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State Coordinator

It's July and summer is in full swing. I hope everyone is taking advantage of our wonderful weather and fantastic roads. We have some of the most breathtaking riding roads in the nation right here in our own back yard.

That being said, I want to impress upon all of my brothers and sisters to remember what the other part of *A.B.A. T.E.* is actually about because we sometimes forget.

Not only do we fight for our freedoms locally, in our state capitol, and in our nation's capitol, it is also our responsibility to remain vigilant in motorcycle awareness and safety. It is our responsibility to keep all of our fellow riders in mind when we ride.

Always consider how intimidating riding in a pack can be to a new rider and make sure everyone is comfortable where they are riding while doing everything we can to make it fun for everybody. Rider mentors (or buddies) are great for new riders, experienced riders who will educate the newer riders on what is important to know when riding in a group and ride with them in smaller packs so that it is more enjoyable for them.

We must also be aware of things that can impair our riding abilities. We all know that even one alcoholic drink can

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It's July and summer is in full swing. I be dangerous when riding, but we can be spe everyone is taking advantage of our impaired without consuming any alcohol.

Heat can drain our bodies of fluids and dehydrate us making us just as impaired as if we had been drinking.

Allergies are in full bloom and a lot of us rely on over-the-counter medication to keep from being so miserable. But the side-effects of some of these drugs is drowsiness.

Keep this in mind when taking off through the countryside and be aware of others while out riding. It is our duty as riders to look out not only for ourselves and chapter members, but everyone we ride with.

Last year we lost fifty riders in this state and that is unacceptable. We call this a brotherhood because we are all family and there is no reason why we cant reach out to each other to make sure we all come home safe.

One last thing we need to keep in mind is emergency information and contacts. If the unthinkable happens and we do need assistance, always make sure the road captain has contact information. Or better yet, have a card in your wallet or taped to the inside of your saddle bags. If the wreck is bad enough to keep us from being able to communicate, chances are our cell phones will be in the same condition.

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Allan Nichols

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

Remember, we ride because we love it, not because its something we have to do. Keep it fun and enjoyable and let's all get home safe.

Ride free, ride safe, and ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

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

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from Central Oregon,

First of all I would like to apologize for not getting in a report last month. Totally my fault. It just slipped my

Next I would like to thank everyone who showed up to help with our roadside cleanup. Even with more trash and less people than last year, we cleaned up the three mile stretch in just over an hour.

We have a new run this year, the Summer Hummer on August 3rd. (Everybody likes a hummer in the summer.) It will be a trip up around the high Cascade lakes south of Bend.

For those of you who missed it, Fossil Campout was a lot of fun this year. The ride back was a little cold and wet but it was worth it. Put it on your list for next year,. I have already

The weather has been beautiful lately and I have seen a lot of bikes out enjoying the great riding conditions. Let's all keep ourselves and our friends safe out on the roads.

Hope to see you out 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

I would have to say that we had newspaper and I hope you joined us. a pretty good turnout at our May bike night, which took place at Pete's Drive-In on Harvard here in Roseburg. There were about 55 bikes present, not to mention all the awesome supporters who attended.

Our next bike night will be held at Why Not Bar & Grill in Roseburg on July 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Our Father's Day Poker Run was on June 15th at Big River Cycle in which 50% of proceeds benefited Battered Persons Advocacy. These events will have already taken place by the time you are reading this

On that note, I must share that our chapter is running second in state by four regarding our membership. Yay! Watch out for Douglas County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter because we are moving on up.

Please forgive me. This is my first year as the secretary and ways and means of this chapter. I have been extremely busy trying to keep up with my job requirements as well as spreading the word regarding A.B.A. T.E. I am a little exhausted. I will have more to share the next time round.



We all know that the weather has really been amazing, which has allowed us many opportunities to get out and enjoy. But at the same time we have had some really windy days so please be aware, alert, focused, and safe.

Until next time,

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

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. chapter reports --

Jackson County

Hello summer from Oregon,

Finally!

All the winter works on our rides has paid off. We're ready for some wind!

Not much else going on down

Jackson County members have been joining in with Old Guard Riders in flag lines for the departed veterans.

southern Also, took part in the *Memorial Day* program at Eagle Point National Veterans Cemetery. A very special and moving day for our veterans and their families. Always thank a veteran for their service they gave for your freedom.

> *Jackson County* helped with a fundraiser event at Rogue River V.F.W. on June 15th. This was to help M.I.A.P. (Missing In America Project) raise funds to find relatives

of forgotten veterans and give them the burial they deserve.

Everyone enjoy your summer, ride safe and watch out for the ones not watching out for us.

Judi membership secretary Jackson County Chapter



Jackson County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm) American Legion (downtown) Jackson & Front streets Medford, Oregon (541)-

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

Hub City members have been busy this spring and looking forward to a great summer.

Hub City has been very active in the political education arena with non-stop participation in the state legislature's session this spring. Monitoring, sponsoring, and speaking out on bills affecting motorcycles and their riders is crucial to the mission of A.B.A. T.E. and critical in protecting our freedoms and rights on the road.

Chapter members got the pack together and rode up to Salem for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on the courtyard in front of the state capitol. Motivating speakers, great music, and biker camaraderie made a fun-filled day. Must have been a coincidence that May was designated *Biker Awareness Month*!

Chapter members swung into action with a great turnout for our spring *Adopt–A–Highway* cleanup in April. Members had a very active exercise in hunting down the elusive debris that motorists just cannot seem to keep corralled in their cages. Sometimes, interesting "finds" along our busy stretch tickle our imagination about how these items could have escaped from captivity,

Hub City

or even why.

Next up was our state *A.B.A.T.E.* Fossil Campout in Central Oregon. This is the only run for our state *A.B.A.T.E.* Always a great, fun-filled get-together in the biker-friendly community of Fossil. Folks, this town knows how to make bikers welcome. This campout features great music and wonderful entertainers. *Hub City* had a great turnout and walked away with the chapter shout out award.

Then *Hub City* members participated in the *O.S.U. Motorcycle Visibility Day* on the *Oregon State University Memorial Union* mall. A great way to showcase *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission of informing the public about motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

Shortly after O.S.U. Visibility Day, Hub City sent out our card dealers for our early June poker run.

Opening stop at *Humpty's Dump* in Albany, then to the *Rabbit Hole* in Dallas, down to *The Meeting Place* in Philomath, down 'n' east to *Grid Iron* in Harrisburg, and then north to our final stop at *The Dixie Saloon* in Tangent.

We would like to give a big thank



you to these great establishments for their continued support of *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* A great day of riding the back roads of our mid-valley, and ending with a raffle emceed by a panhead rider giving away wonderful prizes. Howie Long, *Fossil* coordinator, won low hand and Weaselette Marsha won high hand. Rick Prentise, *River City Chapter*, won the furthest rider award.

As the weather continues to get better, *Hub City* has begun our usual "Fridaynighters" as well as other short-notice rides being put forward by members on our *Facebook* site.

And, again, *Hub City* contracted for biker awareness billboards alongside our roads as a part of our *A.B.A.T.E.* role in educating the public about seeing bikers.

Ride safe, stay aware, Keep yer bike in good repair,

Ironhead
Hub City A.B.A.T.E.





Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

Josephine County

Sure enough, riding weather is here. It's been quiet but I think that's because everyone is out riding.

It's time again for our quarterly potluck, so the June meeting should have been a full house. Somehow food just brings everyone to the meeting.

Last month a few of us attended a spaghetti feed to support the Missing in America Project. (M.I.A.P.) The purpose of the M.I.A. Project is to locate, identify, and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state, and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes. There was good food and good company. The weather was perfect for the ride out to Rogue River, followed by a ride into Medford for the Medford cruise. Nice day.

• August 3rd is our *Run to the Coast* is our annual poker run from Grants Pass to the beach. This year we are going over to Brookings. You will have a choice of places to eat and then we will gather for raffle prizes and awards.

We start at 10 a.m. from *Papa's Cafe and BBQ* on Redwood avenue in Grants Pass. You can also sign up in Cave Junction at the *Sportsman Tavern*. (For anyone coming up from the south.)

• Final preparations are under way for the *S.O.S. Campout*, August 16 to 18 at Wolf Creek campgrounds.

This year we bring back the fire dancers on Friday night. They will entertain between *Toyz* and *Done Deal*. There will also be our traditional hot buns contest. Ladies, come out and watch the hottest buns in town dance for us

Saturday morning is a poker run through the back roads to *Galice Resort*. Saturday afternoon will be the bike games and bike show. *Toyz* and *Done Deal* both return Saturday to entertain us all night long. In between sets we have awards, raffle prize winners, and of course the wet T-shirt contest.

All this fun for only \$25 current *A.B.A.T.E.* members. \$30 for non-*A.B.A.T.E.* members.

The poker run is only \$5 per hand. The bike show and bike games are free with paid admission.



Bikes-only allowed in the campground, but there is RV/trailer/vehicle parking available right outside the park.

Look for a flyer in this month's newspaper or call Spanky (541)–659–8715

• October 6th is our annual toy run. This year we couldn't get the grange on the first Saturday, so we had to change back to the first Sunday.

1 p.m. staging at the *Fruitdale Grange*. Ride through town will begin at 1:30 p.m. with potluck lunch to follow. Chapter provides burgers, dogs, and chicken. Guests are asked to bring a potluck dish and a new toy.

Further details of all our rides / runs / events are listed on the *United Bikers* of Southern Oregon (U.B.S.O.) master calendar at:

http://www.ubso.info

They list most major bike events

happening in southern Oregon.

Josephine County Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. March, June, September, November, and December we have potlucks. Visitors are always welcome.

-- Karen Tolle chapter treasurer

Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830

(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive

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

Lincoln County

The Oregon coast is still doing its thing. We are having sun, wind, rain, and hail. Who ever said it was boring here? The traffic is getting heavier, so we know it is getting on towards summer.

Our members are enjoying the chance to get to go to other runs. More attending runs are planned throughout the summer.

We've gained a new member. Welcome, Ted.

We are meeting and still trying to reinvent ourselves. With riding weather improving I'm sure it will mean group rides and maybe a camping weekend or two just to do something together. Lots to see in Oregon and maybe we will get to see some of it.

Health issues are still keeping me home a lot, but I can still ride. Chemo is still a quarterly thing to be done, but I'm still here and that is what is important to me. We will see what is coming up.

Summer weddings are happening now that graduations in the area are over with. Weddings are wonderful and a couple of us old couples in Lincoln county will be celebrating big numbers for our anniversaries



this year.

The memorial wall will be coming back to Lincoln county in a few months. More on this later. *Chinook Winds* always makes this a wonderful time for veterans and their families.

Have a great time riding and be safe when you do. Remember, car drivers say they can't see us so keep an eye on them.

Enough for now,

-- Millie

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 --

Lower Columbia

Hey brothers and sisters,

It's been a very busy month on the lower Columbia.

We got most of our s**t together for sponsoring swimming lessons at our local pool, it's very hard to determine who is in need of financial help and who is not, I wish we could afford to just give everyone swimming lessons on the house. With all the water recreation we have along the Columbia river, we at *Lower Columbia A.B.A. T.E.* believe that all the children need to know how to swim.

We got the rest of our s**t together and had one great spring run. Well, great for most of us. Donnie and Sheena V. got high centered north of Tillamook and had to have their bike hauled. We had Ron and Cheryle bringing up the rear though, so Donnie and Sheena didn't miss a card. We wound up at *Beach and Brew* in Seaside with police help coming into town and at the intersections. We have always gotten a real good response from the merchants and tourists alike in Seaside. You should all come along next year.

Last of all, just a couple of days ago Rick and I were lucky enough to be the ones to go to the Clatskanie high graduation and present a \$2,000 scholarship to a very deserving young man. That was very rewarding for not only Rick and I, but for all of the *LoCo*



members

We still have some business to do in June. The car show is on the 29th. We'll be in the park making burgers. Then again on the 4th of July after the parade, during the logging show, we'll be cooking burgers. You should come on down to Clatskanie for the 4th and have a biker burger in the park while

supporting our local fundraisers.

Bring the kids.
Bring grandma.
Bring the dog.
That's all from
LoCo for now,

Dave Bridges coordinator

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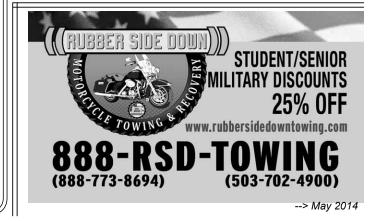
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast

Greetings from the North Coast,

By the time this issue of the newspaper hits your mailbox our 18th Annual Around Saddle Mountain Run will be in the books with the hopes it was yet another great run, enjoyed by many.

For everyone's information the *Annual Seaside Oregon Motorcycle Festival Bikes* at the beach which is typically held the second weekend of July has been canceled at this point in time. The event may be resurrected in the future. Stay tuned

for more information next year.

Our chapter wishes the *River City Chapter* all the best with selling ice at *Run 21* this year at its new location. Our chapter's run of selling the ice at the previous Birkenfeld location helped to provide funds for several charitable organizations in our area including our local food banks. Once again, many thanks to those who helped to support these causes through your ice purchases.

Be careful out there.



And please watch out for those distracted cage operators.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques chapter coordinator

North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm) Moose Lodge

420 17th Street Children Astoria, Oregon welcome

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

River City

21 May 2013

We heard tonight that Rod Runyon is having a triple bypass tomorrow at *O.H.S.U.* (Proof that politics is unhealthy.)

Tonight we talked about plans for *Fossil Campout* and about the shrinking of our organization. No new solutions were found.

What if each of us old farts were to find a young riding buddy and develop their interest?

No games were held tonight.

04 June 2013

Wow! What a big meeting.

Terry and Earl Kuhnhausen,

Melody West, Chad and Cristyn

Smith all joined tonight.

Anders Jorgensen, Allan Nichols, and Laura Botkin visited.

It was a boisterous meeting with lots of discussion of *Fossil Campout* and other riding.

We are now turning our attention to ice vending at *Run 21*.

We set a date of June 23 for our highway cleanup. We met at the *Portage Grill* parking lot in The Dalles at 8 a.m.

Two of our new members won games tonight.

Chad won the 50/50 at \$27/\$26 and Earl won the membership game at \$5. Congratulations to both of you.



The bike on the agenda was a 1947 *Matchless* O.H.V. 346 cc. Three people got it correct.

Upcoming meetings

02 July 2013

16 July 2013

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

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

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

June 4, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Old minutes: No discussion.

Old business: *Road Brothers* still have not received their ten memberships and it has been four months. Told them I would find out the problem at the state board meeting.

Discussed why *Salem Chapter's* poker run was not on the state web site. Explained our sanctioning had not reached the web master.

Our May poker run had one rider due to rain. And he completed the whole ride! Called all the members working the event and it was decided to turn the run into a non-run. This was explained

Salem

to *Salem Harley* and all their customers and to *Your Place* night club restaurant and their customers.

Starting at 3 p.m. anyone at *Your Place* could buy a hand, and for \$2 more get a sixth card.

This saved the day for our chapter.

In the end, the lone rider did not win

In the end, the lone rider did not win the grand prize, but his wife did.

The door prize tickets sold well at a buck apiece or six for \$5. Thanks to all who donated. We will deliver our "special thanks to the main donors in person."

Once again we proved, "There is always a way. Just look for it."



New business: Also talked of there being no excuse for *A.B.A. T.E.* chapters not attending fellow chapter's functions. Discussed how we also must heed to this ourselves, especially when functions are close.

Discussed the possibility of state sanctioning officer supplying chapters

with next year's months and days for chapter events that occur every year at the same time and place, so as to speed up the process and to allow each chapter more time to consider selections for their own events.

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Salem -- (continued)

We had a new member join -Cassandra "Cassie". As is normal for our group, we nominated, seconded, and elected her for treasurer, membership, and web page "whatever-it's-called". She accepted and said she could and would do it.

Mike, of the Road Brothers, had an excellent suggestion: After next year's May Motorcycle Awareness Rally at the capital, perhaps A.B.A.T.E. would care to join the Road Brothers at their place

for their B.B.Q., and have our swap meet there over that weekend. The day of the event A.B.A.T.E. could hold a 50/50 raffle. Mike thought the rent for the swap meet would be around \$10 a day. (Yup, ten bucks.) Should bring in a lot more bikes too.

Mustang Mike is going to check with radio station 106.3 about having motorcycle safety awareness through public announcements, which are free.

Road Brother Mike is doing the same

with the Statesman Journal.

The Salem Chapter still believes it is the state board's responsibility to provide the tri-fold holders, as it was discussed over a year ago.

We had so many Mikes at the meeting, one of them suggested changing the name from Salem Chapter to The Mikes Chapter. This was tabled, as there were not enough non-Mikes to form an unbiased committee to discuss the possibility.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

-- Lynn DeSpain

to try it out.

Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Almost Home Restaurant 3310 Market street, Salem

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

Southeast Portland

time goes by. Especially summertime!

While typing the agenda for our next meeting it really hit me. Delete, delete, delete . . . and "poof", the event list gets smaller and smaller.

It's amazing how quickly an event gets shot into a memory.

It takes a lot of hard work and commitment to put on an event such as Fossil Campout, Run 21, or Mid-Summer Run.

And of course its not just about the runs. It's taking on an officer position, attending May Motorcycle Awareness, and passing A.B.A.T.E. information on to people in your everyday life. We are all so busy with work, family, our homes, and many other interests. It's hard to take on more. But if we believe in something and it is important to us, we do it.

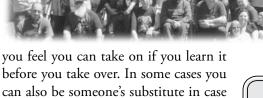
A lot of the gray-beards have been doing it a long time now. I've heard

I have noticed this month how fast the many members mention that if the newer (sometimes younger) members don't start getting more hands on, there will be no one left to do it and A.B.A. T.E. will die.

What is the answer?

Many people have ideas on how to change this. Discussing it at meetings is a start, but that often leads to blame and anger that can result in more empty seats. (I am by no means pointing fingers.) I could do a lot more to further the goal of the A.B.A. T.E. mission statement, but I think the subject needs attention from all of us.

The answer is to get up and get busy. For anyone who is thinking about throwin' their name in the hat for a position next year, it's time to speak up. Take advantage of the knowledge that the person doing the job now has to offer you. They may be thinking of stepping down next year. It's a lot easier to decide if it's a position you would like and a job



For those of you who have thought about working at a run, heading down to the capitol to talk to legislator, or to help teach a motorcycle awareness class, but are hesitant to step up, now is the time. Don't feel intimidated. We need everyone's help to keep this organization alive and growing. The gray-beards (men and women alike) can not keep doing most of the work. The shift must begin now.

they can't make a meeting or you want

On a lighter note . . . Be safe and take care of each other. In solidarity and respect, -- Susan Suran, secretary

Southeast Portland **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

Washington County

On May 11, WaCo members helped with a local event called Papa's Toys Car Show. Sixteen chapter members helped park about 1,100 car show participants and watched over 2,900 people come through the gates to see cars, bikes, and the Davis family's car collection. The event is held annually the second Saturday of May and benefits Doernbecher's Children's Hospital. This year's weather was excellent!

Well, Oregon has finally had some summer-like weather and there have been more bikes out on the roads. We just need to remember to be really aware of the traffic around us and what others are doing while

trying to make sure our presence is known to them.

WaCo had their Roll & Ride Run on Sunday the 9th of June and the weather was very cooperative making for a nice ride for the fifty to sixty bikes that attended. The route was through very scenic areas and about 100 miles. (Hats off to the route maker and the run committee.)

Our next event will be the Mid-Summer Poker Run on July 20th and all are welcome. It starts and ends at Iron Horse Garage in Forest Grove and will be incorporated with their event honoring veterans. It includes music as well as a car and bike show.



Have fun and ride safely,

Denise Darneille secretary WaCo

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

08 June 2013

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon



Call to order, welcome – The meeting was called to order by state coordinator, Alan Nichols at 12:15p.m. with nine of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters:

(None)

Excused chapters: Jackson County, Hub City, and North Coast.

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

Guests and first time attendees – Ted Tracy graced us with his presence for the day.

Reading, approval of minutes

– State board of directors meeting minutes from 11 May. Corrections to include reports from public relations, Bridget Hemrick, and sergeant-at-arms (north), Randy Phipps.

Motion made by Rick Prentice (*River City Chapter*) to adopt as printed in the state newspaper along with corrections published on state web site. Seconded by Lynn DeSpain (*Salem Chapter*). Motion passed.

Executive Board Reports Coordinator's comments – Allan

Nichols talked about the financial status of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* We currently get 10% of any chapter's return on sanctioned events. Perhaps it is time to revisit this decision and maybe increase this share to as much as 25%. Already this year we're out

\$1,400 in mileage and \$378 in tuition costs. Might readdress this at the next planning session in October.

Secretary report, correspondence – (No report.)

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{Vice-coordinator} & \textbf{(north)} & - & Al \\ Simms & (& No & report.) \end{array}$

Vice-coordinator (south) – Karen Tolle (No report.)

Vice-coordinator (east) – Robert Terrill (No report.)

Treasurer: Kay Sipple stated that the Richard Lester *A.I.M.* ad in the state newspaper is and has been inaccurate for some time now.

Kay is currently filling in for Gunny as the *A.I.M.* representative. This is her last year as our state treasurer.

Membership secretary – Zipporah Nelson (Excused, summer drill.)

Sanctioning officer – Robert Terrill stated that June events are at insurance companies. His briefcase was stolen, so extra vigilance is a good plan for all events to ensure they are covered.

Be advised that your reconcile reports are vital to sanctioning to do his job for you. Please get them done and in to sanctioning after the event is over.

Chapters are asked to get their events list completed and in by December board of directors meeting.

* * * Officer's Reports * * *

State auditor - < Vacant >

Newspaper editor – Rot Path needs written reports from convention attendees for publication in state newspaper.

We currently have a minimum 1,000 copies per month print run for our state newspaper. Last issue was down to twenty-four pages. Perhaps we can get it smaller.

Rot has bids from other printers.

We received an unofficial thank you for what *A.B.A.T.E.* does from a *Blue Knights* officer. (Police motorcycle club.)

Legislative director – Don Mason (Excused)

Sergeant-at-arms (north) – Randy Phipps gave a report to include in the minutes.

Sergeant-at-arms (south) – Lance Tolle (No report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (east) –

< Vacant >

Products director – Councilman Dave Meeker stated that we've made 150 shirts for *Fossil*. Seventy-four of them are left over.

Got some cool new "A.B.A.T.E. = Freedom" stickers. Also got a really huge Bowie knife for a future raffle item.

The home-made trophies from motorcycle parts were a real hit at *Fossil Campout*.

Education director – Geoff White (Excused, no report.)

Public relations director – Bridget Hamrick (Excused.)

Report received as follows:

"My report this month is about communication.

I feel and know in my heart that if people in *A.B.A.T.E.* could step outside of their ring of self importance, reach out to people of all walks of life who ride, that we could be strong again.

I watch and listen at meetings and runs. I see and hear too many people think they are in charge.

They are not in charge. Just because you hold a position does not make you god.



One-Eyed Bob Nichols

state recording secretary

It makes you a spoke, a part of something greater than yourself – a wheel. In order for the wheel to turn, everyone has to do their part.

If one of the spokes looses strength, then the rest will start to have to carry more weight or the wheel will collapse.

I see this happening now in *A.B.A. T.E.* And I think it is sad.

I am still new after three years with *A.B.A. T.E.*

I talk everyday to people I do not know from Adam about *A.B.A.T.E.* It gives me great pride to feel I am a spoke. But I know I am only a spoke and no more.

I have no problem with that.

In order for this wheel to keep turning, we need to remember who we are.

Do we want to be a part of the greater good? Or do we need to prove how important we are when we look in the mirror and only see one set of eyes?

I will keep doing what I need to do, which is reaching out to the old and the new to better *A.B.A. T.E.*

If you are not making it better or being positive, well the truth is you are making it harder for the rest of us who want it to be a force to be reckoned with.

Tuck your ego, tuck your pride, and be a biker inside and out."

State run coordinator (*Fossil*) – Howie Long asked, before you speak up to complain about any event, have you volunteered yet?

State swap meet coordinator

- Randy Phipps' written report received and added to the files.

Historian – Jennifer Sterba

(Excused, no report.)

Web page editor – Carl Earl (Absent, excused.) Send swap meet, *Fossil Campout* photos in for Carl to add to state web page.

Quartermaster – Dwayne Sterba (Absent.)

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A.B.A. T.E. State Board Meeting 08 June 2013 (continued from previous page)

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative – Don Mason (Excused.)

M.R.F. representative – Allan Nichols noted that black boxes aren't just for airplanes anymore. Look for them in new vehicles. *N.H.S.A.* wants them. Legislation introduced to control who has access to box information.

Confederation of Clubs representative – Dave Hickerson

(Absent.)

Old Business

Officer vacancies:

• State auditor

• Sergeant-at-arms (east)

Membership committee report

- Alan Nichols cited that progress is being made with the new membership categories. It appears as a motion under new business.

New Business

New membership categories are being created.

Announcements

• *O.D.O.T.* meets in Salem at 4 p.m. on the third Thursday of each

month.

- There will be an advanced rider course in Medford on July 28 30.
- Sixty-six per cent of motorcycle fatalities are single-vehicle. Last year there were fifty fatalities in Oregon.
- Next state board of directors meeting: July 13, 2013 at *Ciddici's Pizza* Albany, Oregon.

Upcoming Events

- 07 July *Salem H.O.G. Poker Run* beginning at *Salem Harley*, \$500 high hand.
 - 19–21 July = *Run 21* (*Southeast*

Portland Chapter)

- 20 July = Mid-Summer Poker Run (Washington County Chapter)
- 21 July = Thundering Water Poker Run (Douglas County Chapter)
- 03 August = Run To The Coast (Josephine County Chapter)
- 16–18 August = *S.O.S. Campout* (southern Oregon chapters)
- Lower Columbia Chapter is doing a 164 mile poker run. For more information contact the chapter or Colvin's in Clatskanie.

Adjourned – 2:48 p.m.

Motorcyclists E-15 Rally In Washington, D.C.

Motorcyclists and federal legislat-ors spoke out about their concerns over E15 fuel in a rally at the U.S. capitol on Wednesday, June 19. The riders gathered to urge their senators and representatives to call for independent testing of the E15 ethanol fuel blend in motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines before it is allowed for sale at retail gas stations.

The riders attending the American Motorcyclist Association's E15: Fuel for Thought event represented the millions of Americans who are fearful about the high potential for inadvertent misfueling with E15 and the subsequent engine damage that could occur in their motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines.

Several U.S. representatives joined the *A.M.A.* in questioning the *E.P.A.*'s decision to allow the sale of E15, calling it "not good to put in anyone's gas tank," "a disaster in the making" and "bad policy."

"When you have a type of fuel that, if inadvertently used, has the potential to damage engines and fuel systems and void a manufacturer's new-vehicle warranty, you really should move with caution when it comes to putting that fuel in the marketplace," said A.M.A. board chairman Maggie McNally. "Issuing rules that allow the sale of E15 at gas stations without adequate testing to be sure it's safe in motorcycles and A.T.V.s, not to mention engines in boats and power equipment, just isn't wise. We're here today to deliver that message to our legislators, so that the right safeguards can be put in place."

E15 is a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume, a higher percentage of ethanol

than in E10 fuel blends now on sale. Although the U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency* approved E15 for use in 2001-and-newer light-duty vehicles, which includes cars, light trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles, none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and A.T.V.s currently in use are on the approved list, and no manufacturer has approved E15 for use in its motorcycles or A.T.V.s.

The *A.M.A.* has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal legislators about possible damage to motorcycles and A.T.V.s from the inadvertent use of E15, which is now becoming available at gas stations. That could easily occur if a rider selects E15 on a fuel blender pump thinking it is E10 or E0 (no ethanol) fuel. Many riders are also concerned about misfueling with E15 leftover in the pump hose from a previous user.

The *E.P.A.* is merely telling alarmed consumers not to use E15, downplaying the possibility of inadvertent misfueling.

Proponents of E15 go a step further, noting that the *E.P.A.* has specifically prohibited its use in motorcycles and other small engines and stating that it would be illegal for motorcyclists to use E15.

"Telling motorcyclists that E15 use is illegal completely misses the point, because motorcyclists don't want to use it in the first place unless independent testing confirms it is safe," said A.M.A. vice president for government relations Wayne Allard. "One of our concerns has always been that we might unintentionally put E15 in our tanks, due to confusing implementation of the E.P.A.'s misfueling mitigation plan."

The A.M.A. E15: Fuel for Thought



American Motorcyclist Association

event began with a motorcycle ride around the U.S. capitol, followed by a rally with numerous federal legislators speaking. Participants then visited their congressional delegations' offices to ask for support for legislation that calls for independent research into the effects of E15 fuel on motorcycles and A.T.V.s.

Legislators speaking at the rally included: U.S. representatives Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), Chris Stewart (R-Utah), Tim Griffin (R-Ark.), David Valadao (R-Calif.), Bill Posey (R-Fla.), and Tom Petri (R-Wis.).

Sensenbrenner noted that the *E.P.A.* simply is not listening when it comes to E15 fuel.

"When they started going on this push for E15, I sent out a letter to all the auto manufacturers, and every last one of them said that using E15 in automobiles manufactured after 2001 would wreck the engines and void the warranties," Sensenbrenner said. "They didn't listen to that. So an E.P.A. mandate [for E15] would mean that a lot of people would end up having very expensive repairs that are not covered by the warranty. Corn with a lot of butter is really good to eat," Sensenbrenner added. "But what is good to eat is not good to put in anybody's gas tank."

The risk is just too great for E15 fuel to be sold at the pump, said Stewart.

"The federal government does silly things from time to time, and this is one of them," Stewart said. "You have these beautiful machines out here, and if you put one of these blends in there, you're going to burn up those engines, and the manufacturers won't honor the warranty. It's just not a good idea to have this blend... We're going to challenge the E.P.A., and I think we're going to have some success."

Griffin noted that E15 isn't fully tested, and should be, before it is allowed to be sold.

"E15 is a disaster in the making," Griffin said. "The research isn't done on whether it's safe. Ethanol is just bad for engines generally, and to take it to E15, which puts at risk a bunch of equipment, as well as your motors, it's just ridiculous."

Valadao said it was important for people to speak out on the issue.

"It's just bad policy in general," Valadao said. "For me to be a part of this, and to have the opportunity to support you, it's an honor, because it's an issue I feel deeply about. You stepping up here means a lot."

Posey agreed that E15 will cause issues for vehicle owners.

"There are three things you need to know about E15: It's bad. It's bad. And it's bad," Posey said. "We all know what it can do to cars. We know what it does to bikes. We know what it does to racecars. We know what it does to motorboats. We know what it does to lawnmowers. It's not good for anything."

For more on the E15 issue, see: http://www.americanmotorcyclist. com/rights/amafuelforthought.aspx



American History 10101

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This is it.

Two-hundred and thirty-seven years since the founders of this nation declared their colonies independent from their mother country.

It was a Thursday.

From the British point of view, nothing good ever comes of a Thursday. The open rebellion of her American colonies seemed to prove that point.

Thirteen years earlier a costly seven year war with France had ended, so a *Sugar Act* was passed a year after the peace treaty was signed in order to help pay for running England's far-flung colonies. The American colonists were upset that a tax had been imposed on them when they had no members in parliament to represent their interests. It was in 1764 that the notion "no taxation without representation " was raised by a James Otis.

Over the course of the next decade, the British parliament passed numerous acts designed to raise revenue for England by taxing her colonial subjects. These British subjects had been living apart from their mother country and monarch, often for several generations, and so felt less directly connected with the crown and considerably annoyed with parliamentary meddling in their affairs.

Increasingly repressive acts were put into place to counter rising resentment and outspoken criticism that bordered on mutiny.

In May of 1774, the British parliament passed bills that ended colonial self-rule, setting up a central colonial government in what would become Canada. A few months after that, the first continental congress convened to express opposition to parliament's repressive acts and to promote the formation of local militia. British goods were boycotted.

The following year Massachusetts was declared to be in a state of rebellion by parliament, after which Patrick Henry gave his "liberty or death" speech. A few weeks later British forces march through Concorde to destroy a colonial weapons depot at Lexington. Regional militia are

rallied to attack the British troops, thus the American revolutionary war begins. The Americans then raid St. Jean in Canada while Washington invades Quebec, just to keep the British off balance.

Oddly, it takes over a year before the continental congress endorsed a declaration of independence. (It wasn't actually signed until 02 August. A precedent was set and congress has been dragging its heels ever since.)

Benedict Arnold proves to be a very able general, pulling off a series of brilliant attacks against the British before turning spy in 1779, then switching sides a year later.

What seems to be left out of many historical accounts of the American revolutionary war is how often both sides attempted to resolve their differences by peace conferences before or during the war. In September of 1776, England agreed to all the rebelling colonial demands if the declaration of independence would be revoked. Washington politely refuses. And so the war drug on through 1782 until concluded by yet another Paris peace treaty the following year.

During the latter years of the American revolution, an increasing number of european countries began recognizing the United States as an independent nation. (Beginning with the French, of course.)

With the end of the American revolutionary war came the end of the first British empire and the beginning of the second empire.

Meanwhile, war-weary colonists expected to continue with a modified form of confederation government. So imagine their surprise when outspoken federalists at the 1787 constitution convention advocated for a strong central government. (The sort that colonists had just spent half a dozen years battling.) Most people were against the idea of central government, but a series of persuasive letters that became known as the Federalist Papers swayed public opinion toward trying a new form of government that avoided many of the pitfalls of previous systems. (

Except corruption.)

The new constitution of the United States went into effect on 02 July 1788, the same year that king George III of England began showing signs of madness, though it is doubtful that there is a direct link.

A year later the French have their own revolution overthrow their monarchy while a minor military man named Napoleon begins his ascent to power. But that's another story.

It's been three months since yer crusty ol' editor mounted one of those "Check Twice For Motorcycles" magnetic signs on the back of the cage he routinely drives. (April 2013 cover photo.)

There had been no response from passing motorcyclists, but from the way some drivers were tailgating him, he suspected they either needed reading glasses or hated motorcyclists.

Yer c.o.e. was on the verge of removing the sign when a pair of events caused him to reconsider:

After his weekly lunch at a local Italian eatery recently, c.o.e was holding the door open for a leather-clad couple entering the restaurant, remarking that he thought he had heard rumbling. The man asked if that was c.o.e.'s white car with the motorcyclist message on the back. It turned out he was an officer in the *Blue Knights Motorcycle Club*. (Current and former police officers who ride motorcycles.) He thought what *A.B.A. T.E.* was doing for riders was really terrific and thanked us for making the roads safer.

Then last weekend while c.o.e. was coming out of the store burdened with Sunday newspapers and diet sodas, a woman heading for a strip mall church asked if that was his car with the motorcycle sign on it. After receiving affirmation, she indicated that her hubby had been injured by a cage driver and that she thought the sign was a real good idea.

The upshots of these two incidents is that they caused yer crusty ol' editor to realize that people are noticing and taking in our messages,



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/

even if they don't always directly acknowledge the fact to our faces.

It's too easy to become disheartened when we don't receive feedback on what we are doing. (Organizational leprosy.)

It's important for our own morale that we support and encourage each other at the chapter and state level. Take time to notice what people are doing to raise awareness and make riding safer, then thank them for their action.

A little bit of thanks goes a long way.

Thank you for reading this.

Clear summer nights make for excellent star-gazing if you can evade city lights. One of the more notable features is human-made — the international space station. (I.S.S.) It orbits the earth every ninety minutes or so in a west-to-east arc. (Unlike many satellites that have north-south orbits.) It's normally visible for four to five minutes. Binoculars or a small telescope make viewing easier, but the ol' Mark I, Mod 0 eyeball does just fine.

Seeing that tiny dot of reflected light scoot across the sky, it can be difficult to remember that there are several humans up there in that space-born *Erector* set whizzing around the earth. The crew members are from a variety of nations, working together on scientific experiments in near-weightlessness that may someday help us back here on earth.

Rather like A.B.A.T.E., where riders from various backgrounds or clubs come together to make our roadways safer, working together so that we all may benefit.

You can see the next three I.S.S. tracks at http://www.isstracker.com which displays the current location of the station.

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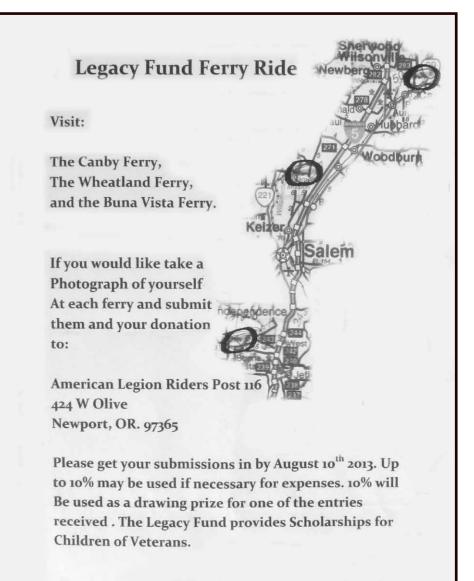




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Southern Oregon Summers Motorcycle Run

August 16, 17, 18 - 2013 Wolf Creek, OR

Gates open Friday at Noon: \$25 A.B.A.T.E. Members \$30 Non Members | Saturday day passes available



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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Bikers Inside the Beltway 2013

Thursday May 16 th, 2013 was the Fourth Annual Michael "Boz" Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway event in Washington D.C. The event, sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, is a national lobby day where motorcyclists come to capitol hill, meet with their elected officials, and brief them on all issues affecting motorcyclists at the federal level.

This year's event drew hundreds of motorcyclists from twenty-two states. Riders met with almost 300 elected officials.

One of the top lobbying issues had attendees asking members of congress to advance two bills:

- HR-1861 which is a bill to prohibit federal funding of "motorcycle only" roadside checkpoints.
- HR–875, a bill that would halt the sale of E-15 fuel and conduct an independent study on the effects of the blend on internal combustion engines.

During the congressional panel portion of the day, the group of riders gathered in a Longworth house building congressional meeting room to hear from a select group of members of congress. Addressing the group was congressmen Griffin (R-AR) the *Motorcycle Safety Caucus* cochair, representative Jeff Denham (R-CA), and the house of representatives highway subcommittee chairman and longtime *M.R.F.* champion, Tom Petri (R-WI).

Representative Petri had this to say, "I commend you for being citizen lobbyists. We appreciate you being here

in D.C. We take advantage of these visits. I support your call for reliance on personal responsibility-not mandates and your call for federal agencies to concentrate on their mission and live up to the their responsibility."

Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped support those who attended.

This year was a tremendous success.

Privacy Problems

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that representatives Michael Capuano (D-MA) and James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) are working together to protect your right to privacy while operating a motor vehicle.

Increasingly, today's vehicles come equipped with an "event data recorder" or "black box". The purpose of this equipment is to record what happens in the moments prior to a crash.

Currently, there is no federal regulation that clarifies the rights of the vehicle owner to maintain ownership of the recorded data.

The two members of congress have developed legislation that would keep the data recorded in the hands of the owner unless they give permission to access the data. The bill also requires dealers to "prominently disclose if the automobile or motorcycle is equipped with a black box and its capacities".

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued a formal warning that they intend to require all automobiles manufactured after September 1, 2014 be equipped Forbes (VA) with the black box. Jones (NC)

The M.R.F. fully supports this legislation. Please contact your member of congress and ask them to co-sponsor the Sensenbrenner / Capuano Black Box Privacy Protection Act.

You can reach the capitol switchboard at (202)–224–3121.

Congressional Motorcycle Caucus

The house of representatives has reformed the *U.S. House Motorcycle Caucus*.

The returning co-chair, Dr. Michael Burgess (TX), is joined by new co-chair Tim Griffin (AR). Representative Griffin is in his second term with the house and is an avid and excitable rider who recently addressed the *Bikers Inside the Beltway* attendees in May.

The purpose of the caucus is not political, but rather a forum for motorcycle-minded members of congress to develop legislation and serve as a sounding board for all things motorcycle-related in the congress.

Currently the newly reformed caucus has thirteen members:

Braley (IA)
Griffin (AR)
Burgess (TX)
Butterfield (NC)
Conway (TX)
Denham (CA)
Duncan (TN)

Forbes (VA) Jones (NC) Walberg (MI) Walz (MN)

Call your member of congress and ask them to join this important group, as it is open to the entire house of representatives.

The *M.R.F.* looks forward to continuing to work with the motorcycle caucus.



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

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N.C.O.M. Convention Hits Jackpot In Reno

Freedom is an ongoing gamble, with bikers' rights activists wagering to win against an often stacked deck, always in favor of the house. But everyone came away a winner at this year's 28th annual *N.C.O.M.* convention over Mother's Day weekend, May 9-12, 2013 at the posh *Silver Legacy Resort-Casino* in Reno, Nevada.

But it was work, not play, on the agenda for hundreds of attendees from across the country there to discuss topics of concern to all riders, such as biker profiling and discrimination, motorcycle-only roadblocks, knowing your rights, and mobilizing motorcyclists to advocate motorcycle-friendly legislation and defeat antibiking bills.

The traditional *Ringing of the Bell* ceremony paid homage to those freedom fighters who have gone before us, while for the first time a veterans' rights seminar was conducted by *N.C.O.M.*'s newly-formed veteran affairs special committee in an effort to reach out to true defenders of freedom.

This year's *N.C.O.M.* convention was hosted by the northern Nevada *Confederation of Clubs*. All motorcyclists were welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars, and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve freedom of the road.

During the *Silver Spoke* awards banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to improving the image of motorcycling.

Government – Wisconsin governor Scott Walker

Media – Becky Cakes (*Classic Parts Hotline*)

Commerce – Chris McIntyre (*Eagle Rider Motorcycle Rentals*)

Legal – Boyd Spencer (Pennsylvania and New Jersey *A.I.M.* attorney)

Entertainment – Max "Pitstop" Martini (actor, *Boozefighters Motorcycle*

Special recognition – Christine Paige – (*Sturgis Motorcycle Museum* and *Hall of Fame*. Suzanne "Baglady Sue" Austin – (comedian).

Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award – was presented to Frank Ernst from *A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota* and a member of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors.

Next year's 29th Annual *N.C.O.M.* convention will be held May 8-11, 2014 at the *Intercontinental Hotel* in Dallas, Texas. For further information, contact *N.C.O.M.* at **(800)–ON-A-BIKE** or visit http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com

N.T.S.B. Recommends 0.05 Drunk-Driving

The *National Transportation Safety Board* has issued a recommendation that states lower their drunk-driving thresholds from a 0.08 bloodalcohol content to 0.05 B.A.C. The recommendation is one of several the *N.T.S.B.* made to curtail drunk driving, which the federal investigative agency claims is involved in a third of America's 34,000 traffic deaths each year. The agency acknowledged in its report there is no one "silver bullet," but *estimated* that 500 to 800 lives per year could be saved with the proposed lower limit.

Chairman Deborah Hersman admitted the *N.T.S.B.* is aiming even higher; "*Reaching zero deaths from alcohol-impaired driving.*"

Not everyone agrees.

"This recommendation is ludicrous," said Sarah Longwell, managing director of the American Beverage Institute. "Moving from 0.08 to 0.05 would criminalize perfectly responsible behavior."

Currently, all fifty states have set a B.A.C. level of 0.08, though most countries in Europe including Russia, most of South America, and Australia, have set B.A.C. levels at 0.05 to constitute drunken driving.

The *N.T.S.B.* only makes recommendations on transportation safety issues, and has little actual regulatory power. It will be up to federal agencies, congress and state legislators to take action.

The last move from 0.10 to 0.08 B.A.C. levels took twenty-one years for each state to implement.

Ohio Calls For Traffic Camera Ban

Following a biting ruling by a judge who called traffic cameras a scam, legislation was introduced on February 20th in Columbus, Ohio by representative Ron Maag (R-Lebanon) to eliminate the use of photo monitoring devices to detect speed and traffic

signal violations. He and representative Dale Mallory (D-Cincinnati), one of many bipartisan co-sponsors, believe the removal of "speed-trap" cameras is necessary and must be addressed immediately, since there is no existing state regulating of traffic enforcement cameras, so communities operate their programs under local ordinances.

Their hard-line stance against the cameras comes on the heels of Hamilton county common pleas court judge Robert Ruehlman's permanent injunction, which prohibits the further use of speed cameras in Elmwood Place, a Cincinnati suburb. Ruehlman granted the injunction citing there was a lack of due process for alleged violators.

Judge Ruehlman's decision was unequivocal. He made national news headlines when he called the speed camera system in Elmwood Place "a high-tech game of three-card monty.... It is a scam the motorist cannot win." Between the camera enforcement, the lack of proper signage, and the fees for administrative hearings, Ruehlman declared that the town of Elmwood Place had violated drivers' due-process rights, and may be the first case in the U.S. that specifically addresses the constitutionality of traffic cams.

In Ohio, there are at least sixteen municipalities that use some kind of red light or speed camera, according to the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety*. In the United States, there are more than 650 municipalities operating either redlight or speed cameras.

Nine states have passed regulations prohibiting the use of red-light cameras, and twelve outlaw speed cameras, according to the *Governors Highway Safety Association*, while 29 states have no regulation on the books.

Illinois Poker Run Legalization Bill

Companion bills SB–1960 and HB–2520; the *Poker Run Act* have been introduced in Illinois to legalize poker runs for the charities that bikers do and for not-for-profit organizations.

"No segment in our society raises more money for charities and local citizens that are down and out on their luck than bikers," said Bob Myers, state legislative coordinator for A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, who went on to explain; "Since land based gaming has become [regulated], the

Illinois liquor and gaming agents have been tearing down our fliers in restaurants and bars claiming they are illegal as they use poker cards, spinners, dice, and marble spinners to complete the run."

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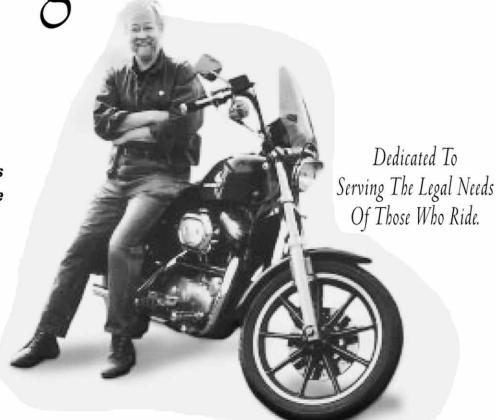
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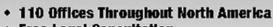
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Central Oregon 1400 (2 p.m.) 1789 French revolution begins	15 Ist quarter moon	Jackson County – 1830 (6:30 pm) Lincoln County – 1900 (7 pm) North Coast – 1730 (5:30 pm) River City – 1900 (7 pm)	Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	SE Portland Run-21 Tygh Valley	SE Portland Run-21 Tygh Valley WaCo Mid-Summer Run Forest Grove
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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 13 July 2013 1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue
Albany, Oregon

11 a.m.
• Membership meeting

Colonists were in a big pickle, MPs and king were being fickle, Parliament won't listen, To revolting children, Now we ride free on England's nickel.

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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:
07 Jul 2013	21st Anniversary PR/Salem HOG	Salem	(503)–559–2890
12 Jul 2013	Bike Night / Douglas	Yoncalla	
19-20 Jul 2013	Run-21 / Southeast Portland	Tygh Valley	(503)-706-7061
20 Jul 2013	Mid Summer Run / WaCo	Forest Grove	(503)-784-0737
20 Jul 2013	Rollin'Thru Umpqua	Canyonville	(541)-530-0538
21 Jul 2013	Thundering Water PR / Doulas Co.	Roseburg area	(541)-
03 Aug 2013	Summer Hummer / CentOr	Bend	
03 Aug 2013	Run To Coast / JoCo	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
16-18 Aug 2013	S.O.S. Run / multi-chapter	Wolf Creek	(541)-643-8375
06-08 Sep 2013	End of Summer Run / WaCo		(503)-784-0737
28-29 Sep 2013	Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	St. Helens fairgrounds	(503)-347-0524
06 Oct 2013	Annual Toy Run / JoCo	Grants Pass	
19-20Oct 2013	Planning Session / ABATE & BikePAC	Cottage Grove	
12 Oct 2013	Biker night / WaCo	-	

CHAPTER MEETINGS – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. >>> Location <<									
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:					
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)–504–1678					
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	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					