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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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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.)

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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

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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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State Coordinator

Fall is here and with it comes my favorite time of year to ride. Something about riding down the back roads with the leaves turning colors, feeling the crisp air in the morning on my face, and watching the snow level start to slowly make its way back down Mt. Hood. You can't beat the scenery in this state in the fall and I wouldn't trade it for anything.

It also is one of the more dangerous times of year for us as riders. Not only will the days start getting shorter and catch us in bad light at sunset, we all know and dread the coming rains. After a nice long dry spell the first rains will bring up all that oil that has been dropped onto our road ways over the summer. This will make our roads very treacherous for the first few wet spells until most of the residue is cleaned away. Couple that with drivers that aren't watching what they are doing and putting themselves in a bad situation and you have the makings of a disaster waiting to happen. Give yourself lots of room when riding in bad conditions and always leave yourself an out, even if it means slowing down to let all the morons who are in a hurry get in front of you. It's almost always easier to avoid a bad situation when it is in front of you.

Another thing that happens this time of year is elections both at our chapter level and at the state level. One of the biggest misconceptions is that the officers at the state level run the show and that whatever they decide at the state level goes and no one can do

anything about it.

That couldn't be farther from the

The officers at the state level literally have less power than the officers in your chapter.

The most important officer in our organization is your chapter board representative. Not only does he/she go to the board meeting every month and bring back information, they also are the voice of your chapter.

Whenever there are issues that face us as an organization it is up to them to represent the members of your chapter and vote accordingly. They have the power to bring issues to the table for discussion and a vote. They have the responsibility to bring things that come up at the board meeting back to the chapter for discussion. They are the ones who have the control of our organization, and it is often the one position that is overlooked.

That's not to say that other office positions are not important.

We as an organization need officers at every level, and the more officers we have, the less work the other officers have to do. The more we can concentrate on doing our job and not trying to do two or three jobs, the more likely it is we will become better officers and in turn make *A.B.A.T.E.* strong again.

I would encourage everyone to run for an office of some kind, find something you believe in, and step up.

If you notice that one of your chapter

members would be good at something, don't throw them under the bus at nomination time. Talk to them, let them know why you think they would be good at a particular job. Chances are, if they expect it and feel like they can make a difference, they will accept the job.

If you want to do a job but are afraid of not knowing what it takes to do it, approach the person currently holding the office or find a past officer of that position and ask questions. (The only stupid question is the one that never gets asked.)

Lastly, I want to put a call out to all of our great officers who have been around for so long. These officers deserve our gratitude and our respect. But to these officers I want to emphasize how important your position is and the importance of finding someone to step in. If we just burn out and say the hell with it, then we may as well close the door to *A.B.A.T.E.* We are simply loosing too many good officers without anybody to fill the void.

If we have any passion for what we do as an organization, we must find a way to relay that importance to our brothers and sisters.

A.B.A.T.E. relies on team work, not only at the chapter level but at the state level as well. We cannot go forward without dedicated officers and and volunteers.

So I ask all of our members to think about not what is wrong with our group,



Allan Nichols

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

but what can we do as a team to make *A.B.A.T.E.* better.

One last thing, October is our planning session. This is where we look ahead and discuss what we as *A.B.A. T.E.* will do in the coming year. This meeting is open to *all* members.

I want extend an invitation to not only just members, but all officers new and old to come and help decide where we will take *A.B.A. T.E.* I cannot stress how important this weekend will be, so make your plans now and come join the fun

Enough soap box.

Time is getting short and the bike is calling.

See you on the road.

Ride free. Ride safe. Ride with respect,

Respectfully

Allan Nichols

- State Coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
- Oregon representative Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from Central Oregon,

The weather has been great for riding (except for some thunderstorms) and I have been taking advantage of it, along with many other riders.

The weather was perfect for our *Summer Hummer Run*. For our first year, we managed to make a few dollars and will hope for a better turnout next year.

Our *Teddy Bear Run* is coming up September 21. This year our goal is to have over 2,000 stuffed animals to deliver to the local hospitals. Last year we had 156 motorcycles in this

group ride, getting a lot of waves and thumbs ups from the communities we rode through.

On a recent non-A.B.A.T.E. run, I was traveling in a group of about thirty bikes when one bike decided to pass all of us at once by using the oncoming traffic lane in a blind corner. If a vehicle would have been coming the other way, that could have been many bikes down because of one person's impatience.

Please ride safely and respectfully of the others on the road. This will help keep you and our fellow riders



alive.

Keep the shiny side up and hope to see you an the road,

Bob Terrill coordinator Central Oregon Chapter

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

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



By the time you read this July and August will both have come and gone.

We had a great turnout for our *Thundering Waters Poker Run*. Had beautiful weather. Thanks to *Bikers for Christ* for the awesome barbecue.

August 9th we had one of the three bike nights left at the *Narrow's Tavern*. The next one will be September 13 at the *Rose Garden Inn* in Drain at 6:30 p.m. Come join us for food, drink, and fun.

The annual and very popular *S.O.S. Coalition Run* at Wolf Creek was August 16 to 18th.

Due to the extremely hot weather we were having, didn't think *S.O.S.* would be a go this year. But the skies opened up and rain poured out, so *S.O.S.* was a go.

Over the course of the three days,

we had several events such as bike games, a bike show, fire dancers, and two bands: *Done Deal* and *Toyz*.

The *S.O.S.* committee had been working extremely hard to make this year's run better then ever.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events.

Heather Simshauser secretary 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. group report -- **Indian Creek** (members at large)



Anyone in Indian Creek is invited to write and send in articles.

Indian Creek MEETING TIME and PLACE

(when and wherever)

POINT of CONTACT

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

I would like to give a shout out road as per following example: to everyone who participated in the Annual Hub City Poker Run that went from Albany to Brownsville to Sweet Home to Lebanon and back to Albany. This was my first time doing a poker run and my first time riding amongst a bunch of riders. A thank you to the people who had to follow me on my first run. Thank you for being patient with me. Hopefully I didn't hold anyone up to much or do to many silly things. If I did, feel free to give me pointers. I am more than willing to take all the advice I can get. It was a blast.

Our chapter-only campout at Bernie's (or as some know him, "Mr. Magoo") was a huge success. Always a great time. For the Saturday ride, we passed out thank you certificates to business that have helped Hub *City* with either hosting or donating to our activities.

Hub City Chapter meetings are not only fun but provide us with useful information to help us be safe on the

One day after practicing riding my motorcycle around the property and around the block doing the same thing over and over, I decided the next night we were going out on the road for a while. So we took off from our house and went out through Tangent to Shedd and cut off on one of the roads to get off highway 99 so as not to back up traffic any more. (I was doing the speed limit, but the way people drive out that way is like being on I-5.) So we proceeded down that side road and enjoyed not being pushed going through long curves and over tracks, enjoying the air, wind, and the freedom.

That connected to Peoria road which in turn ended up going to 34. I thought to myself, "Well this will be another test, going into lots of traffic."

Everything went well and we made it home safely. I thought to myself, "Wow, what a short ride, it went so fast."

The next time we went out



through Tangent again, went across to Brownsville, out to Sweet Home, through Waterloo, out to the north end of Lebanon which connects to highway 228 which took us to Scio, Stayton, Silverton on out to the highway going to Silver Creek Falls. I'm leading and so I tell my boyfriend I have no clue where to go now to stay on backroads and also knowing that my gas is probably getting really low. Mind you, I've had the bike for about three months and don't have a

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Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Smoke, Smoke, and more Smoke!

It's smokey but we're still here in southern Oregon! Some days are difficult to ride in, even to breathe

Not much going on with Jackson County We are taking a summer break. Some members have been helping Josephine County A.B.A. T.E. with their events.

Had a great Run To The Coast a couple of weeks ago.

It's always great when chapters can work together.

Members have also been helping with some Old Guard Rider events. This is a good cause. Do what you can to help our veterans.

Enjoy your summer, be safe.

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



Jackson County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

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

Josephine County

Thank You To All The Firefighters Who Came To Southern Oregon And Saved Our Homes

Josephine County and Douglas County have been busy putting the finishing touches on the S.O.S. Wolf Creek Campout. With all the wildfires happening around us, it was touch and go for a few days, but the firefighters have done an awesome job and we are prepared to go forward. With all the phone calls we have been getting, we are looking forward to a great event.

The turnout for our *Run to the Coast* was small, but the weather was great and everyone enjoyed a good ride out of the smoke and into the fog. It was a little cooler on the coast, but then, it usually is.

September is the tenth anniversary of the *Josephine County Chapter* getting their charter. We will be

having a b-day party, but all the details have not been finalized. Watch the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site and *Facebook* pages for details.

Our last event of the year will be the tenth annual toy run. (Hummmm . . . tenth anniversary, tenth toy run. I think I see a pattern here.) Anyway, Sunday, October 6th will be our *Grants Pass Toy Run*.

1 p.m. staging, 1:30 p.m. ride through town with Santa.

Fruitdale Grange on Parkdale and Rogue River highway in Grants Pass.

Potluck immediately follows when all the vehicles return. Chapter provides dogs, burgers, and chicken. Attendees bring potluck side dishes.

We will have drawings and great silent auction items.



Potluck side dish and unwrapped **new** toy is your entrance fee into this event. Remember, this is about the kids. Come out and support a worthy cause.

Keep the rubber side down. See you down the road,

Karen Tolle chapter secretary

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

Our August meeting was at Willy and Laura's home.

We generally have some goodies left over from our events, so at our August meeting each year we cook it all up and feed the crew. We supply the meat and condiments with members bringing a side dish. We usually take an hour or so for dinner, then have our meeting. (I think our crew deserves a little rest and recreation. It seems like our members give about all they have to give.)

August is also our anniversary month. It doesn't seem like it, but we will be starting our sixth year as a chapter in September.

Last month Willy, our vice coordinator, spoke about taking a walk around your bike and checking it out on a regular basis, about how you can't be too careful.

Sometimes, you know, s**t just happens.

I remember in 1997 when a deer jumped over a median and landed

on Willy's handlebars, hitching a ride until Willy slowed down. When the deer fell off the front fender, they all fell down. Very lucky. Only a broken pinky finger and one dead deer.

Been a few weeks ago now since Dave and Cindy Witmer, our state representatives, were coming back to the lower Columbia when just west of Yakima a deer jumped onto their trike, breaking the faring and then flying over Dave only to land on Cindy's leg. She is a tough one. They rode on over the pass and stopped in at St. John's hospital. The trike can be fixed, but most importantly Dave's okay and Cindy is healing. I have ridden with Dave and Cindy on many occasions and I know them to be safe beyond words.

You can't be too careful.

Which brings to mind, on the lower Columbia I notice a significant increase in the deer population. Be careful, especially in the evening



hours.

LoCo had our fall run on the 24th of August. Don't know how the turn out will be. Kind of a lack of publicity.

That's about all for now.

We down on the lower Columbia will be resting up until the holiday season.

Dave Bridges coordinator Lower Columbia Chapter

Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Lincoln County Chapter is still here. Our fearless leader is looking at having surgery and we hope the vicecoordinator makes it back from his trip safely, in case he has to run the meeting. (His trip is some vacation time and also taking his father-inlaw's ashes to North Dakota to be interned with his late wife's. Not all

Faye is here temporarily for her granddaughter's wedding. (That would be our state representative Jack's mom and his daughter.) Faye will be heading back to Texas to pick up her trike and bring it home.

happy times, but still happy to have

dad and mom together again.)

Bob's new Vaquero has had her first service. He is enjoying riding the new scoot. (I am so glad he finally bought one.) Gee, I'm still riding my old Can Am. Oh well, he rode the other one for twenty-five years, more

The sad news is that John and Angie Houseman were in a crash and spent several weeks in the hospital in Corvallis. Both required several surgeries and are in Eugene now being cared for by family. They set up hospital beds for both in the same room so they could be together there. We are all praying for a speedy recovery. We do know that it will be a while before they can get home, but home is being taken care of.

If any of you would like to send cards to John and Angie, you can sent them in care of Lincoln County Chapter's mailing address and we will get their mail to them.

We are still getting calls regarding Beaver Creek. We thought that we had made it clear to all that it is not happening with A.B.A.T.E. No insurance by us, no work by us, and definitely not sponsored by us. We guess people just don't understand.

It does seem strange that Beaver Creek is not happening since I was normally on the down side of chemo. The chemo happened and I guess I'll just take my naps at home.

We do hope that everything is



running normal. I know Bob is looking forward to Wolf Creek. (a.k.a. S.O.S. Run.)

Take care, ride safely and always watch for the other guy.

Keep the rubber side down

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

Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Sunny Greetings from the sunny 484–7226. North Coast,

Catching up on upcoming activities:

The Retirement Village Ride is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th. The chapter hosts rides for the residents of the village. They love getting these rides with some reminiscing about "back in the day" when they either owned or were a passenger on a motorcycle. We thoroughly enjoy bringing the joy of some "wind therapy" into their lives.

The Pacific County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Washington will have their Fall Run on Saturday, September 21. The starting location is *Hunter's* Inn in Naselle, Washington on highway 4, about twenty miles from Astoria. Registration starts at 9 a.m., kick stands up at 10 a.m. This is a premier run in terms of the beautiful scenery you will encounter and good times had by all. Don't miss it. Questions? Call Lenny at (360)-

One of the agenda items for our September chapter meeting will be chapter officers nominations. (Yes, it's that time of year again.) looking forward this year to some new folks stepping up to help and to lead the chapter in its ongoing positive direction for the future.

All for now.

Please be safe out there.

Watch out for those cages, especially those drivers who are using their cell phones. (Damn them.)

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 Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

16 July 2013

Tonight's meeting was mostly about final planning for the ice vending project at *Run 21*. We hope that this ice project will finance our annual candy sale without needing credit from members.

Rick gave a state board of directors report.

We held no games tonight.

Stolen Bike



Tim Kuechman's 1997 *A.T.K.* motorcycle was stolen from his porch in The Dalles. If you see it, call Tim at **(541)–490–7468**.

06 August 2013

Wow! What a meeting.

There were twenty-three people at the meeting. (That's over 28% of our membership.)

There were lots of reports of lots of riding and more to come. There are several more events listed for the near future.

Our ice vending at *Run 21* was amazing at nearly \$3,000 profit. We had a great working group and had a lot of fun.

The 50/50 game was won by Rick at \$16/\$16. He donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

The membership game for \$5 would have been won by Eloise Mortimore if she had been present. It will be \$10 next meeting.



Planned Rides

16 August – S.O.S. Run at Wolf Creek

18 August – Charity cruise ride in Goldendale.

24 August – Potluck weekend at Raunchy and Liska's.

31 August – Bingen *Eagles Poker Run*.

08 September – *Ride for the Paws* in Portland. (Fundraiser for *Oregon Humane Society*.)

Upcoming meetings

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River City MEETING TIMES 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 -- Southeast Portland

Hey brothers and sisters,

I hope you are all having a great summer and enjoying wonderful long rides in this glorious weather!

By the time you read this *Run* 21, *Summer Hummer*, *Run to the Coast*, and the *S.O.S. Run* will have happened. I hope all went well and no one got hurt.

I have heard some early reports that are very disturbing and hope the best for anyone who is suffering pain as a result of attending an *A.B.A.T.E.* function. But because I wasn't there, I will try to just listen.

As our very own public relations officer, Bill Cameron, advised, "Don't spread it if ya weren't there to see it as fact."

We are all in public relations and it's everyone's job to keep the embellishments from spreading rampant.

We are looking forward to our *Family Picnic* on September 28th, which is also a very relaxing day with good barbecue for all!. Come on out and join the fun.



That's all for now.

Ride safe and be good to each other,

Susan Suran
Southeast Portland Chapter
A.B.A.T.E of Oregon

Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

-- Salem

Flag salute. Mission statement. Old business: passed.

New business: September poker run. Begins at *Bill's Motorcycles* at noon or earlier. Ends at *Your Place* restaurant. Those who ride receive five extra door prize tickets.

Due to not being able to count on the weather, this is a "run / non-run." (Meaning that people can buy their poker hands between the hours of 3:30 and 6 p.m.)

One of the numerous door prizes will be a \$65 *Salem Harley–Davidson* gift certificate.

Other new business: We agreed on who the *Salem Chapter* would nominate for the various state offices.

The Salem Chapter also completely understood Howie's need to have this year be his last for running the Fossil Campout event. So we decided, as a chapter, to volunteer to take his place and will bring it up to discussion at the October state planning session in Cottage Grove. We, as a chapter

realize that all moneys earned go directly to the state funds, and none to the chapter.

We also discussed doing the same for the coast camp out, which didn't happen this year due to the person who always ran it, being just too worn out to continue.

It is this chapter's opinion, that chapters, not single individuals need to stand up and take on the responsibility for continuing these events and creating more, if *A.B.A. T.E.* is going to survive financially, and therefore *BikePAC*.

We also wanted to express our thanks and gratitude for all of those from the other *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters who stopped by and helped assist us at our booth during the *Good Vibrations*, event, if even for a few minutes out of their busy days.

Lastly, we are on the brink of having our own web page and *Facebook* page up and running, thanks to Cassie. We even took pictures!



Lynn B. DeSpain coordinator

Salem Chapter





Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

Almost Home Restaurant

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

Our *Mid Summer Poker Run* had a smaller-than-hoped-for turnout. Apparently there were just too many activities occurring at the same time and folks just had to choose what to be involved in. At least the weather was good!

August 10th was the Rally in the Valley ride sponsored by the Sunset Chapter H.O.G. Our A.B.A.T.E. chapter was invited to have an information booth at this event to promote riding and membership. The event included a bike show, twenty or more vendor booths, and two demonstration shows of the Seattle Cossacks Motorcycle Stunt and Drill Team. Reportedly there were over 300 bikes at the poker run end destination at Spirit Mountain Casino. Reports were that it was a good ride route and that lots of people were informed about riding and *A.B.A.T.E.* Apparently the threatening thunderstorms forced an earlier than expected shut down of the outdoor parts of the event. Sounds like it was a good time.

Our current meeting place, Coyote's Bar & Grill on Baseline road in Hillsboro, hosted a classic car and bike show on August 18th from 11 to 4 p.m. Prizes, barbecue, and live entertainment were provided.

WaCo is continuing to work out details for the *End Of Summer Poker Run* in September, so watch for the fliers containing more information.

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

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One-Eyed Bob Nichols

state recording secretary



Stolen Bike



Tim Kuechman's 1997 *A.T.K.* motorcycle was stolen from his porch in The Dalles. If you see it, call Tim at **(541)–490–7468**.

From yer ... crusty ol' editor ... yet again

Owning Our Political Process

9–11: between cold wars

c.o.e. - 140

Ever since the late twentieth century, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and BikePAC have been seeking to change the state's mandatory requirement for motorcycle helmet usage. Our legislative bills have continuously been vetoed or died in committees due to underhanded political maneuvering.

We aren't against helmet use.

We're against elected government mandating helmet use.

It is not the function of government to dictate how people pursue happiness, but rather to serve the public with citizen consent

Until that principle is reestablished in this nation and state, we work within the existing political framework and realities. That means leading the legislative efforts, not reacting to them.

Now is the time that we can take advantage of our past political defeats by creating a strong base for our future efforts.

One of the best tools we can use in positioning our legislative efforts is the continuing loss of potential state tourist revenue until existing helmet requirements are modified or eliminated. (Look at the dramatic motorcycle tourist revenue increase Michigan has experienced since modifying their helmet regulation. Imagine how much greater it would be for Oregon, since we have milder weather, a breathtaking coast, magnificent mountains, amazing deserts, and no sales tax.)

What we need to do now is document how many out-of-state/country motorcyclists presently visit our fine state annually.

Then we need to find out how many more would be interested in visiting Oregon if it's helmet regulations were changed or removed.

Once we have those numbers, we should be able to get state tourism departments and industry on our side to help lobby for change in existing regulations at the state capitol.

But how do we get the information we who lived through "the cold war" need to

We poll.

Every time we meet up with riders with plates from somewhere else, we report that to a central location.

When we're in other areas of the country or the world, we describe the beauty of Oregon to riders we meet there, then ask them if they would consider riding here. Find out if their decision would be affected by reduced helmets requirements, then report that to a central location.

We need to involve all our chapters and members in our polling effort.

Every time we're at runs, conventions, or other motorcycle gatherings, try asking as many people as possible how Oregon's helmet regulations would affect their decision to ride in our state.

We need to demonstrate to motel and hotel owners, especially local businesses, that motorcycle riders are valued customers who should be welcomed and who's custom should be encouraged.

We need to police our own. If a few riders cause trouble, we should provide local support for business owners where they can all for help dealing with troublemakers.

If we act now to get the statistics and proof we need, we can go into the 2015 legislative session with the backing of major business interests, the tourist industry, representatives, and senators. We will *own* that legislative session. And we will prevail at last despite any skullduggery the present state political administration throws at us.

It's up to each of us.

It's been a dozen years since unthinkable acts suddenly became surreality on the nation's television sets. Though damage to our country's landscape is healing or being repaired, scars to our shared psyches remain, even as time is softening their edges.

Just as those who experienced world war one referred to it as "the great war" until another one came along, so too must we who lived through "the cold war" need to begin considering that it may have been "cold war one."

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, there has been a lull in large-scale nuclear weaponry threats such as existed during the U.S.—versus—U.S.S.R. in the decades following the second world war. In particular, the former Soviet fleet and ballistic submarines that used patrol off our shores with nuclear missiles targeted on our cites were withdrawn, falling into disrepair for over two decades.

But now Russia's economy is recovering, and with it the desire to exercise sea borne dominance. Former cutting edge ballistic submarines are being refitted and augmented by newer technology subs. Add to that China's growing fleet and aggressiveness.

It's beginning to look like the expertise of us old A.S.W. pharts may be needed once again for deep water ops. There's quite a few of us in Oregon. Give us planes and sonobuoys, then watch us go. (Of course, engine hoists may be needed to get some of us into or out the aircraft now days.)

By the third week of this month, we will be halfway to winter's longest darkness.

Back on the first Sunday in August, yer crusty ol' editor was north-bound on I-5 between Salem and Portland in the white cage when a group of fifteen riders began rumbling past near Brooks. (Vest patches seem to indicate that they may have been Eugene *H.O.G.*) Yer c.o.e. noticed three riders out of the many acknowledging the "For Motorcycle . . . Check Twice" magnetic signs on the tail of the Rotmobile by waving or giving a thumbs up.

When the group pulled into the middle lane, c.o.e. positioned his fine self about

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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/

four to six seconds behind them to act as a buffer between them and uprushing cages approaching from the rear. Stayed in that configuration for about twenty-five miles until they all peeled off for I-205.

Kind of a nice feeling when road users unknown to each other are able to cooperate without direct communications.

Despite what experience may teach us, we mostly have pretty good drivers out there on the roadways. If we didn't, there would be a lot more blazing wreckage to dodge around while riding. The ones we primarily notice are the exceptions. (Though quite a few drivers or riders push the limits.)

Being mostly human, even the best of us make mistakes from time-to-time. It comes with the job description.

One of our primary jobs, on road or off, is education — ourselves and other road users. It doesn't have to be in formal classroom environments. Casual conversations in social situations, talking among coworkers, even a couple of short horn beeps and a head shake or a thumbs-up can educate other road users about acceptable highway behavior.

One of the frustrations of being a statelevel officer is the lack of direct power.

We can't propose motions, second them, or vote on them. All we can do is speak to the issue. (Or, in the case of yer crusty ol' editor, write about it after the fact.)

It's the chapter representatives who directly control power in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* via their chapters. Think about that when making chapter officer nominations. Elect people who will dig in to ensure that *A.B.A.T.E.* does what is best for its members and chapters.

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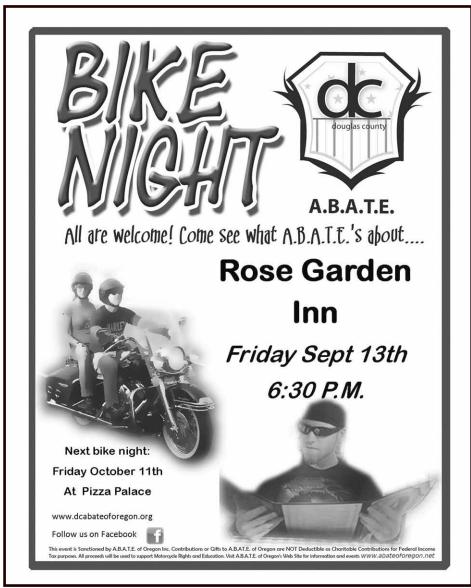
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This is a Potluck type event, so think of what your favorite food might be and bring some with you, to share with your brothers and sisters. Or sisters and brothers.

SE Chapter is providing the dogs, burgers, condiments, and some other edibles, just for you.

We're hoping for good weather, as usual, but remember, only the cook has to stand in the rain. You only get damp when you go to get your meat ochoice(s) off the grill.

Ride, drive, bicycle, or walk (I did that one year, not recommended) to Eagle Fern Park.

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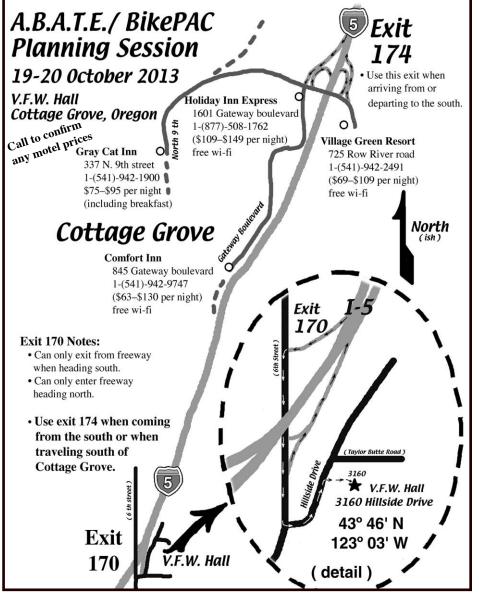
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Eagle Fern Park is located about 3 miles north of Estacada and 18 miles east of Clackamas. Take Interstate 205 to Exit 12, Estacada/Mt Hood. Travel eastbound on Highway 212/224. Proceed 3.2 miles to the Rock Creek junction. Turn right onto Highway 224, following the signs to Estacada. Proceed 1034 miles and turn left onto Wildcat Mountain Rd (sign reads Dover District/Eagle Fern Park). Go 2 miles to Eagle Fern Road and turn right and proceed 3 miles to the park.









A.B.A.T.E. Fall Swap Meet CANX



It is my unpleasant duty to notify the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* members that due to many unfortunate circumstances, the state board of directors, at their monthly gathering on Saturday, 13 July 2013 decided to cancel the scheduled fall swap meet for 2013.

Financial difficulties, lack of suitable location or lead time to be able to fully advertise the event, and other hardships are the reasons for this action.

We are looking forward to providing you with the spring swap meet in 2014.

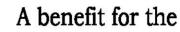
I want to thank those who were part of the process to arrive at this decision. I have already received new leads on locations for the spring event.

If you know of a location that might be available for a motorcycle swap meet, please let me know. Contact information is listed both on the http://www.abateofOregon.net web site and in our monthly state newspaper.

Thank you for your support and assistance in previous swap meets. I look forward to providing similar experiences in the future.

Randy Phipps state swap meet coordinator A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon

34th Annual Toy Run



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Hub City

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clue about how far a tank goes.

We pull off the road and Ted pulls up his G.P.S. I'm telling him I don't want to go on any main freeways yet. He tells me it's not looking good for that choice. It's either take I-5 or go all the way back the way we got here.

I take a big sigh and said, "Well, I don't have much choice. Let's go."

So we take the turnoff to go onto I-5 and he goes up ahead of me. As I proceed to get onto I-5, I ripped on my throttle to catch up with him but I'm not accelerating, We proceed down I-5 and I'm thinking, "Man, what did I get myself into? Is this what I really want to do?" He's up ahead and I'm behind him with semi's and cars all around. Tons of thoughts running through my head but trying to remember to keep looking ahead to be aware of what's going on.

After many miles of riding amongst all these moving metal objects on the road the coolest thing happened, I came up beside a semi-truck and he pulled his horn and gave me a thumbs up. Don't know why that made me feel good but it did.

We finally made it back to Albany and pulled into the *Shell* station to gas up. We got home and I felt like rubber, sunburned to the hilt, and dehydrated because we didn't stop anywhere. But there was such a good feeling I had inside that I'd never had before I rode.

When we went to the next *A.B.A. T.E.* meeting, there was talking about "hydrate, hydrate, hydrate" and I'm thinking back to when we went on our ride, thinking "amen" to that. We've talked about packing drinks with us ever since.

The most I've gotten out of the two meetings I've been to is how close and caring everyone is to everyone who comes into the meeting, whether you're there to just listen or you really want to join. I've never felt that way in all the activities I've been involved in in the past and it is such a cool feeling. We have enjoyed coming to the meetings and seeing

every one.

Thank you so much *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* for taking us in and welcoming us into your group.

-- Melea Duncan







American Motorcyclist Association

Ethanol Fuel Demand Not High

In a regulatory announcement released 06 August, E.P.A. Finalizes Renewable Fuel Standards, the E.P.A. said that for 2014 "the ability of the market to consume ethanol in higher blends such as E85 is highly constrained as a result of infrastructure- and marketrelated factors. E.P.A. does not currently foresee a scenario in which the market could consume enough ethanol sold in blends greater than E10, and/or produce sufficient volumes of non-ethanol biofuels to meet the volumes of total renewable fuel and advanced biofuel as required by statute for 2014. Therefore, E.P.A. anticipates that in the 2014 proposed rule we will propose adjustments to the 2014 volume requirements, including the advanced biofuel

and total renewable fuel categories."

The A.M.A. has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and A.T.V. engines caused by the inadvertent use of a new ethanol fuel blend called E15, which is 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline by volume. None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in use are approved for E15, and its use can even void manufacturers' warranties.

Wayne Allard, *A.M.A.* vice president for government relations, applauded the *E.P.A.* announcement.

"For motorcyclists, this means that if

the E.P.A. rolls back on the volume of E15and-higher ethanol-gasoline blends that must be produced, then there may be greater opportunities to fill up our gas tanks and cans with E10 and even E0 fuel," he said. "Only one E15 test has been done by the E.P.A., and we have asked that motorcycles and A.T.V.s be part of an independent scientific study into the effects of E15 on engines."

E10 has 10 percent ethanol and is common around the country. E0, which is much less common, has no ethanol.

"We are pleased that the E.P.A. recognizes that market and other factors play a role in how much ethanol refiners can put in gasoline and make a profit," Allard said. "It really doesn't do much good to have laws and rules telling refiners to create volumes of ethanolgasoline blends that consumers won't buy."

Allard cautioned that this announcement applies to 2014 volume requirements.

The E.P.A. announcement further stated: "We expect that in preparing the 2014 proposed rule, E.P.A. will estimate the available supply of cellulosic biofuel and advanced biofuel volumes, assess the ethanol blendwall and current infrastructure and market-based limitations to the consumption of ethanol in gasoline-ethanol blends above E10, and then propose to establish volume requirements that

are reasonably attainable in light of these considerations and others as appropriate."

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

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

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

No motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles are approved for E15 use.

"We encourage congress and the E.P.A. to continue to work towards a long-term solution to ensure safe access to fuels for motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles," Allard said. "The first step is for federal legislators to support an independent, scientific study into the effects of E15 on motorcycle and A.T.V. engines because of the possibility of motorcyclists and A.T.V. riders inadvertently putting E15 into their gas tanks when the fuel becomes more widely available. We also urge A.M.A. members, the motorcycling community, and all concerned citizens to contact their federal legislators soon and ask them to support this type of research."

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Take Advantage Of Congressional Break

The United States congress is taking its traditional August recess. In keeping with a very old school tradition, congress will be vacating Washington D.C. for the longest, hottest month.

Back in the day, before modern air conditioning, congress would leave District of Columbia for the month because it was too miserable, D.C. being a literally, a swamp.

When the idea for a national capitol came about, no state wanted to use valuable farmland, so Virginia and Maryland kindly donated the cesspool that was the headwaters of the Potomac river. The land was donated because it was deemed worthless.

The August break was well-deserved because the members of congress rarely

traveled home during session. Most opted to stay in D.C. boarding houses rather than take the long stagecoach ride to their home state.

Currently, the recess begins August 5th and runs through September 6th.

Most of the members of the house of representatives and the senate will be spending significant time in their home state offices.

The *M.R.F.* encourages you to schedule a brief meeting or go to a town hall to meet with your federal elected officials.

There are many important issues that need your time and attention.

The most important issue is the Motorcycle-Only Roadside Checkpoint Elimination resolution. HR-1861

is a bill before the U.S. house of representatives. This bill would end the future funding of any motorcycle—only roadside checkpoints from the federal government. It is crucial that we obtain a large number of co-sponsors on this legislation to move this bill forward.

Please set aside some time to meet with your federal elected officials during this congressional break. Should you need any help setting up meetings or for more information, do not hesitate to contact the *M.R.F.* at (202)–546–0983 or Jeff@MRF.org

You can find out who your representatives are by using this link:

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

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Michigan Helmet Regulation = Economic Benefit

Changes last year in Michigan's mandatory helmet regulation have had a positive effect on motorcycle riding in Michigan, according to *A.B.A. T.E. of Michigan*. There has been an increase in motorcycle travel in Michigan since April of 2012, said *A.B.A. T.E.* in a recent press release.

"Motorcycle tourism is up. Motorcyclists across the country are coming to Michigan in droves. Very few out-of-state motorcyclists were seen in Michigan before the adult helmet requirement was modified," according to A.B.A.T.E. "Cyclists from across the country are discovering the beauty of the lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan. There is an increase of out-of-state participation in Michigan motorcycle events by as much as five times during the summer of 2012."

"Our members have reported an increase in motorcycle tourism since the enactment of the rider choice [regulation]," added Scott Ellis, executive director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, which represents more than 1,800 restaurant, bar, party store, hotel, and casino establishments across the state. "From Monroe to Muskegon to the Keweenaw Peninsula, more outof-state motorcyclists are stopping, staying, and spending money at our restaurants, hotels and attractions," he

told the Midland Daily News.

Motorcycle sales also are up in Michigan, and *A.B.A.T.E.* says that 2012 was the safest riding season in ten years for licensed motorcyclists in the state.

Motorcycles Emissions Testing Ends

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has dropped its requirement that Phoenix-area motorcycles undergo annual emissions inspections, the last place in the country to require such testing. The federal agency has approved a request from state environmental officials in Arizona that motorcycle tests be discontinued, effective immediately.

The request to drop the testing requirement came in response to a 2008 state regulation requiring the *Arizona Department of Environmental Quality* to do an analysis of pollutants emitted by motorcycles and make a proposal to the federal agency.

"Our analysis has determined that the cost and inconvenience is not providing a significant environmental benefit," said Trevor Baggiore, deputy director of air quality at A.D.E.Q.

Even though motorcycles account for 3.5% of vehicles on the area's roads, the department's

analysis determined that they emit "insignificant" amounts of pollution, accounting for less than 1% of total emissions in the Phoenix metro area.

Pima county (Tucson) and Maricopa county (Phoenix) were the only areas in the United States that required motorcycles to pass yearly emissions inspections at a cost of \$19 per test. Pima county halted motorcycle testing in 2007.

Congratulations to A.B.A.T.E. of Arizona, the M.M.A. of Arizona, and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (A.C.M.C.) for their years of stalwart efforts to relieve Grand Canyon state riders of these unnecessary costs and burdensome time wasted in long lines.

North Carolina Guts Motorcycle Bill

In controversial political maneuvering, the republican-controlled North Carolina house recently pushed through anti-abortion legislation, using as their vehicle a motorcycle safety bill that legislators had stealthily gutted and turned into a measure to further regulate abortion clinics.

Republicans introduced the legislation (SB-353) in the house judiciary committee the previous morning by attaching the abortion

provisions to a motorcycle safety bill, without first notifying either the public or their democratic colleagues.

The final vote was 74-41 on July 13. The bill now heads back to the GOP-led state senate for approval, then on to governor Pat McCrory (R) who says he will sign the measure into effect if it reaches his desk.

New York Motorcycle Checkpoints Net Nearly A Hundred Tickets

More than 80 motorcyclists and their vehicles were checked by specially-trained state police motorcycle inspectors near Buffalo, New York in mid-June, with two checkpoints resulting in the issuance of 92 traffic tickets for offenses that included helmet and equipment violations.

New York has been the epicenter for the motorcycle-only checkpoint debate, which has resulted in four states; New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia, and California, passing regulation to prohibit enforcement agencies from establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

In addition, on the federal level congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-

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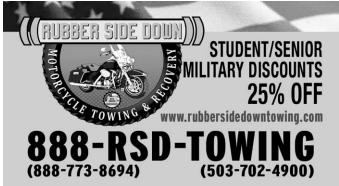
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WI) has introduced HR-1861 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding," and also contains language "to force the D.O.T. to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."

Motorcycle Club Sues City Over Discrimination

A local motorcycle club said it was just doing things by the book when it filed a permit to hold a barbecue fundraiser at a local park in Rio Vista, California. But the city and the police chief turned that simple request down. Now, the motorcycle club is filing suit, claiming it was discriminated against.

"No one other than us has ever tried to put in a permit," Saxon Creed Motorcycle Club president Rob Anderson told KXTV News 10. "We thought we were doing the right thing."

Last July, the club wanted to hold its fundraising pig roast at *Blackwelder Park*, the same park where dozens of other community events have been held. So, the group filed for a permit with the city. But, the request was declined by the police chief and the city.

The group held their pig roast this year without problems at a *Veteran's Hall*, right next door to the park they applied to last year.

Members of Saxon Creed Motorcycle Club say they feel like the request was denied because they are bikers. The group has filed a discrimination lawsuit, claiming its civil rights were violated. They're suing for \$250,000 in damages on behalf of their fifteen members. "It makes me very angry," Anderson said. "This is America. We all have rights. I don't like seeing anyone's rights trampled on."

Man On A Mission

"This will be the most important thing I have ever done." says Tim King, founder and news editor of Salem-News.com, in regard to his scheduled 48-state motorcycle ride for Veterans. "I am riding 48 states this summer to educate vets through talks and media appearances about health issues that are taking lives; we're talking about PTSD/TBI, Agent Orange and the effects of serving

aboard toxic military bases."

A former Marine who has covered the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Tim and his wife Bonnie received the *N.C.O.M. Silver Spoke Award for Media* in 2011 for advocating on behalf of motorcycle clubs and riders and their civil rights. They have also been recognized by the *Oregon Confederation of Clubs* for excellence in journalism.

Tim is riding thousands of miles to share the information he has accumulated over his journalism career and nine specific years reporting for *Salem-News.com* and he's doing it by himself. Your help can make Tim's trip safer and more effective.

Tim's covering an ongoing war here at home where veterans are fighting for their rights, and he'll be checking in with motorcycle riders who are busy defending their civil rights in regard to club membership and other issues. He's enlisting the support of the motorcycle community to publicize and help fund his mission. Along the way he'll be writing stories and posting photos and videos of the places and people he visits. You'll be able to track his progress at *Salem-News.com* and also via this dedicated *Facebook* page at:

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Vertical Motorcycle License Plate Bill Clears Pennsylvania House

Legislation allowing the vertical display of registration plates on motorcycles was recently passed by the state house and now heads to the senate for consideration.

House bill 1060 is sponsored by state representative Mark Keller (R-86). "This legislation is specific to motorcycles," explained representative Keller. "Currently, the state vehicle code does not specify how a vehicle registration plate may be mounted. However, regulations in Title 67 of the Pennsylvania code require horizontal mounting of vehicle registration plates and do not give the option for vertical mounting."

HB-1060 would also "authorize the Pennsylvania department of

transportation to produce, upon request, registration plates for motorcycles which display the identifying characters in a vertical alignment."

"Owners of custom-made or vintage motorcycles are sometimes reluctant to mount the registration plate horizontally on the rear fender because doing so interferes with the custom paint job or other custom work done on the cycle," according to Keller. "Many of these owners have approached A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania, the motorcycle advocacy group, about making this legislative change, and A.B.A.T.E. supports my legislation."

More Rules Proposed For Canadian Riders

Saskatchewan is considering more requirements for new motorcycle licensees, supervision for new riders, and the possibility of mandatory gear. The ideas are among more than a dozen changes to motorcycle safety, training, and insurance rules proposed by *Saskatchewan Government Insurance* as it looks for ways to reduce claims, save money, and quell the roar of angry riders.

One suggestion is for potential riders to pass a basic skills test or complete a motorcycle training program before they're issued a learner's license. New riders who don't take the training courses could see an additional \$500 a year fee or be restricted on the size of the bike they use.

Helmets and eye protection are currently required in Saskatchewan and similar rules apply across the country, but no other jurisdiction in Canada has mandatory rules for wearing gloves, ankle-covering boots, or clothing that cover arms and legs, according to *S.G.I.*

The review was launched earlier this year after a proposed rate increase which would have seen insurance costs for motorcycles go up by an average of 73% to cover a \$9 million gap between what *S.G.I.* takes in from motorcyclists in fees versus what is paid out for collisions.

The public had until the end of July to comment on the proposals. S.G.I. is to report to the government in the fall. The goal is to have the new rules in place for next year's riding season.

Pakistan Lifts Motorcycle Ban

After five years, Pakistani authorities have lifted ban on motorcycle riding in Bajaur tribal region. The ban on motorcycle riding was imposed in 2008 when the Taliban stepped up their activities in the region, and the ban was aimed at controlling insurgency and preventing targeted killings because motorcycles were being used for attacks against anti-Taliban forces.

The announcement about lifting the ban was made by brigadier Ghulam Haidar, a sector army commander, during his speech through the security forces-run FM radio channel. (Radio Aman FM 88.) "The lifting of ban on motorcycle riding is a gift for the tribesmen on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan. This good news may enhance happiness of Ramadan," he said.

Brigadier Ghulam said that imposing the ban on motorcycle riding was a difficult decision but it was taken only in the larger interest of people of the tribal agency.

Quotable Quote

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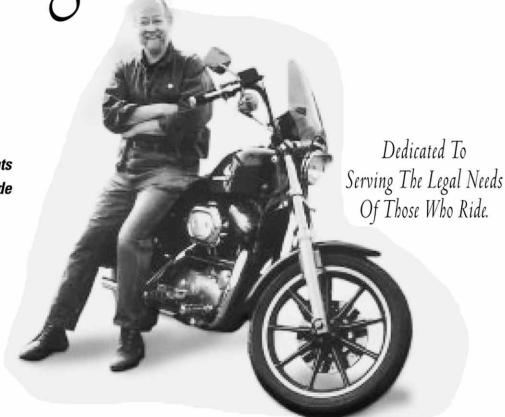
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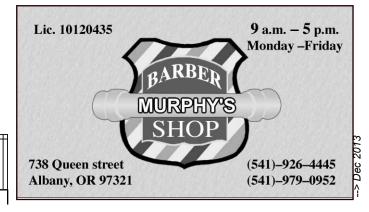
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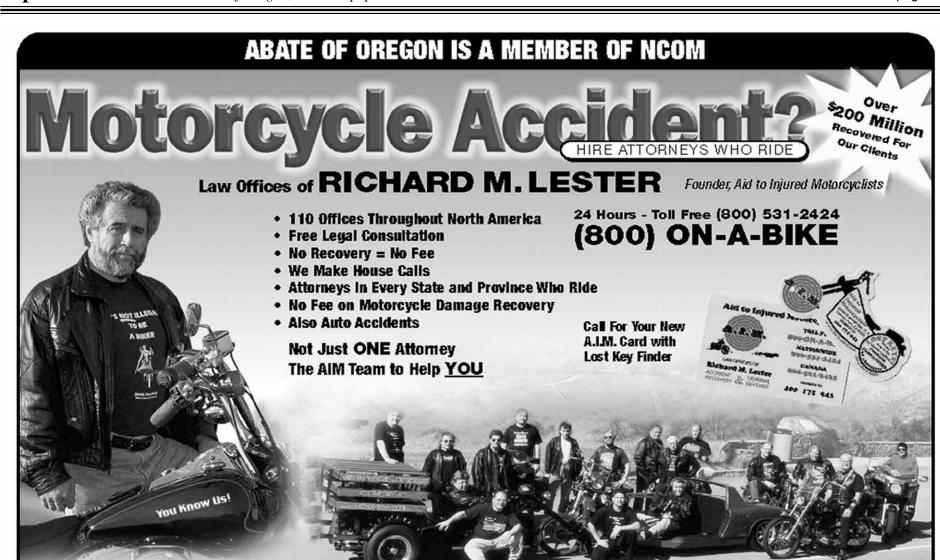
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Police Stop Form (Help us track why motorcycists get pulled over - prevent profiling and harassment)

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Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH If verbal, describe: WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT? Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES: How did you plead? If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO) If no when is your court date? YES: What was the verdict? GUILTY NOT GUILTY If guilty, what was the sentence? FINE: \$ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ COUNTY \$ CITY \$ WORK TIME LOSS HRS: LOST WAGES: \$ Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING BRAND: MODEL: When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO) Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe:	Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain:
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Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2013

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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Comments:

September 2013 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	2 labor day	River City 1900 (7 pm) Salem 1900 (7 pm)	4	5 new moon	6	BikePAC Board Meeting noon - Salem WaCo Chapter EOS Poker Run Forest Grove
Central Oregon 1400 (2 p.m.)	9 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	10	9-11 please continue remembering	12 1st quarter moon	Douglas Co. Bike Night Drain	ABATE B.O.D. Ciddici's Pizza–Albany-noon 2014 officer nominations
Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	16	Jackson County – 1830 (6:30 pm)	Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	harvest moon Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm) Talk-Like-A-Pirate Day	20	Cent0r Teddy Bear Run Bend Salem Chapter Poker Run Salem
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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 14 Sept 2013 1200 (noon)

> Ciddici's Pizza 133 SE Fifth avenue Albany, Oregon 11 a.m.

Riding balanced is the biker's way, As is late September's night and day, As our nights grow longer, A soltice is yonder, An equinox, then the coming of May.

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

date:

07 Sept 2013

16 Nov 2013



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2013 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

location:

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

End of Summer Poker Run / WaCo Forest Grove

event / chapter or sponsor:

Toy run / WaCo

contact number: (503)-784-0737 (503)-887-3032 (503)-463-6340 (360)-484-7226 (503)-637-3050

PR = Poker Run

BN = Biker Night

08 Sept 2013 Paws Ride / Oregon Humane Soc. Portland 13 Sept 2013 Bike Night / Douglas Co. Drain 21 Sept 2013 Teddy Bear Run / CentOr Bend 21 Sept 2013 Poker Run / Salem Chapter Salem 21 Sept 2013 Fall Run / Pacific Co.-WA Naselle, WA 28 Sept 2013 Family Picnic / SE PDX **Eagle Creek** 26-29 Sept 2013 Meeting of the Minds / MRF Columbus, Ohio --- CANX ---Fall Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE --- CANX ---06 Oct 2013 Toy Run / JoCo **Grants Pass** (541)-471-6049 11 Oct 2013 Bike Night / Douglas Co. Roseburg 12 Oct 2013 Biker night / WaCo 19-20Oct 2013 Planning Session / ABATE & BikePAC Cottage Grove

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						