeant in the video was simply engaging in intelligence gathering on a public street," according to the official police news release.

In the video, the *Jus Brothers* members tell the police sergeant about assembly bill 2972, a bill to prohibit peace officers from engaging in "motorcycle profiling." If passed, police would not be allowed to consider a person riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions.

Motorcycle Club Retaliates With Cyber Attack

Management at *Marion Hotel* in Winnipeg, Manitoba received a harsh dose of virtual reality as they suffered the wrath of the *Manitoba Nomads*, a chapter of the *Hells Angels Motorcycle Club*.

According to a news posting

on http://www.rideapart.com, it all started when members of the *Nomads* were refused access to the hotel for sporting their colors.

Unwilling to let the offense go unpunished, the chapter president invited his people to boycott the establishment.

The members joined forces and on March 27 targeted their *Facebook* page by submitting a tsunami of one-star reviews. This lowered the hotel otherwise respectable rating of 4.5 to a mediocre 3 overnight, forcing the hotel to take down its page.

Hell hath no fury like a biker gang scorned, and the gang proceeded to do the same with the hotel restaurant's page, even turning to the Marion street eatery's *TripAdvisor* page.

Previously, the club expressed disagreement with what they considered discrimination against bikers by targeting *Headingley Sport Ltd./Indian Motorcycle Winnipeg* for forbidding colors from a riding event. Once the shop withdrew from the event, the perpetrators were asked to modify their ratings, which they did.

A Road To Zero Motorcycles

A recently released national safety council (N.S.C.) report entitled *A Road to Zero* is the federal government's vision for achieving zero roadway deaths by 2050, but it fails to identify any significant procedures to reduce motorcycle fatalities except for helmet requirements and hi-tech.

Despite input from motorcycle organizations, the N.S.C. relies heavily on automotive technologies such as driver assistance systems and autonomous vehicles to pave the way to a safer future, ignoring such rider safety issues as motorcycle awareness, rider training, impairment, distracted driving, and proactive measures to prevent carversus-motorcycle collisions.

The report also endorses using insurance to price some high risk operators and vehicles off the road, opening the door to allow insurance companies to effectively achieve zero motorcycles.

Zero Emissions, Zero Deaths, Zero Tolerance

Bandit and his *Bikernet* crew at **www.Bikernet.com** posted on their blog about a California air resources board (C.A.R.B.) meeting regarding new rule making for motorcycles.

Every manufacturer of motorcycles was there, as C.A.R.B. talked about embracing all aspects of the market before making their recommendations in 2020.

That's the good news.

"They discussed anti-tampering, competition with the E.U., and zero emissions," writes Bandit. "They talked about moving California to zero emissions by rebates on electric bikes, and they want California riders to be riding five million electric bikes by 2025 by executive order from the nice California governor."

Bandit *et al* go on to state their case:

"Two points:

One is that word 'zero' again. They use that word in two other | regulatory segments, 'zero deaths' on the highways and 'zero tolerance' when it comes to drunk driving or | drugs. 'Zero' sounds good from one side of the coin, but the other is ultimate control or 'zero freedom'.

The other point I hope to make is

that motorcycles represent such a small number in the emissions mix we should be left alone. One of the administrators mentioned two areas of emissions they walked away from and I hope to help make motorcycles a third or at least the after market motorcycle industry."

Quotable Quote

"A free society is a place where it's safe to be unpopular."

> -- Adlai Stevenson (1900-1965) U.S. lawyer, politician, and diplomat

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2 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	2		3 River City 1900 (7 pm)		4 U.S. independence day	5	6 4th quarter moon	7		
	UFO Day					National Bikini Day (males optional)		Chocolate Day		
 Central Oregon 1130 11:30 am) Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) begin Nude Recreation Week (includes motorcycles) 	9 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)		10		11	12	13 new moon	ABATE B.O.D. noon Ciddici's Pizza - Albany National Nude Day (should be interesting meeting)		
15 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	16		Lincoln County 1830 (6:30 pm) 		18 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	19 1st quarter moon Hub City 1900 (7 pm) Jackson County 1800 (6 pm)	20 Ugly Pickup Day	21 Scavenger Hunt Portland		
22	23 Washington 1930 (7:30		24 Amelia Ear	hart Day	25	26 Douglas County 1800 (6 pm)	27 blessing moon	28		
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There once was a young band of rebels, The English king thought they were devils, Their shot was well-heard, As they flipped George the bird, And drove his troops off like kicked pebbles.			14 Oct 201 20–21 Oct 20 Oct 201 17 Nov 2018 Nov 2018 Nov 2018		018 Fall Swap Me 2018 Planning Sessi 018 <i>Mall Bike Sho</i> 18 Toy Run / Was <i>Spaghetti Feed</i> <i>Teddy Bear Ru</i>	 8 Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE 918 Planning Session / Oregon ABATE 8 Mall Bike Show / Hub City 		Milwaukie Cottage Grove Albany		
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Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:					
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1130 (11:30 a.m.)	Round Table Pizza; 810 SW 11 th street; Redmond	(541)-699-4921					
Douglas County (DC)	4th Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Round Table Pizza; 2040 Stewart parkway; Roseburg	(541)–ppp–nnnn					
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536					
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large] (individual members agree on where and when they meet)									
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant; Medford	(541)-					
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-659-8715 Spanky					
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017					
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Orego	n (503)–728–4122					
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881					
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502					
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sunday	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-723-6013 chapter					
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	e (503)–357–3684					