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# Motorcycists Display Local Power



Southern Oregon A.B.A.T.E. chapters took advantage of good weather on 04 May raise motorcycle awareness at the Josephine county courthouse in Grants Pass. About eighty bikes showed up during their rally. Having multiple May motorcycle awareness rallies throughout the state should catch motorists' attention, making roads safer.

# Doctor No -- Lynn DeSpain ( Salem Chapter )

We (at least some) have wondered or asked just how is it that our current governor could possibly run for re-election after serving two successive four year terms?

The answer most often heard is,"Well it must have been legal or he couldn't have done it!"

Really?

Our own state constitution ( along with thirty five other states ) has the verbiage, "the governor may not succeed himself, and is limited to two successive terms." Or language of similar nature. Something to think about.

Now around 1964 this "theory" thing started to develop which envisaged a stronger governorship and it would have four "key" elements:

- 1. A four year term of office. ( Oregon already had that.)
- 2. Removal of inability provisions precluding a governor's re-election. ( Maybe attached to some house or senate bill. This was attached at some latter time and not well known publicly.)
- 3. Ceding to the legislature determination of such matters as salaries, resident requirements, and age. ( Remember how citizens want all three branches to communicate, but not to be run by the same people? This is exactly where

political party platforms tangle up the rule of the people from the bottom up.)

4. Increasing the governor's power of appointment, removal, and administrative reorganization. ( Was this not previously established in Oregon's constitution? ) This may not seem like much until one really looks at their ballot. Look to the judges up for reelection or election. The little " I " following their name means incumbent, which means already in office. Who put them in office? 90% of the time, the governor! ( Starting to see a pattern yet? )

Oddly enough, not every state has "recall" for their elected officials. (Actually, only 13 states.) All but one are western states. Of these western states, judges are exempt from recall, but Oregon is not one of them.

Oregon is one of three special states, that allow the recall of all elected and appointed. ( Do I hear *O.D.O.T.* advisory panel?)

Now as this is my opinion and mine alone, allow me to make one point perfectly clear: The responsibility of raising taxes in all its forms, excise, fees, income, property, capital gains, and what-have-you happens with either party holding "power-in-office."

Go back to 1963 when Mark O. Hatfield, a much revered and well thought-of republican, told the citizens of Oregon, "We have a 53 million dollar shortfall in our budget." So he raised the excise tax to cover it. (Of course this was two years prior to my graduating high school, but the memory of Scott Paper Company closing its mill in Coos county is still there. 350 workers, 150 engineers, management, and secretaries with no jobs.)

And, for all who may have taken business courses or classes, the rule of thumb is that for every manufacturing/industrial job created, five other jobs are created in the service industry to support it. (Service meaning food, clothing, gasoline, cars, repairs, tires, sales, *et al.*)

Oregon has been bleeding out jobs, at least since that time, when Coos Bay was the "world's largest lumber shipping port."

So when the leaders no longer care for the people they serve (in much in the same way as Britain did with its non-coms until world war two, grinding them up for fertilizer), then the citizens will just have to teach themselves to lead one another.

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong from A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

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

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

So, there you have it.

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

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### **U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations**

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

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

### BikePAC of Oregon

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

### **AGAINST**

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

### T

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.

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### officers at work

# State Coordinator

June again?

I heard a rider talking as he was fueling up the other day and he was so surprised that it was almost June that it made me think.

We are nearly half way through the year and already so much has happened. Poker runs have started, we have lobbied for our rights in our state capital, we had our *S.T.E.A.M.* event, state swap meet, and *BikePAC* had their *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.

Whew!

And its only June.

The sad news is that of this writing we have already lost four brothers.

As we ride through the rest of the riding season we must never lose sight of the responsibility we have while riding our bikes. Not only do we have to manage our own rides but we should be there for others as well. We need to teach our new riders what it means to share the road as well as educate people who don't ride.

We need to remind ourselves that everyone of us is a advertisement for motorcyclists across the state.

Whether we like it or not, perception is everything and we should consider what our actions on the road look like to people who don't ride. An uneducated person who sees us changing position in our lane might think we are getting nervous and are looking for a way around them which in turn makes them nervous and they will start watching us in their rear view mirror instead of focusing on what is in front of them. ( The only reason we were changing positions was to be seen by others, avoiding debris, or something else we do and don't think about.) By educating non-riders about what we do and why we do it, it becomes less of a surprise to them when we do it

I want to thank everyone who showed up for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in Salem, and to give a big high five to southern Oregon for putting on their own rally at the Josephine county courthouse. Getting the word out and making our voices heard is part of what we do and I congratulate them for branching out and showing us it can

work all over the state.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to make it to as many runs and events as we can to show our support all over the state. When you think about it, riding is why we are here in the first place. Get out, see new country, make new friends. You'll be happy you did. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Ride free. Ride safe. Ride with respect!

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

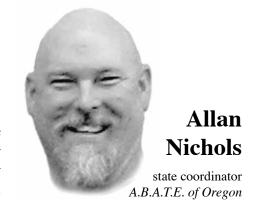
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"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

-- Plato

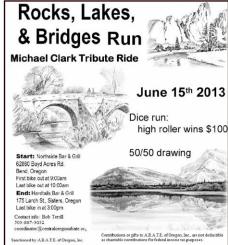


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# <u>CENTRAL OREGON MEETING</u> <u>TIME and PLACE</u>

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Time fly's when we are having fun . . . and at this point I can barely keep up!

We are halfway through 2013 and the weather has changed for the better tremendously, allowing us to enjoy the outdoors a lot more.

May was Motorcycle Awareness Month and kicked off with a bang, May 4th in Salem. A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and BikePAC co-hosted a rally on the state capitol steps, with a pretty good turnout from various A.B.A.T.E. chapters and motorcycle organizations of all types. Personally it was a very neat experience, meeting many like-minded and great people. On top of that the weather was to die for. The weekend couldn't have been any better for the ride to support A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and BikePAC.

As a chapter, we have engaged with family and friends at our monthly meetings, bike nights, *et cetera* enjoying 50/50 and raffles with great



prizes. On behalf of *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.*, we would like to give a special thanks to a few people and businesses that have made these and other events possible for us.

First off, Tyna Woods at *Latus Motors Harley–Davidson* in Eugene, who has been very helpful and generous with donations for raffles. We'd also like to give a "shot-out" to Travis and all the gang at *Cycle Gear* in Springfield for having *D.C. A.B.A.T.E.* at their monthly bike night. It was a great opportunity to spread *A.B.A.T.E.*'s message. (There may be a *Willamette A.B.A.T.E. Chapter* in the near future, who knows?)

As I write this, we are gearing up for our *May Bike Night*, which will be held at *Pete's Drive-In* on Harvard in Roseburg. It is the second bike night of the season and should be a good time for all.

Our next bike night will be on

June 14th at the *Brother Speed* club house in Roseburg about 6:30 in the evening. Hope to see you there.

So as we move into June, please be safe and aware.

Remember, motorcycle awareness doesn't end in May, it should be a year-long commitment.

Tashia Crippen secretary Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.



Last bike in at 1:00 P.M.

- \$10 First hand
- . \$5 Additional hands
  - BBQ Included with hand
- Door prizes and 50/50

# Thundering Waters Motorcycle Poker Run!

### Sunday, July 28th

Start at Colliding Rivers
End at Whistlers Bend Park

BBQ provided by Bikers for Christ

- . Sign in starts at 10:00 A.M.
- . Last Bike in at 2:00 P.M.
- \$5 Per hand



# Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) Elmer's Restaurant 1440 NW Mulholland drive Roseburg (541)–673–0021

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# A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek** (members at large)

The newest member of *Indian Creek* has created a page on *Facebook* to spread the word about *Team Oregon* (motorcycle training), events to promote *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* (fliers and info), and soon the newspaper with a promo to access the web site at:

### http://www.abateoforegon.net

Having a love for motorcycling for as long as I can remember, I would like to invite all to send their thoughts on what would be considered a good promotional post for *A.B.A. T.E.* that I can add to the page:

http://www.facebook.com/ AbateChapterIndianCreek Hope you all were able to go to Fossil Campout.

Hope I was, too. Happy June to you!

Kindest regards,

Michelle J. FitzHenry (503)–588–4149 mcsnares@hotmail.com http://www.michellescrabsnares.com



# Indian Creek MEETING TIME and PLACE

( when and wherever )

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

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

I feel blessed and inspired by *Hub City*, and am proud to be a member of such a legislatively fired up chapter.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the chapters for their contributions.

Thank you for all your contributions to *BikePAC* this year. It has made taking time off work a little more palatable. I can easily see myself changing jobs now. I'm keeping my options available for this to take me farther. Whatever that means for me and my career. For us, I truly feel I have found my calling. I feel fulfilled with the work I do here for Oregon's riders and want to do more. I want to make you all *proud*!

I was at a point in my life when I was looking for a way to "give back" and the *Rotary Club* didn't seem to be a good match. < l.o.l.>

Thank you so much for supporting and encouraging me to take this journey, to fight the good fight, to take our mission statement and run with it. I've been racing to keep up with the bar that has been set by non-helmet states and to address rider

safety from the unique perspective of a "single track" vehicle. And to learn what that means.

I've learned more this year, than I ever did in eight years of college, and still have much more to learn. Thank you for sharing the rich history of this organization, and for your trust in me to do a job I knew nothing about this time last year.

I'm honored to represent such a soulful, passionate state of riders who care about improving the rights and respect we deserve as citizens. We still have much work to do, but I now see a much clearer path to follow, thanks to all the hard work of other freedom states that have paved the way for us. As long as I continue to have your blessing, I'll be helping *BikePAC* continue this journey our fore fathers would have been proud to see us take.

With much love,

### Paula Leslie

- legislative director BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.
- Hub City member



### Hub City <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u>

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

We are finally seeing some great riding weather. Enjoy, be safe.

We had our bowling night. Great fun with good friends.

Our Southern Oregon Swap Meet is over for another year, but we had a wonderful weekend! Sunny days, music, food, lots of vendors, biker church on Sunday. Wonderful. New and old friends to visit with and catch up on the news from the past year. Thank you to all who work very hard to put this event on for all of us to enjoy.

Randy Phipps (state sgt-at-Armsnorth) joined us for the weekend. Thanks for coming down, Randy.

Southern Oregon A.B.A.T.E. had their May Motorcycle Awareness Rally on May 4th at the Grants Pass courthouse. We had a great turnout with some interesting speakers to listen to.

Some of our members are helping put on a spaghetti dinner to raise

funds for the *Missing In America Project* ( *M.I.A.P.*) We will be having a dinner of spaghetti, salad, and bread for \$5 at the *V.F.W.* hall in Rogue River on June 15th. This event is open to everyone. Come join us for a fun time. There will be raffles, silent auction, and a 50/50 drawing. This is a wonderful project to support for our veterans.

Ride safe

Watch out for the guy who isn't watching out for *you*.

Judi membership secretary Jackson County





# Jackson County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)

American Legion (downtown)

Jackson & Front streets

Medford, Oregon
(541)—

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

# Josephine County

The 14th Annual Southern Oregon Swap Meet and Bike Show once again was a big success with more vendors and a bigger attendance than last

Much to our surprise, we had four unexpected volunteers show up and work the whole weekend. A huge thank you to Randy, Bridget, Barbara, and nephew. ( Sorry, I don't have his name with me.)

I also send out another big thank you to the ten or twelve volunteers who helped on clean up day as well as throughout the event. They helped with setup on Friday as well as breakdown on Sunday.

We will not be able to continue to hold events if we don't get volunteers to help us put them on. Many events have folded due to lack of volunteers, not due to lack of attendees.

First Saturday in May was Motorcycle Awareness Day. There were two rallies in Oregon this year - one in Salem and one in Grants Pass. Attendance was down at both events, but both were considered successful.

The southern Oregon was held at the Josephine county courthouse. It was a bright, warm, sunny day. There were between 75 to 85 bikes lining sixth street. We had Team Oregon and a member of the G.A.C.M.S. (Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety ) speak on motorcycle safety and read the governor's proclamation.

Plans are going strong for the Coast Run (first Saturday in August), the S.O.S. Campout at Wolf Creek ( third weekend in August ), and the toy run in October. If you have any suggestions or comments about any of these events, please attend the chapter meeting and share your

Josephine County Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange at 6:30 p.m. We have potlucks in March, June, September, November, and December.

Karen Tolle chapter treasurer





### 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

Hello brothers and sisters,

It's been awesome down on the lower Columbia. There is nothing like spring in our area. If you don't get to ride along highway 30 where the coast range meets the Columbia river several times a year, you're not doing it enough. As you ride you'll notice many temperature variations, the smell of trees in bloom, wild flowers, skunks, and occasional road kill. But the good smells far outweigh the bad.

You can come on down to Colvin's Pub & Grill on June 1st and get a little riding in on our Spring Run.

Or you can come on down to the Clatskanie city park on June 29th for the Clatskanie Heritage Days Car Show. There is a category for bikes as well. Guess what? Lower Columbia will be selling burgers in the park that day also. ( Nothing like a little fun, a good car show, and a great

burger.) The proceeds for all of this will support our college scholarship fund and swimming lessons for the kids. We hope to see you here.

Dave Bridges coordinator Lower Columbia





### June 1, 2013 at 10 a.m.

Begins at Colvin's Pub & Grill in Clatskanie, Oregon

Ends at Beach-N-Brew in Seaside, Oregon

\$15,00 per hand, or 2 hands for \$25,00 Great Door Prizes

50/50 pot too!! You May Also Want to Check out Colvin's Breakfast Menu

### Lower Columbia **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st Sundays at 1900 ( 7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30)

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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County

Guess you all figured out we had our summer this year before Mother' Day. I'm sure it will be around for awhile. When it hits 86 degrees in Newport, it can be a little to warm.

Several riders from *Lincoln County* rode to the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Report is that they had a good time, enjoyed not riding in the rain, and had a safe time. I'm sure more was said. I had hoped to go but it was too soon after chemo.

At our next meeting there will be talk of runs coming up and things that our members would like to do together. I remember when we started we did things as a group and got to know one another. That may be the turning point to make it.

We have gotten lip service that a lot of people want *Beaver Creek*, but this year it is not happening and who knows for sure if we will be here next year. I am not willing to give up my membership because I believe in what *A.B.A. T.E.* stands for and what the principles are.

I'm giving a group hug to all and miss seeing you.

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



# Lincoln County <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u>

3<sup>rd</sup> 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,

Spring on the coast has provided us with some very nice weather with lots of bikes on the road enjoying the sun and the warmth.

Our run committee is working on the final details for our *18th Annual Around Saddle Mountain Run*, scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd.

Sign-up begins at 9 a.m. at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria and departs at 10 a.m.

The run stops are in Clatskanie, Vernonia, Elise, and ends at the *American Legion* is Seaside. A meal (burgers, hot dogs, and salads) is included in the cost of a poker hand.

This is always a great run. We hope to see you there. Check out the run flyer in this fine newspaper.

For questions, please call Dan at (503)–440–1114.

Please be careful out there. Watch out for those cages.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator



### North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

### 16 April 2013

Rick got stuck at work so Larry ran the meeting.

We had a state board of directors report and discussed *S.T.E.A.M.* as a result. Our members came up with several ideas, which will be passed along.

Gene brought cookies in honor of his new ride, a '93 FX.

Bob won both the 50/50 game and the membership game. The 50/50 was \$12/\$12 and Bob donated \$7 back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob. The membership game was \$5, which Bob spent on pie!

Rick arrived near the end of the meeting.

### 07 May 2013

Thank you very much to Steve B. for taking minutes for me so I could visit Death Valley. It was awesome!

It was a small meeting. No games were held.

There was an informal discussion about family memberships due to some confusion about Matt's membership. We hope to resolve this soon.



### **Upcoming meetings**

04 June, 2013

18 June, 2013

# River City MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Wow! I think we skipped spring and went right into summer here in the [Willamette] valley. Nice riding weather for *May Motorcycle Awareness* which was a blessing. (Brad and I took the long way home, just 'cuz.) It was great to see so many happy, friendly bikers at the rally. Hope to see even more next year.

We have another full week of warm days and nights ahead of us. I'm very happy to have a job, but I'd rather be camping out somewhere, outside eight to ten hours a day.

Things are moving right along for us on *Run 21*, our family picnic, and the toy run.

Our chapter meetings have included reminders to get out there and attend more of the other chapters' events going on in Oregon and Washington. ( Just typing the list of events for the meeting agenda makes it feel more like summer. I hope I can make a few.)

Don't have too much to share with you this time around but I sure wish you all the freedoms you deserve and should expect from this



great nation of ours.

Stay safe and be good to each other,

Susan Suran recording secretary

# Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon) *M&M Restaurant & Lounge* 

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

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

# -- Salem

07 May 2013

Old minutes were passed without discussion. Then a good amount of time was spent on the route planning of our poker run scheduled for the 18th of May. We decided to offer an extra card for \$2 and a last place prize of a one year membership to *A.B.A. T.E.* or a renewal.

Next we discussed the July *Good Vibrations* offer of a free *A.B.A.T.E.* booth along with four tickets in exchange for manning their three poker runs. Now we have to go back and arrange for those tags to be interchangeable so we will have four people at all times, but not the same four. We believe this can be done.

It also looks good for having the same arrangement for the *B.M.W.* rally coming the following week at the state fairgrounds. We will know more at the June meeting.

By the time this is read, we will have seen you at the *Fossil Campout*.

Have fun!

Lynn DeSpain coordinator Salem Chapter Oregon A.B.A.T.E.





### Salem

### **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market street, Salem

### **POINTS of CONTACT**

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

Several Washington County members rode to The Dalles for the Cherry Blossom Ride on April 27th. It was nice enough weather and beautiful scenery along the Columbia Gorge on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river.

About twenty *WaCo* members rode to the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on the 4th. It was a beautiful day for riding, although a bit windy at times throughout the day. The overall turnout seemed a bit smaller than in years past, but it was good to see those there who want to promote awareness of riders.

Along the "awareness road", *WaCo* has a reader board trailer that has been parked in several different locations throughout Washington county during the previous months to promote motorcycle awareness. We are also having ads run through the month of May at *Valley Theater* in Beaverton to make the general movie-going public more aware of motorcycles.

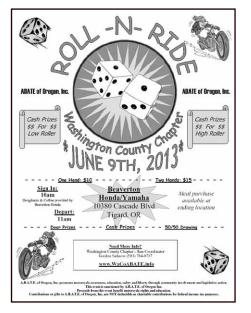
Our Roll & Ride Run is coming

up on June 9 and all are welcome to join us for this approximately one hundred mile ride around Washington county.

Have fun and ride safely,

Denise Darneille chapter secretary *Washington County* 





### Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113 Our Officers at Work

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

11 May 2013

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon



Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Alan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:20 p.m. with nine of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters:

None.

Excused chapters: Central Oregon.

### Pledge of allegiance

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

### Guests and first time attendees:

None

**Reading, approval of previous minutes:** State board of directors meeting minutes from April 2013. No corrections.

Motion made by Paul (*Washington County Chapter*) to adopt as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Jack. (*Lincoln County Chapter*) Motion passed.

Coordinator's comments {EB}: Allan Nichols noted that there are just two weeks until *Fossil Campout*. Let's all be seen on our bikes out on the road,

**Secretary {EB}** : Simply being good people on bikes is the best way to promote *A.B.A.T.E.* It's also the reason I'd like to have a larger, more easily seen *A.B.A.T.E.* patch for our cuts like several seen at *N.C.O.M.* The truth is, we attract attention with or on our bikes pretty much anywhere we go — gas stations, restaurants, stores, and such. Or just rollin' down the road.

We're on a stage of a sort wherever we're seen riding or wearing our cuts. So yeah, help that old lady cross the street or hold the door open with a smile for others when the opportunity happens. Ill will towards bikers as a group is less common now than it was back in the '70s but it's still out there and we ought to keep proving how good, kind, and generous we are as a group.

Old or unfinished business: Alan Nichols cited that progress is being made with the new membership categories. We're looking into a level or number of dues paid by groups that will still be seen as a great deal.

The state fair offer for poker run incentives is still being considered.

### \* \* \* Officers' Reports \* \* \*

**Vice-coordinator (north) {EB} :** Al Simms said that we should get better at attending the events being hosted by our other chapters of *A.B.A. T.E.* He cited how the hosting chapter can offer incentives, like

buying the gas used by the follow truck or perhaps some other goody.

Vice-coordinator (south) {EB}: Karen Tolle echoed Al's report. *Josephine County Chapter*'s own awareness event at the courthouse on 04 May was a success, though there was disappointment in that no media came to cover the proceedings. This event will be done again next year and they'd like to get *Douglas County Chapter* to be more a part of the crowd. (Perhaps Spanky

or someone can attend a Douglas County meeting to give a heads up and get support.)

**Vice-coordinator (east) {EB} :** Robert Terrill was absent. Excused due to weather and cage issues.

**Treasurer {EB}** : Kay Sipple was absent. (Attending *N.C.O.M.* convention.) Excused. Provided handout relative to the treasury status.

Membership secretary {EB}: Zipporah Nelson said that she'll also be gone three weeks in June. Current membership is 1,684 fine folk.

Karen spoke to the need for a software fix that could list a contact person in group memberships.

**Sanctioning officer {EB}:** Robert Terrill was absent. Excused due to weather and cage issues.

**State auditor:** < Vacant >

**Newspaper editor:** Rot Path spoke of the need for chapter reports to be sent on time.

Mentioned HB-3518, which modifies definition of "social game" for purposes of regulation of gambling. We'd be wise to keep an ear to the ground on this one. This bill could put us on the wrong side of the regulations for hosting poker runs, raffles, or 50/50 drawings.

**Legislative director:** Don Mason mentioned that *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* will sit in on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety. (*G.A.C.M.S.*)

*N.H.T.S.A.* federal dollars (\$50,000) are available for Oregon to use on programs that enhance motorcycle safety. The better our stats on safety as compared to recent years is the criteria used to allocate these funds. The safer we ride, the more funding we get. The G.A.C.M.S. is looking for ways to use this funding for activities like TV ads, urinal ads perhaps, billboards, radio, etc. etc. Any good phrases could find their way onto bumper stickers. ( I personally like "Skilled Drivers Know How To Merge" and the ever popular "Watch out for Motorcycles".)

The idea here is to get input from the membership of A.B.A.T.E. Please



One-Eyed Bob Nichols

state recording secretary

submit any ideas for how to use this funding or any catchy phrases for bumper stickers or hats or whatever.

I like the idea of using some of these funds for an insert in magazines and newspapers that's a high quality sticker for folks to put on their vehicles that urge us all to "Watch Out For Bikers", something modeled after those yellow "Baby on Board" signs, only as stickers.

When asked about getting a message on those large electric signs along highways, we were told that if we asked for people to be careful of motorcycles the state would have to increase their time, effort, and funding to more strictly enforce regulations on bikers, including extra payroll. This sounds frankly like a way to discourage people from getting their chosen messages posted and a fabrication.

Finally, any gifts that one directs to *BikePAC* will be tax credit ( not a tax deduction, but literal dollar-fordollar tax credit ) to be taken off the total one owes Oregon.

**Sergeant-at-arms (north):** Randy Phipps (Absent, excused.)

**Sergeant-at-arms (south):** Lance Tolle had nothing to report, just busy learning his role.

Sergeant-at-arms (east):

< VACANT >

**Products director:** Councilman Dave Meeker stated that we've got fifty shirts for *Fossil Campout*. Twenty-four of them are tie-dyed and they'll go fast. T's are \$20, long sleeves are \$25.

Discussed getting sponsors for T-shirts

Dave asked for help with good ideas for bumper stickers, shirts, and hats.

**Education director:** Geoff White (Absent.)

**Public relations director:** Bridget Hamrick ( Absent, excused.)

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# From yer ... One crusty of editor ... yet again

# One Spring Morning . . . And Another

patching bullet holes

c.o.e. — 137

### Waking Epiphany:

Our present governor and his staff do not take us seriously.

Our real concerns are dismissed. We are played like trained puppies performing someone else's tricks.

It's increasingly obvious that we've been given "busy work" the last couple of legislative sessions to keep us out of the way so that he and his staff can carry on with what is important to them.

It is beginning to feel like what must have been the mood in our founding colonies when the British parliament refused to take the colonists' concerns and welfare seriously.

Are we on the verge of declaring ourselves independent from a state government that is dismissive of motorcyclists and their concerns?

It's time to stop playing the political game according to this governor's rules. (It's *our* game, after all.)

The most difficult thing to notice is that which isn't there.

We are missing people.

Where are the John Adams and Susan B. Anthonys with fire in their bellies and a burning vision to inspire us towards success?

We don't need heroes – we need visionaries who inspire productive action.



Under the legislative report in this month's state board minutes there is mention of how federal money is allocated to states to enhance motorcycle safety. Basically, the more motorcycle death rates decrease, the more money a state gets.

That reminds yer crusty ol' editor of a world war two story he heard.

Seems some math whizzes began charting the damage on bombers returning from missions over Europe.

When they were done with their statistical analysis, they presented their findings to the Army Air Corps, recommending the installation of additional armor at the most heavily damaged areas, allowing crews to survive and so they could be sent back out on additional missions.

The high ranking officers at the meeting agreed that would be an excellent plan of action.

A young military person cleared their throat, then spoke up, pointing out that the aircraft studied were the ones that made it back to base with their crews. Wouldn't it make more sense to provide additional armor in the lesser damaged areas?

< clearing throat >

It seems to yer c.o.e. that states with high motorcycle rider fatality rates need to be doing more to enhance motorcycle safety, therefore they should be getting more of the safety money.

No one rides alone, even when riding by themselves.

The eyes of other road users are always on us, judging all riders by our

individual actions.

If they often relate our mistakes or poor judgments to others, then let's break that stereotype by giving them some positive stories to tell. Politeness and graciousness at intersections, offering to call for help when encountering stranded motorists, giving out little motorcycle-related trinkets or key fobs, all kinds of things that imaginative motorcyclists can do to make other road users more concerned for us.

Several folks who provide chapter reports have expressed concern over what needs or should be provided in the reports.

There are several things to keep in mind when creating chapter reports:

- Chapter reports are a way to keep chapter members informed when they can't or don't make it to chapter meetings.
- The reports let other chapters know what is going on in your part of the state.
- Reports can generate enthusiasm for your chapter, its events and activities, and for *A.B.A.T.E.* itself.
- Ideas and successes can be shared between chapters.
- Potential new *A.B.A.T.E.* members can be attracted to the organization and to your chapter by what is written in chapter reports.

As you read newspapers or magazines, begin noticing what draws your attention, what makes you want to know more or try something. Study how such stories or articles are written, their tone. When you find a style or way of writing that works on you, try incorporating

### 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/

it into your own writing to see if that spices up your chapter reports.

By looking, seeing, and experimenting, you can continue to improve your chapter reports while potentially attracting new members to your chapter and *A.B.A.T.E.* 

Class over. Time for recess.

Sunday, 19 May 2013

Yer crusty ol' editor hasn't done much original fiction writing for some time. ( Other that the odd editorial.)

But this morning a waking idea for a story began coming to him as he struggled back toward consciousness.

Part of the concept behind the story was that political and corporate interests had taken a long-term view and form of action toward protecting consumer units (that would be we the people) from harm in order to preserve their power base and profit margins. The thing was, that it was done over such a long period of time and in such small increments that most people didn't realize what was happening. Everything those in power were suggesting seemed reasonable and for the public good or safety.

This is why motorcyclists of today often seem to take passionate stands on issues that seem disproportionate to the small concession being asked. We aren't looking at the immediate impact of legislative action, but the overall historical and projected future patterns that could prove harmful to ourselves and society itself.

It's a matter of perspective. When one steps back, patterns begin to emerge that are not evident when standing too close to an image or process.

### JUNE Cryptogram

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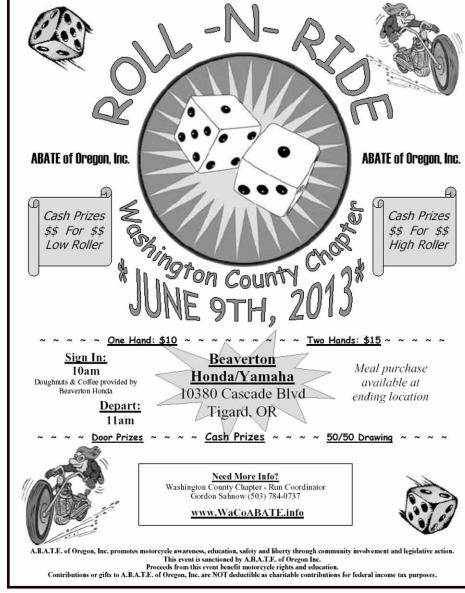
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Note: Photos and copy-ready artwork should be stiffened with cardboard to prevent folding, spindling, or mutilating. Include a self-stamped addressed envelope if you want your material returned. (Otherwise the c.o.e. has a woodstove and your unclaimed contributions may end up keeping his toes warm.)

Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like sideways on page

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

- 11 May 2013 (continued from page 10)

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long noted that we've booked Tv Curtis for Saturday.

Fossil still needs security help. Be advised, working the event does not get you in without a ticket.

Words of wisdom and consideration from Howie: Before you speak up to complain about any event, have you volunteered yet?

The pancake feed and shower will be back. \$8 for the shower and feed, \$10 for the feed without the shower. ( No, that's not a typo.)

State swap meet coordinator: Randy Phipps (Absent, excused.)

**Historian:** Jennifer Sterba (Absent.) Web page editor: Carl Earl

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba

(Absent.)

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Don Mason reported that Paula's still happily and obsessively working as our lobbyist.

Don was happy to award Paula with the Freedom Fighter patch.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols Confederation of Clubs representative: Dave Hickerson (Absent, excused.)

### \* \* \* Old Business \* \* \*

### Officer Vacancies:

- State auditor
- Sergeant-at-arms (east)

Membership committee report: Nothing specific just yet, but ideas are being exchanged. We just want to be careful to not run anyone off by coming across as too greedy.

### **New Business**

( No new business.)

### **Announcements**

- Ty Curtis is playing on Saturday at Fossil, he's a really really good Blues Man.
- Next state board of directors meeting: June, 8, 2013. Ciddici's Pizza – Albany, Oregon.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 07 July 2013 Salem HOG Run at Salem Harley, \$500 high hand.
- North Columbia Chapter is doing a 164 mile poker run. Colbin's in Clatskanie.

Adjourn: 2:20 p.m.

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### **Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

# **Half The Story**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.) recently released the results of their motorcyclist traffic fatality 2012 preliminary report, but the results are unfortunately distorted to present one single-sided solution to motorcyclist safety.

The *G.H.S.A.* is blaming the expected rise in motorcyclist's deaths largely on the extremely mild weather in 2012. They also cite the economy improving, allowing households to find themselves with discretionary income. Lastly, they acknowledged the fact that gas prices are at record highs and the desire for high mile per gallon vehicles is increasing.

To quote the study:

- Riders will "use their fuel-efficient motorcycles rather than automobiles for commuting and other everyday travel," thus increasing rider deaths.
- "An improving economy produces more discretionary income with which to buy and ride motorcycles" Source: G.H.S.A.

Those are facts: Warm days, extra cash, and a way to beat high gas prices. It would be very difficult to

argue that those factors would not increase the amount of motorcyclists on the roads. Simple arithmetic shows that more motorcyclists on the roads will increase the chances that more are going to crash. The same equation works for all vehicle types.

Still the *G.H.S.A.* paints a very morbid picture and uses this false platform to push for mandatory helmet requirements. After all, motorcyclist fatalities are up. What they never mention is, so are registrations for motorcycles.

The study's author James Hedlund, formerly of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, had this to say in an interview about the study, "I found that over the past three decades, the number of registrations tracks closely with the number of deaths."

The long-term fatality flow chart used in the *G.H.S.A.* report would echo this if the registration numbers were also posted. As expected, those numbers were not included.

What started off as a promising report on valid reasons for the increase in motorcycle usage, ended

up as an attack on the freedoms of all motorcycle riders in this country.

### Obama Taps Charlotte Mayor For *D.O.T.* Top Spot

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that president Obama has nominated Anthony Foxx for secretary of transportation.

Foxx is the mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, and a former member of the Charlotte city council as well as a lawyer.

Foxx is a relative newcomer to politics, winning his first election to city council in 2005 and became the youngest mayor of Charlotte when he was elected in 2009.

Jeff Hennie, vice president of government affairs and public relations for the M.R.F. states, "He has not said anything about his priorities as he leads the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) or what he will focus on. But it,s still early, so we expect his agenda to be scrutinized in the confirmation process."

Foxx is expected to sail through the confirmation process in the coming weeks.

The *M.R.F.* looks forward to working with secretary Foxx as he leads the United States department of transportation.



### M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The M.R.F. is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The M.R.F. provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, The M.R.F. Reports.

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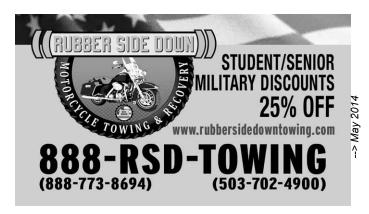
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### June Cryptogram Answer

Summer is a promissory note signed in June,

Its long days spent and gone

Before you know it,

And due to be repaid next January.

-- Hal Borland

Thundering Waters

Motorcycle Poker Run!

### Sunday, July 28th

Start at Colliding Rivers
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# Federal Bill To Stop Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

On April 15, congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) circulated a "Dear colleague" letter to fellow members of congress to garner sponsors for legislation he intends to introduce on May 6, 2013 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding."

"In the 112th congress, I introduced HR-904, a bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle—only checkpoints," wrote representative Sensenbrenner to his peers. "Section 1 of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as HR-904. However, this bill also contains language to force the D.O.T. to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."

Under grant restriction, section 2 reads, "The secretary of transportation may not provide a grant or any funds to a state, county, town, or township, Indian tribe, municipal or other local government to be used for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for an operator of motorcycle or passenger on a motorcycle."

In addition, the new legislation amends section 153 of title 23 U.S.C. by removing "motorcycle helmets" from the title. "This change will prohibit the D.O.T. from providing grants to a state to enforce helmet [ regulations ]," according to Sensenbrenner. "This will stop the D.O.T. from manipulating state policies with federal money."

# **Congressional Committee Approves E15 Prohibition**

The U.S. house committee on science, space and technology approved HR–875 by a vote of 18-17 on April 11, which would revoke the *Environmental Protection Agency*'s approval of E15 alcohol-laden gasoline for sale to the public.

U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced HR–875 on February 28, which would require the federal *E.P.A.* to stop the use of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) until its harmful effects are investigated further.

# N.H.T.S.A. Seeks To Subvert Public Scrutiny

The U.S. *Department of Transportation* is looking to fast track adoption of rules, bypassing the public comment process and adopting rules directly. The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) has proposed to give itself "direct final rule making" authority which would allow the agency to declare a regulatory proposal, which carries the force of regulation, to be non-controversial and rush it into effect.

"N.H.T.S.A. believes this procedural option would expedite the issuance of, and thereby save time and agency resources on, rules that are not controversial," the agency's proposed rule states.

N.H.T.S.A. is responsible for a number of major rules, including the corporate average fuel economy ( C.A.F.E. ) mandates that direct automobile manufacturers to meet certain mileage requirements. It also plays a major role in the design of vehicles by mandating various "safety" features such as rearview cameras, "trunk entrapment" rules to foil kidnappers, and "quiet car" rules to require electric vehicles to make noise to alert blind pedestrians. Such rules cost the automobile industry billions of dollars in compliance costs, but could arguably be "non-controversial."

Under procedures that allow a measure to take effect within sixty days of its publication in the *Federal Register* as a final rule, the public would have just thirty days to file an adverse comment to slow the process down. Otherwise the final rule would automatically become effective.

### Nevada Lane-Splitting, Faster Speed Limits

The silver state may soon adopt the golden state's rule on lane sharing, as AB–236 has passed assembly committee on transportation with only two committee members opposing the measure to allow motorcyclists to filter between lanes of slow-moving traffic. California is currently the only U.S. state that allows the practice, though "lane filtering" is commonplace throughout many other parts of the world.

Committee chair and bill co-sponsor Richard Carrillo (D-Clark county), a long-time rider, laid out one of the best reasons to split lanes, avoiding a rear end collision by saying "at the end of the day, I want to know that I'm going to come home and not be a part of the pavement or the back of somebody's truck or car. To me, this really resonates."

Next step: the bill goes before the full assembly and the senate.

In the meantime, the Nevada state legislature may raise the maximum speed limit from 75 mph to 85 mph with a bill that has passed the state senate 15-6 on April 3. The measure now goes over to the state assembly for consideration. Introduced by senator Don Gustavson (R-Sparks), a longtime advocate of bikers' rights who was awarded the *N.C.O.M. Silver Spoke Award* for government, SB–191 would fast track *N.D.O.T.* to up the speed limit to 85 m.p.h. on some open stretches of freeways, matching some 85 m.p.h. speed limits posted in Texas.

# A.B.A.T.E. Recognized By Arkansas Legislators

A.B.A.T.E. members from around the state gathered in Little Rock at the Arkansas house of representatives on April 4, 2013 for the reading and vote on HR–1040, which reads in part:

"The house of representatives commends A.B.A.T.E., the Arkansas Bikers Aiming Towards Education organization, for raising awareness of motorcycle safety issues; for promoting goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, enforcement personnel, and the general public; for being an information resource for its members; and for working to benefit the less fortunate through various events."

### Oregon: Crime To Be Linked To A "Gang"

In an attempt to crack down on violent criminal activity, Oregon legislators are considering a bill that would make it a crime just being linked to what it defines as a "gang".

The big question is how would authorities decide who's a gang member and who's not. The bill says any group of three or more people whose main purpose is criminal activity, has a commonly known name or symbol, and regularly engages in criminal acts would be considered a "criminal street gang."

Police currently track gang members, but there's no regulation against belonging to any particular organization even if that group is repeatedly tied to criminal activity. But house bill 2679 and its companion, house bill 2851, would give authorities another tool for cracking down on gang members

because under the proposed regulation, just being a member would be a felony and subject to stiffer sentences.

The Oregon American Civil Liberties Union told legislators it is concerned that the definition of a "criminal street gang" is too vague. "The breadth of the bill and the confusion that will result from its definitions, or lack thereof, risks violating a defendant's due process rights because that defendant is not on notice of what activity is criminal," said the A.C.L.U., adding that current regulations are strong enough and urged legislators to not advance the bills.

### **Quotable Quote**

"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest."

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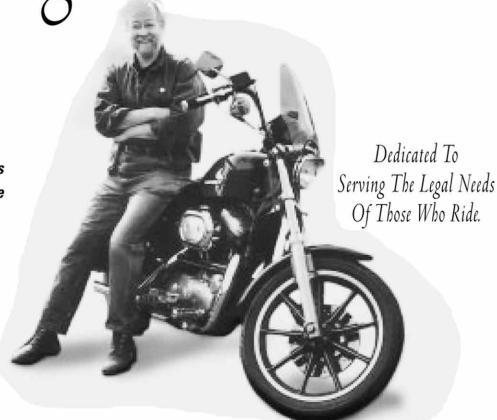
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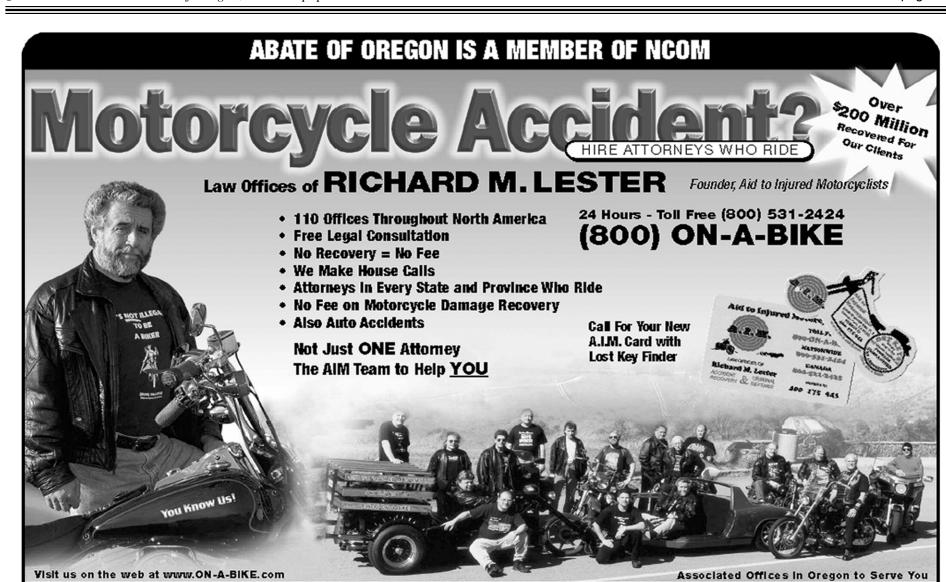
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Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm)> June only <	River City 1900 (7 pm) Salem 1900 (7 pm)	5	6	1776 Congress receives resolution for declaring independence.	ABATE B.O.D. Ciddici's Pizza–Albany-noon  1100 (11 a.m.) Group membership committee
WaCo Chapter Roll-N-Ride Beaverton	IO  Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	1776  Committee appointed to draft independence declaration.	12	13	14 flag day	Central Oregon Rocks, Lakes, Bridges Bend Douglas County Dad Day PR - Roseburg Jasckson County Spaghetti Dinner Rogue River
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### **STATE BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, 08 June 2013 1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue
Albany, Oregon

11 a.m.
• Membership meeting

The roads beckon, long and alluring, Paved smooth and straight or gently curving, Summer riding is here, So drop yer bike in gear, Just you with engine gently purring.

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PR = Poker Run BN = Biker Night

01 Jun 2013 12	Oth Annual DD / Hub City		
	th Annual PR/ <i>Hub City</i>	Albany	(541)-926-2161
01 Jun 2013 Sp	oring Poker Run / <i>LoCo</i>	Clatskanie	
09 Jun 2013 Ro	oll-N-Ride / WaCo	Beaverton	(503)-784-0737
15 Jun 2013 Ro	ocks, Lakes, Bridges PR / CentOr	Bend	(503)-887-3032
15 Jun 2013 Da	ad Day PR / Douglas County	Roseburg	
15 Jun 2013 Sp	paghetti dinner / Jackson County	Rogue River	
13–16 Jun 2013 Sp	pring Opener / Washington ABATE	Easton, Washington	(253)–678–1713
22 Jun 2013 Sa	addle Mountain / North Coast	Astoria	(503)-440-1114
07 Jul 2013 21	st Anniversary PR/Salem HOG	Salem	(503)-559-2890
19-20 Jul 2013 Ru	un-21 / Southeast Portland	Tygh Valley	(503)-706-7061
20 Jul 2013 Mi	id Summer Run / WaCo	<b>Forest Grove</b>	(503)-784-0737
20 Jul 2013 Ro	ollin'Thru Umpqua	Canyonville	(541)-530-0538
21 Jul 2013 Th	hundering Water PR / Doulas Co.	Roseburg area	(541)-
16–18 Aug 2013 S.C	O.S. Run / multi-chapter	Wolf Creek	(541)-643-8375

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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.)	Elmer's Restaurant; 1440 NW Mulholland drive; Roseburg	(541)-673-0021
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.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
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