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JANUARY 2013

Special legislative pull-out section in center of this month's paper. Contains Salem map and capitol layout.

Coreckshawn Correction

Gunny received a *N.C.O.M. Ron Rolof Lifetime Achievement* award, not a mere *Golden Spoke* award as incorrectly stated in last month's newsrag.

Sustaining Members

Troy Davis family

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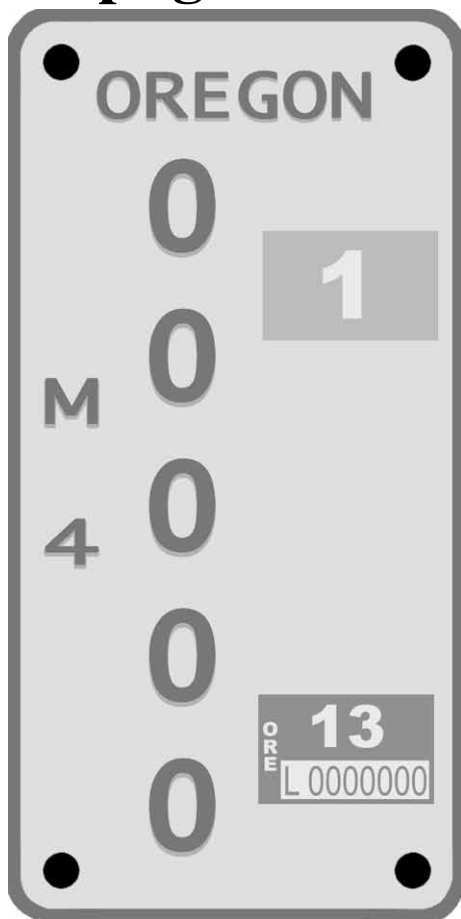
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Episode LXIX
"Another New Beginning . . . Again"

AS FORCES OF DARKNESS SWIRL AROUND THE CAPITOL AT OREGON PRIME, A SCRAPPY BUNCH OF DEDICATED RIDERS GIRD THEMSELVES FOR THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE RATTLE . . . er, SESSION. MEANWHILE, MINIONS OF NATHIGSABO HAVE BEEN ENSLAVED TO BRING FREEDOM RIDERS UNDER CONTROL OF POWERFUL INTERESTS BENT ON

Uptight Over Upright Licensing



Legislators in many states are upset over custom motorcycle builders mounting their license plates sideways (vertically), claiming that such a practice makes licenses difficult to read and the bikes hard to identify.

Uh huh.

So if a candy apple red metallflake bike with its headlight mounted in the jaw of a flaming skull rolls past, politicians are afraid that folks won't be able to uniquely identify the motorcycle?

Some areas are rushing through legislation that requires motorcycle licenses to be mounted horizontally, forgetting that a license plate laying on its back is technically still horizontal.

What is the big deal? Why not just design vertical motorcycle license plates like the one to the left? If they're custom plates, the states get to charge more for them.

-- Rot Path



Doorknob in Oregon capitol building. (Not to be confused with knobs in committees.)

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- State recording secretary
- Vice-coordinator (south)
- State auditor
- Sergeant-at-arms (east)
- State education director
- State web page editor
- Confederation of Clubs representative

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

*Easyrider*s 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.)*

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron

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

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

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

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

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

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

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

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

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

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

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

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

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A	A	Single entity.
B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.
E	ENACTMENTS	To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS FREEDOM	

officers at work

State Coordinator

Happy New year !

If you're reading this it means that the mayan calendar ended but the world didn't.

Surprise surprise.

How many times a day do we hear Chicken Little screaming "the sky is falling" ?

As motorcyclists we hear it everyday, but we have become accustom to it and just wave it off. Stuff like, " you bikers are all mean and very intimidating and we need protection from you" or " you bikers are all criminals and outlaws aren't you and you need to be in prison " or maybe this one " you bikers are all trouble makers and we don't need your kind around." (Well, maybe not to those extremes all the time, but we know those people are out there and have very loud voices.)

We tend to ignore this kind of ignorance and pass it off as an uneducated person with an attitude. Trouble is, those uneducated people are the very ones who are dictating the way we riders live and ride.

Think about that for a minute.

Do you think it was a fellow rider who tried to tell us how old our passengers had to be?

Is it a fellow rider who is saying that our machines are so unsafe that the federal government should be allowed to set up motorcycle-only checkpoints to inspect us?

Is it a fellow rider who thinks that insurance companies shouldn't have to cover us if we get injured because riding is a recreation?

We will be facing all of these issues this year.

People, it is not fellow riders or someone who is educated about motorcycles coming up with all these issues.

It is Chicken Little running around stirring up all the mother hens into thinking that we are evil and will not only cause trouble, but cost them all their retirement if we get injured and become a major public burden.

How do they do this?

They write reports and surveys and studies that show all the information that they rearrange to make it believable that the sky really is falling. The rest of the chickens will not read all the information, but will believe it because so many Chicken Littles say its true.

Our jobs, as the educated people, as riders, is to teach and inform the public on what the information really tells us. We have to make the public aware that we are not evil and are no different than anybody else. We are not here to be a burden on society. Quite the opposite.

Most riders I have come to know are some of the most compassionate and giving people I have ever met and would do anything to make their homes

and neighborhoods a safer place to live. We have to educate the public about this.

2013 is going to be an exciting year and we as A.B.A.T.E. need to make it our priority to flush out the Chicken Littles and expose them for what they are: people with prejudices and fears. People who think that as long as they can convince the public that we are evil, need to be feared, that we need to be governed more than any other group simply because we choose to ride a motorcycle. People who think that we are trash and will not stop till everybody else believes the way they do.

It is our duty to battle these people and the misinformation they are presenting.

It should be our goal as riders to not tolerate these people anymore and educate the public with the truth.

We can no longer just wave it away and think it will disappear. We cannot be complacent any longer.

We have to put just as much passion into our efforts to get our freedoms back as we do to make sure that people less fortunate get a little more on the holidays.

Brothers and sisters, we need to make it a priority that 2013 makes a statement that we as riders are **Americans**, and we will not tolerate being discriminated against, dictated to, or governed in any



Allan Nichols

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

way that makes us less of citizens than any other tax payer.

So I ask that you look at the *BikePAC* legislative strategy, read Don Mason's legislative article, find something to be passionate about, something you feel strong enough about to fight for. We are A.B.A.T.E., we are a brotherhood, and we will unite and see this through.

It is up to us!

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who held an office last year and who stepped up to be an officer again or for the first time either at the chapter or state level this year. Our organization is only as strong as its leaders and I feel we have an excellent organization because of our officers. I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

In the mean time,

Ride free, ride safe, and ride with respect,

Allan Nichols

- state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
- Oregon representative
Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

I am hoping everyone had a safe and joyous holiday.

Here it is a new year. With this new year will come new challenges and new opportunities. We will need to be prepared to meet these challenges and take advantage of these opportunities.

Our chapters have elected officers for the coming year. Some of them are new, others are seasoned veterans. One thing holds true for all of them: they will need your support. Your officers cannot do everything that needs to be done to make our organization a success. Their titles are term like "coordinator", "director", or "representative". They need your support, input, and help.

We as an organization and as bikers can only achieve our goals if all of us contribute. A little effort by many can move a mountain Too many want a few to do all the work.

I for one am willing to put in extra effort, but cannot do much on my own.

We all want to enjoy the freedoms we have and are trying to secure. These freedoms have to be earned. Sitting back and complaining is not going to change anything. Get out and get involved.

Enjoy the events in the upcoming year, but remember A.B.A.T.E.'s purpose is not to put on the events. The events are to raise funds and raise public awareness to help us



accomplish our goals.

Help out at some of the events, talk to your legislators, talk to other riders.

Get involved.

Best wishes for the new year,

Bob Terrill
coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --**Douglas
County**

As 2012 comes to a close, I can't help wonder what is in store for 2013.

The chapter has grown tremendously this year with numbers almost doubling from the year before thanks in part of the efforts of the membership secretary Dan Rice, along with other members who have met many wonderful people at events held this year. These members join a great family of fellow riders working towards common goal: protecting the rights of those who ride. We look to see great things unfold in the year for our chapter.

Although the weather is colder, we are warmed knowing we helped out those less fortunate than ourselves. For the past few years, it has been tradition for our chapter to provide Thanksgiving dinners to many families in the community who would otherwise have gone without, using proceeds from our Augusts S.O.S. run.

Tony, Joe, and Jim braved cold rainy weather riding their motorcycles behind the vehicles of Janie and Bev, as Dan, Georgia, Chris, Willie, Bob, and his wife delivered dinners to extremely grateful recipients.

A huge thank you to Janie and Bev for purchasing the many items needed for these dinners and for Annette who helped Janie box them up.

If you didn't participate this year, it is a must for next year! It's great way to close out the year and a great way to pay it forward to our community. It also serves as great public relations for *A.B.A.T.E* allowing you the opportunity to show others that we riders are not the scary bikers you see on television. (Programs like *Sons of Anarchy*.) We are a great bunch of people with huge hearts. Helping and giving to others is what we like doing most.

Well, my fellow chapter members, after two years as your secretary, I am stepping down from my position to allow another member to take up the pen (so to speak) and be the voice of the chapter in the monthly newsletter paper.

It's been wonderful and I look forward to 2013 as an active participant of the chapter, but as a member rather than an officer.

As I sign off, please be safe during the holiday celebrations. And as usual,

Enjoy the journey,
Enjoy your ride,

Chris Shull
secretary
Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

**Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
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**A.B.A.T.E. group report -- Indian Creek
(members at large)**



**Anyone in Indian Creek is
invited to write and send in reports.**

**Indian Creek
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Hub City**

What a busy holiday season this has been.

Trusting that this new year is going to be a good one for all.

Hub City is looking forward to a busy year with great enthusiasm. New faces have stepped up to take some officer positions this year. We are excited about fresh ideas they will bring to the table.

Elections are over. Although things did not go as well as expected we cannot become complacent.

Now is the time for some creative thinking to keep our issues in front of the legislatures and non-riding public. Be sure to watch for *BikePAC* web site updates from our folks in Salem and how we can help. If we all band together in a common voice, we will be heard.

Supporting those who put their lives on the line for our freedom is something *Hub City* does with actions, not just words, Here are a few words from a business supporter about the swap meet which we have participated in the last few years:

"Hi,

My name is Carlos Carapinha and I'm the owner and operator of Linn County Cycle and Superior Performance Automotive in Albany. I would like to give a big thank you to Hub City members and supporters for helping support their local businesses. Spending the last year in Afghanistan and receiving the support from Hub City helped my business stay open while I was away for 13 months. It was an honor to be home in time to ride in the biggest Veterans Parade, also be part of the Toy Rides for children. The month of December is here and we are winding down on another year. January 12 2013 Linn County Cycle and Hub City are having [their Third] Annual Swap-Meet. Come join us at the Linn County Fair Grounds. We combined our swap-meet with the Mild to Wild swap-meet that has been going strong for 9 years now. For any info contact Linn County Cycle."



So come on down. You never know what treasures await you! Check out our web site at: <http://www.hubcityabate.com> for directions and times of the swap meet.

Wishing everyone a happy new year from *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*

Hub City
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddici's Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**

Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season from southern Oregon.

Not much going on here. We're getting a little wet but still get a sunny riding day now and then. Get on out and enjoy while they are here.

We had the *32nd Valley Toy Run* on December 1st. Great day! Plenty of coffee, donuts, bikes, and friends.

A special thank-you to *Mattress Experts* for the staging area and their hospitality. Also, the *Medford Eagles* was the destination and toy drop off. They had chili dogs for us and an awesome band to dance to. Thank you, *Eagles*.

Everyone is gearing up for Christmas. Enjoy family and friends, but let's not forget what the season is about. We should always thank god for all he provides.

All of southern Oregon sends holiday wishes to our friends, past, present, and future.

Have a safe new year,

Judi
Jackson County A.B.A.T.E.



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Saturday
23 February 2013
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ◆ Open to all A.B.A.T.E. members
- ◆ Meet folks from all over the state
- ◆ Motorcycle Awareness Program training
- ◆ Legislative information
- ◆ Mandatory fun for chapter treasurers

See you there!
(By the way, there's no charge for attending)

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Jackson County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)
American Legion (downtown)
Jackson & Front streets
Medford, Oregon
(541)–

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

Josephine County

The weather's getting colder, but I still see riders out braving the elements.

The *Josephine County Chapter* had a wonderful Thanksgiving potluck dinner at our last meeting on November 21st. There were 42 people in attendance. The food was fantastic, as usual. Thank you to the ones who prepared the meat. It was delicious.

Our calendar is pretty bare right now except for our last meeting of the year, which was on December 19th, and was another potluck to celebrate Christmas, and the New Year ahead.

Don't forget the *Polar Bear Run* on Jan. 1, 2013. Call Spanky for details at: (541)-659-8715

We here at the *Josephine County Chapter* want to wish you and your families a happy new year!

Stay warm, ride safe,

Karen Headley
secretary
Josephine County Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



Josephine County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Grants Pass

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

Lower Columbia

Greetings to all,

The holiday's are upon us. Christmas will be over by the time this is printed. Hope you had a good one.

Looking to the new year and wishing all a safe and hopefully happy one.

December has been a busy time here.

Thank you to all of our members for donating food throughout the year to add to our christmas family's dinners

This year we once again are sponsoring ten families and 23 kids total.

A special thank you to Kris Indergard for heading this project up for the last four years. You're awesome.

Thanks to Kris, Angie, Laura,

Christine, and Eva who spent a few hours on December 7th to go shopping for the kids.

January will be busy as we'll be getting geared up for our crab dinner on January 26. Hope we have a good turn out.

If any of you members out there are interested in helping out, give me a call.

Dave Bridges
chapter coordinator
(503)-308-2059



Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.

Annual Crab Dinner
Fund Raiser

January 26th 2013 1:00 – 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall
\$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door
Call Eva @ 503-308-2061 for tickets, sales end Jan. 24th, 2013
A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well

Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, coleslaw or green salad, French bread, and soft drink or coffee. Menu may have substitutions due to availability.

Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon Inc. Proceeds go to Lower Columbia Chapter of ABATE & College Scholarship Fund
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Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays 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 -- **Lincoln County**



Things are busy on the coast even though riding is very sporadic.

Now that things are slowing a little, we have time to reflect on what has been done.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we did our *30th Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner*. It was a wonderful time for all.

Deb, a new member of *Lincoln County Chapter* stepped forward and offered to chair the project. It was good having someone in the lead. She did a great job.

A big thanks to all who helped with the preparations and serving for our seniors. We love having our girl's scouts helping. They make the place mats, serve, and take care of all during the meal. We had a new helper this year who was a big help. She was the three year old daughter of the troop leader. Robert, our pianist, has been with us many years and it would not be the same without him. Thanks to all. Another successful dinner that brought recognition from both the

city as well as the parks and recreation department who presented us with proclamations and plaques. It is nice to be thanked by others but we do it for the love of the seniors. We will be them someday.

Lincoln County Chapter is again help *American Legion Post #116* with their *Christmas Party for Children*. The kids will get hot chocolate, homemade cookies, and gifts from Santa. This is a wonderful program for children. We spent one day at the legion hall making cookies and decorating them. We will be there on the 22nd of December helping where we can.

One of our members has been written about in a Florida magazine. Martha "Faye" Wingfield was escorted to Sturgis by her son Jack and spent a few days looking around, then another son took her with him to Texas to visit family. She is enjoying herself immensely in Florida now. She went from Texas to Florida on her own to visit with

friends and family there.

We are keeping the historian's book current for her until she arrives home. What a wonderful time for her. In the picture in the magazine she is wearing her motorcycle vest. Her *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and her *Lincoln County* patches are visible.

Not much else going on but rain, wind, and cold on the coast, so will close for now.

We do hop that you all had a very merry christmas (as I call it) or a happy holiday (for those that don't celebrate christmas) and a very joyous new year.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie
secretary
Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

Lincoln County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **North Coast**



Elections for our 2013 chapter officers are complete. They are as follows:

- Coordinator** – Al Jaques
- Vice coordinator** – Don Kelly
- Treasurer** – Laird Adkins
- Secretary** – Laura Sellers-Earl
- Membership secretary** –
Judy Greendale
- State representatives** –
Darryl McKnight, Carl Earl
- Legislative representatives** –
Darryl McKnight, Carl Earl
- Run coordinator** – Dan Peden
- Sergeant at arms #1** –
Bruce Westerlund
- Sergeant at arms #2** – Mick Innis
- Education coordinator** –
Billy Varrozza
- Historians** –
Michelle and Carl Earl
- Products** – Howard Mullins
- Chapter chaplain** – Bob Hutson
- Public relations director** –
Laura Sellers-Earl
- Newsletter editor** – Don Kelly

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

Follow up on our recent year end events:

Our *23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* was a great success with big attendance by our members, their families and friends and a few folks who ventured from the valley to share in a great spaghetti dinner with lots of super auction items. A good time was had by all, as usual. If you haven't attended this event before, look for the flyer in this fine newspaper in the future. It's always held in the latter part of November.

Our *24th Annual Toy Run* just recently held on December 8th and was attended by over forty folks with thirty-five bikes on the road. Weather was typical wet and chilly, but that didn't dampen the spirits of all who participated. A great chili meal awaited them at the *Astoria Moose Lodge* followed by 50/50 and raffle drawings.

One other high note of the year, early in 2012 the chapter started a fund by membership donations to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to any county-wide high school student who wishes to pursue a career in motorcycle mechanics

by attending either the accredited *Motorcycles Mechanics Institute* or W.Y.O.-tech schools.

It was so moved at our November chapter meeting to infill the current scholarship account balance with chapter general funds to hit the \$1,000 mark.

Many thanks to our chapter membership for their donations throughout the year and their support for this fine cause. Together we can make a difference.

My deepest appreciation to both the outgoing officers who have worked hard this last year and before to make our chapter what it is today and to those who are stepping up this year to continue to grow and strengthen this fine chapter.

In closing, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all of our chapter members, their families our friends, and all of our supporters who dedicate their time and energy all year long. It's all about you who makes the difference.

All the best and wishes for a happy new year from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques
chapter coordinator

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

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

November 20, 2012

I've been wanting to be a bit more talkative, so here goes:

Thanks to Teresa for helping me by typing this part. With my typing skills, I tend to do just the minimum.

We had a pretty boisterous meeting and it ran pretty long tonight. Most of the time was spent on two things:

First, our candy sale which starts this Friday had details to work out, and we did that.

Second, we spent time discussing the motions referred to the chapters from planning session and board meetings. I would like you all to know how helpful and cooperative the dozen or so members who come to meetings are in our chapter. They listen well, think hard, and come up with good ideas. They participate at all levels, and solve problems. They make things work for this chapter and I think they also contribute a great deal to the whole organization with their serious consideration of motions and ideas.

As their representative to the board of directors, I appreciate their guidance and help.

We also decided to send *BikeaPAC of Oregon* \$5 for each member of our chapter (\$365) and we challenge all chapters to meet that level of funding.

Our business took a lot of time so we had no games tonight. We will be having our annual white elephant Christmas party at our second meeting next month, December 18. Anyone wanting to join us can call Brian at (541)–340–9442 for details.

December 4, 2012

Tonight we talked mostly about our candy sale and holiday party. We also renominated all current officers for another term.

The 50/50 game was won by Bob at \$7/\$7. He donated \$2 back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob.

Membership game for \$20 would have been won by Joy Nicholson if she had been present. It will be \$25 next time



We canceled our first meeting in January because it falls on the first.

Upcoming Meetings

~~January 01, 2013~~
< CANCELED >

January 15, 2013

River City **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

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



Report not received
(What a way to begin the new year.)

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

-- Salem

December 4, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Lynn DeSpain (*Salem Chapter coordinator*)

Pledge of allegiance followed.

Salem Chapter Swap Meet, March 2, 2012. Fliers and sanctioning soon to follow.

We have the *Lion's Club* for the first Saturday in March, with Friday evening for set up. Please contact the following for more information: White Trash (Ric) at (503)–391–0739 or Doug at (541)–979–3997 for selling whatever you have to get rid of, be it bike parts, or anything legal. Food will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Old business was passed with no questions.

Under new business, group discussed the feasibility and impossibility of scheduling a year's advance notice for run sanctioning. Wanted this to be brought up at next state meeting.

Discussed family membership, if

the requirement still stood or had changed, and coordinator explained this was still in discussion at the state level, and the main reason for discussion was cost of newspaper and mailing. We expect to have nineteen new *Road Brothers* join this coming week and we were told that one or two papers would do, for the clubhouse. Thank you to the *Road Brothers* for signing on.

We have a new secretary! A long time member, Michelle FitzHenry, happily accepted the position after being "volunteered" for the job by unanimous vote. Lynn paid part of the \$30 so I could accept the position as a paid member. Very much appreciated.

Among other discussions, biker night runs. Our chapter will just meet on a non-meeting evening or day, and run somewhere, or to a bar that has a biker night so as to introduce ourselves, and *A.B.A.T.E.*

We are also planning on our own biker run, when the rain slows, beginning, or ending at the *Hitching*



Post, with chili provided.

Discussed the second Sunday of December's toy run, date for that would be December 8, 2013.

The *Salvation Army's* contacting us for help in moving food, ringing bells, and helping out in general. Good way to get *A.B.A.T.E.'s* name known.

Meeting ended by vote, everyone went home.

Regards to all,

Michelle Jayne FitzHenry
(with a lot of help from Lynn DeSpain)

Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Hitching Post
8046 River road NE, Salem

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

I hope you all had a good christmas and a happy new year's.

I write this as 2012 is drawing to a close and I'm thinking back on what a good year it has been for our chapter. We've done some work to promote *A.B.A.T.E.'s* mission, and we've had some fun along the way. I want to thank everyone who stepped up and participated, and did the work to keep the chapter going.

At our December 10th meeting we held our annual election of officers. The following people will be our chapter officers for 2013:

- Chapter coordinator** – Ted Tracy
- Vice coordinator** – Bill Michels
- Treasurer** – Jill Tracy
- Recording secretary** – Denise Darneille
- Membership secretary** – Veta Holscher
- State board representative** – Paul Hering
- Sgt.-at-arms 1** – Mike Darneille
- Sgt.-at-arms 2** – Bill Michels
- Public relations** – Greg Vaughn
- Ways and means** – Yvonne Sahnnow
- Education director** –

- Legislative director** – Steve Coffman
- Chapter historian** – Tom Kippert
- Run coordinator** – Gordon Sahnnow
- Run coordinator 2** – Darren Flaig
- Quartermaster** – Gordon Sahnnow
- Newsletter editor** –
- Web page editor** – Taylen Ceccacci
- Chapter products** – Dave Meeker
- Chapter chaplain** –

You may have noticed, my name is not on that list. After seven good years as chapter coordinator, I decided it was time to step down and allow others a chance to bring a fresh voice to the job. It has been an honor to serve and work with a great bunch of people. I'm looking forward to working with the new officers in 2013, and will do what I can to continue to help the *Washington County Chapter* be successful.

Our next chapter event will be our biker night at *The Grapevine* on April 6th. We need items for the auctions and the balloon pops. If you have something you would like to donate,



see Gordon Sahnnow.

To contact us, or to get more info about upcoming events, check out our web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info/>>www.wacoabate.info

Ride safe,

Roger Yarnell
chapter coordinator

Washington County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)
Grape Vine Restaurant
11525 SW Barnes – Portland

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Our Officers at Work

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

08 December 2012

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon



[EB] = member of executive board.

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:37 p.m. with eleven of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Absent chapter: *Jackson County* (Excused.)

Guest or first time attendee: (None.)

State coordinator [EB]: Allan Nichols opened meeting stating that due to an overbooking at *Ciddici's Pizza*, a baby shower had been scheduled to start at 2 p.m. (We were put on the calendar for next week by mistake.) *BikePAC's* 11 a.m. meeting just finished. To finish our agenda, we will take care of business first, then have officer reports. We have been given until 2:30 p.m. to complete our meeting.

*** Unfinished Business ***

• **Motion 1:** Motion made by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

“Prohibit groups/organizations from joining A.B.A.T.E. under a family membership. Current member groups under family memberships would remain valid until their renewal. They will not be allowed to renew as a family membership.”

Discussion ensued and motion tabled to be taken to chapters for input. Also refer to the issue in the planning session minutes.

• **Motion 2:** Motion made by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

“Establish new higher rates for groups/organizations commensurate

with our cost of twelve newspapers per month. To create a new group membership that allows a discounted membership rate to said group's members.”

Discussion showed that this motion was in conjunction with motion 1. Tabled to be taken to chapters for discussion.

The previous two motions were dealt with together. There was much discussion as to the misconception possibility by other organizations/clubs. This does not reflect on any group and should not be taken as anything but an appropriate membership change to protect everyone concerned without hurting *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*

The issue of insurance coverage was also discussed and the problems with undefined family memberships. Both of these motions were amended to not take effect until the financial situation could be worked out by committee.

Voting took place for motion 2. (Amendment must be voted on first.) Eleven yes, zero no.

Motion 2 passed.

The vote for motion 1 was ten yes, one no.

Motion 1 passed.

• **Motion 3:** Motion made by Don Mason (*Hub City Chapter*) seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*):

“A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon provide a check to BikePAC in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the 2013 legislative session. Check to be provided on or before the December state board meeting.”

It was discussed as to the needs for this money to do the job that *A.B.A.T.E.* wants done. These funds go directly to work to provide for a lobbyist and for candidate support. Nic Oliver (*BikePAC*

executive director) reported that they have already given support checks to candidates in the amount of \$600 and there will be another \$600 going out very soon.

Motion was tabled with the possibility of chapter involvement and the money to be deducted from the original amount asked for.

Motion dealt with at the planning session.

December board of directors meeting will be final accounting of donated funds for remainder of first \$5,000 to be paid at this time and second \$5,000 to be paid by March board of directors meeting after donated funds accounting from January to March board of directors meetings.

• **Motion 4:** (Amendment)

“A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon donate to BikePAC the amount of \$10,000 to fund the 2013 and the 2014 legislative sessions. The amount paid from the state account is to be reduced by the amount donated from chapters and designated for such purpose. Payment is to be made in installments of not more than \$5,000 each. First payment is to be made by December 31, 2012, and the balance is to be paid by March 31, 2013. BikePAC is to provide A.B.A.T.E. an accounting of the money spent at the end of each year.”

Tabled until December board of directors.

Discussed at length and it was reported that *BikePAC* would not give up any financial information to anyone except members or as needed for *I.R.S.* purposes. This discussion resulted in Brian Stovall, a founder of *BikePAC*, reporting that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, is a founding and permanent member of *BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.*, along with the *C.M.A.* and *A.M.O.* (This was not noticed by the membership director of *BikePAC*.)

Some *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters are now *BikePAC* members as well.

It was decided that the *BikePAC* representative from *A.B.A.T.E.* would get the financial report that is available at every *BikePAC* meeting and forward it to the *A.B.A.T.E.* treasurer.

Also discussed was the amount of money. It was again shown that \$5,000 was to be paid in 2012 and \$5,000 by March 2013 board of director's meeting. As this is a contractual agreement between *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC*, it was decided to protect our *I.R.S.* standing by having the state treasurer check with our accountant about the maximum amount *A.B.A.T.E.* could donate before this was to be paid, but no later than December 31, 2012. (See Motion 6 under new business.)

Voting took place and the results for



Nic Oliver

outgoing temporary acting state recording secretary

motion 4 was nine yes, one no, one abstention.

Motion 4 passed.

Voting took place and the results for motion 3 was a unanimous yes.

Motion 3 passed.

• **Motion 5:** Motion made by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

“To amend sanctioning guidelines to allow chapters to hold Motorcycle Awareness Day events on the first Saturday in May to coincide with BikePAC's event in Salem, in an effort to show unity in the motorcycle community at the county level as well as at the state level. Such events are to be held at a county courthouse or any other appropriate venue. Such events are to be coordinated with and in the spirit of the Salem BikePAC event.”

Bob Terrill reminded everyone that any motions made to change sanctioning guidelines must be published for two months prior to a vote.

Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*) moved to table this motion until January so it can be published in December and January state newspapers. Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*) seconded motion.

Eight =yes, one = no to table motion.

Robert spoke on the need to publish and found that it only needed to be published for one month as it is not a change in the by-laws.

Voting took place and resulted in eight = yes, two = no, one = abstention.

Motion passed.

New Business

• **Motion 6** made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

“To have treasurer check with certified public accountant to verify maximum donation under current law. Executive board to make decision on donation amount before end of 2012.”

Discussion continued from prior motion regarding amount to be donated by the state after contributions from the chapters. So far (tabulation not complete

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 08 December 2012 (continued)

yet) the amount of contributions left the state's part at approximately \$1,750 of \$5,000.

Voting took place and resulted in ten = yes and one = abstention.

Motion passed.

*** Officers' Reports ***

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Robert Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*) to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*).

Motion passed.

Secretary report, correspondence [EB]: Nic Oliver had nothing to report. Have some newspapers from other state A.B.A.T.E. organizations, if anyone wants to see them.

Nic was asked about the updates to the operations manual. Allan told him that this was the new secretary's responsibility. Nic stated he would try to have them done and copies available at the next board of directors meeting in January.

Nic also reported that this will be his last year serving as secretary for A.B.A.T.E. He is retiring due to health and family needs. Anyone interested should step up for training as soon as possible. No one has stepped up to replace Nic and this important position remains vacant.

Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]: Al Simms thanked everyone for all of their work over the past year.

Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]: Pat "Spanky" Allen resigned due to health reasons.

Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]: Robert Terrill reported that people need to watch for gravel, snow, and running water over roadways. Winter has come at last.

Treasurer [EB]: Kay Sipple spoke on the new forms that must be filled out by each chapter. These forms have to do with event reporting and responsibility for having a current edition of the organization's by-laws.

Each year each chapter must send in a copy of the form for the by-laws receipt with the current year's officer's name and signature on the form.

After going over the monthly financial statement, Kay reported that our current balances are:

Checking \$9,533.99

Savings \$14,473.26

PayPal \$200.00

Membership secretary [EB]: Linda Henderson's report turned in. The current membership is at **2,056**.

Sanctioning officer [EB]: Robert



Terrill reported that *LoCo's* crab feed for January has been sanctioned but will not get a certificate until after the first of the year. (2013)

Still needs chapters to send in their proposed run/event list for 2013 immediately in order to secure the best possible rate for insurance coverage.

So far only *North Coast* and *Lower Columbia* chapters have turned in their lists.

These must be in by next week or there could be additional costs that the chapter may have to cover.

The event schedule must be filled out and on time for sanctioning. Send requests to the treasurer and they will be forwarded to him from there.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci indicated that current status of chapters is looking good.

Linda reported that a report must be made every month by every chapter. Even if there were no changes, a report must be sent in.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

The chapter reports are due in two days, on Monday.

An Oregon legislature report by Don Mason will be in the January newspaper along with a legislative pullout section.

Rot Path also reported that he is having phone connection problems but is working on fixing them.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported that *BikePAC* has decided to **not** hold a "black Monday" for the opening day at the capital. This has not got the attention that it has in the past due to so many groups and so much confusion with the media. Instead of a black Monday on opening day, *BikePAC* will have legislative days scattered throughout the session for people to meet with their legislators.

Watch for calls to action when attendance by our membership is really needed.

Also watch for hot button items from the *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, and off-road interests.

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south): "One-Eyed Bob" Nichols had nothing to

report.

Sergeant-at-arms (east):

< Position vacant >

Products director: Dave Meeker reported that community involvement is important.

He also reported that he had three write-in votes for a Gaston councilman position. He may yet win.

Education director: Geoff White stated S.T.E.A.M. will happen.

It is scheduled for February 23, 2013. Place is yet to be determined but may be at *Linn-Benton Community College (L.B.C.C.)* in Albany. That location would be more centrally located for attendees.

S.T.E.A.M. will be small but more focused. Still getting speakers. He is also working on an agenda for the break-out sessions and available classes.

Geoff reported that although he did not run for the state education position for 2013, he will support and work with whoever steps up to fill the position.

Public relations director: Robert "One-eyed Bob" Nichols reported that he has received the laptop computer from Don Mason, owner of *Diesel Boss*. He is currently working on the state-wide contact list.

Trifold display holders will be at the next board of directors meeting.

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long – Rick (*River City Chapter*) reported that he and Gene are getting the site ready for 2013.

Swap meet coordinator: John "Wheel" Betts (Absent.)

Historian: Jennifer Sterba (Excused.)

Web page editor: < Position vacant >

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba (Excused.)

BikePAC representative: Nic Oliver's report given by Don Mason in the legislative report.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols reported that the *Governor's Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.)* is sending out the same old stuff on helmets. They are now going after the federal safety funds for helmet use and motorcycle-only checkpoints. More strategy will be coming on this issue.

Federal HR-904 is being looked at closely for inclusion into the new

transportation bill.

Confederation of Clubs representative: David Hickerson (Absent.)

*** Unfinished Business ***

• **Vacant state officer nominations:**

Vice-coordinator (south)

Recording secretary

State auditor

Sergeant-at-arms (east)

Education director

Web page editor

Confederation of Clubs representative – Dave Hickerson was nominated. Acceptance from Dave is needed before vote can take place.

*** Announcements ***

- 12 January 2013 – State board of directors meeting will be at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany.
- 18 December 2012 – River City chapter christmas party, 7 p.m. at *Zims Brauhaus* in The Dalles.
- It was suggested that we watch for "white elephants" in the legislature this session. A white elephant is a project that looks good but upkeep is more than the project cost.
- Nic says to everyone in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* "merry christmas and a happy new year!" See all you next year.

*** Upcoming Events ***

- 26 January 2013 – *Lower Columbia Chapter* sponsoring a crab dinner in Clatskanie 1 – 6 p.m. in the *American Legion* hall.
- 23 February 2013 – Seminars To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.)
- 06 April 2013 – *Washington County Chapter* biker night.
- 04 May 2012 – *May Motorcycle Awareness* rallies at state capitol in Salem and throughout state at county courthouses.
- 09–12 May 2013 – *N.C.O.M.* convention in Reno, Nevada.

Adjourned at 2:27 p.m. (1427).





A.B.A.T.E. Annual Planning Session October 2012 Cottage Grove, Oregon



Don Mason makes a legislative point.



Allan Nichols listens as Randy Phipps speaks passionately while Nic Oliver tries to snort soda out his nose.



*Brian Stovall does the computer thing.
(After all, which generation originally developed computers?)*



When Al Sims speaks, others listen.



Infrequent breaks keep the creative juices flowing. (Hack, hack)



Geoff White chows down during Saturday's lunch break.



Briget finds a stress point.



Some folks arrived in style.

From yer ...



... yet again

Yer crusty ol' editor feels a bit like a kid who's next door friend has moved away. Since July 2008, the *Gunny's Sack* has been on the facing page. It seems odd to not have his wise words and news over there. Sam Hochberg, our Oregon A.I.M. attorney who sponsored *The Sack*, indicates that he's searching for another chief of staff and hopes to have a replacement column in place some time later this year. Same house, new kids, new toys, new furniture.

On page three of this issue, our state coordinator makes some very good points about what kind of politician proposes legislation that restricts motorcyclists and others.

One of the problems that elected officials have is that all the genuinely useful legislation is already in place. There are few big issues to which they can hitch their political wagon. They need to appear busy and effective to the folks who elected them, who support them, and to colleagues in their party if they want their careers to advance. So they are always looking for matters, however trivial, on which to introduce legislation to make themselves look good in the public eye.

Oh yeah, and to serve the public interest.

That's when motorcyclists suffer.

There is an older program series that illustrates the process called *Yes, Minister* that migrated into *Yes, Prime Minister*. Although it is both British and a comedy (two attributes that are *not* mutually exclusive), it has a lot of truth as to how politicians think, what motivates them, and how estranged the western political processes have become from the reality

Yes, Speaker

why talk to legislators (and how)

c.o.e. — 132

of normal peoples' lives.

Several riders on this side of the Atlantic puddle may find some of the English jargon a bit puzzling, but they can usually figure out the gist of what is being said, even if they don't understand the exact words.

If you can find either version of the series, it's definitely worth a look. For folks with computer hookups and a moderately fast web connection, you can find some episodes on *youtube* at:

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4007E473402A0A45>

Noting that the FE was sitting in his center seat, the PPC ducked into the nose wheel well to check systems, wincing at the shriek of the nearby APU turbine despite his mouse ears, while aft the ORD along with SS3 screwed CADs into sonotubes in the buoy cart, being careful not to FOD the ramp.

The sentence above would make perfect sense to anyone involved in a U.S. Navy P-3C Orion preflight for antisubmarine warfare flight operations. To others, all the acronyms could make for maximum confusion.

Like other professions, members of A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC have developed their own language shorthand, lingo, and abbreviations to speed communications among themselves. We know what they mean, but new members or folks outside the organizations may be at a loss to understand what we are talking about.

Therefore when talking or writing for others, it's necessary to shift mental gears and come at our material from the position of an outsider. Otherwise we

risk alienating the very folks we need to understand and help us.

As we Oregonians enter our main legislative session, it is absolutely vital that we communicate effectively with those elected to represent our interests. Ensure that you define your terms so that others know what you are talking about.

We actually have it easier than other professions or activities because of the "bad boy" stereotype foisted on us by Hollywood (weird).

People often secretly want to learn more about motorcycling including elected officials. Many folks experience a guilty pleasure when they learn what words like "bagger" or "ape hangers" mean. In their minds, it gives them street cred. They begin to feel more in than out, wanting to learn more. We can tap into their secret desire by sharing the meaning of motorcycling words or phrases while helping them understand our concerns and needs.

We don't *have* to be crafty when working the political process, but it sure doesn't hurt.

For whatever reason, many folks encountered at the state capitol or elsewhere have heard that *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* is "anti-helmet".

Helmets themselves are not the issue.

They represent a line in the sand where we, the motorcyclists of Oregon, have chosen to make our stand for road safety and motorist education.

Tea taxes were not the direct reason that east coast English colonies revolted against Britain in the 1770s. The issue was taxation without representation, not merely a tax on tea.



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

c.o.e.'s web site (such as it is)

<http://www.otoolevideomagic/RotPath/>

So it is with motorcycle helmets.

Our issue is not with helmets, but with a mindset that thinks mandating a piece of safety gear is all that has to be done to make the roads safer for all motorcyclists.

We respectfully disagree.

Safer roadways require the active participation of all road users and rule makers.

Riders and drivers must concentrate on the task at hand when on the road, especially in urban environments. Their attention must solely be on riding or driving, not on texting, using cell phones, reading, eating, preening, or operating electronic devices. They must exercise mature self-discipline in avoiding distractions or decreases in their ability to operate their machines.

It's called being an adult.

Elected officials must not cave in to well-funded special interests who place profit above we-the-people's welfare. Legislators need to pass bills eliminating roadside distractions to riding and driving such as sign-twirlers, flashing lights of signs, or anything else that pulls motorist's attention away from the road. Legislators also need to fund enforcement and education for existing rules that attempt to make the roads safer. (Such as not using a cell phone while driving.)

Legislators need to know what they are doing when they endorse legislative issues that affect motorcyclists. We are their source of information because we are the subject matter experts. We need to contact them and let them know that we are available if they have questions about motorcycle issues. We want them turning to us rather than special interest groups. That's why it's so important to find out who represents you at the state capitol and begin talking with them.

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JANUARY Cryptogram

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-- HFWTDF KTPMH

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for 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.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere ... like sideways on page 29)

By the way, "NATHIGSABO" on the front cover is a shortened version of NATIONAL HIGHWAY SAFETY BOARD.

Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



Annual Crab Dinner

Fund Raiser

January 26th 2013 1:00 – 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall
 \$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door
 Call Eva @ 503-308-2061 for tickets, sales end Jan. 24th, 2013
 A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well



Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, coleslaw or green salad, French bread, and soft drink or coffee.
 Menu may have substitutions due to availability.

Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon Inc. Proceeds go to Lower Columbia Chapter of ABATE & College Scholarship fund
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

S. T. E. A. M.
 (Seminars To Educate/Enthuse And Motivate)

Saturday
23 February 2013
 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Linn-Benton Community College in Albany
 or
Chemeketa Community College in Salem
 (location is still being determined)

- Open to all A.B.A.T.E. members
- Meet folks from all over the state
- Motorcycle Awareness Program training
- Legislative information
- Mandatory fun for chapter treasurers

See you there !
 (By the way, there's no charge for attending)

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A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

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MARCH 2, 2013

Saturday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Set up 6:00 pm - Friday

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A Variety of Items for Sale! Bring what you would like to get rid of and
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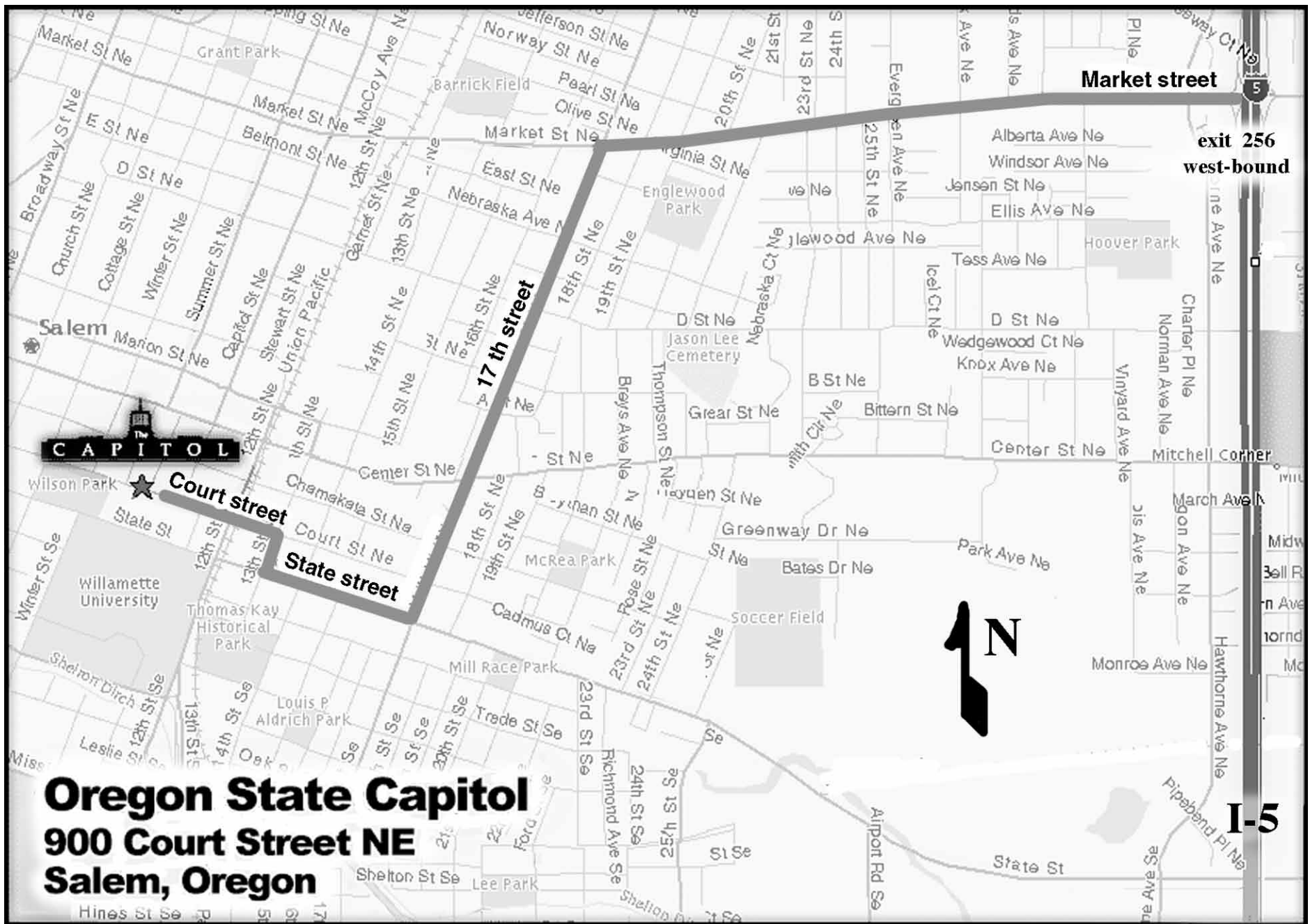


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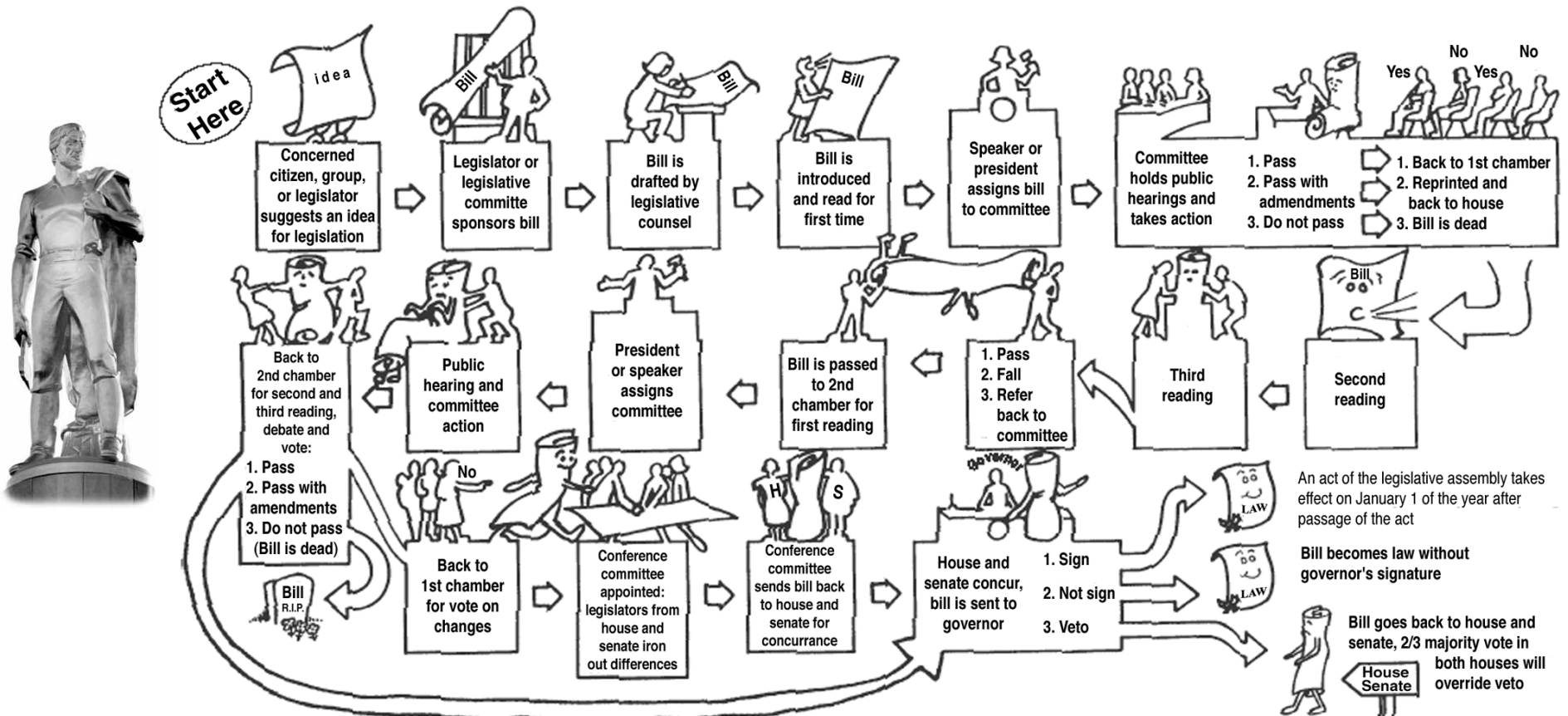
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Central Oregon	2nd Sunday – 2 p.m.	Izzy's Pizza	Redmond
Douglas County	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	The Zen	Roseburg
Hub City	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	Ciddici's Pizza I	Albany
Jackson County	3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.	American Legion	Medford
Josephine County	3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.	Fruitdale grange	Grant's Pass
Lincoln County	1st and 3rd Tuesdays – 7 p.m.	American Legion	Newport
Lower Columbia	1st Sunday – 7 p.m.	Colvin's Pub	Clatskanie
North Coast	3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.	Moose lodge	Astoria
River City	1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Shiloh Inn	The Dalles
Salem	1st Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Hitching Post	Salem
Southeast Portland	1st and 3rd Sunday – noon	M&M Restaurant	Gresham
Washington County	2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.	Grape Vine	Portland

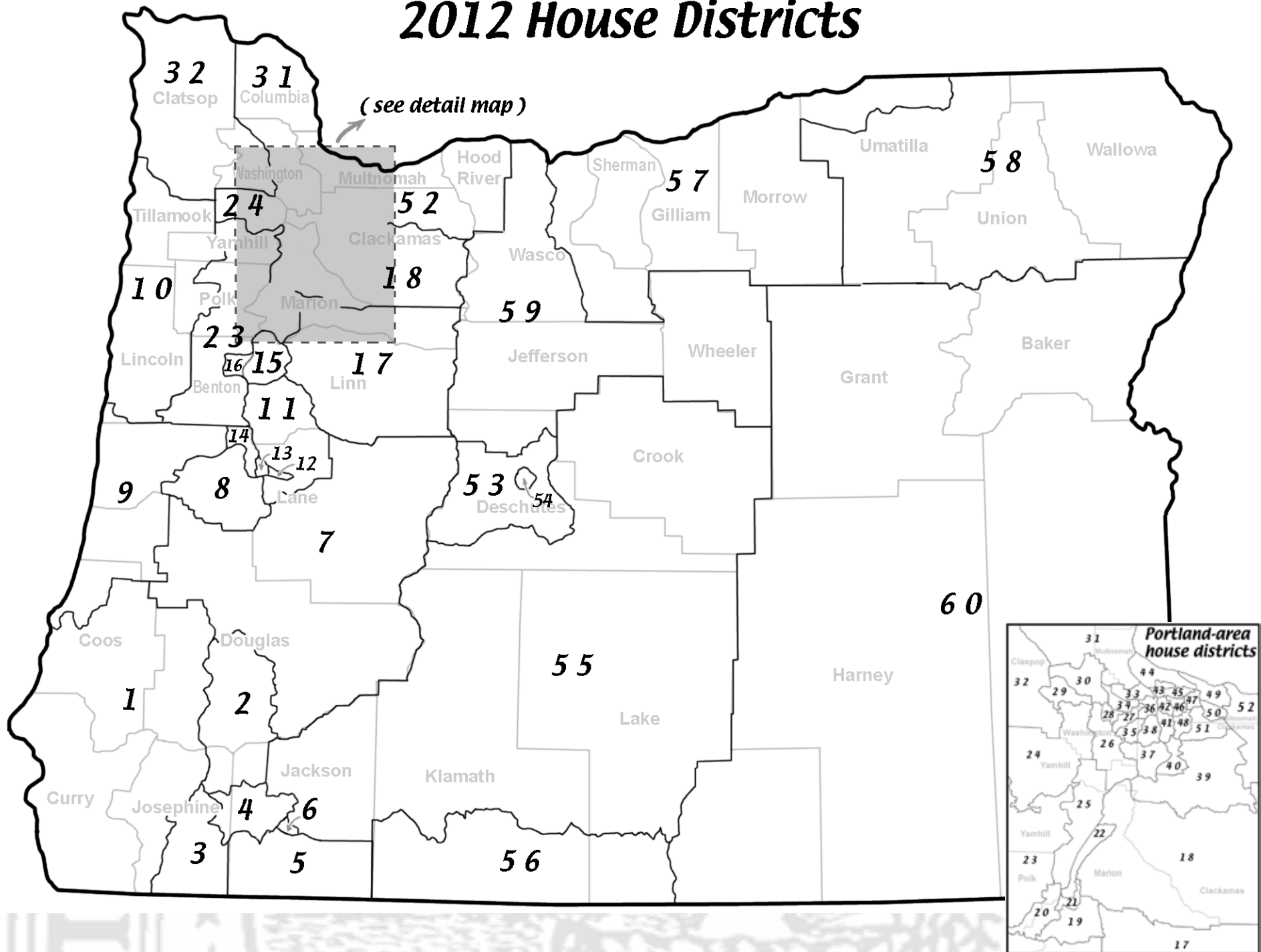


How An Idea Becomes Law

A Simple View of the Oregon Legislative Process



2012 House Districts



House
Dist. | Name (party) | Status

1	Wayne Krieger (R)	S
2	Tim Freeman (R)	S
3	Wally Hicks (R)	S
4	Dennis Richardson (R)	S
5	Peter Buckley (D)	O
6	Sal Esquivel (R)	S
7	Bruce Hanna (R)	S
8	Paul Holvey (D)	O
9	Caddy McKeown (D)	U
10	David Gomberg (D)	U
11	Phil Barnhart (D)	O
12	John Lively (D)	U
13	Nancy Nathanson (D)	O
14	Val Hoyle (D)	U
15	Andy Olson (R)	S
16	Sara Gelser (D)	U
17	Sherrie Sprenger (R)	S
18	Vic Gilliam (R)	S
19	Kevin Cameron (R)	U
20	Vicki Berger (R)	S
21	Brian Clem (D)	S
22	Betty Komp (D)	O

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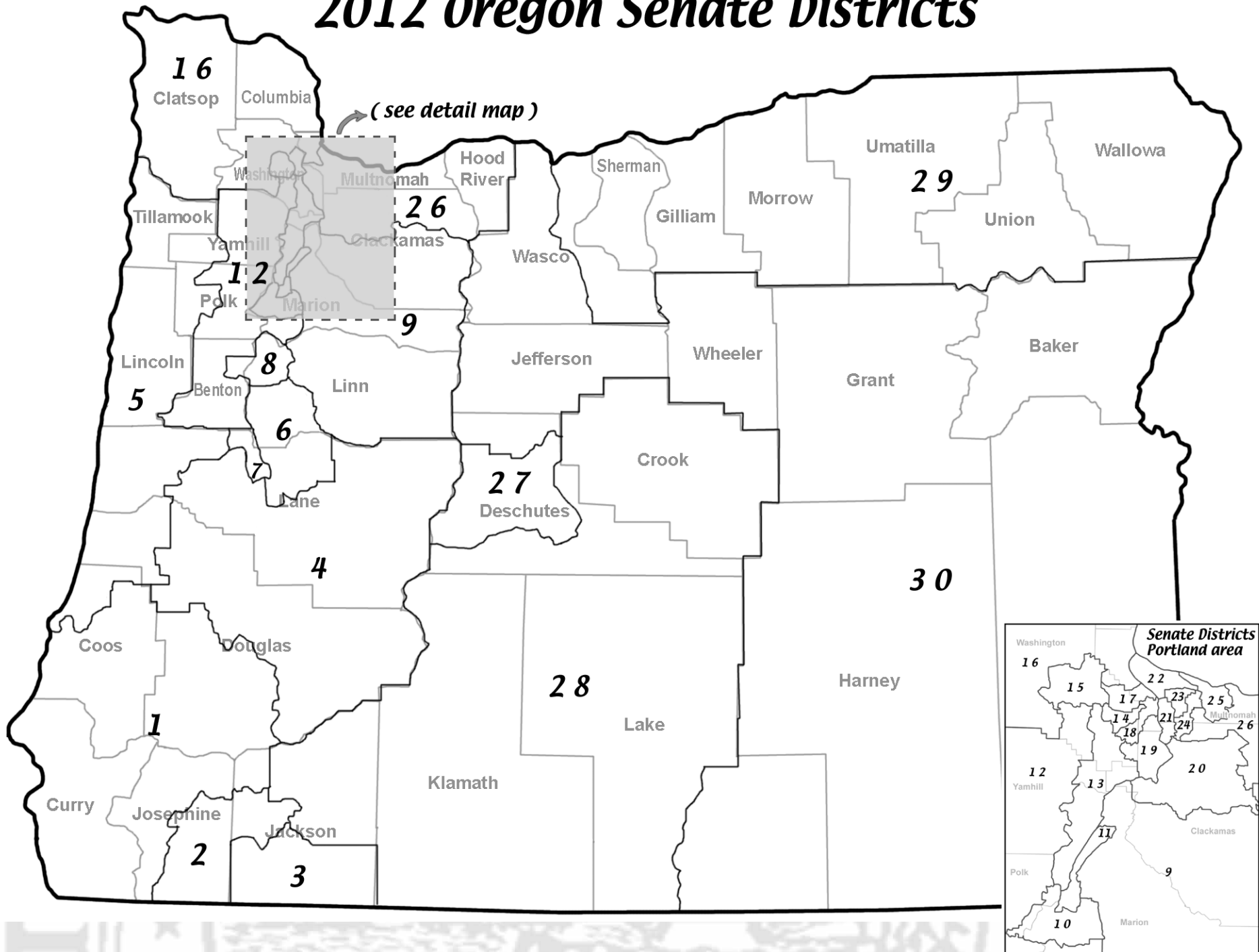
23	Jim Thompson (R)	S
24	Jim Weidner (R)	S
25	Kim Thatcher (R)	S
26	John Davis (R)	U
27	Tobias Read (D)	O
28	Jeff Barker (D)	U
29	Ben Unger (D)	O
30	Joe Gallegos (D)	U
31	Brad Witt (D)	O
32	Deborah Boone (D)	O
33	Mitch Greenlick (D)	O
34	Chris Harker (D)	U
35	Margaret Doherty (D)	O
36	Jennifer Williamson (D)	U
37	Julie Parrish (R)	S
38	Chris Garrett (D)	U
39	Bill Kennemer (R)	U
40	Brent Barton (D)	U
41	Carolyn Tomei (D)	O
42	Jules Kopel Bailey (D)	S
43	Lew Frederick (D)	O
44	Tina Kotek (D)	O

House
Dist. | Name (party) | Status

45	Michael Dembrow (D)	O
46	Alissa Keny-Guyer (D)	U
47	Jessica Vega Pederson(D)	S
48	Jeff Reardon (D)	U
49	Chris Gorsek (D)	U
50	Greg Matthews (D)	S
51	Shemia Fagan (D)	U
52	Mark Johnson (R)	U
53	Greg Whisnant (R)	S
54	Jason Conger (R)	U
55	Mike McLane (R)	U
56	Gail Whitsett (R)	U
57	Greg Smith (R)	U
58	Bob Jenson (R)	O
59	John Huffman (R)	S
60	Cliff Bentz (R)	U

S = supporter
O = opposes
U = undetermined

2012 Oregon Senate Districts

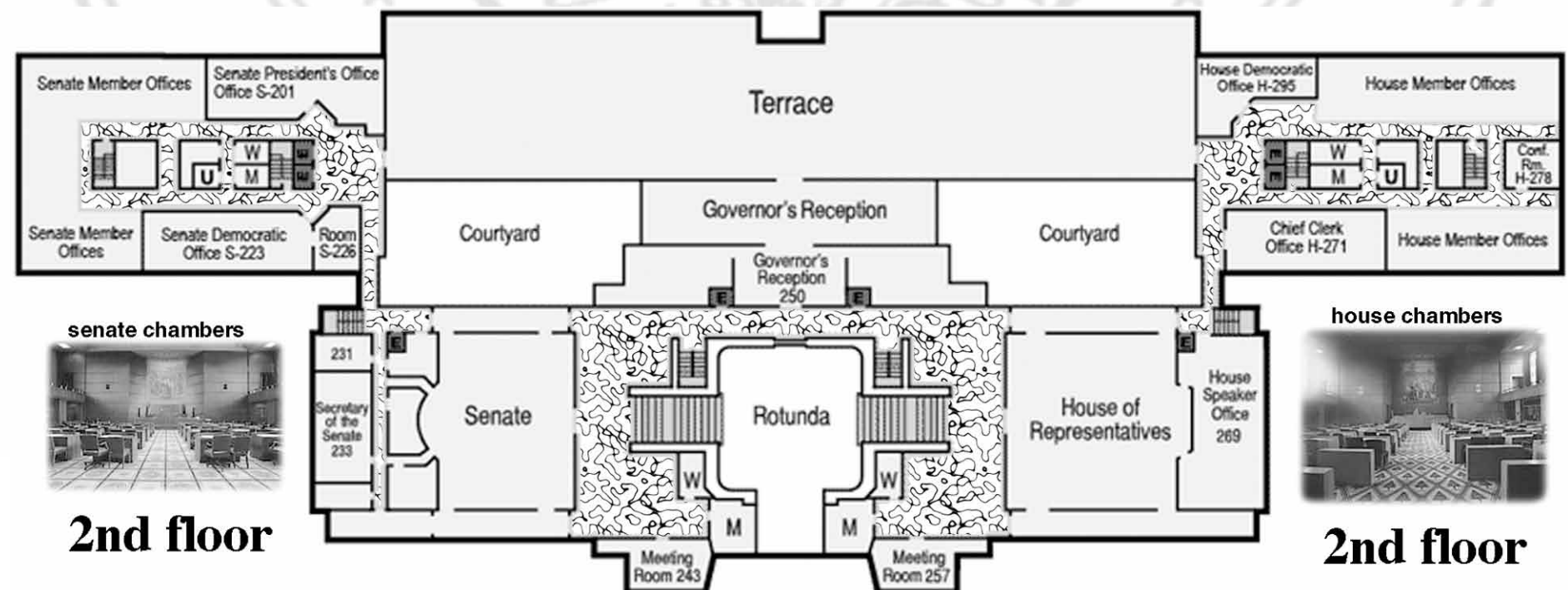
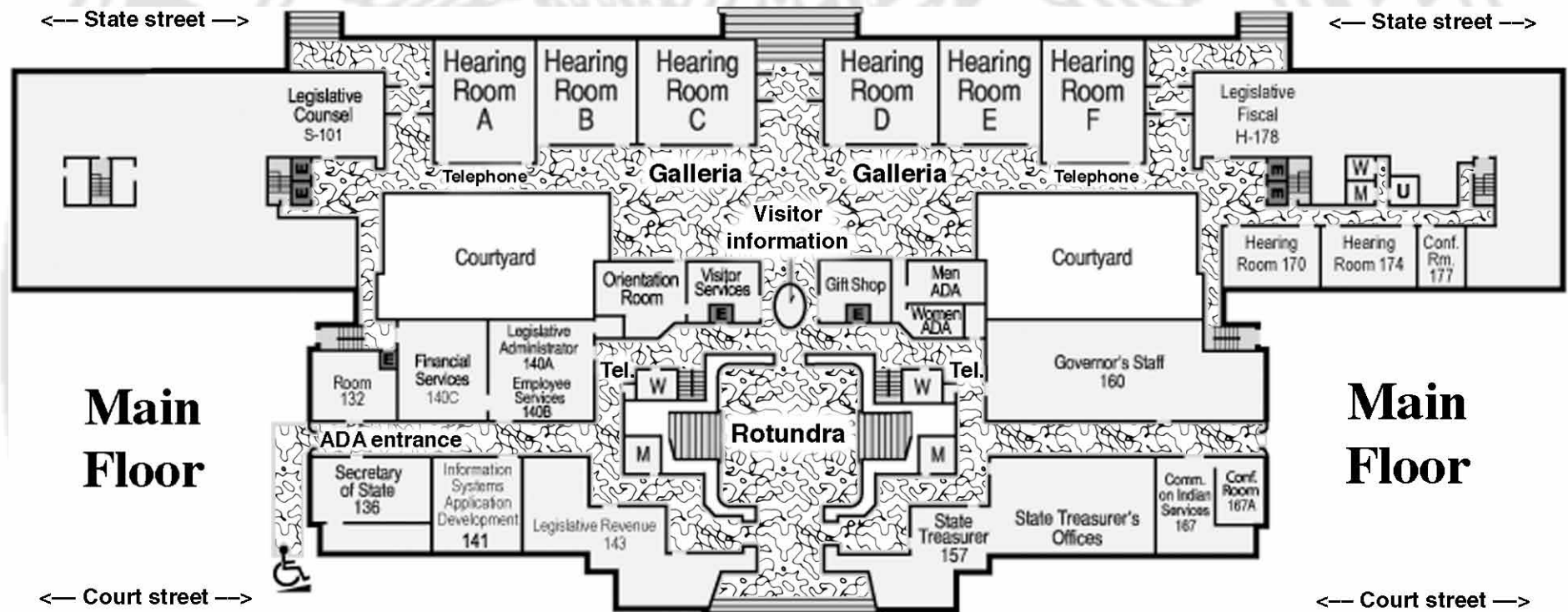
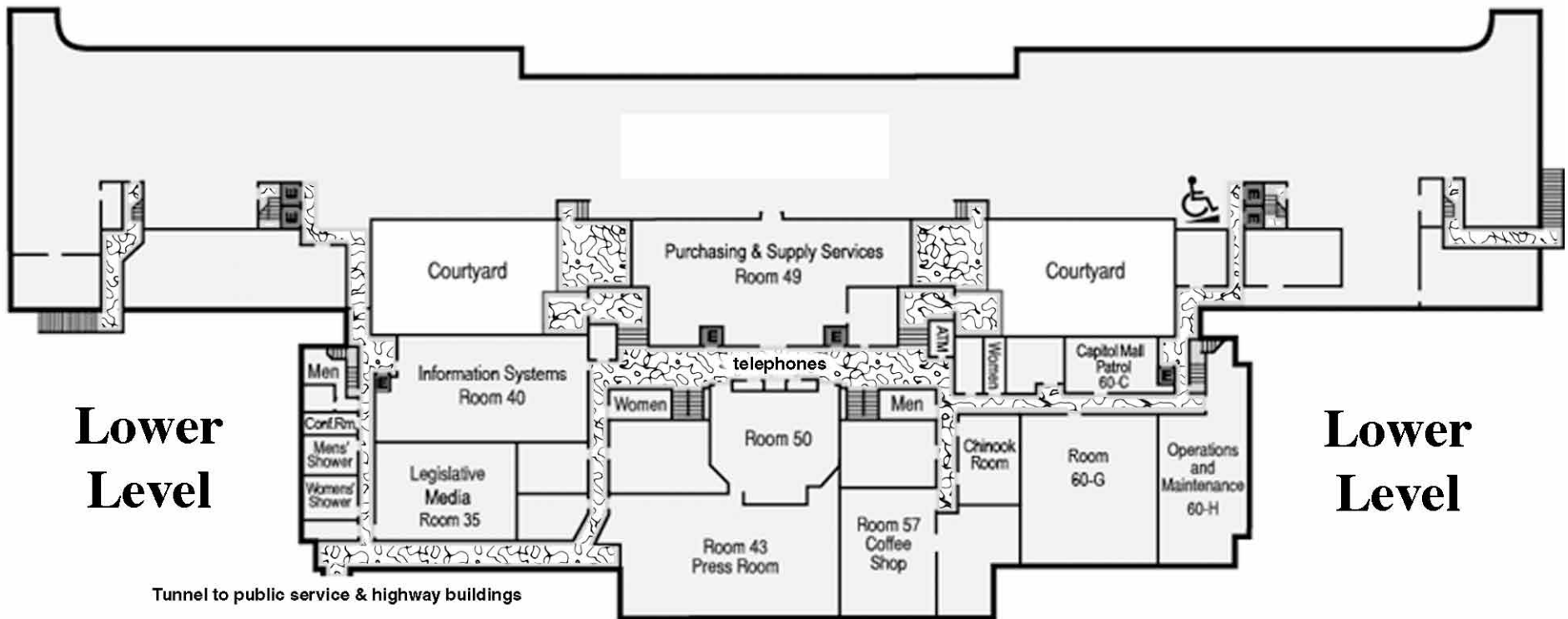


Senate Dist.	Name (party)	Status
1	Jeff Kruse (R)	S
2	Herman Baertschiger (R)	S
3	Alan Bates (D)	O
4	Floyd Prozanski (D)	O
5	Arnie Roblan (D)	S
6	Lee Beyer (D)	O
7	Chris Edwards (D)	U
8	Betsy Close (R)	U
9	Fred Girod (R)	S
10	Jackie Winters (R)	U
11	Peter Courtney (D)	O
12	Brian Boquist	S
13	Larry George (R)	O
14	Mark Hass (D)	O
15	Bruce Starr (R)	S

Senate Dist.	Name (party)	Status
16	Betsy Johnson (D)	S
17	Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (D)	U
18	Ginny Burdick (D)	O
19	Richard Devlin (D)	O
20	Alan Olsen (R)	U
21	Diane Rosenbaum (D)	O
22	Chip Shields (D)	O
23	Jackie Dingfelder (D)	O
24	Rod Monroe (D)	U
25	Laurie Monnes Anderson (D)	U
26	Chuck Thomsen (R)	U
27	Tim Knopp (R)	S
28	Doug Whitsett (R)	S
29	Bill Hansell (R)	U
30	Ted Ferrioli	S

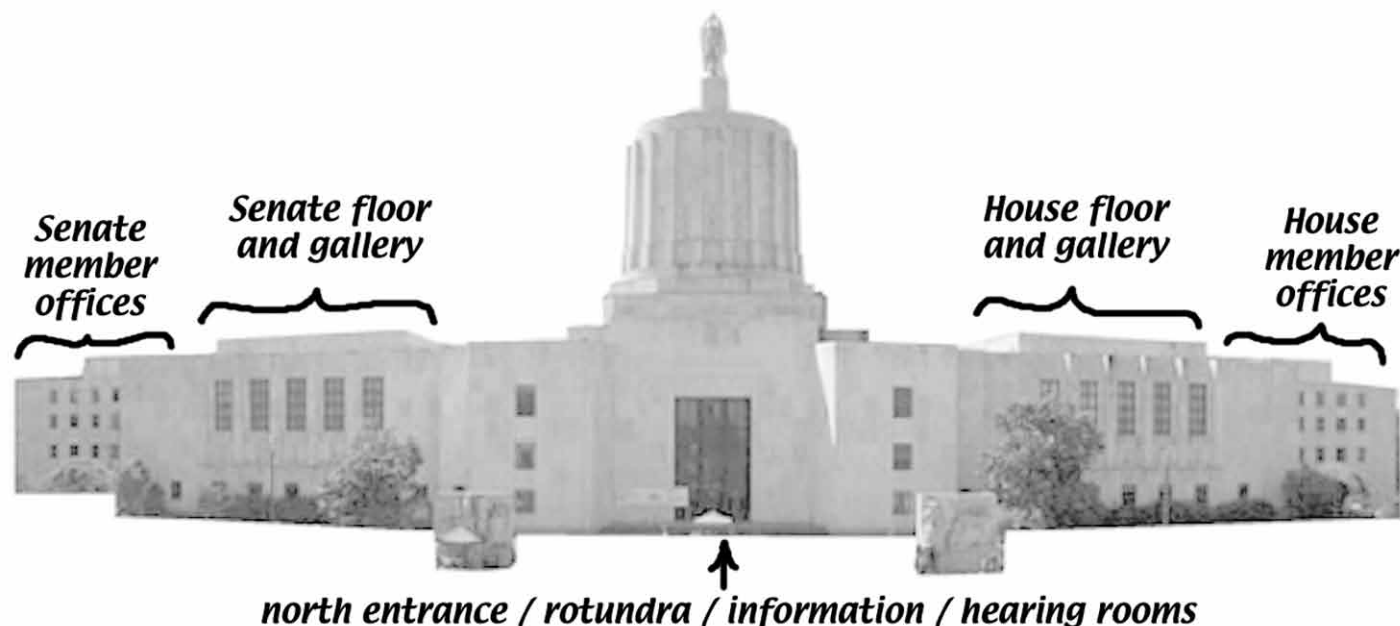
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Oregon Capitol Layout



A BikePAC Guide To Our State Capitol

part – 1



Know your district numbers and the last names of your two legislators.

You have one senator and one representative.

Try to make it a point commit these to memory and encourage the mention of your district at your meetings periodically. Knowing this seemingly small detail, you will be surprised how often you will start to recognize those names occasionally on the news, in the paper, or at a meeting.

Even if you never visit them, know who represents *you* in Salem.

It is easy to find out this information with a computer.

Go to:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us>

and click on “Find your legislator”.

Or click the “Legislative” section of the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site at:

<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

The state capital building is located at 900 Court street NE in Salem.

The capital building itself is fairly logical in its layout. However it can get disorientating at times inside.

The easiest way to think about it is to take it one side at a time.

For instance, perhaps you are going to sit in the gallery and watch the house floor in session and then visit your representative afterward. You are actually never even going to go near the entire senate (eastern) side of the building at all in this example.

Looking at the picture above, you

are going in and then upstairs and to the right (west) to a site overlooking the house floor. Then to meet with your representative when the floor adjourns, you will continue to the right (west) to their offices.

Your representative could be on the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th floor once you get into the office area.

Their “capitol address” office number will make that easy to figure out.

Example: representative Olson from Albany is going to be on the 4th floor of the west side offices in the picture above because his office is “H-478.” There is an information board outside of the elevator at every floor to confirm who is on that floor.

The same principles apply on the senate side.

What’s next:

The 2013 legislative session begins on February 4th. It will run through June or July depending on the pace and the workload.

BikePAC and *A.B.A.T.E.* will have a presence in the capitol as much as possible any time that an issue arises affecting motorcyclists this session.

However, *your* help is needed.

If you are a legislative officer in your chapter or organization, it is incumbent upon you to be aware of the current timelines and issues affecting riders, particularly while the legislature is in session. That information is currently being disseminated at the *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* state board meetings, web sites, and social media. (e.g. *Facebook* pages, etc.) However, we

are finalizing changes to *BikePAC*’s site now that will soon make it easier and timelier for you.

If you are not currently active legislatively and want to be, please see your chapter legislative officer and/or attend upcoming legislative meetings. We are also going to provide a way for you to receive e-mail and social media alerts.

In Part 2 next month:

Bill strategy, communication structures, and what specific issues are on the table in Salem for 2013.

– Don Mason
legislative director
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



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MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

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Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:

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I am in state representative district _____

BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

BikePAC of Oregon promotes the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy



News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Representative Giffords Shooter Sentenced To Life

The gunman who seriously injured former U.S. representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) was sentenced to life in prison on November 8.

The gunman, Jared Lee Loughner, 24, pleaded guilty to federal charges in the attack on Giffords and others at a political gathering in Arizona in January 2011. Six people died in the attack, and Giffords and others were wounded.

This year, the *A.M.A.* bestowed on Giffords its *A.M.A. Bessie Stringfield Award* that recognizes those who have introduced motorcycling to new markets. It's named after *A.M.A.* motorcycle hall of famer Bessie Stringfield, a pioneering African-American motorcyclist who traversed the country in the 1930s-40s, breaking gender and racial barriers.

Until her retirement, Giffords was co-chair of the congressional motorcycle caucus. As a rider for more than twenty years, and as a member of the U.S. house and the caucus, she worked with the *A.M.A.* on a number of issues to protect and promote motorcycling.

Arguably, Giffords is the most visible woman motorcyclist ever elected on the national level, and her embrace of motorcycling has encouraged many other women to take up riding.

Dump truck driver gets 26 years for motorcyclists' deaths

An Arizona dump truck driver who killed four motorcyclists and injured five others has been sentenced to 26 years in prison.

Michael Jakscht received the sentence on November 16 after being convicted of several counts in a crash at a Phoenix stoplight in 2010.

Following a trial this summer, he was found guilty of four counts of manslaughter, five counts of aggravated assault and four counts of endangerment.

Jakscht was tried on charges related to a March 25, 2010 crash in which

he allegedly was under the influence of methamphetamine when he plowed into a group of motorcyclists stopped at a traffic signal.

Europe Mandating Anti-lock Brakes On Motorcycles

The European Parliament has approved a proposal to require anti-lock braking (A.B.S.) systems on all new motorcycles and trikes with engines larger than 125 cc beginning in 2016.

The measure was adopted on November 20 by a 643-to-16 vote with 18 abstentions, in Brussels, Belgium. It still needs to be adopted by each member nation of the European Union. But it's expected to be approved.

And that means that A.B.S. will probably be on virtually all motorcycles sold in the United States in the not-too-distant future.

The *A.M.A.* doesn't oppose A.B.S., but has always maintained that A.B.S. should be a rider's choice, must be affordable, and riders must be able to switch A.B.S. on and off on dual-sport machines.

The European Parliament's vote is a concern because of something called "global harmonization", which is a term for the process by which vehicles of all types, including motorcycles, are likely to be built to uniform standards worldwide, says Imre Szauter, *A.M.A.* government affairs manager.

Harmonization has advantages for manufacturers, who would be able to make just one version of a bike and sell it in every market. But it also has the potential to make vehicle standards passed in other parts of the world like the European Union the *de facto* law of the land here in the United States.

In 1998, representatives to the United Nations agreed to standardize vehicle technical regulations worldwide, including those covering motorcycle brakes.

On August 24, 2012, the U.S. transportation department issued

its final rule on motorcycle brake systems safety standards, in part, "to harmonize with a global technical regulation (G.T.R.) for motorcycle brakes."

"The GTR was developed under the United Nations 1998 global agreement with the U.S. as an active participant, and it was derived from various motorcycle braking regulations from around the world, including the U.S. motorcycle brake systems standard," the final rule said.

While that final rule is very technical and really doesn't impact motorcyclists, it shows how the global harmonization process works, and it shows how decisions made in Europe could impact riders in the United States.

But U.S. officials don't need to wait for a global technical standard requiring A.B.S. systems on new bikes to mandate it. They could simply make a rule, and that's what the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (I.I.H.S.)* wants them to do.

The institute has said it's "seeking a federal requirement that manufacturers equip all new motorcycles with this technology" and "N.H.T.S.A. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) has what it needs [in terms of research] to move forward with a regulation."

While *N.H.T.S.A.* so far hasn't indicated it is moving in that direction, the European Parliament vote may cause the U.S. agency to reconsider.

Another way that mandatory A.B.S. could find its way on bikes in the United States is if bike makers simply decide to equip all machines with A.B.S..

B.M.W. Motorrad U.S.A. started making A.B.S. standard equipment on all its bikes beginning with the 2012 model year.

"The bottom line is that we can expect a big push in future years for all new motorcycles sold in the United States to be equipped with A.B.S.," Szauter says. "Whether that push is at the U.N. level, the U.S. government

level, or even the manufacturers' level, the *A.M.A.* will be there making sure that the concerns of American motorcyclists are heard."

2013 A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days: July 19-21

Pickerington, Ohio -- The American Motorcyclist Association is pleased to announce the 2013 dates for the country's premier annual celebration of vintage motorcycling. *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* will take place on July 19-21 at the world-class *Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course* in Lexington, Ohio.

"*A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* is a yearly must-do for motorcyclists from the Midwest and beyond, so we wanted to get the 2013 date out with plenty of time for riders to make plans," said *A.M.A.* president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman. "*A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* is unique in the world of motorcycling in that all makes and models of vintage bikes, and all riders, are celebrated in a three-day event that brings out the best of motorcycling. I hope to see you there."

Added *Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course* president Craig Rust: "This event has such a rich history, and over the years it has become a fan favorite. No other event on our schedule transforms the facility or uses the grounds like *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days*. It truly is a unique event!"

A fundraiser for the *A.M.A.* motorcycle hall of fame, *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* features classic motorcycles of all makes and styles, and honors the riders who made them famous. Activities include

- *A.M.A.* racing vintage grand championships (which feature road racing, motocross, hare scrambles, trials, and dirt-track)
- North America's largest motorcycle swap meet
- Bike shows and awards
- Stunt shows
- Demo rides of current production

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation



Another Federal Government Agency Gets it Wrong . . . Again

The U.S. *Government Accountability Office (G.A.O.)* recently issued a report on the motorcycle safety grants known as the section 2010 motorcycle safety grant program. The program has been wildly successful at infusing much needed financial resources directly into the motorcycle safety community.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* was instrumental in getting the grant program set up and running.

Currently the money, over \$45 million over the past six years, can only be used for educational purposes. Those can be anything from paying instructors, buying new training bikes and equipment, to public education efforts such as “*Look Twice*” campaigns.

What the *G.A.O.* is suggesting is that congress change the language so that the moneys can be used for other purposes, such as helmet use campaigns.

The *M.R.F.* does not agree with this.

The original intent of congress with the grant program was to reduce fatalities through crash avoidance techniques, not through safer crashing, as the *G.A.O.* believes we should.

The *G.A.O.* estimates are just that, a guess. The fact is that the *G.A.O.* did not really do any new studies or research. They simply recycled the same tired talking points that are used by any number of government or quasi-government groups.

This isn't the first time motorcyclists have been painted in a bad light, calling us a social burden on America's health care system. The *M.R.F.* disagrees with that.

Critics and the uninformed believe that motorcyclists, helmeted or not, account for a super majority of health care costs, from trauma room to long-term care. The problem is that's just not true. There are not a lot of studies on social burden, but more than enough to soundly and logically deflate the social burden myth around motorcyclists.

The *Journal of American Medicine,*

one of the most respected of all medical publications, published the findings of a 1988 study on the subject of the public costs of motorcycle related injury at a specific Seattle, Washington hospital. The results clearly showed that of all costs to sort out a motorcycle injured patient, 63.4% of the bill was paid out with taxpayer dollars. That's an astoundingly high cost, no question, but what the study goes on to say is that the public cost of any injury at that same Seattle treatment center was 67%. (3.6% higher.)

Statistical dead heat.

There is also a little more to that story because the public cost of health care is about 45% currently, and was significantly less than that in the mid-eighties when the study was conducted. The facility used for the study was Harborview, a division of the *University of Washington,* and one of the largest and state-of-the-art facilities in the Seattle region. Because of that, the facility sees most of the worst-case scenarios routinely.

A similar study done by the

University of North Carolina also found that there was no statistical difference in public cost to treat motorcycle-related injury over any other type of injury.

It's also important to keep things in perspective.

Last year the public share of motorcycle related injuries were 0.001% of the entire public health care cost.

The *M.R.F.* will keep you updated on this issue.


[**c.o.e. note:** *The news release above is in reference to an article by Joan Lowy of the Associated Press that appeared in newspapers on 29 November 2012. Her article was based on a Government Accounting Office (G.A.O.) report that referenced the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (N.H.T.S.A.) A web search using "Associated Press"+"Joan Lowly" will reveal that she specializes in "doom and gloom" types of articles.*]

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The *M.R.F.* is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *The M.R.F. Reports*.

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A.M.A. news (continued from previous page)

bikes
• Seminars on a number of topics by noted motorcycling experts.
Tickets went on sale to the general public December 3 and are available from:

<http://www.midohio.com>

Advance ticket prices are \$45 for a weekend pass, and \$25 for a single-day pass. The event is family-friendly, and children 12 and under

get in free with paying, supervising adults.

A.M.A. members who buy tickets directly from the *A.M.A.* before May 28 receive an exclusive price discount. *A.M.A.* members can call **(800)-AMA-JOIN** to purchase a weekend pass for \$35 (a \$10 savings off the regular advance rate) and a one-day pass for \$20 (a \$5 savings off the regular advance rate)

Additionally, there is no service charge for *A.M.A.* members when purchasing through the *A.M.A.*

All proceeds from *A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days* benefit the *A.M.A.* motorcycle hall of fame. The goal of the hall of fame, located on the *A.M.A.* campus in Pickerington, Ohio is to tell the stories and preserve the history of motorcycling's legends and heroes. For more information,

call **(614)-856-2222**, or visit the hall of fame's web site at:

<http://www.motorcyclemuseum.org>



What Does *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* Have Planned For 2013 ?



year around (nearly) State Board Meetings Albany, Oregon



February - S.T.E.A.M.



Spring Swap Meet



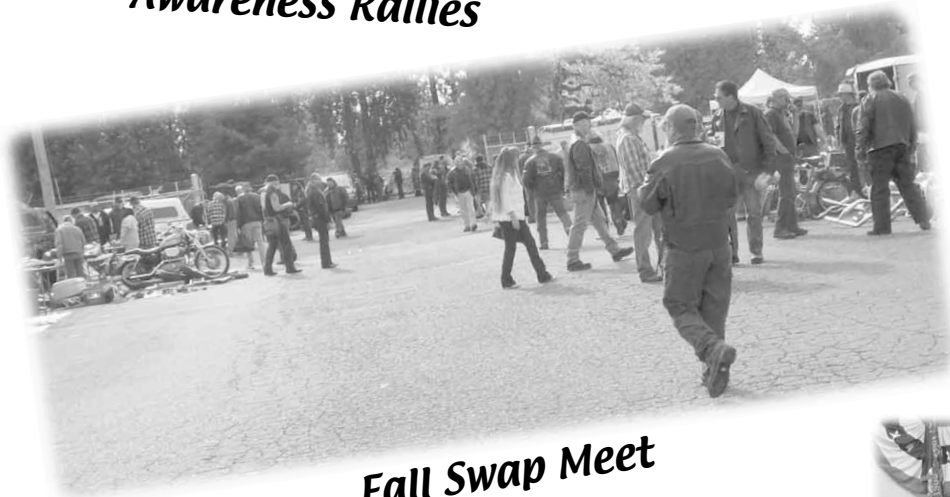
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Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

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

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

Civil No. 96-957 JE
DECLARATORY
JUDGEMENT

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

Arizona To Eliminate Annual Motorcycle Emissions Testing

Maricopa county is the only place in the United States that requires emissions testing for motorcycles. But it won't be for much longer according to a recent report from *M.M.A. of Arizona* lobbyist Bobbi Hartmann, who is also a member of the N.C.O.M.-legislative task force, "The E.P.A. is about to approve the A.D.E.Q.'s state implementation plan (S.I.P.), requesting the elimination of emissions on motorcycles in Maricopa county." You can read into it the emotion and thrill of success after ten years of effort to eliminate the last motorcycle emissions test in the U.S.

After the *Kentucky Motorcycle Association* (K.M.A./K.B.A.) successfully removed motorcycles from their state's emissions testing several years ago, Arizona was the lone state to still require it, but testing was limited to only Maricopa county (Phoenix) after motorcyclists successfully lobbied to end emission tests for motorcycles in Pima county (Tucson).

Hartmann reports that she recently received a call from the *Arizona Department of Environmental Quality* (A.D.E.Q.), stating that although they had been expecting a "disapproval notice" from the E.P.A. due to revised ozone levels at the federal level, their D.C. headquarters issued a reversal of opinion and approved their request for elimination of yearly motorcycle emissions in Maricopa/Pinal county.

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

(Area "A".)

"A.D.E.Q. expects the proposed E.P.A. action to be signed this week and published in the Federal Register within two weeks," explained Hartmann. "That starts the approximately thirty day public comment and E.P.A. response to public comment period. Once that is complete, the E.P.A. will sign the final action and then have two weeks to publish that in the Federal Register. The entire process should be final and effective sixty days from that time frame, so the elimination of yearly emissions on motorcycles in area 'A' should be effective by the end of first quarter of 2013 or before. It seems that all of our efforts from 2002 until now, have finally paid off."

Congratulations to the motorcyclists' lobbying team representing a coalition led by *A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona*, the *Modified Motorcycle Association* (M.M.A.) of Arizona, and the *Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs* (A.C.M.C.).

Now Hear This!

A flurry of scientific and medical studies lately have identified an inordinate amount of hearing loss in motorcyclists, due not to "loud pipes" but rather to air rushing past our ears at deafening intensities at highway speeds.

After accelerating, most of the sound that a rider hears isn't engine noise, it is wind noise. Audiologists admit that even helmets do not provide much protection against hearing loss caused by wind buffeting in and around a helmet.

Indeed, acoustical engineers say that audible wind noise inside a helmet can reach rock-concert levels as high as 115 decibels. The *National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health* warns that exposure to noise at 100 decibels is safe for only fifteen minutes and permanent hearing loss can result from prolonged exposure. Motorcycle riders in particular should pay attention to the warning



signs: a ringing/pure tone sound in the ears immediately after exposure, and hearing voices and other sounds as muffled.

Noise-induced hearing loss isn't reversible, but it is preventable. While even the most expensive helmet won't provide significant protection against noise, an inexpensive pair of foam earplugs, readily available at drug stores, can reduce sound levels by 20 to 25 decibels.

However, this simple solution may also be illegal.

Even though riders have come to recognize that noise can be a serious health issue, many U.S. jurisdictions prohibit the use of earplugs, and one long road trip could take a rider through numerous changes in state and local regulations.

Just ask *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (A.I.M.) attorney Ralph C. Buss whose client, a truck driver from Michigan, was pulled over while riding his motorcycle in Ohio and given a ticket for wearing protective ear plugs.

The rider contacted *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio* seeking assistance, and while *A.B.A.T.E.* looks into modifying the existing regulations to make allowances for motorcyclists to wear ear protection, they referred the motorcyclist to attorney Buss regarding the citation, which is a moving violation that in addition to a fine carries a two point penalty that could put his C.D.L. and livelihood in jeopardy if he's found guilty.

Although some states like California have changed their regulations to allow riders to use hearing protectors (Maryland allows custom-made earplugs only) most passed such regulations years ago to thwart the use of stereo headphones while driving. The codes do not distinguish between earphones and earplugs, one being used for audio equipment and the other used for hearing protection.

Without a case ruling to establish legislative intent, obsolete regulations like Ohio's need to be rectified, which according to Buss "is exactly why motorcyclists need organizations like A.B.A.T.E. to not only watchdog

the legislature, working to pass pro-motorcycle laws and prevent anti-bike bills from passing, but also to clean up old regulations that need to take into consideration both motorcycles and motorcyclists."

Georgia Rides Toll Free

H.O.T. lanes are replacing the H.O.V. lanes on some interstates in Georgia starting with I-85, and will require a toll for their use by all vehicles except those which are exempt.

Fortunately, just as motorcycles are able to use the existing H.O.V. high occupancy lanes, they will be also permitted in the H.O.T. lanes toll-free as exempt vehicles, but will need a *Peach Pass* device.

Peach Pass devices are available from Georgia's state road and tollway authority at **1-(8550)-PCH-PASS** (724-7277), or you can find more information at <http://www.peachpass.com>

California Restricts Picketing At Funerals

California governor Jerry Brown has signed legislation restricting protests at military and other funerals.

Senate bill 661, by senator Ted Lieu (D-Torrance) prohibits picketing a funeral within 300 feet of a burial or memorial site beginning one hour before a funeral and ending one hour after, having been amended to comply with a 2011 supreme court decision regarding protests of military funerals by members of the Westboro baptist church, known for its anti-semitic and anti-gay views.

"Since time immemorial, society has respected the dignity and sacredness of putting the dead to rest," Lieu said in a prepared statement. "This bill recognizes the sanctity of funerals by placing reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on disruptive protesters."

Could Your Next Bike Talk...To Cars?

Could your future *Honda* motorcycle converse with the car coming out of the side street up ahead to alert the driver that you're approaching?

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N.C.O.M. NEWS (continued)

Only if they are each fitted with technology that can communicate with similarly-equipped vehicles to keep each other out of harm's way, according to the picture *Honda* painted at the *19th World Intelligent Transportation Systems (I.T.S.)* congress, held in Vienna in October.

The "motorcycle approaching indication" application is a connectivity system that warns both driver and rider when it detects that there is an obscured vehicle potentially approaching their direction of travel. *Honda* first proposed such a system in 1999, and demonstrated a version in 2008 on a *Gold Wing*. It has since refined *I.T.S.* for more compact bikes. Warning systems for the two most common types of car-bike collisions, T-boning or being cut off by a car turning left, have been demonstrated successfully.

I.T.S. could potentially also communicate with roadside infrastructure, warning of hazards in the road.

Don't Smile For The Camera

New Jersey residents may not have much to smile about in the aftermath of superstorm *Sandy*, but that'll make it easier to comply with the New Jersey motor vehicle commission's ban on smiling for driver's license photos.

That's because, according to the *National Motorists Association (N.M.A.)*, drivers showing off their pearly whites apparently confuses the new facial recognition software New Jersey launched earlier this year. The stated aim of the system is to prevent people from acquiring driver's licenses under alternate identities by comparing photographs in the database.

New Jersey is not alone in its integration of facial recognition into the driver's licensing process. According to the *American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators*, most states use some form of driver's license facial recognition.

Welcome to the world of biometrics, the use of unique physical or behavioral characteristics to verify an individual's identity. As surveillance cameras become ubiquitous and capable of recording

finer detail, tracking of individuals (whether they're in their cars, or not) will become easier and easier.

In the wake of 9/11, policy makers called for stronger national standards to verify the identity of driver's license applicants. This led to the *Real ID Act* of 2005 which established requirements for a national identification system based on the driver's license. Among the eighteen benchmarks the states must comply with is the implementation of facial recognition.

Despite being enacted seven years ago, *Real ID* has not been fully implemented. Many states, citing a range of privacy and budget concerns, have rejected the act through statute or legislative resolution, or have simply refused to comply.

Weird News

Bike Thieves Crash Into One Another

Two heads aren't always better than one, as two bike thieves have landed up in the hospital after crashing their stolen motorcycles . . . into each other.

The bungling bikers collided and crashed on a roundabout in Sussex, England after the two stolen bikes were seen being ridden at high speed together shortly before the collision.

Quotable Quote

"The price of freedom of religion or of speech or of the press is that we must put up with, and even pay for, a good deal of rubbish."

-- Robert H. Jackson
(1892-1954)
U.S. supreme court justice

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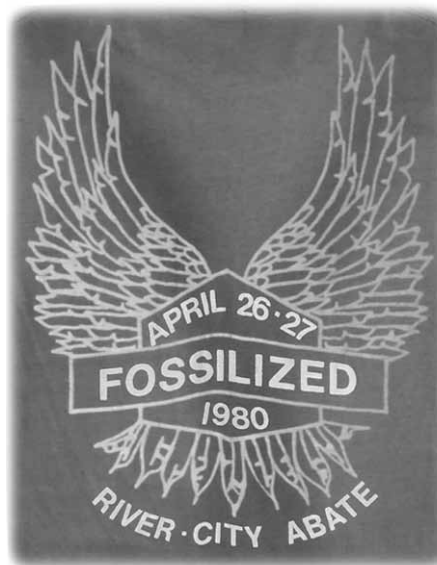
The Shirt Off Of Someone's Back

Hey Rot,

Roger asked me to send you photos of these t-shirts.

The black t-shirt is one Roger put together in 1988 or 1989 which represents the concern over the loss of some of our rights back then. It is 24 years later and we are still working to maintain our freedom of the road. We have accomplished some great things since then and squashed a lot of things that could have hurt us.

The other T-shirt is from *Fossil* 1990.



How many people remember Fossil run 1980?

Roger did want the message to get out that the federal government and the state governments are broken and if we average Americans don't work to fix it then we are just as incompetent and apathetic as the the politicians are.

"Just don't be an A.B.A.T.E. member. Get involved and make a difference".

-- Rotten Roger

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift, that's why they call it the present."

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Sounds like there is no time better than right now for folks to get involved.

Love and respect,

Mike Friend



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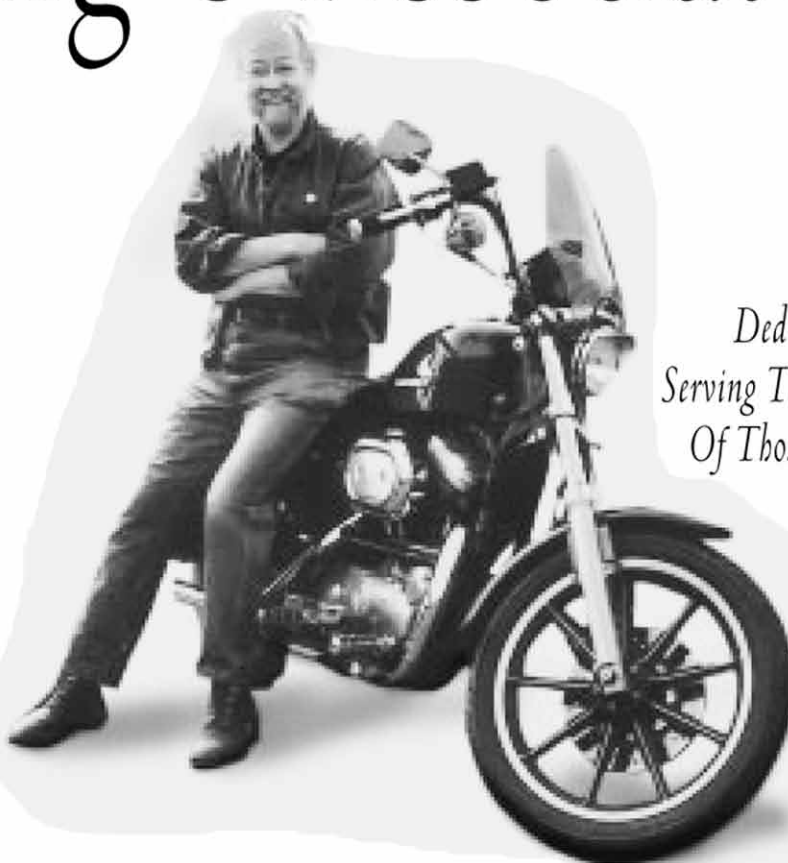
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Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
other areas										
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

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

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

1999 *Honda Valkrie Interstate*, red and black. Full bagger, fairing, radio, custom pipes, fully serviced, two new tires, new license for two years. 21,200 original miles. 1,500 cc six-cylinder shaft drive with lots of power. **\$7,500** or best offer, or possibly trade for antique car. Frank in Albany, Oregon **(541)-619-9906**.
(Jan 2013)

2006 *FXSTi* soft tail standard needs new home. Fire red pearl, windshield, factory bags, new 21" front with 200 mm back tire. Extremely well maintained and in beautiful condition, ready for summer fun. **\$9,500**. Murph **(541)-979-0952**.
(Jan 2013)

For Sale

2002 *Bar Fly* 2000 bar stool racer. Powder coated frame with aluminum racing wheels and *Bridgestone* racing tires. Powered by 3-1/2 horsepower *Briggs* motor. Disc brake and lowered seat height with bar stool seat replaced with large motorcycle seat for those cross country trips. **\$800** or best offer. **(503)-257-7390**. Call to arrange viewing appointment.
(Feb 2013)

Wanted

Steely-eyed motorcyclists who want to continue to ride free. Come to *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* meetings. Make a difference.

Free

FREE – FREE – FREE – FREE
To first million *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members. Your *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* membership lets you reach hundreds potential buyers for three months, all for the measly price of ... free.
That's right, member classified ads are one more perk of belonging to *A.B.A.T.E.* So use the application inside the rear cover. Phone/FAX your ad to: **(503)-838-6893**
E-mail to: news@abateoforegon.net

Lost

... a year.

Found

... a new one.

Employment Wanted

Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling, odd jobs.
Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.
Arthur West
(503)-351-5054

January Cryptogram Answer

Hypocrisy can afford to be
magnificent in its promises,
for never intending to go
beyond promise, it costs nothing.
-- Edmund Burke

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play. Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.
Note: *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements. (Deadline is the 10th of each month for following month's publication.)
news@abateoforegon.net

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

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone **1-800-347-1106** or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for chief of staff. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 5603 SW Hood avenue; Portland, OR 97239 ATTN: chief of staff

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITATION? **(YES) (NO)** IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: _____

You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)** If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN _____ VERBAL _____ BOTH _____

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES : How did you plead? _____ If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ _____

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? **(YES) (NO)** If no when is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ _____ COUNTY \$ _____ CITY \$ _____

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) _____

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)** If modified describe: _____

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2013

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Alan Nichols	(503)-341-6157	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
< vacant >		secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Al Simms	(541)-926-2161	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
< vacant >	(541)-	VCS@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
Robert Terrill	(503)-887-3032	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Kay Sipple	(503)-319-4319	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor			
< vacant >		auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Bridget Hamrick	1-(877)-552-2283	Membership@abateoforegon.net	
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Robert Terrill	(503)-887-3032	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	news@abateoforegon.net	
Legislative director			
Don Mason	(541)-990-2884	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	SergeantNorth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Bob Nichols	(541)-672-1128	SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
< vacant >	(541)-	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
Products director			
Dave Meeker	(503)-985-0233	P.O. box 563; Gaston, OR 97119	
Education director			
< vacant >		Education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
Bob Nichols	(541)-672-1128	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
Howie Long	(503)-791-2862	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
Jennifer Brackman	(360)-431-8519	Historian@abateoforegon.net	
Web page editor			
< vacant >		webmaster@abateoforegon.net	
Quartermaster			
Dwayne Sterba	(503)-369-5855	Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
Don Mason	(541)-990-2884	BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
Allan Nichols	(503)-341-6157		
Confederation of Clubs representative			
< vacant >		CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

(Return address)

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

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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

Chapter: _____

New member ?

Yes _____

No _____

Patch Received ?

Yes _____

No _____

Renewal ?

Yes _____

Membership # _____

Please send completed application to:

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

97208

		Membership Rates:			
number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	_____ Lifetime	\$300			

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

(revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path)





Total members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____



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

Comments:

January 2013 (winter) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 12 Jan 2013

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue

Albany, Oregon

He said he would but then he didn't,
She said she'd call but the phone's dead, i'nt?
Bikers honor their word,
"Nons" just like to be heard,
Promises are bonds, so take the hint.

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Have A Smart Phone?

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



(If your cell phone
can't handle things like
QR codes,
reassure it that it's
just as good as other
phones in its own
special way.)

2013 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run
BN = Biker Night

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
19 Jan 2013	Swap meet / GWRRA-ch X	Vancouver, WA	
26 Jan 2013	Crab Dinner / Lower Columbia	Clatskanie	
06 Apr 2013	Biker night / WaCo		
23 Feb 2013	S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE	Albany or Salem	
	Spring Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Portland	
04 May 2013	May Motorcycle Awareness Rallies	Salem, statewide	
09–12 May 2013	N.C.O.M. convention	Reno, Nevada	
24–27 May 2013	Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE	Fossil, Oregon	
09 Jun 2013	Roll-N-Ride / WaCo		
20 Jul 2013	Mid Summer Run / WaCo		
	Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Portland	
06–08 Sep 2013	End of Summer Run / WaCo		
19–20 Oct 2013	Planning Session / ABATE & BikePAC	Cottage Grove	
12 Oct 2013	Biker night / WaCo		

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

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)–504–1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	The Zen; 1969 SE Stephens; Roseburg	(541)–637–5552
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)–928–2536
Indian Creek (IC)	6th Friday	2359 (11:59 pm)	(anywhere we feel like it)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion; Jackson & Front streets; Medford	(541)–
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–474–3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(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
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Hitching Post; 8046 River road NE; Salem	(503)–393–1404
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–665–2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)–597–0300