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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty



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Fair Winds and Following Seas, Nic

Now it's up to those remaining to take up the slack

Nic Oliver, who was supposed to have stepped down as *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state recording secretary over a year ago, has finally made the transition to a slightly more leisurely life.

Nic, as executive director for *BikePAC of Oregon*, will be concentrating his full energies on the political end of legislation that affects Oregon motorcyclists. (*BikePAC* is a lobbying organization that looks out for Oregon riders' interests in our state capitol.)

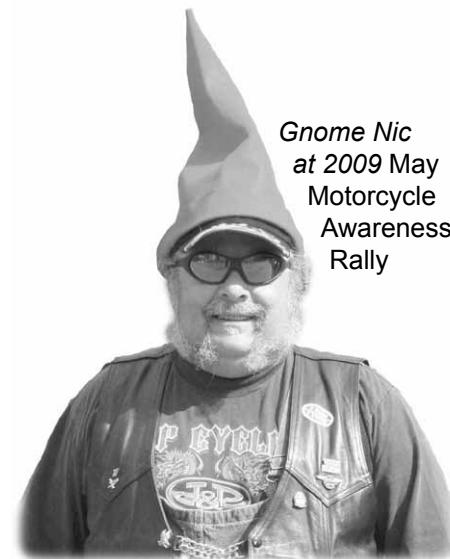
E-mails thanking Nic for his long service with *A.B.A.T.E.* have been pouring in.

The vast staff of the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state newspaper joins in the chorus echoing gratitude for all that Nic has done for the organization and Oregon bikers down through the years.

Now it is time for others to step up and help make Oregon a state where motorcycles can be ridden without fear of harassment, inattentive drivers, crashes, or injury.

The key to pursuing two or three-wheel happiness is education of riders, drivers, community leaders, and legislators. That's where *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* comes in. We exist to:

- Encourage motorcyclists to keep their skills sharp with rider classes.
- Raise driver awareness of motorcycles by augmenting driver training.
- Ensure that city councils and county commissioners understand motorcyclist events enhance communities.
- Help educate legislators about motorcycle issues so they may vote intelligently.

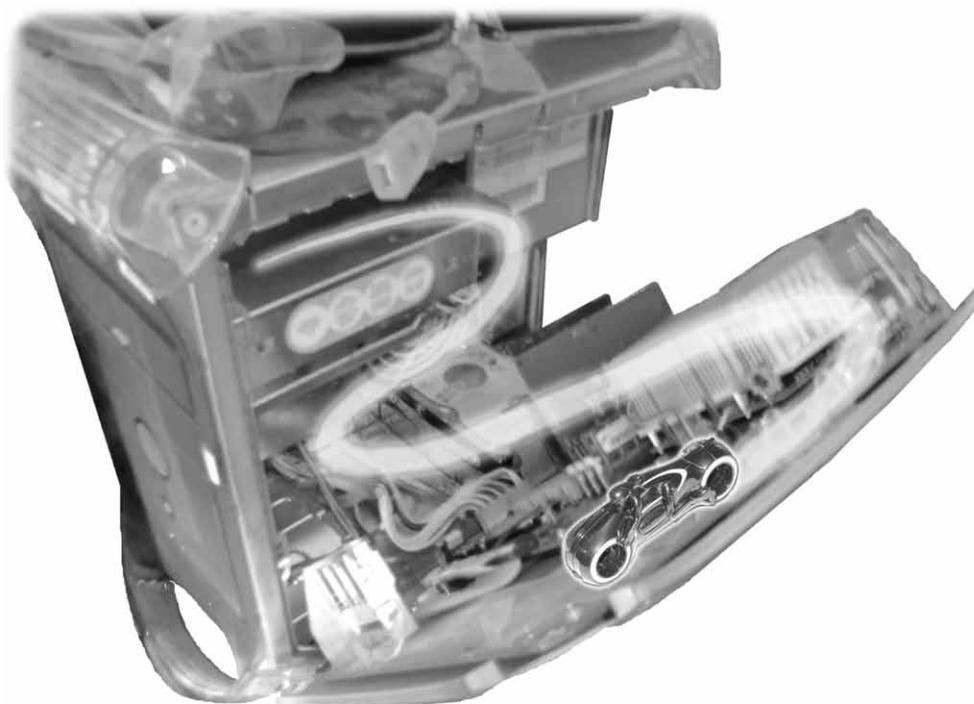


Gnome Nic at 2009 May Motorcycle Awareness Rally

In order to do all that, we need folks to do the unglamorous but necessary behind-the-scenes activities that keep *A.B.A.T.E.* ticking over.

We need volunteers like you. You *can* do it. It's your turn.

What Goes On Inside Our Computers



Pretty neat, eh?

It's a 4 GB thumb drive modeled on the *Tron* bike from the movie of the selfsame name.

Now that you know they exist, you can go out and find one to store all yer chapter files or pics of yer bike. (Or mother.)



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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

Well here it is March already and I find myself day dreaming more and more about the upcoming riding season. Runs, campouts, and even road trips. It's kinda like the weeks before christmas for a kid, but I know what my present is.

Question is, do we really know what is around the corner for us?

Roads have changed over the winter, our bodies have changed, and most likely our rides have sat for the most part of the winter.

Now is the time to get everything up to speed and running smoothly.

Last year we lost way to many brothers and sisters in this state and across the country from our own mistakes.

Let's start the riding season out by making sure that we and our own machines are good to go, then reach out and help those who are new to our family to make sure that they get a good start this year as well.

Is it really so inconceivable to have zero self-induced wrecks this year?

I don't think so.

Let's become a family again and do everything we can to make sure **all** our brothers and sisters get home

safe this year.

The legislative session is also one of our priorities and by now is going full speed. We need to be very aware of what is going on in our capitol, and be ready to respond to **anything** dealing with motorcycle rights and safety.

If you remember two years ago (the last full session), they tried to ramrod age limits for passengers on our bikes, take away the right for our children to ride off road bikes, take away funding from *Team Oregon*, as well as a host of others.

We were on top of it as concerned motorcyclists and some of those bills never saw the light of day.

We should be no less vigilant this year because some of those same people who thought up those silly bills are still in office.

It is our job to look out for over 100,000 motorcyclists in this state, not only be the spear tip when it comes to fighting for our rights, and educating everyone about motorcycle safety and awareness, but

also inform them of what is going on so that they can make an educated decision and not base their decision on the b.s. they hear or read in the mass media.

So, brothers and sisters, let's get our leathers on again and not only enjoy the freedom of the road this year, but put a little time aside for the rest of our family and extend a hand in anyway we can.

See you all on the road.
Ride safe,
Ride free,
and ride with respect!

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

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



Allan Nichols

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

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

We are busy planning our events and it looks to be a great year.

It gets easy to forget why we do all this work. We all want to have a good time but we have lost sight of our true goal.

We were started to be a political power to preserve and protect our rights as motorcyclists. We need to focus on our legislative side. This year may be our last chance to get freedom of choice for helmets for a long time. Everyone needs to get involved. We all need to be sending e-mails to our representatives and senators to let them know how we feel.

Our mission statement says it all. If we are not promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, or liberty, we are doing it wrong.

If we are raising funds to use for that goal, we are still following our mission statement.

If we are just trying to raise money so we can have a bigger run next year, we are doing it wrong.

There is nothing wrong with enjoying a good run weekend, but we need to remember why we are doing it and spread our message at these runs.

I hope everyone focuses on our true mission more. If we all work at it, our goals are achievable. If we count on a few to do it for us, it will not happen. This is a job that we all have to do or it will not get done.

Enough of my soapbox.



I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable riding season and hope to see you on the road.

Bob Terrill
chapter coordinator

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Izzy's Pizza
810 SW 11th street
Redmond, Oregon

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

Douglas County



Hello everyone,

2013 has approached us with a lot of good things in store for the *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter*. We have several new members, including myself this year who are totally ecstatic about being a part of such a unique group of people involved in promoting motorcycle safety as well as our rights as riders.

The chapter has grown abundantly due to many officers as well as members sharing what *A.B.A.T.E.* is all about. Currently we have a total of 276 members and we want to send a special “thanks” to *In Country Vets* for their renewal.

We all know that safety is our priority and the weather has been very cold, so it goes without saying that our *Douglas County Chapter* representative deserves a special shout out for his bravery for being the *only* one who rode to the January state board meeting, “You go, boy!”

For all new and old members, let’s step our game up and have a prosperous year. And for those who have sat on the sidelines, I hope that you will join us this year.

Enjoy the journey and let’s ride,

Tashia Crippen
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
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 (when and wherever)

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 (and beyond)

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

Hello from *Hub City*,

This is what you get when you win the 50/50 drawing.

January 2013 has come and gone.

Hub City held its first meeting of the new year.

Thank you to the officers who stepped down and to the new officers of 2013. (By the way, seven women now hold officer positions.)

The January *Hub City* meeting was called to order by our new chapter coordinator, Monica Sims. (Great job, Mo.)

Hub City is looking to see great things happen in 2013.

Al Sims, our run coordinator, is already working on having a couple of biker nights, a June poker run, and some great Friday night rides. Check out *Hub City* web page (thank you Mr. Don Mason for all your hard work) or just come on down to *Ciddici's Pizza* at 133 S.E. fifth avenue in Albany every third Thursday at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Well, the daylight is getting

longer and hopefully days are a little warmer. (Please, no more freezing fog and frost.) We know some of you have been out riding, while others have stayed home and warm. Please be sure you have your bike serviced and ready to ride when the time is right.

Here's to a fun and safe riding season,

Betty



Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Fog Is Lifting, Spring Is On The Way

Our first 2013 meeting was great fun. We invited *Old Guard Riders* and *JoCo A.B.A.T.E.* members to pizza at the Medford *American Legion*. Great friends and good food.

We will soon have an updated photo of *Jackson County Chapter* members for the state newspaper. Thank-you, Katherine.

Jackson County Chapter men have an upcoming project: dinner night for the ladies. No pizza or fast food. (This may take some planning for the men.) The ladies are anxiously looking forward to this night.

Make your plans now to attend the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*. The date this year is 27-28 April and will be held again at *Touville Lodge*, Medford. This is a great event with music, food, friends old and new,

and *lots* of vendors. Vendor space is still available.

May 4th will be a *Southern Oregon Awareness Rally* at the Josephine courthouse in Grants Pass. All interested bikers and non-bikers need to attend this rally. Be aware of your rights.

Get your calendars set for 2013 events, parties, runs. Let's make this a great and safe year for riding and fellowship.

Thank the man upstairs and a vet for the wonderful life we all have.

Stay safe,

Judi
membership secretary
Jackson County Chapter



14th Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet & Bike Show

Presented by Josephine & Jackson County Chapters of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon At Touville Lodge 9367 Table Rock Rd, Central Point

Free All Bikes (American & Metric) Bike Show
Registration 10-noon
Show 12noon - 3:00 pm

Great Food, Live Music, new/used parts, leather goods, clothing, gift items
Raffle prizes, 50/50
Blessing of the bikes
Sunday morning biker church

No large dogs allowed

Entry Fee: \$5.00/day
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Spanky @ 541-659-8715 or
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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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(earth)

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

Josephine County

Hi,

I'm writing this report, the sun is out, and I'm dressed to ride.

Things in southern Oregon have been a little dead lately. The good part is that it is starting to be over with the *Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet* coming up. It's put on by *Josephine County* and *Jackson County* chapters. It's been getting bigger each year. It will be held on April 27th and 28th.

The other good thing is that on May 4th (noon – 2 p.m.) we are holding a *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* here at the Josephine county courthouse in Grants Pass.

We had one in 2008 and it was a very good event.

We will have guest speakers: people representing *BikePAC*, *Team Oregon*, *G.A.C. (Governor's Advisory Committee)* on transportation issues, and more. This event is put on by *Josephine County* and *Jackson County* chapters with assistance from *Bikers For Christ*. We want to bring bikers and friends together from all over southern Oregon.

On the same day, similar events will

be going on in Salem and all over the state.

Please tell your friends to go and support the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in any location.

Let's show up united for a great cause. In Josephine county, we're going to line the streets on both side and show our concerns, making the public aware of us.

The date is Saturday, May 4, 2013. Things start at noon.

Come and join us for both events and have a good time.

We had a good board of directors meeting in Albany yesterday. (09 February.)

Thank you to the people who have stepped up and accepted state officer positions including our own Karen Tolle who has accepted the position of vice-coordinator (south), Bob Nichols as state recording secretary, Geoff White as education director, Zipporah Nelson as state membership secretary, and Carl Earl as web page editor.

State auditor, vice-coordinator (east), and sergeant-at-arms (east) remain vacant.



State board of directors meetings are open to all A.B.A.T.E. members.

Pat "Spanky" Allen
coordinator
Josephine County Chapter

April 27 & 28, 2013
Fri: 12:00 - 7:00 vendor set-up
Sat: 9:00 - 7:00, Sun: 9:00 - 5:00

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Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

Fruitdale Grange
 1440 Parkdale Drive
 Grants Pass

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

Lower Columbia

We canceled our meeting this month which would have been on super bowl Sunday.

We have no report

Dave Bridges



Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)

Colvin's Pub & Grill
 123 N. Nehalem
 Clatskanie, Oregon
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Lincoln County**

The *Lincoln County Chapter* is still alive but doing some reassessing of what we need to do and what we are willing to do.

We have canceled our anniversary party and the *Long John Poker Run* for this year. It really is a sad time. We are thirty years old and some of us have been involved since the beginning. Our senior thanksgiving dinner will probably not happen nor helping with the children's christmas party with the *American Legion*. When you have no fund raisers it is hard to finance outside activities.

We will not be hosting a *Beaver Creek Run* this year either. We don't have the man power to do it and so we decided it was not in our plans. Thirty years was the last for us for now and maybe we will never do another.

We do have officers who will be heading to S.T.E.A.M. It is so very vital to *A.B.A.T.E.*, so we hope that we saw you there.

This is a short article and we will

keep you informed each month of what we have decided we can do.

If any of our members want to attend meetings, they will down to one meeting a month and it will be the third (3rd) Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the *American Legion* hall in Newport.

Keep the rubber side down if you attempt to ride in this weather,

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



[*c.o.e. note:* While many chapters go through ups and downs, it is vitally important for those who have been members in name only to step up and do what they can, however little, to help keep their chapter going. We have lost far too many fine chapters over the years, leaving good people with no place to experience A.B.A.T.E. fellowship locally.

Our state sanctioning officer informs us that the insurance for the *Beaver Creek Run* is already paid and that we cannot obtain refunds for any scheduled events that are not held. Which means that any other chapter or A.B.A.T.E. members can step up to put on the *Beaver Creek Run*.]

Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

By the time you receive this fine newspaper *S.T.E.A.M* will be history, hopefully providing an opportunity for good networking, learning new skills, and instilled some enthusiasm toward the goals of the organization for your chapter to build upon. Many thanks to everyone associated with putting on this event.

Our chapter had its *Second Annual Bowling Night* in early February. We had great enthusiasm by the members leading up to this event, turnout was good, and a good time was had by all. Yet another way to get members together for some lively fun and interaction.

Our *Third Annual Spring Fever Run* is coming up next month on April 27th. This is a family friendly run. Kids are more than welcome to ride with their parents, grandparents, or friends.

Our previous stop at the *Tillamook Cheese Factory* provided some

great memories of bikers in leather wandering through the facility eating squeaky cheese and enjoying the fine ice cream served up by *Tillamook Cheese*.

Consider joining us this year. The run begins at the *Buoy 9 Inn* in Hammond, Oregon.

Sign up at 9 a.m.

Kick stands up at 10.

Run ends at *Dundee's Bar & Grill* in Seaside. And yes, children are welcome at *Dundee's*. It's a scenic ride down the coast. Hope you can make it. Please see the run flyer in this publication for more information.

Excitement builds in all of us as we approach the spring equinox on March 20, which brings twelve hours of daylight, increases our energy, and most of all provides warmer and dryer weather (we hope) for getting out on the road.

Don't forget to get those bikes ready to hit the road safely. You



know the drill: check those tires, brakes, lights, and fluids.

With all the great events on tap this year, you want to be ready to hit the road.

Think about honing your riding skills by enrolling in one of the many *Team Oregon* courses. Not only will you enhance your skills, but you will have fun doing it and meet new friends. These courses are available throughout our great state. Check out *Team Oregon's* web site:

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

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

Please be safe out there,

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*

January 15, 2013

For tonight's meeting, we were put in the big banquet room next to the kitchen and it was *cold*. In spite of this, we had a long meeting and lots of discussion, especially about P.I.P. insurance.

We began making plans for stuff for this year. We have a lot of ideas. We just need energy and time.

More, later.

February 5, 2013

Larry led the meeting tonight, since Rick was away for a family birthday.

So since Larry led, it was a quick meeting. I think most of us were there longer to eat before the meeting than it took to hold the meeting itself.

We talked a bunch about the length of poker run routes. To date, they have varied from 58 to 110 miles. If anyone out there wishes to comment, they can reach Brian at (541)-340-9442. Consumer comments are very welcome.

We have been having great improvements in our weather, with more frequent sunshine and temperatures up to mid-50s. I got to see a spectacular double rainbow from the lookout above Rowena today. Oh my!

Gene won the 50/50 game at \$7/\$7 and donated \$3 back to the chapter.



Thanks, Gene.

I think tomorrow I will see where the sunshine ends, in some direction.

Upcoming meetings

March 05, 2013

March 19, 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*

Hello all,

I would like to introduce myself as the new recording secretary of our chapter. Although I have been a member of *Southeast Portland Chapter* for many many years, I'm just recently (two years) getting off my buns and getting actively involved.

Speaking of getting involved I can't wait for *S.T.E.A.M.* By the time you are reading this, *S.T.E.A.M.* will be over and hopefully we had a great turn out. I have never been and hope to make it an annual must do. It's why we are here. (Hear, hear?)

Our meetings are seeing a higher attendance of late as *Run 21* plans are starting up. I sure hope that gives us more opportunity to entice members to get involved in other areas too. Log on to:

<http://www.run21.biz>

for updates on location, etc.

On March 16 we will be having our anniversary party and would love to extend the invite to all!

The morning of, we will give a motorcycle escort for our moving truck full of food for the chosen local charity. After a year of passing



the can at meetings and a few individuals canvassing everywhere they go, we are ready to deliver the fruits of our labor to those who could use a helping hand. It's a great little ride and maybe it'll even be warmer than last year. (Brrrrr.)

I'd like to encourage everyone to check out our web site and watch the new videos. I especially like the toy run link. It'll make a grown biker cry. The work we do feels so damn good when you see the lives of children and their families changing towards the positive. Mike Friend is a gift to so many with his tireless work.

Well, hopefully I will meet some of you at *S.T.E.A.M.*

Ride safe and make sure those cages see you or hear you first,

--Susan Suran

recording secretary

Southeast Portland Chapter

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.abatetoyrun.com>

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

-- Salem

House bill 2404 is being introduced during the current legislative session. (Which is now.) To view this bill please go to:

<http://www.legislature.gov/>

Be aware of the wording so that when you visit your representative and/or senator, you are up to speed on this important bill. If you are not registered to vote in Oregon, please call me and I would be glad to help you do so. My phone number is (503)-588-4149.

Hopefully there was a lot of learning going on at the S.T.E.A.M. event. At the writing of this, Michael Johnson and I are getting ready to attend along with whoever else we could get to go. Thank you to *Hub City Chapter* for helping with the arrangements for S.T.E.A.M.

Big thanks to Don Mason for coming to speak at our meeting. I have included a posting of his from *Facebook* about how the media may come at us once they get wind of HB-2404.

"I spoke last night at the Salem meeting about the propaganda machine that turns on as soon as a helmet choice bill hits the internet news sites. Here is a perfect example coming from the current Washington state bill drafted by our brothers and sisters in A.B.A.T.E. of Washington, B.O.L.T.,

the C.o.C., and other freedom fighters there. Please read the comment section and learn. Posting a 'pro' comment to this issue on the internet takes five minutes of your life. The same thing is coming soon here, probably within days."

Check out this link for an article that came out after Washington state started work on their helmet amendment. You may post a comment using this:

<http://www.thenewtribune.com/2013/02/05/2462308/ride-without-a-helmet-not-at>

The public burden argument has always been used to sway non-riders by hitting their purse strings.

Salem Swap Meet

Call *White Trash Choppers* (Panhead Ric) at (503)-391-0739 or Doug at (541)-979-3997 to reserve a table, or two for March 2, 2013.

The cost per table is \$10.

Starts at 8:30 a.m. that Saturday morning.

This is a great way to sell stuff and clean out at the same time. There can be set-up the night before. Ask one of the guys when you call to reserve.

Food will be available for



purchase. Plus the proceeds go to not only *Salem Chapter*, but also *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* to continue the work that our mission statement espouses:

"A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action."

May all of you who go to the capitol to put your two cents worth in or call your representatives know that there is good on you.

Also, to our members who like the party but don't do the politics, good on you too. You are a member of a great organization and that is a very important thing to be!

Peace, love and don't let the smeg heads get you down,

Michelle J. FitzHenry

[*c.o.e. note: How Red Dwarfish.*]

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,

We are all settled in at *Coyote's Restaurant* at 53rd and Baseline for our chapter meetings. The food and service are great. The new meeting place is spacious and quiet.

We are having some very lively meetings now that we have combined our run committee meetings and our chapter meetings into one. Gordon and Darren, our run coordinators, have come up with some really good ideas for the coming year. It is great getting everyone's input on where, when, and how we want to put on our runs for the upcoming year.

We are having great meetings discussing ways to accomplish our mission statement.

Our fantastic state board representative, Paul Hering, is doing a great job keeping us informed of all the happenings at the state level.

As I like to say, our meetings have a lot of meat and little potatoes. So

come on down and join us. You might even win the membership drawing!

Other notes of interest, *Biker Night at Coyote's* on April 6th. This is going to be one rockin' party you won't want to miss.

As I said last month, please make time to visit your legislators at the state capitol. I cannot tell you how important it is to get to know your state representative and your state senator. Talk to them about all your concerns. You will not regret it.

Hope to see you all soon.
 Take care,

Ted



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**

09 February 2013

Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon

{EB }= Executive board member

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

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) with eleven of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present are eligible to vote.

Absent chapters: Salem excused.

Guest or first time attendee: None.

Reading and approval of minutes: Minutes posted in the state newspaper were a rough draft. Motion made by *Lincoln County Chapter* to adopt minutes as sent by e-mail on January 17th and marked as "final edition". Seconded by *Washington County Chapter*. **Motion passed.**

Coordinator's comments {EB }: Allan Nichols thanked everyone for coming out today. Nicest riding day we've had in awhile.

S.T.E.A.M. is coming up at the end of the month and all chapter officers are encouraged to attend. Allan would like to see a round table of all chapter coordinators to discuss how to grow our chapters and stop losing members.

A.B.A.T.E. still needs officer data sheets from most of the chapters. Only four chapters have been received. Information is needed by state officers in order to contact appropriate chapter officers.

Secretary report and correspondence {EB }: Nic turned in all secretary supplies and records.

In absence of a permanent secretary, Karen Tolle agreed to take minutes today.

She asked everyone to identify themselves when making motions.

No correspondence to report.

Vice-coordinator (north) {EB }: Al Simms thanked everyone for attending. He asked everyone in attendance to go back and energize their chapters and get them ready for a year full of important activities.

Vice-coordinator (south) {EB }: VACANT

Vice-coordinator (east) {EB }: Robert Terrill has mentioned several times that he wanted to step down as vice-coordinator (east). He has remained in the position because no one has stepped up.

Recently a question came up as to whether or not he had two votes on the executive board since he held two executive positions. In order to simplify the issue, Robert is stepping down as vice-coordinator (east) but will serve as interim until the position is filled. Robert has never voted twice.

Allan pointed out that the goal is to have a full board with no one filling two positions in order to have a diverse board representing all the chapters and different opinions and experiences.

Robert reported that the *Run To The Cascades* was closed down last year due to a dispute between two bike clubs. Now the clubs are suing the Deschutes county sheriff department and the city of Redmond. As a result, the Redmond city police are watching all motorcycle riders very closely and handing out tickets for every little infraction.

Robert is reminding everyone to fill out *A.B.A.T.E.* stop reports. Someone suggested that riders should carry recorders with them to prove what is said during a stop.

Treasurer {EB }: Kay Sipple is now treasurer and acting auditor. She would

greatly appreciate receiving all reports at least one week prior to the state board of directors meeting each month in order to have time to prepare her report for the meeting.

Hope to see all chapter treasurers at S.T.E.A.M.

We had a negative income in January (more expense than income) of -\$7,698.43.

Current balances in A.B.A.T.E. accounts:

\$2,410.81 checking

\$200.00 *PayPal*

\$12,974.67 savings

Membership secretary {EB }: Bridget Hamrick has stepped down as membership secretary.

Kay's daughter Zipporah Nelson wrote a letter to the executive board and agreed to accept the position of membership secretary if nominated.

Zipporah is a member of the National Guard. Currently her regular training days are the same days as state board of directors meeting. She is able to do the work and appears to be very qualified, but she would not be able to attend meetings at this time, but can attend other A.B.A.T.E. events. This will be further discussed under old business.

Sanctioning officer {EB }: Robert Terrill reminded everyone that the event reconciliation reports need to be turned in as soon as possible after each event. He needs to keep up on ending event totals in order to report back to the insurance company. Send your reports to Kay and she will send copy to Robert.

- *Lincoln Chapter* will not be able to put on the *Beaver Creek Run* this year. They just don't have the volunteers to do it any longer.

- *Salem Swap Meet, Southeast Portland Anniversary Party, Washington County Bike Night* are done.

- Robert needs a little more information for the *River City Poker Run*. It is almost done.

- *Run 21* has moved up a week and moved location to Tygh Valley.

- *Josephine County Awareness Day and Swap Meet* paperwork is in. Waiting for payment. (Check was given to Kay today.)

Robert reminded everyone that sanctioning needs to be submitted 90 days prior to any event. For example, any event scheduled before May 10th should already have their paperwork in.

The new sanctioning form is available

**Karen Tolle**

acting state recording secretary of the month

on the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site.

Sanctioning form and flyer need to be submitted to Robert electronically in PDF or JPG format.

Checks need to be sent to Kay.

Mark the envelope as "sanctioning" and put the name of the event on the memo line of the check.

Kay will let Robert know when the checks are received and then Robert will release the flyer to Rot Path and the web master for publication.

State auditor: VACANT

Kay reported that all chapters are up to date on their reports and she is working with Connie to close out 2012.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending.

As an incentive to anyone stepping up and taking a State office, Rot is offering a box of *Trader Joe's Candy Cane Jo Jo* cookies.

Rot discussed an article that talks about Oregon Revised Statutes (O.R.S.) pedestrian regulations being claimed to apply to bicycle riders.

ORS 811.028 allegedly gives bicyclists the same rights as pedestrians when riding on sidewalks and crossing at a crosswalk.

There was a discussion of a second O.R.S. that allows bicycles to ride on the sidewalk, but only if they ride at the speed that an average pedestrian walks.

It was pointed out that it is state regulation that all bicycles crossing the street within a crosswalk must walk their bikes, not ride them.

A map to S.T.E.A.M. is in the February newspaper, as well as a map to the location of the building and room and of the meeting.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported that the helmet bill is now known as HB-2404. *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* have been working hard to get HB-2404 on the agenda. Paula (our lobbyist) is working very hard and has been meeting with representatives two to three times a week.

Don had a handout that outlined what chapters and individuals can do to help get HB-2404 passed. Quick summary:

1 – Everyone should send thank you notes or phone calls to the bill sponsors

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 09 February 2013 (continued)



now.

2 – Watch BikePAC.com, e-mails, and Facebook announcements for timing to send encouragement notes or phone calls to members of the house transportation committee.

3 – Each chapter should remind their members at every meeting who their senators and state representatives are for their districts. Have a prize for anyone who can name their representatives. Repetition at each meeting is the key. Get to know your local representatives. Contact them. Invite them to your chapter meeting. Get them to support us.

4 -- Know the content of HB-2404. Watch for articles in the local papers or discussion on local radio. Be prepared to counter the “hate machine.” Watch local web sites and rebut negative posts or editorials. If only eight or ten negative comments are listed and no rebuttals listed, then politicians will believe that the public agrees with the negative comments.

BikePAC is working with the tourism lobby. Riders in non-helmet states (such as Idaho) are less likely to vacation in Oregon, losing tourist dollars. BikePAC is also working with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (B.T.A.) because they are a very powerful lobby and we need them on our side.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps once again reminded us that all chapter sergeant-at-arms need to step up and help at state events. If you accept a position, you need to do the job. Part of chapter officer responsibilities includes assisting state officers at state events.

The *Spring Swap Meet* is coming up soon and Randy needs help at the two-day event.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): “One-Eyed Bob” Nichols would like to step down as sergeant-at-arms (south). Resignation accepted.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): VACANT
Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker now has yellow “Share the Road” lawn signs available for sale. He is selling signs to chapters for cost of \$10 each.

Fossil logo design has not been chosen. He is still accepting suggestions

and design options. April state board of directors meeting will be deadline to receive entries.

Dave thanked A.B.A.T.E. and all the chapters for their support and donations to BikePAC.

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 address is 6500 SW Pacific Blvd. Albany, Oregon. There are maps in the February newspaper, including directions to the rooms we are using.

People should start showing up for the meet and greet between 8 and 9 a.m. Seminars will start at 9 a.m. Everything should be over by 2:30 p.m.

No cost to attend and free food.

Coffee and pastries in the morning.

Catered sandwiches for lunch.

Thanks to Don Mason, representative Andy Olson will be our keynote speaker.

There will be three sessions:

Session 1 classes : Secretary, finance, legislative, public relations.

Session 2: Speakers and/or inspirational

Session 3: Events planning (including sanctioning), legislative, leadership skills.

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. He requested volunteers to help man the booth. No one spoke up except Spanky who said he might be able to help for awhile following the state board of directors meeting. (On his way home.)

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long stated that tickets are not ready yet. He is still getting prices.

Howie is still working on getting the password so he can get into the web site.

He asked if anyone would place lawn signs advertising Fossil if he had them made. Some discussion, no conclusion.

There were flyers and cards available on the table to take and distribute.

State swap meet coordinator: Randy Phipps reported that he has had many questions as to why the swap meet has changed location.

Payment for the swap meet at the Portland armory has been on the books for over a year. But military events can override anything that an outside group wants. And there are some military personnel weddings happening.

Randy and the armory had agreed on a date, however the armory is withdrawing a lot of the parking areas.

Randy looked around for the best dates and location. He came up with March at the St. Helens location.

Flyers and posters are available. Packages of flyers and posters have been mailed out to most chapters. He handed a couple packages out at the meeting for chapters whose addresses were not listed in the newspaper.

Randy is working on the layout for vendors and will make a map to send to them.

Historian: Jennifer Sterba -- Excused.

Web page editor: VACANT.

Someone reminded Kay that fossilcampout.com domain name expires in June 2013 and all the A.B.A.T.E. domains will also be expiring this year. These names have been registered by Trace through *Go Daddy*. Kay said she would get a hold of Trace and take care of this issue.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba -- Excused.

The A.B.A.T.E. conex is currently located on private property. There was a discussion about payment of rent for allowing the conex to be parked. The rent has been paid again directly to the property owner and arrangements are being made to have \$1,200 repaid. Now we have access to our conex again and we have a few months to either move the conex to another property or to rent a storage unit that would be more accessible to us.

BikePAC representative: Don Mason submitted BikePAC financial report to A.B.A.T.E.

All other information was handled under legislative report.

Paula reported that “The more I do, the more I like this job. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.”

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols reported that the M.R.F. is focusing on the same issues at the federal level as we are at the state level: helmet legislation and ethanol issue.

M.R.F. is the only lobby in Washington D.C. for street legal bikes. They hold two conferences each year: *Best of the West* in June and *Meeting of the Minds* in September.

M.R.F. also keeps an eye on how European motorcycle regulations get

made or changed.

One of the new items being watched is that new young riders cannot operate bikes with more than 27 horsepower. The manufacturers can de-tune the bikes to run at 27. Then when the rider gets older and gets the proper endorsement, the engine can be re-tuned to run higher so they don't have to buy a new bike.

Confederation of Clubs representative: David Hickerson said that the CoC came out to the capitol to support right to bear arms, but there were more police officers than congressmen. It was like a ghost town except for the police. Lots of public members wearing or carrying side arms, boot knives, a wide variety of weapons.

Unfinished Business

Vacant officer positions nominations:

- State recording secretary: Spanky nominated Robert Nichols. Nomination was seconded. Robert was confirmed at a vote of 7 yes, 1 no.

- Vice coordinator (south): Allan nominated Karen Tolle. Robert moved that if there are no objections, this nomination be approved. Confirmed 8 yes, 0 no.

- State auditor: No nominations.

- Sergeant-at-arms (east): No nominations.

- Education director: Robert Nichols nominated Geoff White. Robert Nichols moved that if there are no objections, this nomination be approved. Confirmed 8 yes, 0 no.

- Web page editor: Allan Nichols nominated Carl Earl. Robert Nichols moved that if there are no objections, this nomination be approved. Confirmed 8 yes, 0 no.

- Membership secretary: Allan Nichols nominated Zipporah Nelson. Robert Nichols moved that if there are no objections, this nomination be approved. Confirmed 8 yes, 0 no.

There was no meeting of the membership committee.

New Business

- **Motion 1** -- Jack from Lincoln County moved to pay \$60 for Al Simms to attend *Best of the West* conference. Al is going on vacation and will pay all travel expenses on his own. He was only asking A.B.A.T.E. to pay entrance fee for himself to get into the conference. Seconded by Bob Nichols. **Motion passed 8-0.**

- **Motion 2** -- Pat “Spanky” Allen

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An Open Letter to the Southeast Portland Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.

(A member's opinion)

We have a great chapter. We have accomplished many great things to be proud of over the years.

Even with all of our good accomplishments, we have serious challenges ahead of us. I am very concerned about our future as a chapter.

I have noticed a subtle change in our chapter over the years. These changes are something we may not have noticed, but they are going to severely challenge us as we move forward. There are things we have not been doing that are going to plague us this year and for years to come if we do not do something radically different very soon.

The changes that I have seen centers around what our main priorities are. What I mean is that we have been very focused on our events and agenda to the exclusion of other important areas. These are some of the things we have let go:

- **We are not fully engaged in the political process.** It seems we have lost the initiative to be fully active in this arena. In 2012 we did a little work by bringing in a couple of candidates to talk to us but we didn't support them fully. We didn't support other candidates who would be friendly to us once they got into office. We could have done a lot more to cement our political clout by working with most all of the candidates who support us in the Portland and Gresham area. This is not one person's sole responsibility. The entire chapter needs to be involved in this process.

- **Consider where we place our focus and resources.** Our *Run 21* committee has a large number of people and great interest in making it successful. We often spend a couple of hours after every meeting planning *Run 21*. Our toy run committee has six people and meets monthly. Our legislative officer is just one person who gets fifteen minutes or so during a meeting to update us on things. For an organization whose main focus is making sure we fight bad legislation and propel good legislation for motorcyclists, it is very clear legislative activities are not our priority.

- **We do not support other A.B.A.T.E. chapter's events.** We also have stopped supporting other group's or club's events. Many groups, organizations, and clubs come to *Run 21* and to the toy run, but we do not return the favor. For this reason, a large portion of the motorcycle community doesn't know who we are or what we do for them.

- **We do not set up an information booth at motorcycle gatherings and events to tell riders about all the great things we have done.** We do not get the word out regarding our *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter and what we do for the motorcycle community. Again, for this reason, a large portion of the motorcycle community doesn't know who we are.

- **We do not actively seek new members.** There is a wide diversity of riders who can be the new crop of freedom fighters. We need new members for a variety of reasons. They come with a new passion, new ideas, and a new energy we desperately need. The younger generation communicates differently and carries skill sets we do not currently possess.

The result of not being among the motorcycle community is that the community we are trying to help, for the most part, does not know who we are or what we stand for. This is especially true for the younger riders, the "next generation" of *A.B.A.T.E.* in Portland. *A.B.A.T.E.* is no longer seen as a legislative powerhouse as we once were.

We have lost many good members over the years. Whether it is due to chapter strife, people not getting along, apathy, or not being on mission, our membership is down and we have fewer people participating in the chapter. We are losing active members and we are losing our ability to get things done because we do not have enough people to do the work. There are many people who have participated in things for quite a while and are just plain tired of doing it. They need a break. The events we try to put on need new blood and ideas to propel us forward.

The prescription:

1. We need to meet as a chapter and discuss who we are and where we are going in the motorcycle rights movement. We need to decide what we are going to do and not going to do in the coming year. We need to start 2013 with a good idea what our priorities are and how we are going to accomplish them.

2. We need to be highly engaged in the legislative arena in 2013. That means a steady stream of communication to the chapter via, e-mail, *Facebook*, and our web site regarding what our members need to know, and what they need to do to support our efforts. We need to be on high alert when we get calls to action from state *A.B.A.T.E.*, and *BikePAC*. We need a "steering committee" of at least three *A.B.A.T.E.* freedom fighters to work with the chapter legislative officer. This committee can help cover all of the legislative issues we encounter. The focus would be on local, state issues, and national issues. This committee can also look at the best way to get the chapter and motorcycle community involved. They need to have adequate time during the chapter meeting to provide adequate information and instruction.

3. We need to start attending other group's motorcycle functions. Poker runs, parties, rides, etc. We need to be continually pushing forward the *A.B.A.T.E.* message. We need to work towards being known again.

4. We need to consider a new meeting day and time. During the winter months we can meet on Sundays and then during the riding season we meet on the first and third Mondays in the evening. That way Sundays are freed up so we can attend rides and events as a chapter. We need to keep our meetings on point, somewhat fun, and as short as possible. (Not going over 90 minutes in length.)

5. We should consider putting on a bike show in one of the malls in May. It can be a motorcycle awareness bike event similar to what *Hub City* does. We could put on something big that captures great interest from the entire motorcycle community.

At the same time it could be useful for changing public opinion of what motorcyclists are about (or like). We could sell raffle tickets for the *Shriners'* bike as well.

6. We need to continue supporting the toy run but be better at ensuring every rider hears the *A.B.A.T.E.* message. Every rider should get a tri-fold from us and we should have a membership booth set up to sign in new members. We always get a "bump" in interest when the toy run comes around. We should take advantage of that.

These are ideas and thoughts running through my head I feel I must share with you. It seems we have been dying on the vine the last few years. Our meeting attendance is down which means available helpers and energy needed for whatever we want to accomplish, from things like *Run 21* to the toy run are not going to be there when we need them. And we need to have a good number of freedom fighters to respond to threats to our riding freedoms when legislature or federal agencies act against us.

The *Portland Southeast Chapter* has a legacy of accomplishing great things. We can continue the tradition of being *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments* by getting back to some simple basics and by doing those things necessary to ensure our riding freedoms are protected not only for ourselves, but for future riders.

Your chaplain,

Mike Friend, *B.F.C.*



From yer ...



... yet again

Line In The Sand

the past is here

c.o.e. — 134

Whenever a repressed people have chosen to take a stand, it has not been an issue of what their stand concerned or where it was taken, but why.

When in 1773 frustrated British colonists in north America dumped tea into Boston harbor, neither the tea nor the harbor was the issue, but rather it was about about the English parliament unfairly taxing its unrepresented citizens in their north American colonies.

So it is with Oregon motorcyclists.

Helmets themselves are not our issue.

Helmets represent the point where we have chosen to take a stand against uninformed legislative and political action that does little-to-nothing to make riding safer for motorcyclists or other road users.

We argue that “feel good” legislation (such as requiring helmets) treats symptoms, but does nothing to eliminate causes. Safety equipment is important, but it should never be the **only** consideration. Well-informed riders are better-suited to directly make safety equipment choices rather than uninvolved though well-intentioned legislators.

We all, legislators and riders alike, need to be finding and implementing ways to make riding or driving safer, not just ways to crash safer.

Mandating helmets does not address the issues of road users needing to pay attention or take

personal responsibility for their actions when on our roadways. Alert, mindful motorists require self-motivation through education and peer pressure in order to avoid causing crashes.

The true function of government is to maintain infrastructure, not dictate how people are to live.

*We find ourselves
equal between day
and night, halfway to
summer's light.*

2013 is 1776

This month our calendar directly matches up with the calendar of 1776 day-for-day. (The year that the American colonial revolution was declared was a leap year.)

So what was going on this month two hundred and thirty-seven years ago that would lead to war and the founding of a new nation based on ideals of democracy?

Earlier, the British had occupied Boston, which at the time was practically an island with a narrow causeway connecting it to the Massachusetts mainland. British troops had marched from there to Lexington and Concord in an effort to seize a horde of arms and leaders of the colonial rebellion, but were repulsed and harassed all the way back to Boston by a growing cloud of militia summoned by prearranged bell ringing.

Boston was now in a state of siege, surrounded on three sides by the continental army under the command of George Washington. The British were able to resupply their troops by sea, had indoor accommodations, were entertained by colonists loyal to the crown, and had a fairly comfortable existence, while Washington's troops endured living on the land during winter.

But all that was about to change in March.

Heavy guns captured from fort Ticonderoga (by Benedict Arnold, no less) were brought down to Boston in January by Henry Knox, then hauled up and mounted on the recently captured Dorchester heights. Now Washington had the whole of Boston and its harbor under command of his guns, a fact not lost on the British and their ships.

The British general was relieved of his duties while his successor had orders to evacuate all British troops and colonists loyal to the crown, since Boston held no strategic significance for Britain.

On Sunday, 17 March, the last British troops along with one thousand loyalists sailed from Boston, ending the siege on saint Patrick's day, to the delight of the city's Irish population. (Interestingly, those colonists who sided with the crown are referred to as “loyalists” in Canada and England, while rebel colonists branded them “royalists”.)

These days, 17 March is celebrated as “evacuation day” in Boston.

Military skirmishes and actions between disgruntled colonists and their English overlords were to continue until war was formally declared in July. It was a time of uncertainty, somewhere



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/>

between living peacefully and warring armies.

Moi Et Mon Bouche Grande

(Me And My Big Mouth)

At the February state board meeting, yer crusty ol' editor volunteered that he'd give away boxes of his precious *Trader Joe's Candy Cane Joe-Joes* to folks who would step up to take on vacant state officer positions.

Now you should know that these cookies may look like a well-known national brand of brown wafers with a creamy vanilla filling, but the resemblance stops there. The candy cane filling is incredibly addictive and must be tasted to understand why people like them so much. (They are so good that one person cursed c.o.e. after having been given a single cookie, realizing how hard it was going to be finding more.)

Candy Cane Joe-Joes are only available in late November through December, so yer c.o.e. offered them up with great reluctance out of his personal stash. (That's how much *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission means to members.)

Incredibly, five folks stepped up to fill state board positions at the February meeting. Yer crusty ol' editor made good on his vow at *S.T.E.A.M.*, marveling at how so much of what he says at meetings goes unnoticed until he offers to give something away. He will bring any undelivered boxes to officeholders at this month's board meeting.

All this means that c.o.e. will be down to a mere two dozen boxes to last the rest of the year. But it is a noble sacrifice that he is (fairly) willing to shoulder.

Admittedly, c.o.e.'s health would improve by not eating *Candy Cane Joe-Joes*, but then many bikers would be better off not drinking beer.

Neither scenario is likely to happen.

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MARCH Cryptogram

VK TID USA UO KQUA BIGJQ ZIMD

TQAS KQA DWS DQVSAD QUK

ISZ KQA TVSZ PNUTD JUNZ

TQAS VK VD DWBBAG VS KQA NVCQK,

ISZ TVSKAG VS KQA DQIZA.

--JQIGNAD ZVJYASD

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)

ABATE OF OREGON Inc.



CHAPTER SWAP MEET

SALEM A.B.A.T.E.

MARCH 2, 2013

Saturday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Set up 6:00 pm - Friday

LIONS CLUB AUDITORIUM

4100 CHERRY AVE. N.E.

KEIZER, OREGON 97303

Vendors and people who have things to sell, please contact
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A Variety of Items for Sale! Bring what you would like to get rid of and
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A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

All Motorcycle Swap Meet

Saturday and Sunday

23 – 24 March 2013

Columbia County Fairgrounds

Sausler road

St. Helens, Oregon

GATE LOCATION GPS:

Lat: 45°51'0.48"N

Long: 122°52'20.53"W

Information and Vendors; contact: Randy Phipps 503-347-0524

E-mail: Swapmeet@abateoforegon.net

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SE PORTLAND ABATE ANNIVERSARY PARTY

MARCH 16, 2013

M&M RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

137 N MAIN GRESHAM, OREGON

8PM UNTIL ????

DOOR PRIZES

50/50 DRAWING

LIVE MUSIC BY:

THE SATURDAY NIGHT ORPHANS

\$5 SINGLE/\$8 COUPLE

SE PORTLAND CHAPTER CANNED FOOD DRIVE

MARCH 16, 2013

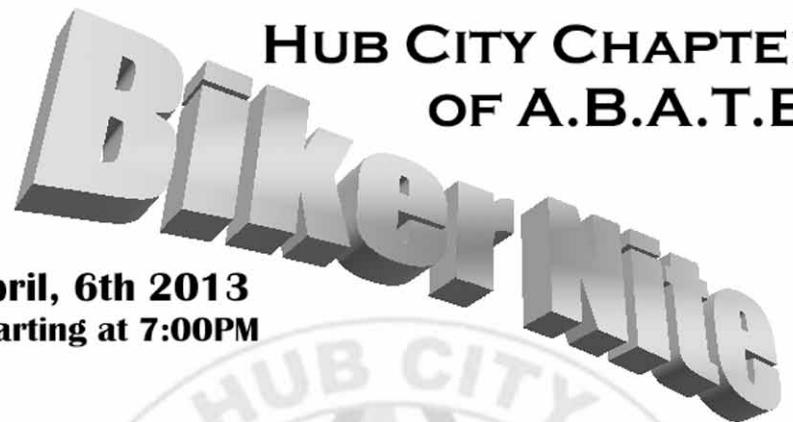
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LEAVE-11:30AM

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**HUB CITY CHAPTER
OF A.B.A.T.E.**



April, 6th 2013

Starting at 7:00PM

Riley's Bar & Grill

124 Broadalbin St.

Albany

541-926-2838

Donation at Door

\$3 per person / \$5 per couple

Support the fight for your rights as a motorcyclist

Door Prizes & 50/50

Good Music, Good Times, Good Fun

Live Music at 8pm

T.B.A.

Proceeds support Motorcycle Rights and Education

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

Al Sims 541-926-2161

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

Spring Swap Meet

23 – 24 March 2013

Columbia County Fairgrounds
St. Helens, Oregon

Driving Sugestions to St. Helens, Oregon

From the north:

Take I-5 south toward Portland.
If you wish, you can either turn at Centrailia or continue to Portland.
• If Centrailia, merge onto Washington 432 towards Longview.
Continue to Lewis and Clark bridge.
Enter Oregon, take ramp onto U.S. 30 east.
Merge left toward St. Helens.

From the east:

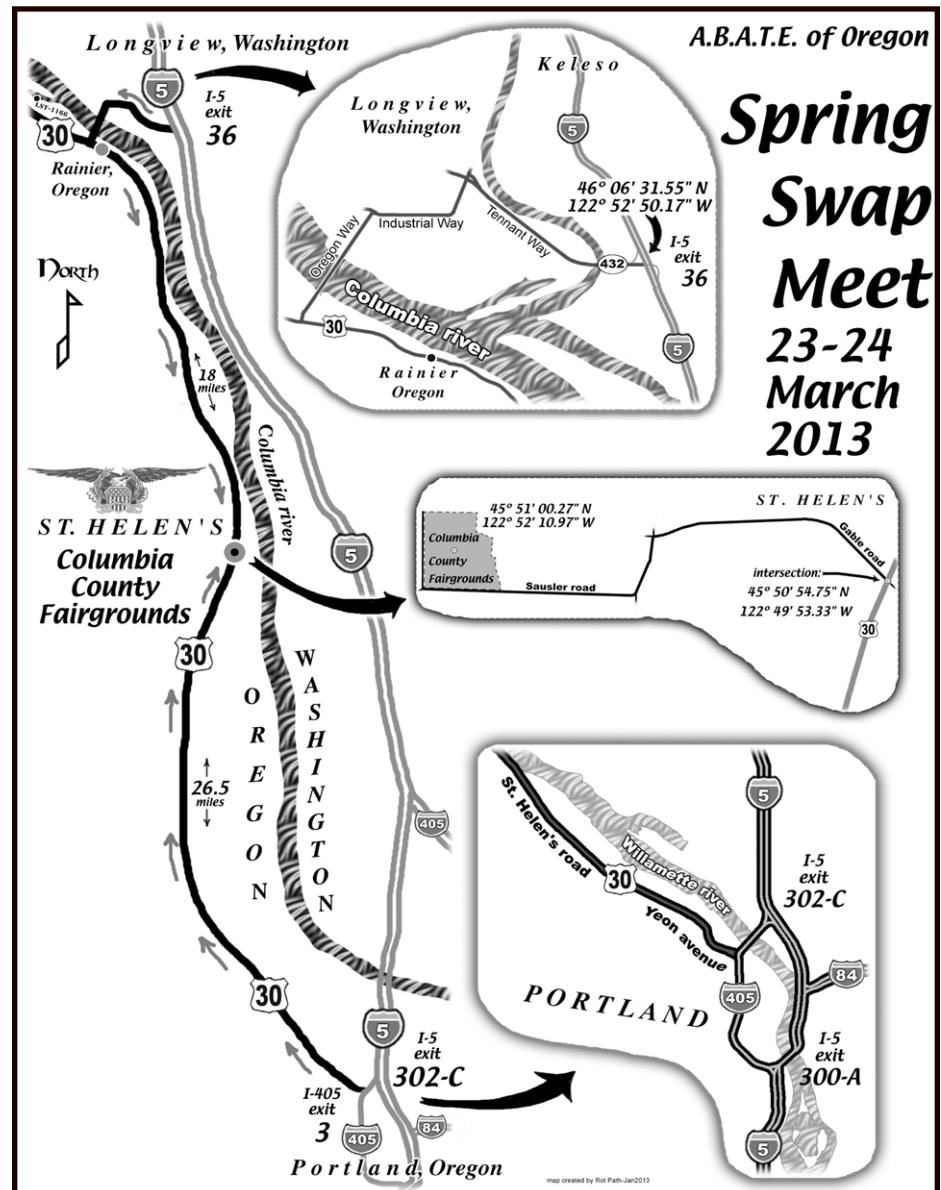
Take I-84 west to I-5 north.
Merge onto I-5 north.
Take exit 302B to merge onto I-405 south / U.S. 30 toward St. Helens.
Take exit 3 to merge onto U.S.30 west toward N.W. industrial area – St. Helens.

From the west (coast):

Head towards Astoria. or Tillamook
• If Astoria/Longview, follow U.S.30 east to St. Helens.
• If Tillamook, U.S. 26 east to northwest Sunset highway.
Take exit 62 toward Cornelius Pass – west Union.
Turn left onto northwest Cornelius Pass road.
Turn left onto U.S. 30 west – northwest St Helens road.
Turn right onto Columbia boulevard.

From the south:

Take I-5 north to Portland.
Follow instructions for "From the east".



Biker Night at Coyotes

**** Free Admission ****

Come join us for a night of good friends, good food and good prizes. The Biker Night at Coyote's will become your favorite night-out for many springs to come. Be sure to check out our Facebook page before the event to see what items we will have up for auction. For more information call Gordon at 503-784-0737
<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

April 6th, 2013 - 7:00pm

Live Music & Dancing

Full Bar & Dinner Menu

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Balloon Pop!

Washington County Chapter - ABATE of Oregon

Coyote's

5301 W. Baseline Road
Hillsboro, OR

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April 27 & 28, 2013
Fri: 12:00 - 7:00 vendor set-up
Sat: 9:00 - 7:00, Sun: 9:00 - 5:00

14th

Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet & Bike Show

Presented by
Josephine & Jackson County Chapters of
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
At Touvelle Lodge
9367 Table Rock Rd, Central Point

Free All Bikes (American & Metric) Bike Show
Registration 10-noon
Show 12noon - 3:00 pm

Great Food, Live Music, new/used parts, leather goods, clothing, gift items
Raffle prizes, 50/50
Blessing of the bikes
Sunday morning biker church

No large dogs allowed

Entry Fee: \$5.00/day
\$8.00/2-day pass
Children under 12 free

VENDOR SPOTS OPEN
Call Pat Wine @ 541-832-2219

For general information:
Spanky @ 541-659-8715 or
Karen @ 541-660-8730

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12th Annual River City ABATE

Poker Run

at the Northwest Cherry Festival

Sponsored by River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

ALL RIDERS WELCOME



Sat. April 27 2013

Sign in at
Kmart/Big K
2640 W 6th Street
The Dalles, OR

after the Teddy Bear Parade

Last rider out by 12:30 PM
Last call for prizes 3:30 PM

**\$15 Donation Includes One Poker Hand
Extra Hand \$5
Cash Prizes High & Low Hands
Door Prizes**

FOR INFORMATION: Call Teresa at 541-965-2701 or Email - tcjepker@gmail.com or write to: River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058 www.abateoforegon.net/events

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Poker run donations will benefit River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon - Josephine & Jackson County Chapters in conjunction with BikePAC of Oregon and in partnership with Bikers For Christ invite you to celebrate

Motorcycle Awareness Month

LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE
MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!

Ride to the Front steps of the Josephine County Courthouse
500 NW 6th St
Grants Pass

Saturday, May 4 Noon – 2 pm

The public is openly invited to attend this free event to be conducted in the interest of public safety about issues pertaining to motorcycles, motorcyclists, and public safety.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Similar rallies will take place in Grants Pass and in Salem. Lives can be saved by becoming more aware of all vehicles on the road. "Look twice, save a life." Come out and learn more about motorcycle safety, motorcycle legislative issues, and what is happening in Salem. Help us tell Salem what we are concerned about.

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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



28th Annual NCOM CONVENTION May 9 - 12, 2013

SILVER LEGACY

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PRE-REGISTRATION NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY

Name Phone

Address City State Zip

Organization

\$80.00 Convention Registration (includes Silver Spoke Award Banquet)
Please check main course preference: Chicken Beef Vegetarian
If you do not choose - a beef entree will be provided for your dinner.

\$45.00 Registration ONLY (Banquet not included)

Make checks payable and mail to: Richard M. Lester, 7334 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Suite 200, Canoga Park, CA 91303
Must be received by April 30th or pay at convention

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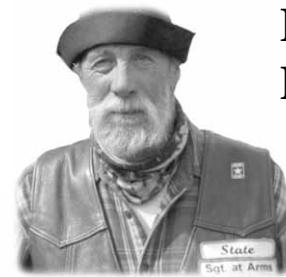


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From The Sergeant's Corner



Randy Phipps

sergeant-at-arms (north)

Greeting to all my associate sergeant-at-arms, and to the members of the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. family.

Seems like it's that time of year again. Time for me to put words to paper. Not necessarily words of wisdom, but you and the others who read this will get my point.

At the February state board meeting, we had two of the three state sergeant-at-arms step down from those offices. Their reasons are their own and were put forth during the meeting. They were also very valid reasons. I'm not here to complain, scold, or otherwise put them down. That's not the purpose of this article. You can read how that came about in the state board report. It should give you and everyone else a reason to read that part of the paper, to find out what happens at higher levels of our organization. And maybe help you understand how we work as a whole.

It seems like many people like to have a "title" in any organization that they belong to. However, there is a responsibility that goes with that title. For some, it is too big a chore and for others, they can do it with no problems. Depends on the person.

I have held down the position of sergeant-at-arms (north) for close to a decade. (Thanks, Brian and Teresa, *et al.*) Seems forever sometimes. I have had the privilege of working with many good people who held that title as well as others, and did it proudly. And at other times I would just wish they didn't have the job.

I also have had the privilege of working with many chapter level sergeant-at-arms individuals. They also were of various skill levels and temperaments. Some of them are still around, and some have passed on. Good folks, all.

Now to the crux of the matter. Every sergeant-at-arms in A.B.A.T.E. is required to support their chapter events *and all state events* as well. We have only three state events per year. *Fossil* is our biggest event and requires more support than the two annual swap meets.

At *Fossil* and the swap meets, the state requires assistance from many

officers in various tasks. I am only addressing the sergeant-at-arms in this article.

When we have a state event, the officers of various positions need to check with the corresponding state officer to see what, if any, assistance is needed by them. Most times, it is just a few hours filling in and assisting the state officer of that position. Pretty easy.

Somehow though, it seems that the sergeant-at-arms is one of the most difficult jobs to fill at state events. Some say they will be there, sign up or speak for a shift, then hardly ever show up, let alone work.

At any campout, the sergeant-at-arms mostly just supervise and watch for trouble. We are *not* cops. (And I damn sure don't want to be one.) But there have been a few times when somebody, for whatever reason, decides to be a problem for A.B.A.T.E. At that point we need to try to help them calm themselves and not cause a fuss for anyone. Sometimes it works, sometimes not.

Bottom line is that when an event is coming and the word goes out that a certain officer requires or needs assistance from those of a like position, it is time to contact that officer, see what is needed, what time frames are needing filling. Most times, it would only be a few hours for maybe a day, sometime two or more days.

Remember back when you were asked to fill a position, you accepted? Now you're being called on to fulfill that job at a state level. Also for those not an officer, you too can stand a watch or two if you wish. We can always use the help, that's for certain.

For the upcoming spring swap meet, I need to hear from all chapter sergeant-at-arms on when they can fill a time slot or two.

Also, when *Fossil* rolls around, the same requests stands.

I can't and won't do it by myself. Remember, if we can't fill all the needed slots for an event, there is the possibility, that we won't be able to put on that event in the future.

I've enjoyed working with many members from A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. over the years and I don't plan on going anywhere in the near future. However I hate to admit it, but after last winter, and almost three months in the hospital, I've found that I can't physically do those many long hours, long shifts, days in a row anymore.

Yeah, I'm getting old. Didn't want to admit it last year, but those who have seen me since last year at *Fossil* and then this year have probably guessed that I'm not as agile as I once was. I'm guessing that one of these days (maybe sooner than I'd like)

I'm gonna *have* to step down and let someone else carry the ball.

I started working with A.B.A.T.E. in 1994. I'm still here. This has pretty much been my life since I left the service. I'm not quitting, but I do need help with these projects.

Please contact me by e-mail, phone or both.

You can also go to our web site and find me under the "Swap Meet" listing for e-mail and phone.

Take care, and as Gunny says, "Keep the rubber side down."

Thanks,

Randy Phipps
sergeant-at-arms (north)
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.



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
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MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

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Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

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



News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

E.P.A. Wants Separate E10 Fuel Pumps At E15 Stations

Pickerington, Ohio -- In response to concerns expressed by the American Motorcyclist Association and power equipment makers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued new guidelines to help ensure that motorcyclists and others don't inadvertently use E15 fuel.

E15 is a new fuel blend of 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline that the E.P.A. has approved for use in 2001-and-newer passenger vehicles. The blend isn't approved for use in motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, boats, lawn mowers, or other engines, and may even damage them and void warranties.

E10, which is commonly found at gas stations, contains 10 percent ethanol. E0 fuel has no ethanol. Ethanol is grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel.

Last year, Wayne Allard, A.M.A. vice president for government relations, told

the E.P.A. that with E15 now coming into the market, A.M.A. members who make a concerted effort to fuel their motorcycles or A.T.V.s with E10-or-less fuel may unknowingly refuel with residual E15 left in a blender-pump hose. A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose, such as E10 and E15. When a customer buys E15, as much as a third of a gallon of residual E15 is left in the hose, which can inadvertently get into the next customer's vehicle while fueling with E10.

"In an effort to address this potential misfueling issue, E.P.A. approved an industry-submitted [approach] that requires a minimum purchase of four gallons from blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same hose and nozzle. Such an approach would prevent misfueling by diluting any residual E15 left in the hose from the previous sale of E15. However, groups representing motorcycle owners and lawn mower manufacturers

objected to this [approach] because their products have gas tanks that are normally two gallons or smaller," the E.P.A. said.

So, on February 7, the E.P.A. posted a new option for retailers on its web site's "E15: Misfueling Mitigation Plans" page to try to avoid misfueling by consumers.

Under the new option, retailers who use a blender pump to sell E15 and E10 fuel through the same hose must also have a separate E10/E0 fuel pump. Those retailers would be required to have a label on the blender pump that reads:

"Passenger vehicles only. Use in other vehicles, engines, and equipment may violate federal law."

Retailers would also be required to have signs indicating the location of the dedicated E10-or-lower fuel pump. There would be no minimum-fuel-purchase requirement at that pump.

Retailers who want to sell E15 also have the option of having a dedicated

E15 pump or hose, or a pump that dispenses E15 and higher ethanol blends through a single hose. If a blender pump dispenses multiple fuels that include E15 and higher ethanol blends, the E.P.A. may require a minimum purchase requirement.

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. The A.M.A. also has asked that motorcycles and A.T.V.s be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15 to ensure that the new fuel blend won't damage those engines.

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.

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moved to accompany David to N.C.O.M. in Reno this year, not to exceed \$500. Motion was seconded by Bob Nichols.

Spanky mentioned that he would try to get Sam to cover the room and the banquet, so he amended his motion to read not to exceed \$250. The amendment was seconded and passed 7-1.

There was a discussion that David Hickerson also had a pending motion and it was suggested to combine that one into this one.

Spanky moved to amend his motion to include David's request to be sent to N.C.O.M. and to amend the amount not to exceed \$650. Amendment passed 6-0.

Original motion passed 6-0.

• **Motion 3** -- Dropped. (Combined with motion 2 for N.C.O.M. convention attendance.)

(Allan kept all the copies of the motions, so the above is to the best of my memory and note taking. --KT)

• Rot Path suggested that since we seem to always be rushing at the end of

our meetings to get through important issues that need motions and votes properly discussed, that maybe we move unfinished business and new business to the top of the agenda and all the officer reports to the end of the meeting.

There was a quick discussion as to whether or not there is a precedent to allow us to do that. It was agreed that the coordinator had the right to set the agenda.

Announcements

• Brian reported that *River City Chapter* had a very successful candy sale last year. Their fundraising helps to support a family in need. They were able to make a donation to a family of four plus pets and animals and still make a payment to A.B.A.T.E. state treasury of \$250.

• February 14 is the birthday of the U.S. Defenders.

• February 14 is the birthday of the state of Oregon

• The next state board of directors meeting is March 9, 2013 and will be at

Ciddici's Pizza in Albany.

Upcoming Events

• 02 March 2013 – *Salem Chapter* swap meet.

• 16 March 2013 – *Southeast Portland* anniversary party.

• 23–24 March 2013 – *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state swap meet, Columbia county fairgrounds, St. Helens, Oregon.

• 04 May 2013 – *Josephine County: May Motorcycle Awareness Rally.*

• 06 April 2013 – *Washington County Chapter* biker night.

• 27–28 April 2013 – Jackson and *Josephine Counties Southern Oregon Swap Meet*.

• 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 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tolle

temporary secretary for the day



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood Resigns



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that transportation secretary Ray LaHood, the lone republican in president Barack Obama's cabinet, is leaving the administration.

Possible LaHood replacements include Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Jim Oberstar, a former democratic congressman from Minnesota and chair of the house transportation and infrastructure committee.

LaHood, 67, was named transportation secretary in January 2009. Before that, he served seven terms in the U.S. house as a representative from Illinois.

The *M.R.F.* has always enjoyed a healthy, positive, working relationship with Mr. LaHood both during his term in the house and now as he served the white house.

Utah Helmet Legislation Pulled

A.B.A.T.E. of Utah is happy to announce that senator Weiler has decided to pull his proposed mandatory helmet requirement for Utah.

We would like to thank the *M.R.F.*, *U.S. Defenders*, the *Confederation of Clubs*, and everyone else for all of their support. The phone calls and e-mails definitely made a difference.

Senator Weiler has assured us that a helmet bill will not be run in Utah this year. We look forward to working with the senator in the

future.

We will continue to work at keeping Utah the motorcycle friendly state that it is by continuing to watch for legislation that may interfere with our right to ride free.

Once again, thank you for all of the support. We will, of course, return the favor when needed.

For further information contact Steve Thompson at (801)-690-1338.

2013 Lobby Season Begins

Washington D.C. is back at work and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is no exception.

Two separate lobby trips have been made on behalf of *A.B.A.T.E.* and the *M.R.F. A.B.A.T.E.s* of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have both made visits to the nation's capitol so far this year. Many others have their trips booked for the busy winter and spring lobby season.

The main issues of concern to the *M.R.F.* before congress are:

- Ending motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.
- The use of high ethanol blended fuels that have been approved for use by the public but have not been tested on motorcycles.
- Stopping outside agencies from wandering into motorcycle safety. (The *Centers for Disease Control* and the *Government Accountability Office* are recent examples.)

The *M.R.F.* also had a solid presence at *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania's*

leadership and legislation seminar this year. *M.R.F.* president, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stole the show at the opening evening's panel discussion which was aired on Pennsylvania public access television.

If you have not started planning your lobby trip to D.C. and need help doing so, please contact the *M.R.F.* D.C. office staff for assistance.

Save the Date Bikers Inside the Beltway 2013

The 5th annual *Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway* has been scheduled for May 16th. The only

national biker lobby day, it has been growing larger and more effective each year. And this year should not disappoint. The action-packed day promises to elevate the important issues that the *M.R.F.* works on before congress and gives you the opportunity to walk the halls of congress to lobby and educate your members of congress. Fly or ride out.



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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Congress Gives Tax Break To Electric Motorcycle Buyers

Tax hikes and spending cuts dominated holiday headlines as the federal government teetered on the edge of the fiscal cliff, but the legislative package passed on new year's day to resolve the issue (dubbed the *American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012*) included several tax credit extensions that didn't generate as much media interest, including one for electric motorcycles.

Oregon senator Ron Wyden (D) sponsored the amendment extending the E.V. tax credit, which covers 10% of the cost of a qualified electric vehicle, up to \$2,500. Vehicles must be a two- or three-wheeled plug-in electric designed "primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways" and "capable of achieving a speed of 45 miles per hour or greater."

Electric-powered two wheelers have been without a federal purchase incentive since the end of 2011, when the original tax break expired that was part of the \$800 billion stimulus package passed in 2009.

A coalition of E.V. motorcycle companies, through *Plug-In America*, lobbied congress to extend the tax credits. (Which are also retroactive and apply for electric motorcycles or E.V. chargers purchased in 2012 as well.)

Wyden argues that extending the tax credit will help generate jobs

in the growing electric motorcycle industry. *"The electric motorcycle industry is poised to create tens of thousands of U.S. jobs over the next five years, led by companies like Oregon's Brammo,"* said Wyden. *"This amendment helps promote the development of a promising U.S. industry and support the transition to a low-carbon American economy."*

E-cycles Projected To Outsell Plug-In Cars

According to two new *Pike Research* reports, electric scooters and motorcycle sales are going to eclipse that of plug-in vehicles by the end of this decade.

In one report from *Pike Research* which looks at electric motorcycles and scooters, the study predicts that *"annual sales of e-motorcycles and e-scooters will reach 18.6 million by 2018."*

Pike Research points primarily to industries such as delivery companies, police and security forces, and even taxi services in some locations as the prime mover for the increase in sales of electric motorcycles and scooters.

Another recently released report predicted that annual worldwide sales of electric vehicles will reach 3.8 million by 2020. This includes plug-in electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles selling in the Asia Pacific, north America, and western Europe.

"Sales of E.V.s have not lived up to automakers' expectations and politicians' proclamations, but the market is expanding steadily as fuel prices remain high and consumers increasingly seek alternatives to internal combustion engines," says senior research analyst Dave Hurst. *"Indeed, sales of plug-in E.V.s will grow at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 40% over the remainder of the decade, while the overall auto market will expand by only two*

percent a year."

Taken together, the two *Pike Research* reports indicate that two-wheel E.V. sales will outperform electric four-wheelers by a margin of 5-1 by the end of the decade. Currently, China is the biggest market for the sale of these electric vehicles, accounting for 81% of the global electric motorcycle and scooter market.

E.P.A. To Drop Four Gallon Minimum Gas Purchases

Ethanol-laden gasoline is known to cause engine damage, and many manufacturers warn that using the product will invalidate warranties, so when the *E.P.A.* approved E15 (fuel blend containing 15% ethanol) it raised concerns amongst motorcyclists, off-roaders, snowmobilers, boaters, and others who use vehicles and equipment driven by small gas-powered motors, none of which are approved for its use.

The *E.P.A.*'s response was to require a minimum four gallon purchase, the misguided rationale being that it would dilute any residual E15 remaining in a gas pump's lines.

Again, the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency* came under fire, with power sports and automotive groups pushing back against the federal agency's push for the grain alcohol-blended biofuel.

Apparently realizing that a viable solution to the problem needs to be conceived, the *E.P.A.* is abandoning its four-gallon minimum on blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same pump, and instead the government body says it will likely require gas stations to label shared pumps, as well as offer a dedicated E10 pump/hose for non-approved vehicles.

In the meantime, the U.S. court of appeals for the District of Columbia has denied a rehearing on the *E.P.A.*

decision to put E15 on the market. The federal appellate court decision is a setback for the oil-and-gas industry, which opposes the use of E15 and a federal biofuel blending mandate that requires refiners to blend 36 billion gallons of biofuels into traditional transportation fuels by 2022.

New Year, New Legalities

The new year puts new regulations on the books across the country, with state and local governments ringing in 2013 with a mix of new regulations ranging from the innovative to the odd.

One in Kansas City says households can't have more than four cats.

A town in Massachusetts is banning businesses from selling plastic bottles.

In Florida, drivers can once again flash their headlights to warn others of upcoming speed traps, which was previously prohibited.

Meanwhile, driverless cars in California got the green light to hit the public roads.

One of Illinois' 150 new regulations prohibits motorcycle riders from popping wheelies. Public act 97-743 imposes a fine of \$1,000 on anyone who pops a wheelie on a motorcycle while speeding.

Woman Fired Over Husband Being In A Motorcycle Club

Her husband's membership in a motorcycle club has cost the job of a human resources technician with the city of Kingman in northwest Arizona, according to a Phoenix lawyer who is representing the woman in her bid for reinstatement.

The city served 11-year employee Melissa Summerson a notice of intent the day after Christmas and terminated her employment

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



December 28, attorney David Kresin told the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. “She was terminated for the stated reason of her husband’s membership in a family motorcycle club - the Desert Roadriders,” he said, adding that the dismissal violates her constitutional right to freedom of association. “There’s no allegation that Ms. Summerson personally did anything wrong in her job or engaged in any conduct personally that violated any of the city’s rules, and we believe there’s no cause for termination as she’s been an outstanding employee with a great record for her entire employment.”

Europe Set To Mandate A.B.S. For Motorcycles

A Europe-wide proposal to mandate anti-lock braking systems (A.B.S.) for motorcycles bigger than 125 cc manufactured from 2016 onwards was overwhelmingly approved by the European parliament by a vote of 643-16. Although the measure is still working its way through the E.U. legislative process and must still be adopted by individual member nations of the European Union, it is expected to be adopted soon.

A European Union commission presented the A.B.S. requirement for new framework regulation for motorcycles, and calculates that the proposal would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle crashes by more than 5,000 over a 10-year period.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with A.B.S., and by comparison car manufacturers have made A.B.S. standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to an *estimated* 49% overall decline in fatal car crashes in the E.U. Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety, pointing to a Swedish highway study that showed that 38% of all motorcycle crashes involve personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal crashes could have been prevented with A.B.S..

In the U.S., the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* has considered requiring A.B.S. on new motorcycles sold in America, and

will likely take up the issue in the near future.

[**c.o.e. note:** *As originally received, this headline was completely capitalized, leading yer crusty ol’ editor to think that European motorcyclists were going to be held to a high physical standard requiring great stomach muscles.*]

Australian Top Cop Vows To Ban Bikies From Pubs

Declaring that outlaw bikies “. . . are not the type of people who should be running licensed premises,” chief commissioner Ken Lay has vowed to ban bikers from pubs and clubs across Victoria. “The legislation is designed to ensure that doesn’t occur,” he told the *Herald Sun* newspaper of his plan to move “bikies” out of venue ownership, operation, and security.

Earlier this year, police swooped on bikies in a series of raids and seized 120 guns after ruling them not fit people to have the weapons under the *Firearms Act*.

Meanwhile, police are telling licensees not to allow patched-up bikies entry, so some Melbourne strip clubs, bars, and nightclubs are refusing entry based on a “dress code standard,” and some have even banned motorcycles from parking outside.

Inspector Paul Ross, of licensing enforcement, said police “advised” licensees “*it’s probably better if they don’t allow outlaw motorcycle gang members inside ... wearing colors.*”

One operator, who is enforcing the ban, said police asked him and others to sign an agreement that the dress code standard relating to bikies was upheld.

Quotable Quote

“When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong.”

-- Richard Dawkins
(b. 1941)
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Fellow motorcyclists,

On behalf of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)*, we would like to invite you to attend the upcoming *N.C.O.M.* convention, May 9-12, 2013, at the *Silver Legacy Resort-Casino* in Reno, Nevada.

Please make your plans early as the host hotel has given us a deadline of April 4, 2013 to book our rooms at the rate of \$95 for some nights. The number to call is **1-(800)-687-8733**. Please mention *N.C.O.M.* to get the special room rate.

This year’s convention is expected to be our biggest and best ever and will feature seminars and presentations by such well known speakers as former South Dakota state representative Jim Putnam

Some of the seminars and presentations will cover such topics as anti-profiling bills, veterans affairs’, your rights as a veteran, women in motorcycling, world of sport bikes, and many more.

Due to the enormous interest being generated in this year’s *N.C.O.M.* convention, we encourage you to pre-register your organization’s representatives for the convention and awards banquet to ensure space availability and to save time upon arrival.

We at the *N.C.O.M.* would also like to request that each motorcycle group attending bring an item to be auctioned at the *Silver Spoke Awards Banquet* to benefit the *Freedom Fund*. (The *Freedom Fund* is used by *N.C.O.M.* to send representatives into states, at their request, to help lobby for pro-motorcycle legislation or against detrimental regulations. The *Freedom Fund* is also used to send representatives from *N.C.O.M.* member groups to Washington, D.C. to lobby on the federal front.)

The auction will be held after the *Silver Spoke Awards Banquet* on Saturday evening. You can either turn in your auction item(s) at the time you register for the convention, or bring it with you to the banquet. Your generous contribution will be duly noted. We thank you in advance for your support.

Hopefully, you or someone from your organization will be able to join us for a weekend of education, motivation, networking, and camaraderie. We hope to see you at the convention!

Sincerely,

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executive coordinator
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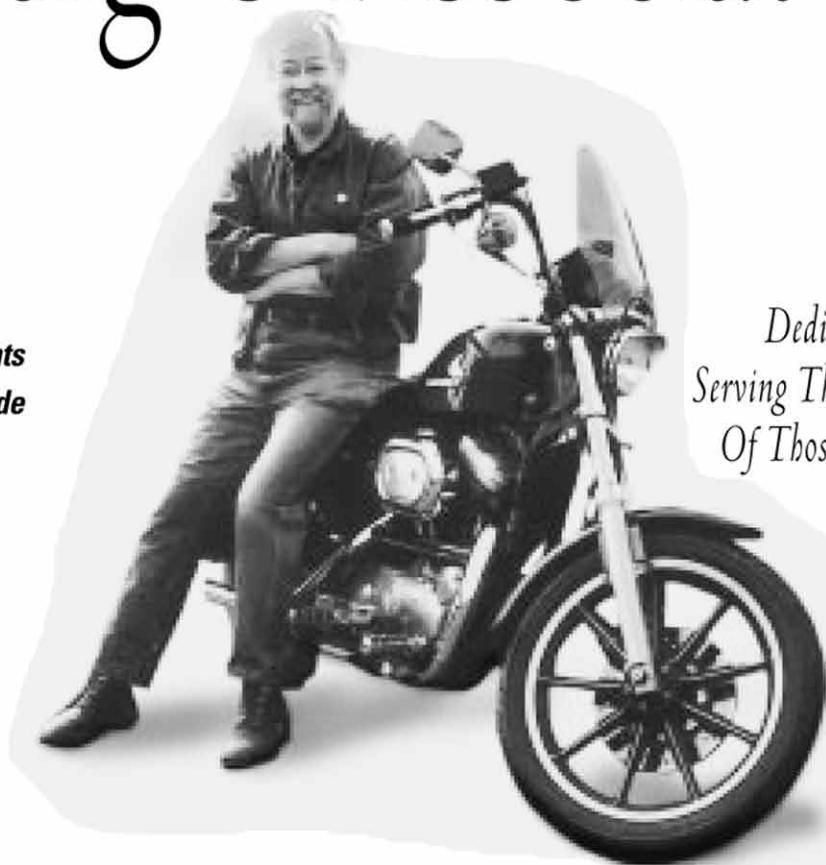
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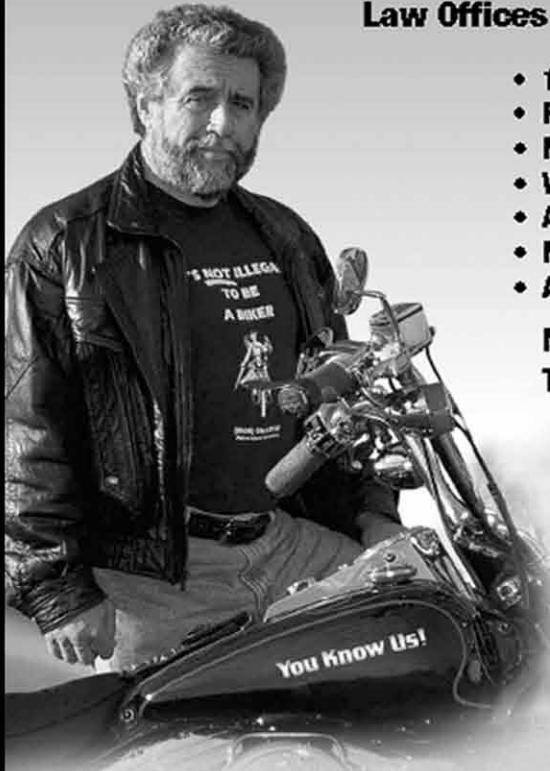
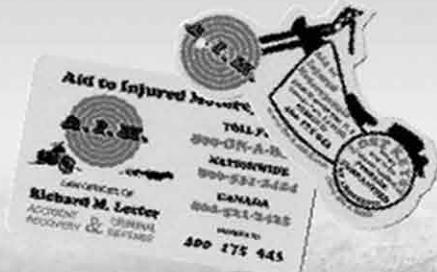
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Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/ Myrtle Point						X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay						X		
Washington County area										
Trace Ceccacci	(971)-222-4127		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Greg "Goatboy" Vaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Portland area										
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X	X		X	X		X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X	
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland		X			X	X		

Chapters
Please ensure your area
listings are up-to-date

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?
Please call
(503)-838-6893
if your information changes.

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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Salem area										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X					
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem				X	X	X		
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton						X		
Willamette Valley area										
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X					X		X
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-9728		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X			X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X	
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X					X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X						X	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X						X	X
Southern Oregon area										
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Medford			X			X		X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X					X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Oregon area										
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X				X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X				X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X					
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X			X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X			X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X		X
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X			X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X			X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X		X			X		X
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

For Sale

Free

Employment Wanted

1. All steel cargo carrier, 2 -1/2' x 5' with 4" tube sides, tilt bed plus fold down ramp, mesh floor, fits into 2" receiver plus a 2" receiver at the back side for towing, fully collapsable for handling and storage. **\$350** or best offer.

2. Heavy steel fab welding table, 30" x 36" with fold up extension, rollable. **\$65** or best offer.

3. 100' act/oxy hose, new, commercial grade. **\$60** or best offer.

Contact Don Sheckler at:

1-(503)-706-7158 (cell)

If no answer, please leave a message.

(Apr 2013)

Untouched 1964 servicar frame – **\$900.**
Locking rearend – **\$500.**

Two-star wheels with good tires – **\$400**
(Or best offer on all.)

Give me a call and make a package deal.

Stretch **(541)-955-4300**

(May 2013)

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 measely 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**

Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling, odd jobs.

Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.

Arthur West
(503)-351-5054

Wanted

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

Lost

... an hour of sleep.

Found

... the days weren't any longer.

March Cryptogram Answer

It was one of those March days

When the sun shines hot

and the wind blows cold:

When it is summer in the light,

And winter in the shade.

-- Charles Dickens

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members.
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or
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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]			
Bob Nichols	(541)-672-1128	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Al Simms	(541)-926-2161	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
Karen Tolle	(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]			
Zipporah Nelson	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			
Geoff White		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			
Carl Earl		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			
Dave Hickerson	(541)-559-8139	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:

March 2013 / 1776

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

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STATE BOARD MEETING
 Saturday, 09 March 2013
1200 (noon)
 Ciddici's Pizza
 133 SE Fifth avenue
 Albany, Oregon
 11 a.m - Fossil run meeting

New year light lifted her spirit when,
 She rose with the returning sun, then,
 D.S.T. made her weep,
 She lost an hour of sleep,
 Rising in the morning dark again.

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 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:
02 Mar 2013	Chapter Swap Meet / Salem	Keizer	(503)-391-0739
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	Hillsboro	
27-28 Apr 2013	Southern Oregon Swap / Jack&JoCo	Medford	
27 Apr 2013	Spring Fever Run / North Coast	Hammond	
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	

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

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)	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.)	Coyote's Bar & Grill; 5301 W. Baseline; Hillsboro	(503)-640-7225