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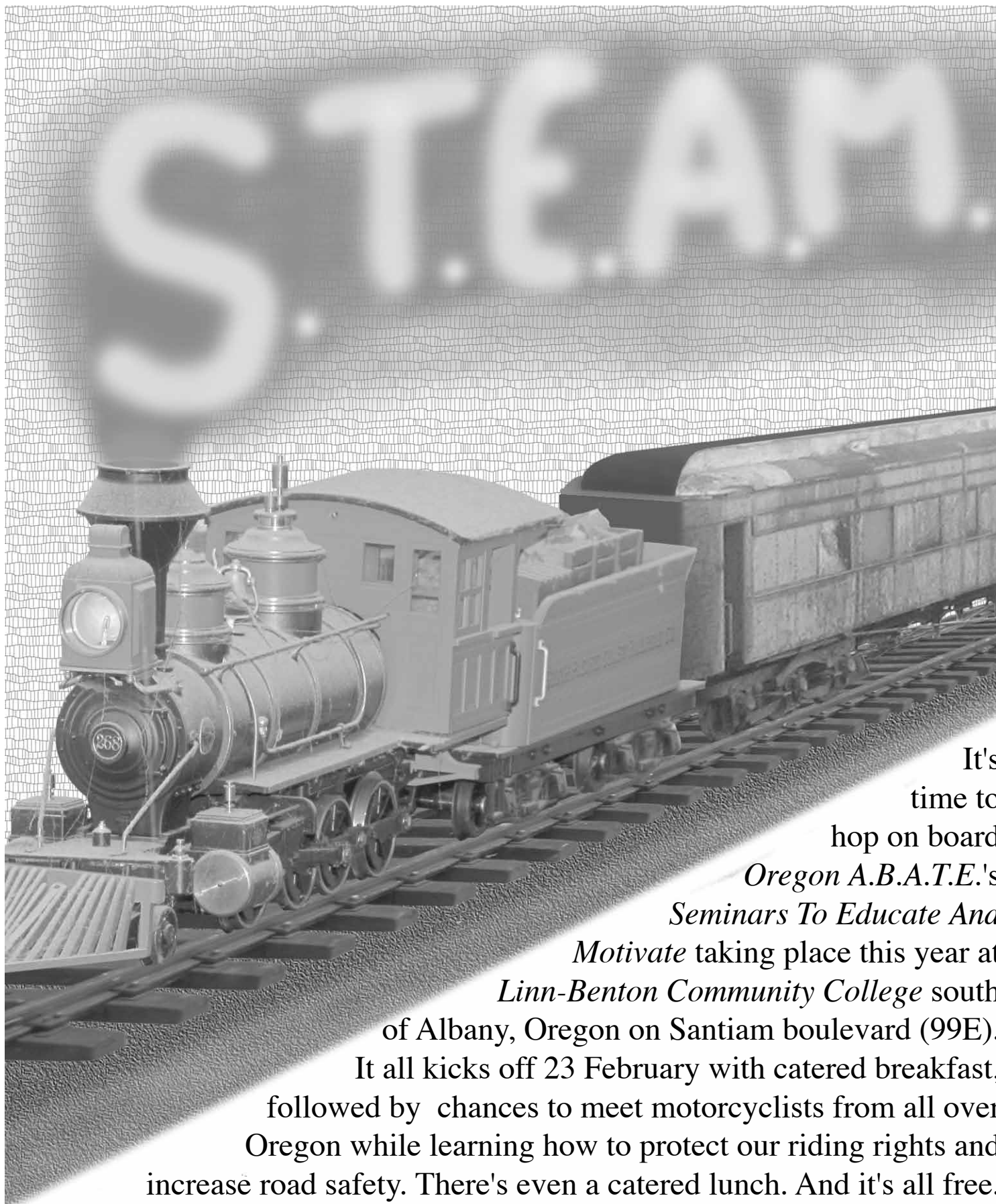
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It's time to hop on board Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s *Seminars To Educate And Motivate* taking place this year at *Linn-Benton Community College* south of Albany, Oregon on Santiam boulevard (99E). It all kicks off 23 February with catered breakfast, followed by chances to meet motorcyclists from all over Oregon while learning how to protect our riding rights and increase road safety. There's even a catered lunch. And it's all free.

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

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

Welcome to February !

Are you ready to get this year started ?

We have a busy year in store for us and it all starts with S.T.E.A.M. later on this month. These seminars will be taking place at *Linn-Benton Community College* south of Albany this year.

This event is one I always look forward to, not only for the speakers and information being presented, but it also provides the opportunity to meet fellow riders. I get to meet with members and potential members from all over, to talk with them and discover what is going on in their part of the state.

We have the opportunity to bond and make new friends and strengthen the friendship of old friends we don't get to see very often. This in turn helps make us a stronger organization because we broaden our perspective on what all the issues are in our state, instead of just the ones we have at home. When we are able to communicate on this level, sometimes we find solutions and people who are willing to help us

achieve our goals.

And that, my friends, is what it is all about.

We are here to overcome the obstacles that our government has put before us in order to protect us from ourselves. The only way we can correct these oversights is by becoming a more educated and informed organization, and S.T.E.A.M. is an outstanding place to start that process.

Another event on the horizon is our spring swap meet. It will also be held in a new venue this year. We will be hosting this year's event in March at the *Columbia County Fairgrounds* in Saint Helens. We need to get the word out on our swap meet as much as we can as quick as we can in order to ensure that people know it will be happening and will be in a new location. This is one of only a couple of ways that we can raise money for our organization at the state level so we need to make the best of the opportunity and make it a success so that we can continue the work that we as *A.B.A.T.E.* do.

That brings me to our other fund raiser, our *Fossil Campout*. Yes, it is a run but it is also another way for us to help bring in money. Work is in progress to make this year's *Fossil* run bigger and better with new stuff planned like motorcycle stunt riders, as well the bike show, and the always entertaining bike games. Again we need to get the word out on this so that we can reach out to members and future members who wouldn't normally get to see this newspaper or come to our meetings.

Howie (the *Fossil* coordinator), Gene, and a lot of very dedicated people always go above and beyond to help make this a great run and it looks like they are stepping up their game this year. But they still need our help and support.

All three of these events have committee meetings at 11 a.m. before every state board meeting. So please come and lend a hand if you can. And if you can't, make sure you get the word out to all riders you know so that we can make these events great and secure another year



Allan Nichols

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

to do what we do best: fight for our rights, make sure everyone on the road is aware of motorcycles, and to train and educate ourselves to make sure we **all** make it home safely.

Ride free,
Ride proud,
Ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

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

"The political machine triumphs because it is united minority acting against a divided majority."

--Will Durant

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

The weather has been cold, snowy, and icy. That and with the gravel on the road, most of us have not been doing much riding. Now is the time for maintenance and planning for this year.

We have our new officers and we are planning on a great year. We will still be doing our *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run* in June. It is a great scenic run through the Central Oregon countryside.

We will still be having our *Teddy Bear Run* in September as well.

We will also be having a new run at end of July or beginning of August. Stay tuned for details.

Please get involved in your local chapter. Help out a little at one run this year. If everybody does a little bit, nobody has to do a lot. We all

need to do our part. If everybody helps, there is nothing we can not accomplish.

We have some important bills coming up in Salem this year. We will need many people writing letters and calling their representative on an important committee at the right time. Keep watch in our newspaper, on the state web site, and on *BikePac's* web site for alerts and calls for action. A little help at the right time can make or break our efforts.

If you chose to brave the cold and hazardous road conditions, please ride safe and smart,

Bob Terrill
coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter



CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Izzy's Pizza
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Redmond, Oregon

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

Douglas County



Since I have not had the opportunity to meet with the newly elected secretary for *Douglas County Chapter*, Tashia Crippen, I took it upon myself to write once more. But this will be my *last* report for the chapter newsletter.

2012 ended with the chapter elections. The following positions will now be held by those names listed next to position:

- Coordinator** – Russell Dodge
- Vice-coordinator** – Tony Braumbach
- Secretary** – Tashia Crippen
- Treasurer** – Bev Braumbach
- State representative** – Bob Nichols (Nick Brown as alternate)
- State legislative representative** – Nick Brown
- Members secretary** – Dan Rice
- Education** – Charles “Charlie” Martin

- Public relations – Tania Judd
- Historian** – Tania Judd
- Ways and means** – Bob Nichols? (Need to confirm)
- Sergeant-of-arms** – Pat Snyder / Walt Crippen

We look to see great things in 2013 and hope all members will come out to support not only the chapter but the newly elected officers.

Look for new material coming next month from Tashia who I know will add her own flair and spice to the reports. She is a fun, energetic lady and I know we can expect great things from her.

Thanks again,
Chris Shull
former secretary,
Douglas County Chapter

Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Zen
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Roseburg
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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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(when and wherever)

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(and beyond)

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

Well hey from *Hub City*!

This is Red, the winner of the 50/50.

I need to share with you non-*Hub City* folks about what's up. In order to include more participation as a chapter we solicit help from the chapter to write the chapter report each month.

We decided that whoever wins the 50/50 will write the article for the next month. Or find someone to write if for them.

Sounds pretty good.

So I am the first, winning \$85.

Yeah, sort of.

My son-in-law and step-daughter (who are *H.C.* members also) brought me home from the meeting. Now I should have said goodbye at the car, but daughter wants to say "bye" to mom. We did not even get in the front door before she is telling my wife I won \$85. Amazing that she needed that much for grandkid's Christmas present.

Now I, the winner, got away with \$10 and still have to write this. (Connie did help by typing it for me. L.O.L.)

The "unofficial" *Hub City* Christmas party at the Sim's was a good time. Thanks for opening up your home. Mo got her kitchen remodeled and those hickory cabinets are beautiful.

So what can I say about the future?

It is coming.

We all have a decision to make.

Whether it is going to be a wonderful or ho hum year.

Let's all go for wonderful. It does not cost any more than a bumper year. It is our attitude that makes it good or bad. Do you look at it as a problem or challenge? Most bikers can meet the challenge, so let's go for it.

Remember, wet roads can hide deep or bad pot holes. Those twisty, winding roads we all love to ride need extra caution this time of year. Some of those turns never see the sun's rays. And watch for mud slides in the mountains.

So let's slow down a little, pay attention, and have a wonderful day.

Hook 'em together and you'll have a wonderful year.

One day at a time.

That's all we get.

Guaranteed reflections of an old guy.

Love you all even if I can't remember all your names.

Happy new year and peace out,

Red



2013 Hub City Officers

Coordinator – Monika Sims

Vice-coordinator –

Carolyn Freeman

Secretary – Mary Burnett

Treasurer – Donita Reitz

Membership secretary –

Amy Johnson

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Steve Johnson, Christine Ruck,

Clay Roth, Betty Stiles, Randy

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Quartermaster – ken Argo

Ways and means – Ken Argo

State board representative –

Nic Oliver (temporary)

Run coordinator – Al Sims

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Historian – Michelle Tiller

Legislative director – Dave Ezell

Education director – Steve Gerke

Web administrator – Don Mason

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**

Is it really 2013?

Southern Oregon had snow for Christmas, making for a happy holiday season.

We participated with the *O.G.R.* [*Oregon Guard Riders* ?] and other groups to raise money to purchase wreaths for veterans at Christmas. We also helped to lay these wreaths on a veteran's grave at the Eagle Point cemetery. Members from each branch of the military took part in the ceremony at the cemetery.

Remember to thank a vet for their service and sacrifice so that we might enjoy the freedom we each have.

Also, Christmas lights and carmel corn were delivered to *Hearts With A Mission* in Medford. This is a non-profit that provides help and housing to homeless teens in the Rogue River valley.

Several valley members joined in the *Polar Bear Ride* on new years

day. It was a beautiful but *chilly* day, however we had a lot of brave riders. The Rogue River *Veterans of Foreign Wars* put on a great breakfast of eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits, and gravy. Thank-you *V.F.W.*!

We are starting off the new year with our first meeting was a free pizza party.

JoCo A.B.A.T.E. and *O.G.R.* riders were invited to come eat and visit.

Lastly, we must say a big thank you to some of our leaders who are stepping down this year. What a great job they have done for *A.B.A.T.E.* and for all of us. Well done.

Spring is on the way.

Get your bike ready to roll.

Ride safe,

Judi

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



Jackson County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)

American Legion (downtown)

Jackson & Front streets

Medford, Oregon

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

Well, here we are in the beginning of a brand new year.

I hope this year is a good, safe one for all of our *A.B.A.T.E.* members.

First I want to mention the passing of one of our members. Sue Pittam passed away on December 4 at the young age of 58. She had heart trouble for quite some time. She was a great lady and was always so helpful whenever there was a campout or potluck. She will be missed by all of us.

R.I.P., Susie.

Our chapter had our last meeting of the year on December 19th. We had a potluck Christmas dinner and raffle. There weren't many members present, but there usually aren't that close to Christmas. (Maybe it was because we were having election of officers too. Ha ha!)

Speaking of officers, I, Karen Headley, will no longer be the secretary of our chapter. I have resigned the position because I will

be leaving this area sometime in the near future to be "full timing it" with hubby Richard. I will miss the monthly meetings, and seeing all of you good friends, but we will be back in the area from time to time. I will miss all of you. It's been a pleasure being the secretary of the *Josephine County Chapter* for the past two years.

That's all I have.

Please ride safe.

Be seeing you again,

Karen Headley
secretary

Josephine County Chapter



Josephine County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --**Lower Columbia**

Hello from *Lower Columbia*,

January meeting called to order 7:03 p.m. on the 6th at *Colvin's Pub & Grill*. Sixteen out of forty-five members present.

With the holiday season over you would think things would calm down a bit.

We on the lower Columbia were very busy now as we had our crab dinner coming up on the 26th of January. (When you get this, it will be over.) So we were still selling tickets for that. I hope you showed up and had a good time. Maybe you even won the *Big Horn* gun safe we had up for raffle.

With new officers in place, we are getting ready for our *Spring Run*. Phil Warnke, *LoCo's* new run coordinator says it's going to be a good one.

We're also planning to start a box for suggested weekend rides that we would like to take each month. We will be drawing each month at our regular meeting and enjoying the ride, probably the next weekend. More on that later.

We have a stretch of highway just west of Clatskanie which is our Adopt-A-Highway that we clean up about three times a year. What with the slides and the weather, we haven't been able to get at it much, but when the county or state cleans up the slides, they also clean up the garbage, so it seems.

Dave Bridges
coordinator

Lower Columbia Chapter



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*

Lincoln County Chapter is alive but not used to freezing temperatures. It has decided to freeze and hail as well as rain and blow.

We canceled the first meeting of the year since it fell on new years day. Takes longer for us old folks to start feeling better after a night of cheer. (Sounds good anyway.)

We met on the third Tuesday of January, as usual.

Not much was happening as we were still resting up from Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer.

I love the holidays but still like to call them by their old fashioned names.

We do hope that all had a wonderful season of joy.

Now is the time to shut down bikes and start cleaning them up and tuning them up for fairer weather. I'm looking forward to warmer weather, but I was always a fair weather rider.

This is going to be short but next month should be much healthier.

Take care our friends and be safe.

This is the only life that you are given.

Keep the rubber side down and the body warm,

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



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

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
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Newport

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

Greeting from *North Coast*,

A short recap of our 2012 achievements:

- Our year-long fund raising efforts resulted in providing a cash donation to the *Jewell Christmas Basket Program* which was greatly appreciated.

- We will be providing quarterly cash donations to the *Clatsop County Food Bank Program* to assist this program throughout the year.

- We also met our goal to fund our first annual \$1,000 motorcycle mechanic scholarship for county-wide high school students. (This is a great thing that we are very proud of.)

Again, many thanks to all our chapter members for their hard work throughout the year and to our many, many supporters who helped make all these great things happen this year. Great work!

Time again to schedule a chapter bowling party in February, an

opportunity to have some fun together. Check out our chapter newsletter for more information.

All the best wishes in 2013 from the *North Coast Chapter*.

And please be safe out there,

Al Jaques
coordinator
North Coast Chapter



North Coast ***MEETING TIME and PLACE***

3rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

POINT of CONTACT

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Astoria, OR 97103

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

Winter Solstice Report

We have had a busy couple of months.

We started our candy sale the day after Thanksgiving and sold out on December 20. We sold over \$10,000 retail of candy and made enough profit to fund our holiday project of sponsoring a family who would not otherwise have Christmas.

Our family this year is a mom, dad, and two girls. They live in a rural area and also have animals. We provided them with food, gifts, and animal feed. In addition, we paid some money on their electric bill. The younger girl got toys and clothes and the older girl got a fine new *Schwinn* bike.

We did a lot of fix up on our vending trailer this year, including a paint job, new chrome wheels (with baby moons), *Pirelli* tires, and graphics. We will make it even better for next year. Special thanks to to Rick Prentice, Teresa Hepker, Shelley Prentice, Steve Bishop, and Larry Loop for lots of the work and material. Brian Stovall

spent the most time in the trailer, with considerable support from Rick Prentice, Teresa Hepker, Lorraine Umbarger, Rod Runyon, Del Nicholson, Steve Bishop, Ashley Prentice, Matt Snyder, Larry Loop, Sandy Loop, Tony Commander, John Huteson, and Bob Boynton.

Special recognition to our outward bound salesman, Gene Mortimore. Gene sells thousands of dollars worth out in Eastern Oregon and we coordinate on delivery. I am sure I have left out some names and that is how my old retired brain works. (Or doesn't.)*

On the 15th, we had a tailgate party at the trailer. We like to show who we are, here in our community. We get lots of questions about *A.B.A.T.E.* while selling candy and it all helps with community recognition. We have loyal repeat customers and lots of friendly comments, not to mention gratuities.

Our holiday meeting and party was on the 18th of December at Zim's. We had about twenty people and a great evening. As usual, it was a white elephant gift



exchange, which always produces interesting results. The only business we conducted was the reelection of last year's officers.

The weather was cold and crusty for our annual start of the year ride. Three bikes and one car made a dash east to Rufus for coffee, then back home.

As of this writing on January 11, it is still quite cold, but less crusty. Ahhh, winter gravel riding!

* [c.o.e. note: Try editing a state motorcycle newspaper to keep yer grey cells agile.]

River City **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

POINT of CONTACT

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CHAPTER ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 1422
The Dalles, OR 97058

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

The new year is here, with a lot of changes in the chapter.

First off, I would like to welcome the new officers who volunteered for the 2013 year. Welcome and thank you.

To all of the outgoing officers, thanks for the work that you did.

Let's not forget the people who stayed in the positions that they were already holding. There are a lot of these people in our chapter. Good job and thank you.

The toy run was a success. We sold a record number of tickets for the raffle, even though attendance was way down.

The new location and route worked out very well.

This year we were able to donate \$35,000 worth of equipment for the children, with \$5,000 of this donation coming from the *Musicians Toy Run* benefits sponsored by Art and Francine West.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with this run. Without you, we would not have been able to give this much to these very special children. Break your arm patting yourselves on the back.



Our chapter anniversary party is on March 16th. The *Saturday Night Orphans* will be playing. Also that morning is our canned food drive.

Every meeting, our chapter passes the hat and adds our ways and means income to help buy food to feed the homeless. We deliver it on the day of our anniversary party. Everyone is invited to attend both.

S.T.E.A.M. is also coming up. I urge any new officers who would like to learn more about how *A.B.A.T.E.* works and how you can do your job well, to attend.

Run 21 is in the works. I'm sure a lot of people have been wondering what is going on with it.

I have resigned as the *Run 21* coordinator. I feel that my time is

worth more than to deal with the disrespect that some people have shown to my chapter at the run.

Richard Colwell, a past *Run 21* coordinator, has stepped up to take the position. I wish you well in this endeavor. We will be at a different location this year. (To be arranged.) Check out the web site to find out more info:

<http://www.run21.biz>

Hope to see you all there.

I have noticed that there are still some positions open at the state level. Please volunteer.

The weather is still pretty bad in a lot of parts of the state, so all of you be careful out on the roads.

Vicki

Southeast Portland

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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<http://www.run21.biz>
<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

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

-- Salem

They started with ol' business first: The flier for the *Salem Chapter Swap Meet* is in the newsletter. (Or is it a newsmagazine now?)

[**c.o.e. note:** *It's a bloody newspaper, like the Statesman, and has been for four and a half years.*]

Swap meet set up will be Friday night or Saturday morning. Please call the contacts:

White Trash Choppers at (503)–391–0739

Doug at (503)–979–3997.

Then to new business:

Need input on campout sites for *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on the first weekend of May. We are looking for property close in to Salem. Need *Salem Chapter* members to give suggestions to the chapter for a place to camp.

Our coordinator is thinking that we need a different place to meet.

Any ideas?

Would you like the time or day changed?

Please contact Lynn Despain with suggestions at (503)–463–6340.

Also, would you be interested in attending an advanced rider course put on by *Salem Chapter*? For details, again, please call the number listed above.

Bob Sickles is our new public relations officer. I hear he has some great ideas on promoting *Salem Chapter* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* as a whole.

With that, here is the officer list for 2013:

- Coordinator** – Lynn Despain
- Vice-coordinator** – Richard Hoffman?
- Treasurer** –
- Membership secretary** – Michael Johnson
- Recording secretary** – Michelle Jayne FitzHenry
- State board representative** –
- Sgt-at-arms 1** – Panhead Ric
- Sgt-at-arms 2** –
- Public relations** – Bob Sickles
- Ways and means** –
- Education director** –
- Legislative director** –



Chapter historian – Michelle Jayne FitzHenry

Run/events coordinator – Panhead Ric

Chapter products –

Chapter chaplain –

(Michelle was out sick. Michael Johnson took notes. Thank you, Michael.)

In the back of my mind, I am considering how to make money for the chapter coffers. Any suggestions? Call your secretary at (503)–588–4149.

Love and peace and safe riding to you all,

Michelle J. FitzHenry
recording secretary
Salem Chapter

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

Hello everyone,

A new year is upon us and a new chance to to advance *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* mission statement.

By now you should all know who your legislators are and how to contact them, whether it be your concerns as a motorcyclist or your concerns as a citizen of the state of Oregon. Feel free to contact them on any issue that is important to you. District information is provided in the January *A.B.A.T.E* newspaper. If you can find the time to make a personal visit with them at the capitol, you will find this a very rewarding experience. Even if they do not agree with you on all your issues, your voice will have been heard.

It looks to be an exciting year for *Washington County Chapter*.

We want to thank all the officers who have held positions and have stepped down. We have been extremely lucky to have had such

fantastic leadership these past years.

We also want to thank our new and returning officers for stepping up. Your 2013 officers are ready to listen to your concerns and ideas as we move forward.

We will start the first meeting of each month (second Monday) discussing chapter events. We know many of you have some great ideas and we are looking forward to hearing them. We will then conclude the meeting with old and new business.

Our second meeting each month (fourth Monday) will begin as usual with officer reports, then on to old and new business. We will make sure to leave plenty of time to discuss that month's state board meeting.

If we can all put in a little time and a little effort, we can make our officers' jobs that much easier and have a fun and rewarding year.

We will conclude each meeting with our ever popular "membership



drawing". Remember, if you are not there, you can't win.

I want to congratulate our long time *Washington County Chapter* member, and products officer, Dave Meeker, with winning a seat on the Gaston city council.

Way to go Dave!

Hope to see you all soon.
Take care.

-- Ted Tracy

Washington County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)
Coyote's Restaurant
5301 W. Baseline – Hillsboro

POINT of CONTACT

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Cornelius, OR 97113

Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes**

12 January 2013

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon

[**Note:** The final January state board minutes had not been received by the time this newspaper went to the printer, so the minutes below are based on the meeting's rough minutes.]

(EB) = Executive board member

Call to order, welcome – The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:04 p.m. with nine of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Note: Douglas County representative was a bit late, but made it.

Absent chapters: *Jackson County, Lower Columbia, Josephine County* (excused).

Guest or first time attendees – Carl Earl (*North Coast*), Laura Earl (*North Coast*).

Reading, approval of minutes – Motion made by *Washington County Chapter* to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by *Lincoln County Chapter*. **Motion passed.**

(EB) **Coordinator's comments** – Allan Nichols thanked everyone for braving the elements to be at the meeting. Welcome to 2013. New faces in the group today and glad to see them.

We are trying to get on the good side of the people at the capital. We need people who are interested at the chapter level to step up.

A.B.A.T.E. needs officer data sheets on its officers and chapter officer lists.

(EB) **Secretary report and corr-**

espondence – (Vacant – Nic Oliver filled in today.)

Nothing to report. Have some newspapers from other state *A.B.A.T.E.* organizations, if anyone wants to see them. Nic reported that the updated manual cannot be completed until all the sanctioning information is done.

***** Officers' Reports *****

(EB) **Vice-coordinator (north)** – Al Simms – (Excused, at a swap meet.)

(EB) **Vice-coordinator (south)** – (Vacant)

(EB) **Vice-coordinator (east)** – Robert Terrill reported that the passes are very bad and very cold. Use extreme caution if going that way.

(EB) **Treasurer** – Kay Sipple handed out new two thumb drives to the chapter representatives to give to the chapter treasurers and instructed them to have each chapter put their name on the thumb drives.

Chapter reports are still needed from *Central Oregon, Douglas County, Jackson County, Josephine County,* and *Washington County.*

Reported that the state newspaper costs us about \$1,400–1,500 a month.

All yearly reports are to be turned in by next state board meeting. (February 9th meeting.) This includes the December 31st bank statement, profit and loss statement, and the *Quicken* reconciliation report.



Nic Oliver

outgoing temporary acting state recording secretary

Kay reported that our current balances are:

Checking = \$9,533.99

Savings = \$14,473.26

PayPal = \$200.00.

(EB) **Membership secretary** – Bridget Hamrick (Excused, sick.)

(EB) **Sanctioning officer** – Robert Terrill reported that the *Lower Columbia, Salem,* and *Southeast Portland* events have been sanctioned and will get their paperwork very soon.

If a chapter has scheduled an event, you need to put that event on because the insurance has already been paid for it. Be sure to turn in the event report form for each event.

Bob is looking at making some changes to the sanctioning guidelines later this year to streamline the way things are done and to make them easier.

Submissions for an event 90 days prior to event is still a must so that there is no rush, but there are exceptions. Don't submit something at the last minute and expect it to be sanctioned when you didn't follow the rules. You are only hurting the chapter if this is not done in a timely manner.

When you submit the fee by check, be sure to put the event in the memo section to avoid confusion as to what the check is for.

Another problem is people contacting the insurance company. **Do not** contact the insurance company as they want their only contact to be our sanctioning officer. If you have a problem, contact Robert and no one else.

Bob Nichols of *Douglas County* stated that his chapter is working to make changes to make things easier.

State auditor – (Vacant)

Newspaper editor – Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

The next edition of the newspaper will be going to the printer on Friday.

Monthly reports are still due on the 10th. The only one not in is

River City, which is very unusual.

Use your reports to promote your chapter. End chapter meetings with action items based on our mission statement.

Reports need to be in plain text format, placed in body of e-mail by copy and paste.

Flyers need to be submitted in ".pdf" or ".jpg" formatting only.

This month's newspaper included a pullout legislative special that will be looked into for inclusion into the *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* sites.

S.T.E.A.M. is February 23rd at *Linn-Benton Community College* in Albany.

Legislative director – Don Mason reported that the helmet bill is now known as **HB-2404**. *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* met with representative Tobias Read (chairman of the house transportation committee) and the meeting went much better than expected. We tried to show a cooperative effort regarding many hot button items that our studies have shown interest motorcyclists in Oregon. Those issues included:

- 1: Safety gear, lighting.
2. Ethanol.
3. Fourth amendment issues, discrimination, profiling.
4. Car/bike crash accountability and citation issuance.
5. Safety on the roadways for motorcycles. (Road barriers.)

We will be opening dialogue with the *Bicycle Transportation Alliance* (B.T.A.) on some items.

It was also decided that we need people to fill out the incident report form in the newspaper for every contact with police. Fault is not the issue. Even near misses need to be reported. Changes to the form are being discussed.

Sergeant-at-arms (north) – Randy Phipps stated that all chapter sergeant-at-arms need to report to Randy to support state events.

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 12 January 2013 (continued)



Sergeant-at-arms (south) – “One-Eyed Bob” Nichols – (Nothing to report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (east) –
(Vacant)

Products director – Dave Meeker (Excused, iced in.)

Dave won election as a write-in candidate and is now a Gaston councilman. Congratulations.

Education director – (Vacant)

Geoff White reported that S.T.E.A.M. is scheduled for February 23 at Linn-Benton community college south of Albany. The street address is 6500 SW Pacific boulevard (99E). Use the Allen lane entrance and parking lot 2.

People should start showing up for the meet and greet between 8 and 9 a.m. Everything should be over by 3 p.m. No cost to attend. Breakfast and lunch are included.

There will be three blocks:

Session 1: Finance, legislative, public relations classes.

Session 2: Main speaker(s).

Session 3: Planning, legislative, leadership skills classes.

Public relations director – Robert “One-eyed Bob” Nichols reported that he would like to have a booth at a custom car show. It will cost \$75 and it is motorcycle-related as there are custom motorcycles in the show.

Fossil coordinator – Howie Long reported that this is his last year as Fossil coordinator. He will help anyone learn the job.

Flyer is done and so are the cards.

The tickets will be at the next meeting.

This year there will be stunt bikers performing at the bike show in downtown Fossil.

Breakfast and showers are available at the high school again this year and need to be utilized or it will go away.

Help is needed at the A.B.A.T.E. information booth.

The next Fossil committee meeting

will be at 11 a.m., just prior to the state board meeting in February.

Swap meet coordinator – Randy Phipps reported that we will be having two state swap meets this year and both of them will be two-day events. They will be at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in St. Helens, Oregon. Follow the road signs. There will be lots of them.

Vendor booths are \$45 for a 10' x 10' spot.

Historian – Jennifer Sterba (Excused.)

Web page editor – (Vacant)

Quartermaster – Dwayne Sterba (Excused.)

BikePAC representative – Don Mason spoke briefly on the upcoming biker days. There will be no Black Monday this year due to the confusion caused by mass media and other groups on opening day. Instead we will try to hold four biker days from February through April. Each one will be dedicated to a section of Oregon and we will try to meet with that specific area's legislators. Constituents be ready to help.

M.R.F. representative – Allan Nichols reported that the M.R.F. is focusing on the same issues as we are at the state level. Suggested, due to tight budgets this year, that we attend only one conference and send only one representative.

Confederation of Clubs representative –

David Hickerson reported that the N.C.O.M. convention will be in Reno, Nevada at the

Silver Legacy Hotel. Las Vegas is being sued for harassment and Las Vegas answered by stepping up the harassment.

*** Unfinished Business ***

- Vacant officer position 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 and accepted. Voting took place and Dave Hickerson won. Thank you, Dave.

- There was no meeting of the membership committee.

*** New Business ***

Motion 1: Made by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*):

“Spend \$75 for a vendor space at spring car show at Douglas county fairgrounds to promote our mission statement.”

Voting took place that resulted in: Yea – 5, nay – 2.

Motion passed.

*** Announcements ***

The next state board of directors meeting is noon, February 9, 2013 at *Ciddicci's Pizza* in Albany.

*** Upcoming Events ***

- 23 February 2013 – Seminars To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.)
- 23–24 March 2013 – Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state swap meet, Columbia county fairgrounds, St. Helens.
- 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.
- 24–27 May 2013 – *Fossil Campout* at Bear Hollow.
- 28–29 September 2013 – Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state swap meet, Columbia county fairgrounds, St. Helens.

Adjourned at 1437 (2:37 p.m.)

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STATE OF OREGON Inc.
A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

All Motorcycle Swap Meet
Saturday and Sunday
23 – 24 March 2013
Columbia County Fairgrounds
Sausler road
St. Helens, Oregon

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

36th Annual Fossil Campout
May 24 – 27, 2013
Bear Hollow

Gates open
Noon on Friday

Ticket & Camping info
www.fossilcampout.com



BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

Membership Application

PO Box 5612
Salem, OR 97304
www.bikepac.com

(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
Full \$30+	Supporting \$300	Supporting \$150
Family \$40+	Platinum \$750	MAB* \$300
MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

*Member of the Advisory Board

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

Put \$_____ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting motorcycle-friendly candidates

(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

I am in state senate district _____

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

Current Legislative Priorities

(2013 Oregon Legislative session)

-- Don Mason

The following items are legislative concerns that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is following using our political action committee (*BikePAC*) in Salem.

All members are highly encouraged to:

• **Discuss** these topics every month at chapter meetings.

• **Provide input** back to *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* either through your representative at our board meetings or by attending meetings personally.

• **Assist** us. There are many ways. Some may provide ideas or research. Some attend the *BikePAC* rally in May on the capitol steps. Some may fire off an e-mail or attend a face-

to-face meeting with their district legislator. Any of these actions put you in the fight for your rights as a rider in Oregon.

• **Spread the word.** Being informed and passionate about your refusal to be just another passenger on the “government bus,” merely along for the ride wherever the driver takes you. This empowers you immensely as a rider and as a citizen in general. It is also infectious.

Issues we are working:

• House bill 2404: Adult freedom of choice on helmet usage.

• Anything that provides greater accessibility to ethanol-free gas and choice of fuel content.

• Preventing language in any legislation that single out motorcycle riders for discriminatory stoppage, unconstitutional search and seizure, checkpoints, or regulation beyond other citizens or users of the roads.

• Any *O.D.O.T.* measures that can be taken or improved to increase the engineering of Oregon’s roads for motorcycle rider safety.

• Accountability for motorists that commit “failure to yield” or other driving behaviors that result in negligent injury, especially fatalities,

to motorcyclists.

• Opposing any local or state agencies from additional regulation of lawful motorcyclist gatherings, rides, or events in comparison to other similar citizen entities.

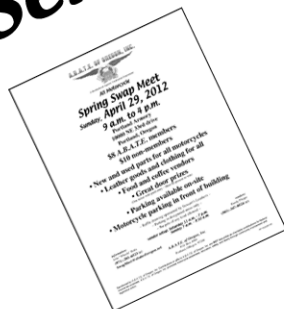
For more information and to be informed of legislative issues, please use internet-based communications as well as your monthly meetings. *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* web sites, social media (*FaceBook*) pages, and e-mail lists continue to grow and become more effective with your help.

Just in case you've lain awake at night pondering at what temperature house spider eggs hatch, it appears to be 73 ° F.

Immediately after birth, baby spiders set about rapelling down from wherever they are, coming between the computer monitor and crusty ol' editor who happens to be recovering from a two-day bout of sickness and who tends to be startled mightily by the sudden appearances wiggly things directly in front of his face while he's trying to conentrate on italicizing periods between sessions of nose blowing and groaning. Upon reaching a level surface, the baby spiders begin climbing upward, which makes no sense. (Except for the clumsy one who got tangled up in his own web.)

Perhaps being a human editor isn't quite so bad after all. -- RP

Sending In A Run Flier ?



Remember, all graphics files must be in standard formats, such as ".jpg", ".pdf", or ".tif"

(Submitted fliers in word processing formats will NOT be accepted)



-- yer friendly but harried state newspaper staff



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

Rider Education



Legislative Action



Motorcycle Awareness



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. <http://www.abateoforegon.net/>

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	3rd Tuesday – 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.	Coyote's	Hillsboro

From yer ...



... yet again

One way we grow as individuals and an organization is to know enough so that we can answer most genuine questions put to us from folks who aren't familiar with the world of riding motorcycles.

It's called "becoming our message". How do we gain that knowledge?

By listening, reading, asking our own questions, attending meetings and events where we can learn more about safer riding and legislative issues that affect us.

We won't learn everything and we won't learn it overnight, but with a little effort we can learn enough to open minds and help others see us in a different light as we grow in our knowledge. Ultimately, it makes our own lives better and safer out on the roads of our state and nation.

Here in Oregon we are fortunate to have a **free** event open to all motorcycle riders where we can learn many of the answers we need in becoming our own message.

The event is *Seminars To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.)* and it takes place later this month near Albany, Oregon.

It's three-fold mission is to

- Present information about legislative and safety activities that affect riders.
- Teach newly-elected chapter and state officers how to do their jobs effectively.
- Provide a place where riders from all over the state can meet,

S.T.E.A.M. As A Message

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creating or renewing friendships, exchanging ideas, and informally solving problems.

S.T.E.A.M. will be taking place on Saturday, 23 February 2013 beginning with sign-in and catered breakfast from 8 to 9 a.m. The venue this year has changed to *Linn-Benton Community College* south of Albany on 99E. (Pacific highway.) We will be upstairs in the *Calapooia Center* in the southeast corner of the campus. (Directions on how to get there are on the following pages.) Lunch will be catered as well. And remember, *S.T.E.A.M.* and the food is all **free** for attendees.

If you live a fair distance away, consider coming a day early so you don't have to leave home at zero-dark-thirty. A map showing lodging and local dining is available on the following pages.

The great thing about Oregon towns is that each one is interesting in its own right, having their own histories, stories, and unique local attractions.

Albany is no exception and has an extremely active and enthusiastic *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter named *Hub City*. (Ask them where the name came from.) If you plan to come early and/or stay late, contact the *Hub City Chapter* (page 5) for best places to stay and eat as well as things to do and see.

Is *S.T.E.A.M.* enough for people to completely become the message?

Nope.

But it's a great place to start. (And even if you haven't become the message by the end of the day, you'll at least be a stickup memo.)

Other places to learn more about motorcycling issues are biker days and the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at our state capitol, and regional conferences put on by national organizations such as *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* Many resources are available on the web as well, but one must be careful about what one can believe from web sources.

The most important aspect of becoming our message is to speak the truth. Never lie or make anything up. Admitting that one doesn't know an answer but knows where to get it engenders trust whereas spreading falsehoods destroys confidence.

Verify all information that will be used to spread our message. Check the validity of any rumors that might be heard.



One nice thing about all the cold weather we had last month was storing beverages outside. Especially sodas. Bringing a bottle inside, it appeared liquid, but cracking open



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/>

the cap would cause ice crystals to form in the fluid. Wow, that was good. Especially while editing reports and news. (Particularly from the *A.M.A.*)

The same thing can be done in summer when it's hot out by chucking beverages in the freezer, but you better pay attention to how long they're in there (15 to 30 minutes) or you end up with a frozen dessert you can't get to. (Or a burst container and frozen mess.)

When yer crusty ol' editor was flying in Navy P-3Cs, flight engineers used to put their canned sodas in the aircraft air conditioning duct near the flight station. The rest of us made do with a small refrigerator in the aft end of the tube. And there was always the crewmembers who forgot about a canned soda they left in the freezer. (Aluminum isn't as strong as steel.)

What do chilled sodas have to do with motorcyclists?

Nothing really.

Yer c.o.e. is just filling white space.

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FEBRUARY Cryptogram

BDT WHVB VTSNHCV XDLSZT RDNXD

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NV EHB YCSNBLENVW ACB KTASCLSI.

--MHVTYD RHHF GSCBXD

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 25)

S.T.E.A.M.
(Seminars To Educate/Entertain And Motivate)
Saturday
23 February 2013
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Linn-Benton Community College
6500 SW Pacific boulevard (99E)
(use Allen lane entrance, parking lot 2)
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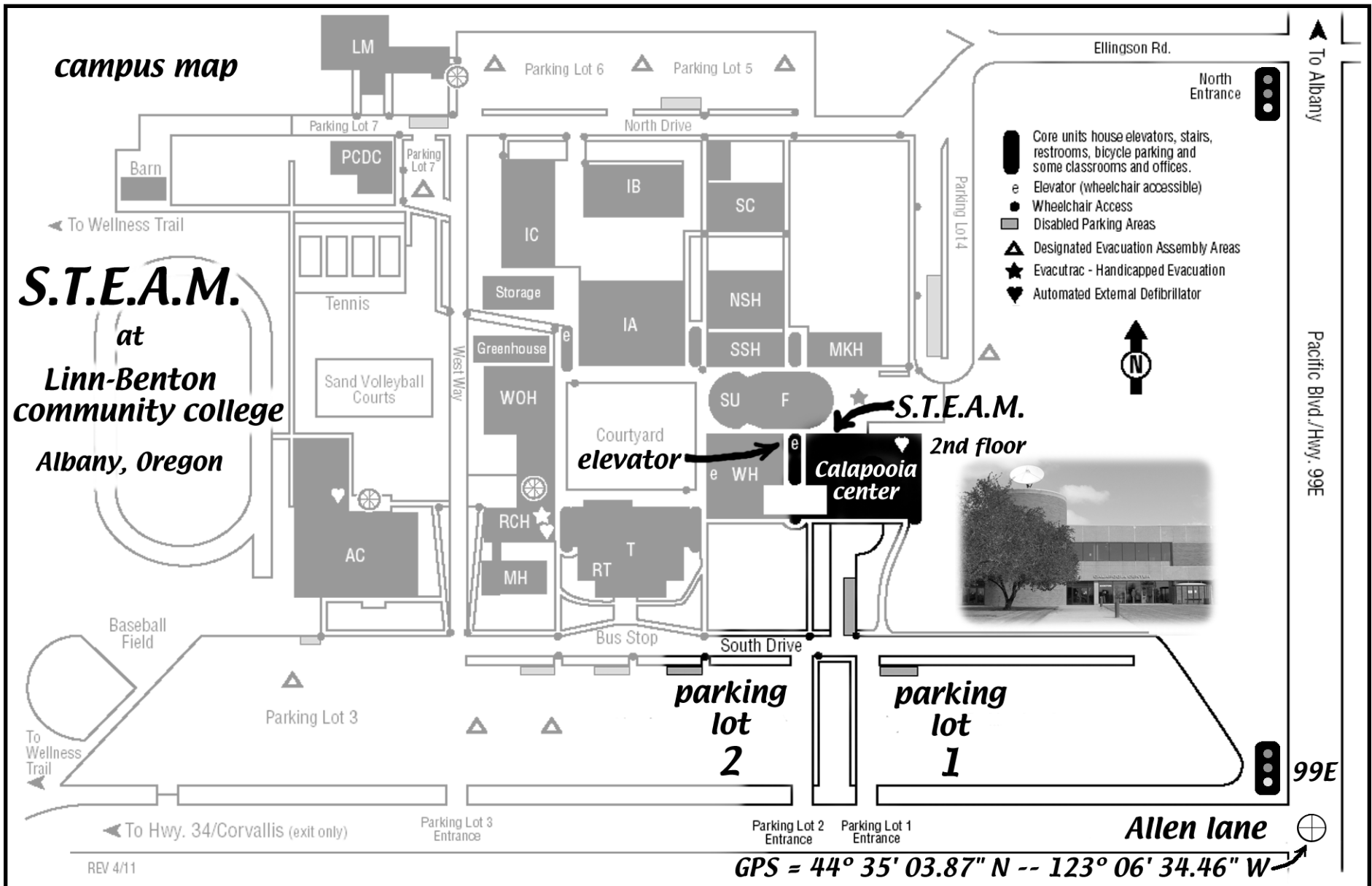
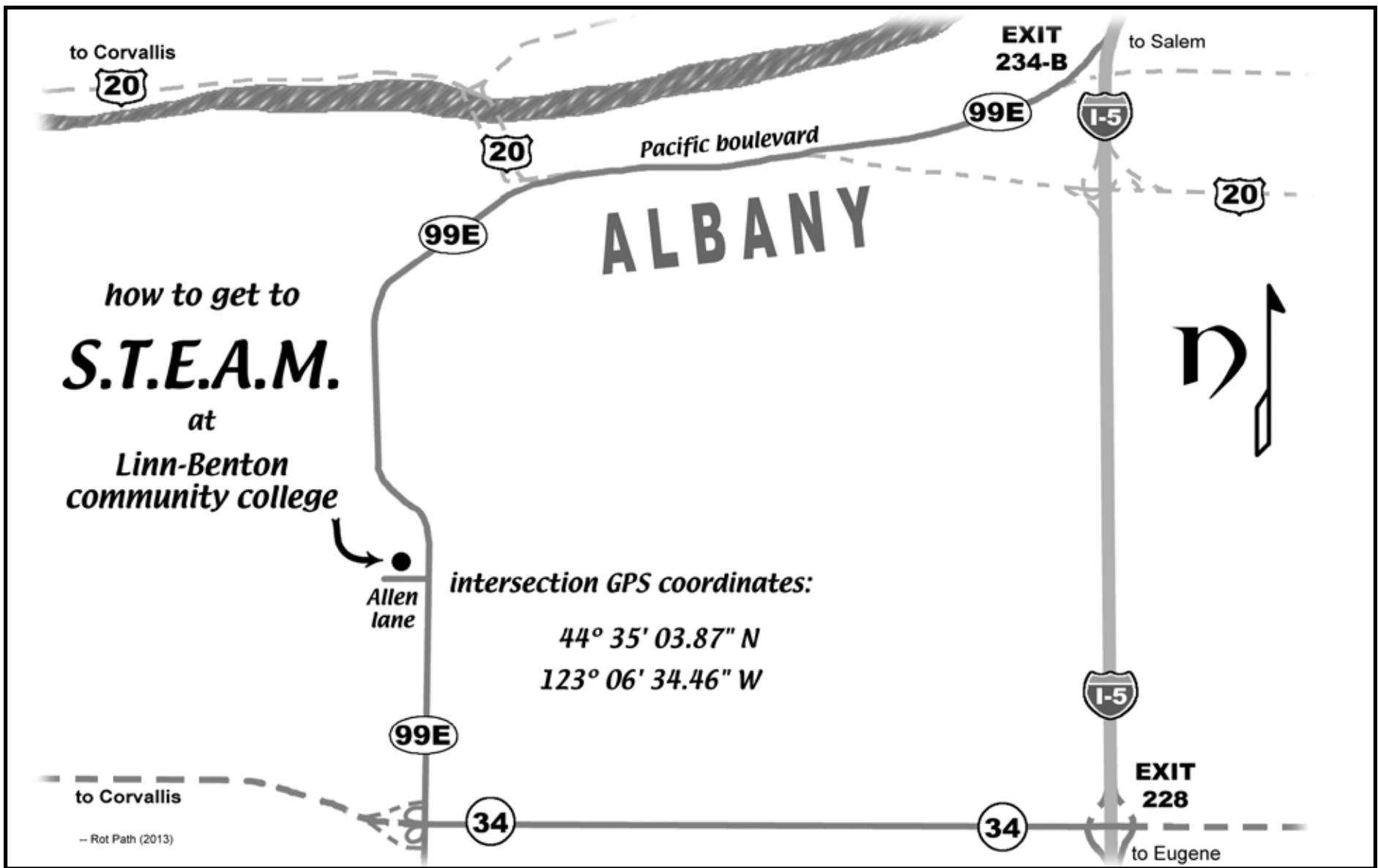
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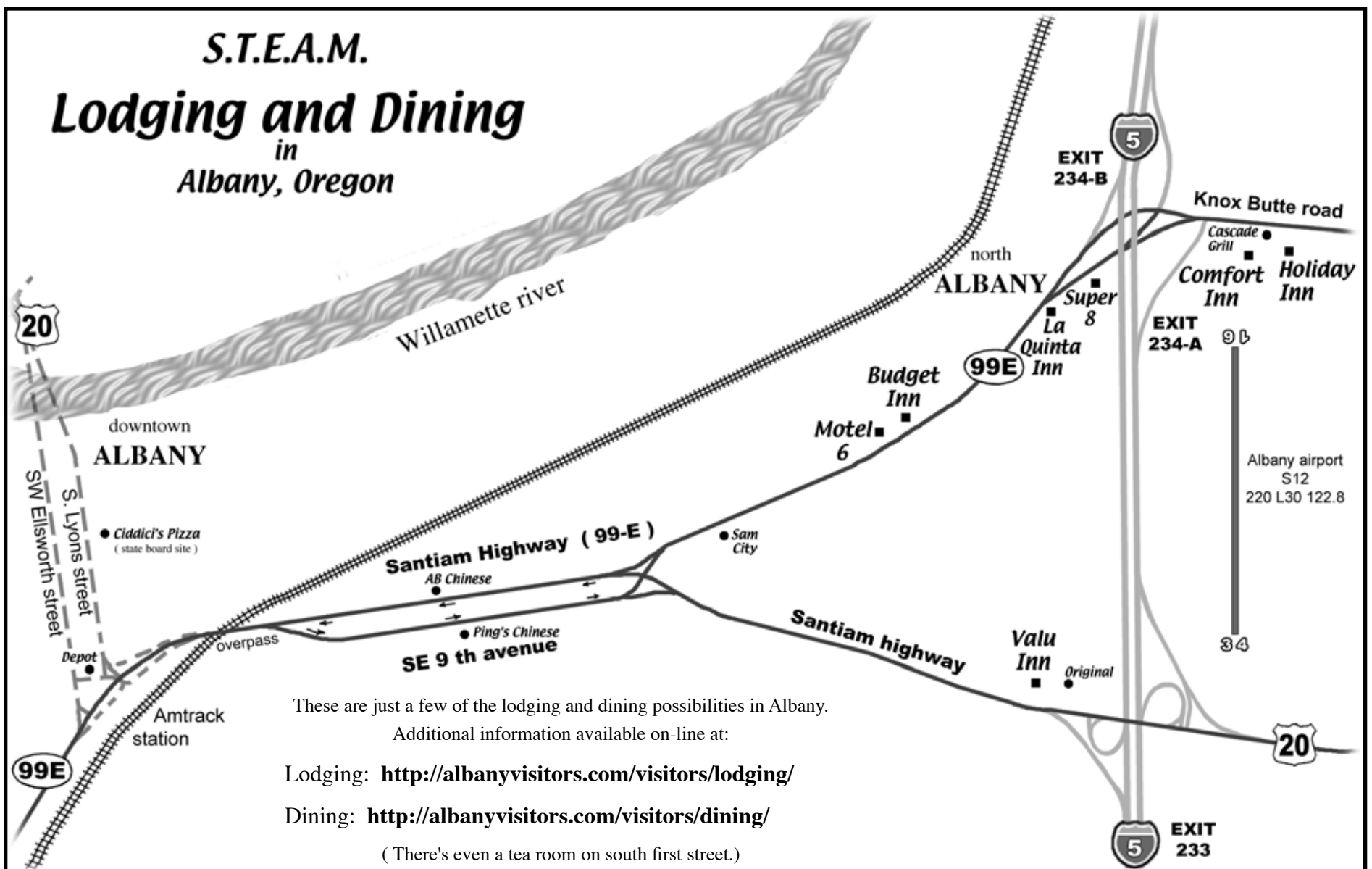
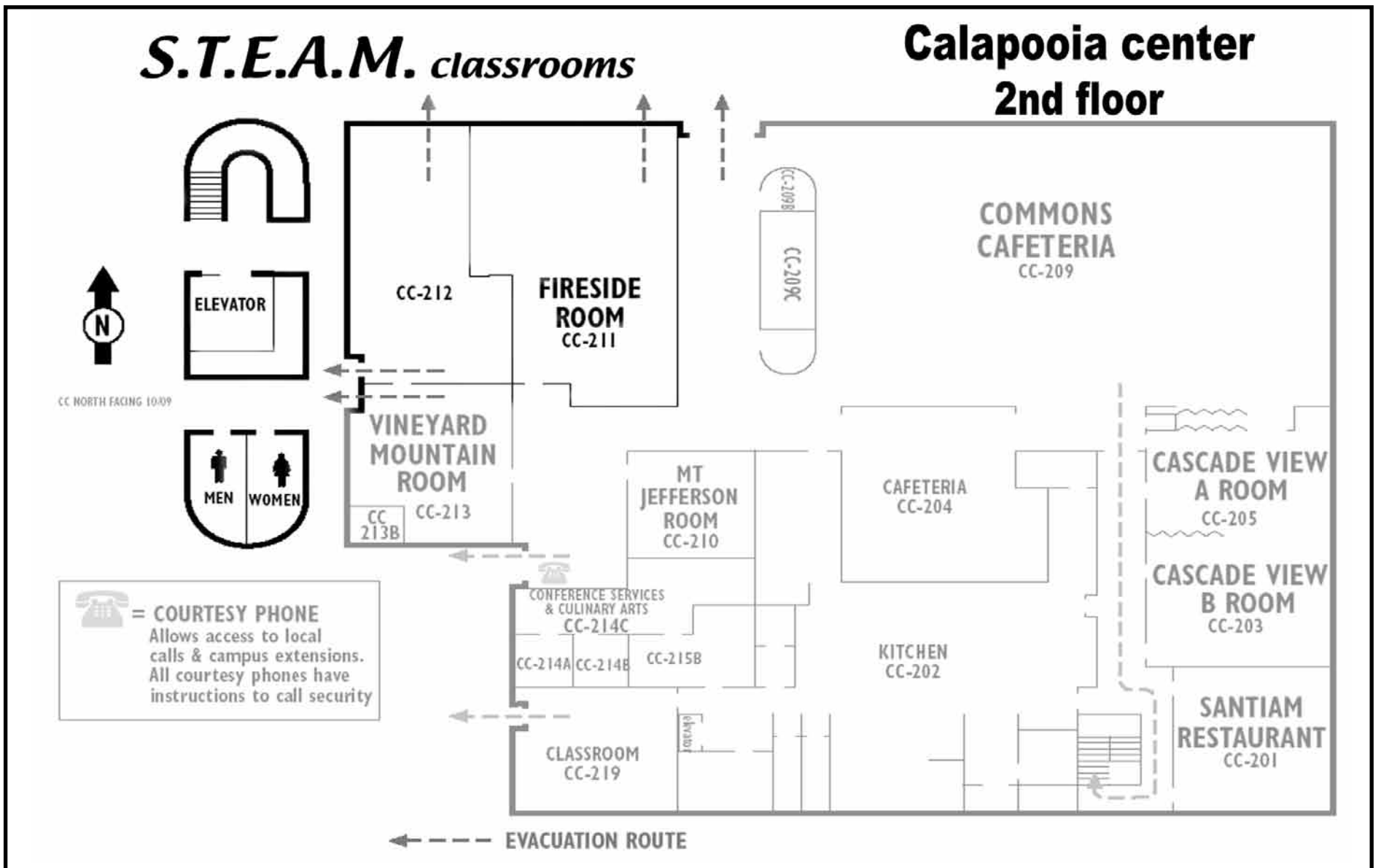
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A.B.A.T.E. Legislative Report
(series part 2)

The Anatomy of a Bill in Oregon

-- Don Mason

Last month's edition of this newspaper provided the full flow chart detailing the process by which an idea becomes a statute. This month, I am following that by defining the primary parts of that chart based on my experience with legislation in Oregon during previous sessions.

Step:

What to do and what possible scenarios

1. Something needs to change.

Either you want a new statute or to change an existing one

Bring it to your legislator

This person could be a senator or a representative or even a committee. If you are working alone or locally, then bring it to your home district. They are elected by you and your neighbors. They are normally quite easy to get a meeting with if you just ask. Naturally, they are busy and have many constituents so you need to present well-crafted reasoning and argument. If you are a member of an organization like *A.B.A.T.E.*, then attempt to bring it to them first. If they are politically conscious then they make take up the cause through already established contacts and make the entire process much easier.

2. My legislator is on board.

They agree with you that something needs to be done

Draft a Legislative Concept with your legislator

Assist your legislator with the wording. This can take place over a period of weeks. (Or even months.) But talk with your legislator about the wording to ensure that the language of the bill meets your mutual goals for the regulation. It will also go to a legislative council for scrutiny, wording, and eventual readiness to be presented at the first reading on chamber floor.

3. Introduction to the floor.

Your concept gets a bill number and is read to on the floor of the house or senate (depending on who your bill sponsor is.)

First reading day

Your bill will be read to the chamber floor. This is usually done very quickly and amongst hundreds (or even thousands) of other bills. This step is a formality and the real work has not yet begun for you.

4. What committee?

Who is going to look at my bill first?

Committee assignment

Your bill is now going to get assigned to the most relevant committee. Various committees exist in the legislature to review, possibly amend, and scrutinize your bill. **Nasty Secret #1:** The committee chairperson has enormous control over whether your bill even gets heard in the committee at all. It is definitely to your advantage to meet with this person (or have your bill sponsor do so) to discuss the merits of who you are and why your bill should be heard in their committee. Your bill can die here before it even got off the ground.

5. We got a hearing.

First committee hearing

With proper preparation and some political luck, you got a committee hearing at step 4 above. You will be informed ahead of time – but not always very far ahead of time – of your date and time for the hearing. By now you should have already been preparing your data, speakers, and reasoning in preparation for this day. The manner in which your bill is heard in committee can be reasonable and cordial, or it can be brutal, depending on how prepared you are and the mindset of committee members toward your issue

6. Committee Vote

What you want:

A “yes” vote by the majority of the committee to move forward with your bill as written.

What you often get:

“Working sessions” whereby they asked you to provide specific data or other testimony and additional future committee hearings.

What you don't want

A “no” vote by majority of committee, or for your bill to “run out of time” without a vote before the session ends.

Nasty secret #2: It is here in committee that your bill can get “amended.”

The intent of amendments is to improve or clarify your original language. This is noble thought and is the way that it is supposed to happen. But be aware that your bill can be “poisoned” by language that you cannot agree with, legislators cannot agree with, or modified such that it no longer even addresses your original reason.

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A.B.A.T.E. Legislative Report (continued)

Step:

What to do and what possible scenarios

7. The chamber floor

Your bill made it through committee

With preparation, work, political timing, and luck, your bill has made it through the committee and will now be “second read” in its current form to the floor.

(All legislators in that chamber, house or senate.)

Then on a following day it will be “third read” to the entire chamber floor. During either or both of these readings expect discussion, testimony, and argument on your part and often by opposing parties. Also, the bill can be referred back to the committee for further work. In such case, go back to step 5 again.

8. First chamber vote

The floor vote

Having made it this far means that all parties that have been involved in the previous steps feel ready to vote on the current wording of your bill.

What you want:

A majority “yes” vote.” This will pass your bill as approved in that chamber to the other chamber.

What you don't want:

A majority “no” vote. Your bill has died this session.

Nasty secret #3: This is another time of “politics” and luck in the process. No matter how much diligence that you have done to this point, there is often outward (or subtle) political pressure in the chamber that can affect the vote.

Parties have agendas, people have agendas. We all have agendas. And depending on where those parties or agendas fall in terms of your bill, it can live or die at this step, regardless of how diligent you have been. Your preparation and relationships with members of your legislature count.

9. Moving on to the other chamber

You're half way

Repeat the process from steps 3 thru 8 in the other chamber. If you have made it this far in your reading, you may be groaning. However, the Oregon constitution (not unlike other states) has provided that you are represented by a couple of people in Salem, not just one in the first chamber. You must repeat this process and get that “yes” vote in the other chamber now.

10. Shuffle back and forth, and/or passage of your bill in the other chamber.

Possible changes and more debate

Once the bill is in the other chamber, their committee can easily amend it. And if they do so, it must then go back to the originating chamber wherein a conference committee is appointed representing both the senate and the house to resolve their differences. Upon agreement, your new version of the bill has to again be approved by majority floor vote in both chambers.

However, if the second chamber did *not* change anything *and* voted majority “yes”, then you can move on to the final step.

Repeat nasty secret #3.

11. The signature
Governor signs legislation into effect

All passing bills reach the governor's desk

Of the several thousand bills that were read in step 3, only a fraction have made it to this step. Most have died in committees and some have died on the chamber floors.

However, some will have made it to this last step.

Your bill can still die now if the governor disagrees strongly enough with both legislative bodies who have passed it. The governor can veto or refuse to sign.

A governor's veto can be overridden with a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

Repeat nasty secret #3.

New Statute

The goal of this process is a happy ending.

The legislature has pondered your bill, passed it in both chambers, and the governor has signed it into effect.

It gets done every session. We have done it in the past. Please support the process with us.

You *can* make a difference

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Passing Of Billy Gannon, M.R.F. Founder and Former Chairman



Billy Gannon, 59, passed away on December 24th following a courageous battle with cancer.

Billy was a member of the original *Meeting of the Minds* steering committee and one of the founders of what would become the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* located in Washington D.C. Billy was key in convincing motorcyclists rights representatives from the east coast to attend the first *Meeting of the Minds*.

Billy took over from Michael "Balls" Farabaugh as the organizations chairman in 1987 and then served as co-chair with Michael in 1988.

One of the first messages I received about Billy's passing was, "Billy Gannon has left this world to ride with those who have left before us. Every motorcyclist lost a freedom fighter today".

Message Of Appreciation To Partners and Members

As we close our 28th year in operation, let's take a moment to reflect. Using a measure of "engagement through participation" I would say our motorcycle rights community and the *M.R.F.* are running strong, straight, and true. We are operating on all cylinders thanks to the direct involvement, in so many ways, of our sustaining state motorcycle rights organizations, our sustaining organizations and sustaining motorcycle clubs, and our members.

- This year we saw the highest participation and the most congressional offices visited in a single day by motorcyclists at our national biker lobby day in Washington D.C. during the *M.R.F.'s Bikers Inside the Beltway* event.

- We realized another first during our successful *Best of the West* conference as the *Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs* hosted the event.

- Furthering on that theme, the *M.R.F.* board of directors voted unanimously to add a motorcycle club representative to our board in September. A nomination for

Still Ray Fitzgerald to fill this new position came out of the sustaining motorcycle club meeting. We expect to seat him during the January 5th board meeting.

These impactful changes couldn't occur without the highly valued input and direction from our sustaining partners for which we remain very grateful, as we have through our long history.

A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia (Beast of the East) and the *Concerned Bikers Association/ A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina (Meeting of the Minds)* significantly contributed to our cause by hosting excellent conferences for the *M.R.F.* in 2012. And I feel it is necessary to include a genuine nod of appreciation for the *Heartland S.T.E.A.M. S.M.R.O.'s* hosting their 23rd annual conference as a fundraiser for the *M.R.F.*

Importantly, the *M.R.F.* had its highest participation ever by voting state motorcyclists rights organizations at our legislative strategy session during our *Meeting of the Minds* conference. The voting resulted in a very clear and very strong agenda to unite and direct our work. It can be reviewed on our web site at:

<http://www.mrf.org>

Additionally, we have seen a significant growth in membership since our *Meeting of the Minds* conference. As we know membership is the pipeline to the motorcyclist rights community and the source of roughly half of the *M.R.F.'s* operating funds. I would like to take a moment to thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* as they have almost completed their second round of offering and funding 100 new *M.R.F.* memberships to first time *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* members. What a perfect way to get motorcyclists involved. We have learned over the years the more involved a motorcyclist is, the more effectively they can represent our work.

We have also seen the highest number of non-*M.O.T.M.* donations from *State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations* come in since we called for donations to fund the Vaughn *E.P.A.* study in 2002. This is how

we can maintain our office in Washington D.C. The office is a few blocks from the United States capitol and employs two of the finest people we could imagine, our office manager and our vice president of government relations and public affairs.

It is a good time to again thank all of our partners who fund the travel and expenses of *M.R.F.* board members. It would be very difficult to operate without this funding.

A final congratulations to all of our 2012 *M.R.F.* award winners and *M.R.F.* champions. It is through these efforts, contributions, and careers that we can accomplish what we do to protect and enhance motorcycling and our lifestyle in our nation's capitol.

Lastly, I would like to thank the leadership of our sustaining organizations for communicating the importance and relevance of the work we do in Washington D.C. For the number of highly engaged *M.R.F.* state representatives and assistants who act as our boots on the ground and our membership who goes the extra mile repeatedly.

For me personally, I am extremely appreciative for the diversity, dedication, expertise, and passion that our board of directors brings to the table every day.

When adding all this up, it is clear that together we all ride with the leaders.

The *M.R.F.* board of directors would like to sincerely thank you for your impactful contributions as we close out 2012 and move into what I am sure will prove to be an exciting 2013.

I am confident through your demonstrated "engagement through participation", we are ready for the challenges ahead that are facing our nation of motorcyclists.

113th Congress

Washington D.C. has a whole lot of new faces with this congress. The U.S. house has 82 new freshman members out of 435 and the senate has 13 new senators, out of 100.

That's a lot of new people for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* to get to know. Speaker Boehner and senate majority leader Harry Reid were both, as expected, re-elected to retain their positions.

In the house we have a new transportation committee chairman, Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania. If his name sounds familiar it's because his father Bud ran the same committee from 1995-2001 when the national helmet requirement was repealed.

It has only been a week but this congress is expected to be a busy one filled with controversial legislation. Especially considering the lack luster performance of the 112th congress.

Save the Date:

2013 Bikers Inside The Beltway is scheduled for May 16th, 2013 in Washington D.C.

Mark your calendars now.

-- Kirk "Hardtail" Willard
M.R.F. president

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Supreme Court Strikes Down Regulation Against Filming Police

The U.S. supreme court has rejected an Illinois prosecutor's appeal to allow enforcement of a state regulation barring ordinary citizens from recording police officers as they do their jobs. A lower federal court had found that Illinois' anti-eavesdropping regulation violates free speech rights because it was being used by police and prosecutors against people who tape enforcement officers.

The *American Civil Liberties Union (A.C.L.U.)* had filed a lawsuit against Cook county in 2010 to halt prosecution of *A.C.L.U.* staffers for recording cops in public spaces, an activity promoted by the *A.C.L.U.* all over the country.

But when Chicago officials objected, the legislature passed a regulation outlawing the filming of them. The so-called "anti-eavesdropping" measure was designed to prevent covert recordings without consent. But the state of Illinois has applied that statute to mean any photography in a public zone, meaning no photographing or recording a cop on a public street while he/she is making a traffic stop, arrest, or for any other reason.

Most other states don't have regulations prohibiting the filming of anyone or anything in public places. The Illinois regulation had some serious teeth, carrying a fifteen-year prison term.

But the high court has sided with a lower court decision protecting the rights of Americans when it comes to privacy under the first amendment of the U.S. constitution, and they refused to take action on the appeal.

In rejecting the state's plea to criminalize videotaping police, the supreme court apparently agrees with the lower court. Therefore police officers have no more expectation to privacy in public than any other person in America.

Harvey Grossman, legal director of the Illinois *A.C.L.U.*, was "pleased" with the result; "*The A.C.L.U. of Illinois continues to believe that in order to make the rights of free expression and petition effective, individuals and organizations must be able to freely gather and record information about the conduct of government and their agents -- especially the police.*"

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* has presented various seminars during past *N.C.O.M.* conventions on proper procedures for recording enforcement officers in the performance of their duty. Although the supreme court has now given their blessing to such exercises of our civil rights under the United States constitution, be aware not to interfere with, disrupt, or cause delays for police officers in their official duty while doing so.

Virginia Bikers Score Helmet Victory In Court

A dozen motorcyclists convicted of violating Virginia's mandatory helmet requirement have had their convictions reversed by the state court of appeals, while three others had their helmet convictions affirmed by the court. All fifteen defendants were wearing headgear of some kind when they attended the 2011 *Virginia Beach Bike Classic*, but police claimed the riders' helmets failed to meet the state's standards. Each of them was convicted in general district court and in circuit court, but on appeal the state acknowledged the lower courts were in error in twelve of those fifteen cases.

Virginia's helmet requirement, code §46.2-910, requires helmets to meet any of three published standards but does not require any marks or labels to show compliance. Ten of the convictions addressed in *Bennett v. Commonwealth* were based solely on a lack of labeling, so those convictions were reversed.

One rider wore what a trooper described as a "toy" helmet with a plastic chin strap held together with a key ring. The state argued the key ring flunked one published standard, but the court of appeals panel said the state failed to rule out compliance with the other standards, so that conviction also was reversed.

In three cases, the motorcyclists admitted to a trooper that they knew their headgear was not the real deal. One helmet even had a label identifying it as a "novelty helmet," not for road use. For those three riders, the trip to the court of appeals proved fruitless. Convictions affirmed.

An admission of guilt, while always ill-advised, doesn't always equate to a

conviction, however, as the three-judge panel drew a fine line with one remaining defendant who told the trooper he knew he was wearing a novelty helmet. But that statement alone was not enough to establish it failed to meet any of the safety standards, the court held. That biker's conviction was reversed, as reported in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

Texas Justice Woman Jailed For Warning Of Speed Trap

A woman in Houston was arrested and jailed for twelve hours after she held up a make-shift sign to warn drivers about a speed trap. Natalie Plummer was officially charged with walking in the roadway (essentially jaywalking) though she says the police officers who arrested her were just angry that she had tipped off speeders.

Plummer was riding her bicycle along a road near downtown when she spotted police officers pulling drivers over. She told *KTRK News* that it looked like the officers were targeting cars at random, so she recorded some of the activity on her cell phone. Then, she said, she turned around and wrote "Speed Trap!!" in large letters on a piece of grocery bag to warn oncoming traffic. "*I was simply warning citizens of a situation ahead,*" she told the TV station.

The officers didn't see it that way.

Shortly after she took up her post, a squad car pulled up to Miss Plummer and an officer grabbed her backpack off her shoulder and began rifling through it. Then, he handcuffed her and told her she was under arrested for felony obstruction of justice and that she would spend three to five years in jail, at minimum.

She ended up being charged with misdemeanor "*walking in the road where a sidewalk is present,*" though she was in jail twelve hours before she was able to bail out.

Plummer said she wasn't obstructing justice, and she wasn't in the roadway, either. She was on the sidewalk. "*He couldn't take me to jail for holding up this sign or he would have. So all he could do was make up something fake about it,*" she said.

A *KTRK* legal analyst says Plummer should not have been arrested, but the Houston police department stood by the officer's report that she was walking in the road and a danger to herself and others.

Lane Splitting Supported By Landmark Report

Motorcyclists should be allowed to weave their way to the front of stationary

traffic and car drivers should have to study up on motorcycle safety, according to a "landmark" parliamentary report recently released by Australian legislators.

It is currently an offense there, and in most developed countries, for motorcycles to "filter" (lane split) between cars at red lights and in slow traffic, but the report by the road safety committee said that behavior could cut commuting times, slash congestion, and should be legalized.

The report, applauded by the motorcycling community but given a mixed reception by other road users, also recommended questions about safety around motorcycles be included in future car license tests.

Rob Smith, of *Motorcycles Australia*, told the *Herald Sun* newspaper that the report was a big win for motorcyclists but it might be some time before new regulations are introduced. He said he understood concerns from other motorists about safety, but agreed with the government officials that filtering through traffic could be a solution to congestion. "*Filtering motorcycles benefits every road user by saving travel time,*" Smith said. "*People should be concerned about road safety, but there is no evidence anywhere in the world that lane filtering is actually dangerous.*"

Victoria Motorcycle Council deputy chairman of data and research Rob Salvatore said the report was a landmark recognition of motorcyclists as legitimate road users. Committee chairman Murray Thompson (M.P.) said there has been a 66% increase in registrations of motorcycles in the past decade and passenger vehicle drivers needed to be more aware of them.

Quotable Quote

"*America is at that awkward stage. It's too late to work within the system, but too early to shoot the bastards.*"

-- Claire Wolfe
101 Things to Do
'Til the Revolution
(1996)

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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
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E. P. A. May No Longer Require Minimum Gas Purchase

Pickerington, Ohio -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is apparently scrapping its requirement that all consumers buy at least four gallons of gasoline from certain gas pumps that dispense the new E15 ethanol-gasoline blend, the *American Motorcyclist Association* reports.

The *E.P.A.* first revealed its minimum-purchase requirement to the *A.M.A.* in a letter dated August 1, responding to *A.M.A.* concerns that E15 (a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume) could be put in motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle gas tanks inadvertently when consumers used blender pumps. (A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose.) The vast majority of motorcycles and A.T.V.s in use today aren't designed to operate on E15 fuel.

The *E.P.A.* had said that the minimum purchase requirement was meant to dilute any residual E15 fuel left in the hose.

On December 17, in response to ongoing *A.M.A.* concerns, the *E.P.A.* indicated to the *A.M.A.* that it would no longer require a minimum purchase of four gallons. Instead, the *E.P.A.* will now likely require a label on blender pumps that dispense E10 and E15 through the same hose that state the pump is solely for passenger cars and trucks.

In addition, the *E.P.A.* indicated it will require stations that sell E15 to also have a pump with a dedicated E10 hose for use by motorcycles and other vehicles the *E.P.A.* hasn't approved for E15 use.

"With E15 gasoline, our members who make a concerted effort to fuel their motorcycles or A.T.V.s with E10 or less gasoline may be unknowingly refueling with residual fuel left in the hose," Wayne Allard, *A.M.A.* vice president for government relations, had said to the *E.P.A.* before the agency's December 17 comments.

"Unlike an automobile or S.U.V. that has a large fuel tank, the residual fuel left in a fueling hose could be detrimental to the performance of motorcycle or A.T.V. engines due to the small size of their fuel tanks and the higher concentration of ethanol that would, therefore, be present in the fuel," Allard had said. "In addition, the use of E15 will lower fuel efficiency can

possibly cause premature engine failure. Use of E15 fuel voids many manufacturer warranties. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users."

The *A.M.A.* has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal legislators about possible damage to motorcycle and A.T.V. engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available, and has asked that motorcycles and A.T.V.s be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15.

Ethanol is essentially grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel.

In October 2010, the *E.P.A.* approved the use of E15 in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles. (Cars, light-duty pickups and medium-duty passenger vehicles.)

Then, in January 2011, the *E.P.A.* added model year 2001-06 light-duty vehicles to the approved list.

No motorcycles or A.T.V.s are currently on the list.

Store Your Bike Right This Winter

For many motorcyclists, the arrival of winter means nothing more than layering-up before a ride. But ice, snow, and cold weather often force those who live in the northern reaches to park their bikes until spring.

Unfortunately, many riders discover later that their trusted mounts weren't too happy about being abandoned over the winter months. Dead batteries, gummed-up carbs, and internal corrosion can all plague improperly stored bikes.

If you know you're not going to ride your motorcycle for more than a month, you can help it get through the frigid weather by taking a few precautionary steps.

If at all possible, store the bike inside a garage. It's amazing how much damage can be done by exposure to the elements, even in a few months.

But before you put it away, take a little time to check the following:

Gas



Top off the tank and add the recommended amount of a fuel stabilizer such as *Sta-Bil*. This additive will keep your gas from breaking down and leaving a gunky brown "varnish" on your carb's parts. Then start the engine and run it for several minutes to make sure you get the treated gas into the carbs.

Oil



Oil starts out golden and clean, and winds up black and dirty. This is bad. The contaminants in the oil can be corrosive, and you don't want your engine parts sitting in a corrosive bath all winter. So do yourself a favor and change your oil just before the bike goes into storage.

Coolant

Since most motorcycles don't get a lot of use in subfreezing temperatures, many riders overlook the importance of checking their coolant for protection against winter freeze-up. Use one of

those floating-ball testers to make sure your coolant will resist freezing in the temperatures you experience. If you need to add any, make sure you use the type of coolant recommended by your manufacturer.

Battery



Some modern motorcycles can put a slight drain on a battery to run a clock, maintain radio presets or operate an alarm system. If you're in this situation, make sure you have a charger system in place to keep your battery alive. Otherwise, at least make sure it starts the winter with a full charge, and give it a recharge every month or so.

Other stuff

Purists will tell you to store your bike with the tires off the ground. This is a great idea, if you can arrange it.



If not, inflate both tires properly, put the bike on its center stand, and every few weeks rotate the front tire to avoid flat spots. Also, a good coating of wax will help preserve your paint and chrome, and a breathable cloth cover can keep off dirt, dust and other garage effluvia.

Do it right, and all you'll have to do come spring is turn the key, press the starter button, and start racking up the miles again.

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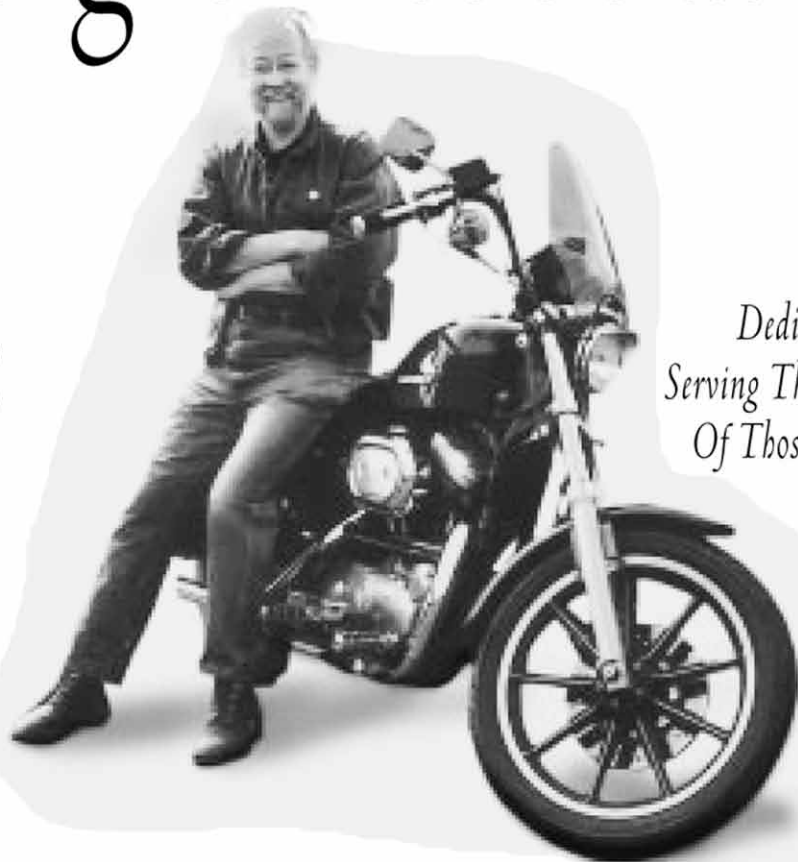
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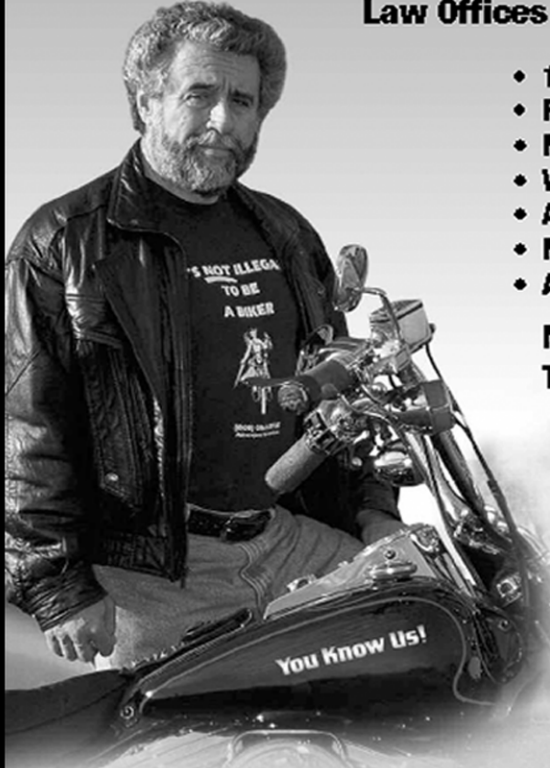
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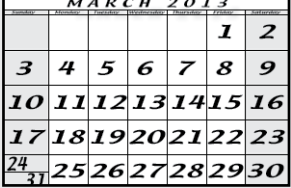


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	(imbolc)				1	2 BikePAC Board Meeting noon - Salem groundhog day (watch the movie)
3 4th quarter moon Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	4	5 River City - 1900 (7 pm) Salem - 1900 (7 pm)	6	7	8	9 ABATE B.O.D. Ciddici's Pizza-Albany-noon 1100 (11 a.m.) STEAM committee Fossil committee Group membership committee
10 new moon Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm)	11 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	12 Lincoln's birthday Mardi Gras	13	14  Valentine's day (birthdays of Oregon and c.o.e.)	15 Susan B. Anthony birthday	16
17 1st quarter moon Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	18 Washington's birthday	19 Jackson County 1830 (6:30 pm) Lincoln County - 1900 (7 pm) North Coast - 1730 (5:30 pm) River City - 1900 (7 pm)	20 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	21 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	22	23 Oregon ABATE S.T.E.A.M. Albany Linn-Benton comm. col.
24	25 quickenning moon Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	26	27	28		

STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 09 Feb 2013

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza
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11 a.m - STEAM, Fossil run meetings

T'was the chocolate or the champers,
And all his motorcyclist's lures,
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It's kick-startin' inside,
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(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:
23 Feb 2013	S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE	Albany-LBCC	
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16 Mar 2013	Anniversary Party / SE-PDX	Gresham	(503)-709-7360
23-24 Mar 2013	Spring Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	St. Helens fairgrounds	(503)-347-0524
06 Apr 2013	Biker night / WaCo		
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	(503)-791-2862
09 Jun 2013	Roll-N-Ride / WaCo		
20 Jul 2013	Mid Summer Run / WaCo		
06-08 Sep 2013	End of Summer Run / WaCo		
28-29 Sept 2013	Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	St. Helens fairgrounds	(503)-347-0524
19-20 Oct 2013	Planning Session / ABATE & BikePAC	Cottage Grove	
12 Oct 2013	Biker night / WaCo		

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>> 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
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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
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North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
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Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Hitching Post; 8046 River road NE; Salem	(503)-393-1404
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