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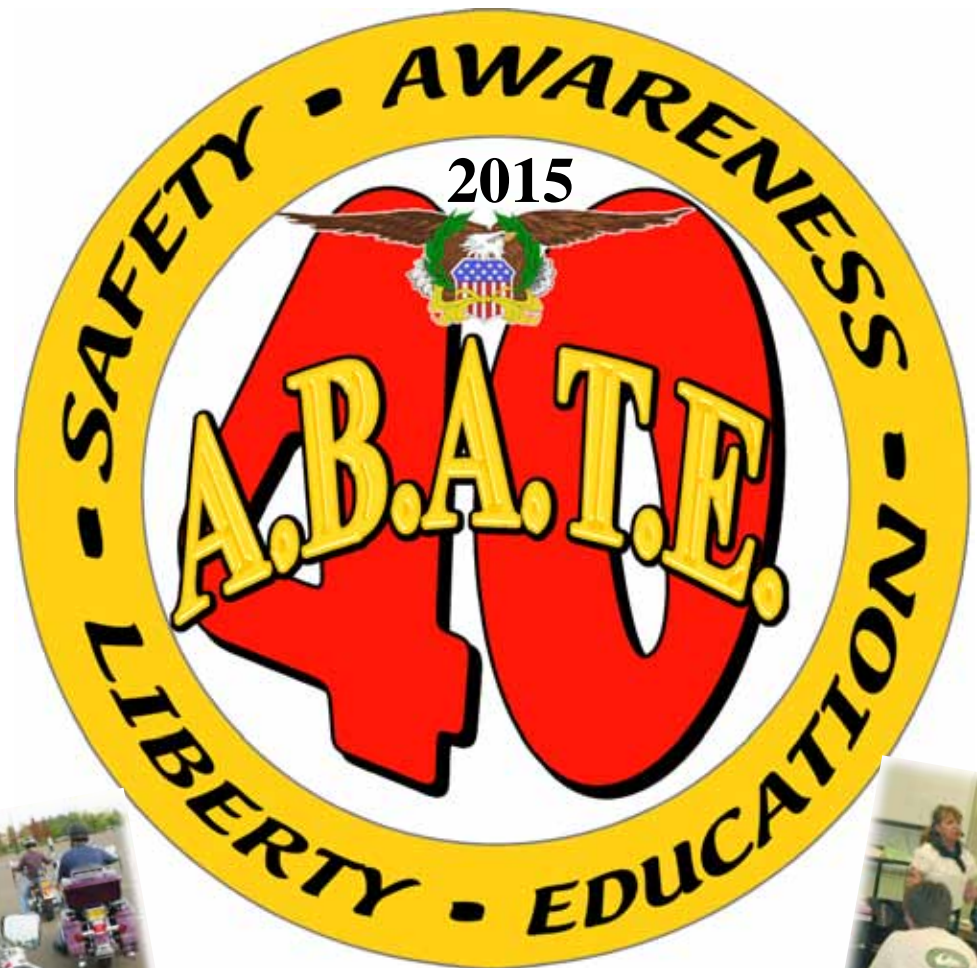
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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong

from *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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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

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall—River City Chapter)

regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

A = Single entity.

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

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

TOTALITARIAN = Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.

ENACTMENTS = To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.

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State Coordinator

Happy New Year to everyone!

As we begin a new year, let us look back at what we have done, and also look ahead to what we still have left to do.

For those of you who may not know me, let me introduce myself.

My name is Paul Hering and I have been an active member of *Washington County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.* since 1999. I have been a member of the state board for the last three years, including this last year as vice-coordinator (north). I owned and operated my own auto repair shop in Hillsboro for twenty years. I sold my business in 2013 and have been enjoying doing much more

“volunteer” work ever since.

My goal for this next year is to try and get more participation from all of our members, and remind us all that we are a **brotherhood**.

We should all be helping each other in any way possible to achieve our mission statement: “A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon *promotes motorcycle awareness, education, and liberty through community involvement, and legislative action.*”

We are a group of motorcycle riders that are trying to make a difference, aren't we?

I would urge each and every member to renew your commitment toward our cause.

Do you remember why you joined? Do you feel your liberties slipping away?

It happens each time we stand by and let things happen.

Do you say to yourself, “What can I do?” or “What good is my one voice?”

Each of us joined with others together make a mighty force.

Please take some time to get to know who your state representative or state senator is. Give them a call. Even better, set up a time to visit them at the state capital. You will be surprised at what a difference it can make.

I look forward to visiting each chapters meetings during the coming year and hope to meet more of my



Paul Hering

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

fellow *A.B.A.T.E.* brothers and sisters.

Yours in the brotherhood,

Paul Hering
state coordinator

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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

Winter is upon us once again and p.m.s. (parked motorcycle syndrome) has set in. I will look for that one day when I can bundle up and put a few miles on the bike before the cold forces me back home. If you do ride over here in the winter, really watch for frost in those sections of road that never get any sun and the gravel/cinders they put down in just the corners.

Remember this year we will be backing some important bills and we need your help. Most of us do a lot of the “community involvement” portion of our mission statement with charity rides and poker runs but nothing for the “legislative action”

portion. Please come to a meeting and find out how to get involved.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill
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**

Nothing new to report from here, but I'd like to wish everyone a merry christmaS, and yes I'm not politically correct. Hell, I'm doing well if I have no mistakes.

We're hoping to keep *Douglas County* going. And thanks to Karen and Spanky, from *JoCo*, we just might be able to.

-- Steve
treasurer
Douglas County

Douglas County**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Jackson County

Merry Christmas to all,

Hope everyone had a great time. Another year is upon us time to start preparing for all the good times to come.

With the new year Jackson County has a lot planned for the first full year of being able to do our awareness and fund-raising events. Our members have some great ideas and are looking forward to being out in the public and mingling, spreading the word of safety.

Our first meeting at the truck stop was a great success and looking forward to having many more. We hope that everyone will come and visit and share your ideas to improve *A.B.A.T.E.* presence in southern Oregon.

We meet at *Witham's Truck Stop* on every third Thursday each month at 6 p.m.

***Jackson County*****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Motorcycle Madness
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(541)–

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

I am tasked with writing this month's news article.

I am thinking the month of December was a time for reflecting back and giving thanks, so here are some of my thoughts.

I am sitting in my workshop listening to Christmas music while my wife is riding to a toy run. Wow, the giving of the motorcycle community, including *Hells Angels*, *A.B.A.T.E.*, and other riding groups to children is amazing. It just shows no matter how we look or act, we all have big hearts for the kids.

I look back at the ones we lost this last year and the ones in crashes who made it out with their health. They will always be in our thoughts. We

can be thinking about brushing up on our riding techniques and be more aware when out riding this coming year.

I look at our country with the protests going on and think how we are in a democracy that allows freedom to do so. A big thank you to the servicemen and women and veterans who help keep us free, which makes us the best nation on earth.

I could go on and on, but I just wanted to put a bug in your ear to just sit and reflect. Hug your kids, give your relatives a call, and get together with friends and have a good cheer.

Hub City is looking forward to 2015 being a great year. Some new faces have stepped up for officer positions



this year.

Mark your calendars for February 15, 2015. This is the date of the Don Nash *Chilly Buns Run*. More details on this run will follow next month.

Have a safe and wonderful new year,

-- Husband

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Hub City **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Ciddici's Pizza

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

Josephine County

December is a quiet month for *Josephine County Chapter*.

Our toy run, our last event of the year, was held early in October.

Our Thanksgiving potluck was fun. We shared turkey and ham and all the trimmings.

Thanks to Sharon Wilson, our hero of the month. She is awesome in the kitchen. I believe that turkey and roast are on the menu for our December potluck.

We enjoyed seeing the pictures on *FaceBook* of all the toy runs around the state: Medford, Portland, Albany, just to name a few. Lots of very lucky kids. Thank you everyone who donated or participated.

We are sad to see the closing of the Salem chapter. Lots of chapters are struggling. Sure hate to see it and hope that some of the other chapters can hang in there until more members step up and help out.

January is right around the corner. New year, another chance for a new start.

Here's hoping everyone had a good Christmas and a very happy new year.

Josephine County Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday each month at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. Potlucks always start at 6 p.m., meetings start at 6:30.

Visitors are always welcome. We are a family-friendly group.

-- Karen Tolle



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 -- *Lincoln County*

Even though it hasn't happened when this is written, I do hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and a joyous new year.

I was watching the news last night and it was an unexpected surprise to see the toy run on the news. I enjoyed the clip that was done. I always wanted to do it and waited too long to do so.

When you read this, we will have done our first toy drop for the *American Legion Christmas Toy Drop* at the hall. When we did the *Beaver Creek Campout*, we dedicated funds to help. But since there is no run, we decided this was one way we could help. Christmas is for the children and that is what warms our hearts.

Many of the older members will remember that Bob and I spent

four years getting my youngest niece through high school. She is a nurse now and still lives close by. She wants to cook Christmas Dinner this year so I won't get so tired from it.

This has become a very personal article but I am so in love with my family. They are the greatest.

John (he had a motor crash a year ago) is now able to start walking with crutches and the halo on his leg is gone. He is a lot more comfortable now.

We had our elections at our October meeting and there are some changes in our officers.

Coordinator – Bob Highfill

Vice-coordinator – Ted Brittsen

Treasurer – Vince Sweiger

Secretary – Millie Highfill

Membership – Angie Houseman



State board – Jack Wingfield

Legislative – Jack Wingfield

Sergeant-at-arms – John Houseman, Trucker

Historian – Mary

We are looking forward to the coming year. Seems like we may be moving forward finally.

Well, until next month, I think I will close this for now.

Ride safe and warm,

-- Millie
secretary

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*

January is upon us and this means all the new officers will take their posts, myself included.

I am this year's coordinator for the *North Coast Chapter*.

This should be an exciting year.

The state legislature will be in session and we will see what comes from it. *BikePAC* will be working hard on the behalf of riders everywhere and we will have the opportunity to participate in our democracy. Even when we don't get everything we want, we should participate.

In 2015, my goals will focus on membership and promoting *A.B.A.T.E.* Without members, I'm just a guy hanging out on my bike somewhere. Members make the organization. To help this effort, we need to promote who we are and what we do. When people know us, they are more likely to get involved and support our causes.

I do want to thank the *North Coast Chapter* for their encouragement and support in the past and for the coming year.

-- Carl Earl
coordinator
North Coast Chapter



North Coast **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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

Lower Columbia

Greeting to all,

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday season.

Sunday will be our annual holiday potluck. [14 December 2014]

Before the meeting, will be electing officers for 2015.

We have a crew going out today shopping for gifts and Christmas dinner for the families we have adopted this year.

We are getting ready to sell tickets for this year's Crab dinner. Look for the flyer in the newspaper. We are hoping for a good turnout.

Our events for this coming year are as follows:

- Feb 21 – Crab dinner
- May 16 – Spring run
- June 27 – Car show
- July 4 – *Burgers in the Park*
- Sept 19 – Fall run

-- Eva Bridges
secretary



Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd Sunday 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 -- River City

November 18, 2014

It sure is cold.

And then there is the ice.

Anyway, it's damn lousy weather out.

We continued planning our winter stuff.

The candy sale is ready to go and we are getting ahead of next year's poker run.

We will have our annual *White Elephant Holiday Party* at *The Portage* on December 16.

Bob won the 50/50 at \$15/14 and donated \$5 back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob.

Pat Davis would have won the membership game at \$35 if he had been present.

The candy sale trailer opens on Black Friday, so come on out and get some fresh *See's Candy* and sign up to work in the booth.

December 2, 2014

That was one of the funniest meetings I have been to in a long while. Maybe it's that holiday spirit.

Our candy sale is off and running and doing well.

We have a holiday party and a tailgate party coming up soon aaaand, weather willing, a new year's day ride.

The weather is cold and dry.

Tonight Steve Bishop won both the membership game and the 50/50 game for a total of \$60! He donated \$10 back to the chapter, \$20 to the *Adopt-A-Family* project, and got two more tickets for the *Shriner's* bike raffle. That was a pretty good haul. I hope his luck can hold out until Saturday.



Upcoming Meetings

January 06, 2015

January 20, 2015

River City
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
The Dalles

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

December 01, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Old minutes were passed and reaffirmed, unanimously.

Again, all six attending members, all officers, voted to disband the *Salem Chapter* of A.B.A.T.E., beginning December 31, 2014. (The only modification to the previous minutes.)

It was reaffirmed, under Article XII, (B), 1: that we donate the majority of our chapter's funds to the non-profit *American Legion Riders* on December 28th, 2014.

The remaining balance and status of the *Salem Chapter* will remain, as according to the A.B.A.T.E. by-laws, active for a period of 90 days, at which time the state A.B.A.T.E. will receive the accounts, records, *et al*, of the closed chapter.

As the coordinator of this chapter,

I can only speak for myself, but as for the efforts of all who have helped to keep this chapter alive for the past several years, I say, "Good work, and thank you all."

The only exception to these minutes is if I am contacted that someone volunteers to take on the role of *Salem Chapter* coordinator prior to the end of December, then this serves as notice of cancelation of proposed poker runs for 2015. (CC-ed to state sanctioning officer.)

It has been an experience and a privilege to serve *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

-- Lynn B. DeSpain
coordinator
Salem Chapter



Indian Creek notice

As the *Salem Chapter* will no longer be holding meetings at its appointed time of 7 p.m., the first Monday of each month at the *Almost Home Restaurant*, there will be an unofficial meeting of the *Indian Creek* members at that time and place. No coordinator, minutes, finances, nor recognition. Just an A.B.A.T.E. meeting for those who wish to attend.

Salem / Indian Creek
MEETING TIME and PLACE
1st Monday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market street, Salem

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

Washington County

November 15th was our 2014 *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*. We had decent weather and about 85 bikes participating.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Hillsboro fire department who provided us with coffee and doughnuts as well as a fire truck escort. Thanks to the city of Hillsboro, Hillsboro police department, Washington county sheriff's department, Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*, and *Hillsboro Towing* as well.

A huge thank you to all participants and volunteers including Arnie and Cathy Swanson, Veta, Cathy, Linda, Paul Hering and Lynn Reilly, Jill Tracy, Dave Meeker, Kristen and Adam Sigler, and Mike Darneille for being Santa during the ride.

A humongous thank you goes out

to all who donated toys, and especially to the *Alky Angels* who arrived with literally a van load full of toys for the *Toy and Joy* program!

We ended the ride at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge* where they provided us with a spaghetti luncheon. We had many door prizes and games.

The winners of this year's prize drawings for \$250 *Beaverton Honda* and \$100 *Visa* gift cards were: Chuck Jeffcoat, Amanda Vaughn, Bill Michels, and Steve Davis. Congrats to all the winners.

At our chapter meeting on December 8th, we finished up elections of next year's officers. Several positions remaining unfilled, so it would be great if some of our seldom seen members would step up to fill those vacancies.



Our first meeting for the new year will be on January 12 as a run committee-type meeting. The next general chapter meeting will be on January 26, 2015.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season.

Ride safely,

-- Denise Darneille
secretary
WaCo

Washington County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)
Prime Time Restaurant
4450 Pacific avenue
Forest Grove

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

Southeast Portland

Merry Christmas and happy new year everyone,

Want to send a **big** thank you to everyone who attended our *35th Annual Shriner Toy Run* on December 6th. Check out our *Facebook* page to see all the great videos and pictures from that day. Here's the link in case you need it:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ABATETOYRUN/>

Ride safe,

-- Tim McDowell



Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Our Officers at Work

fine folks attending = 18

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

13 December 2014 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order at **12:05 p.m.** by Paul Hering with eight chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent or unexcused: *Douglas County, North Coast.*

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Andy Stratton, Lynn Reilly (*Washington County*).

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Jack Wingfield to adopt as printed in the state newspaper; seconded by Lance Tolle. Passed unanimously.

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator's comments: Joe Laurance (Excused)

Vice-coordinator (north) Paul Hering reported that the executive board met before this meeting to discuss *Salem Chapter's* possible disbanding. Paul will

work with the chapter to re-energize members and identify people to serve as officers.

Membership issues were reviewed. Kathy Sahlberg reported that she has sent out 400 renewal notices.

The executive board reviewed goals for sending renewals and cards. Kathy intends to meet those goals.

Secretary report, correspondence: Teresa Hepker related that several letters distributed to treasurer. Large number of out -of -state newsletters were received.

Vice-coordinator (north): Paul Hering went to *North Coast Spaghetti Feed* in Astoria. Reported that it appeared to be a successful event.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat (Spanky) Allen continues working with southern chapters, has been renewing groups.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice went to *Shriners Toy Run. River City* sold

200+ bike raffle tickets. Second prize winner bought her ticket in The Dalles. The bike was won by Tiffany Boyce. Rick reported that a last-minute donation was given as a third prize. (Admission for a couple to the *Crystal Ballroom* new year's eve party.)

Treasurer: Karen Tolle noted that in addition to the regular treasurer's report, she is adding a report showing chapter sanctioned events, status of payment of insurance fees, and 20% share to state treasury. She will be working closely with Robert Terrill to keep current on this report.

Checking = \$3,95.38
Savings = \$15,433.20
Paypal = \$200
Grand Total = \$19,428.58

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg stated that we currently have 1,559 members on the rolls, including expired memberships.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill



Teresa Hepker

state recording secretary

noted that chapter event schedules for 2015 and insurance premiums were due at this meeting.

As of today, Robert has no event listings for *Douglas County, Hub City, Jackson County, Lincoln County, Southeast Portland, Washington County, or Salem.* He must receive your event list by December 19 in order to get you the best rates.

Events can be added later, but the insurance company adds a \$150 surcharge.

Please send chapter flyers in electronic form. If you can't, Robert will scan them and forward to web and newspaper

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

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editors, but quality drops off.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer reviewed which chapters are missing documents. She has been in touch with those chapters.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path has not received newspaper reports from *Central Oregon, Douglas County*, or *Salem*. These were due on December 10.

He noted that we are entering a legislative year and requested guidance on what is needed in the newspaper to help members take part. Paula Leslie and others listed:

- *BikePAC* bills
- List of legislators and their contact information
- Important web addresses
- *BikePAC*'s QR code to make it easier for people to check the *BikePAC* web site.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps (Nothing to report.)

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle (No report.) He has been ill. He does not recommend getting sick.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Robert Terrill (Nothing to report.)

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker (Excused.)

Paul took him a computer and he is learning to use it.

2015 is *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* 40th anniversary. *Fossil* is coming. Dave is asking for artwork and designs for both events.

Also has requested someone to help him in choosing women's clothing.

Other suggestion: Thumb drives can be ordered in bulk with a logo printed on them, with information already recorded. (For instance, by-laws and policies).

Education director: < Vacant >

Public relations director: < Vacant >

State run coordinator (*Fossil*):

< Vacant >

Rick Prentice has requested a *Fossil Campout* planning meeting. Paul set one for 11 a.m. before the January board meeting.

Rick is requesting a budget. He is

having cards made without a date that can be used to start promoting the *Fossil Campout* as early as possible. They will just say "Memorial Day Weekend" so they can be good from year to year.

State swap meet coordinator: Paul Hering apologized for not being at November board meeting because of family needs.

He felt the swap meet was a huge success. All inside space were sold and a number of vendors were outside.

Collected a cart full of food and a barrel full of toys. *Elks Lodge* was happy and ready to have us back.

Paul sent a notebook of swap meet information to Todd Sahlberg.

We need to see a date and location for spring swap meet. He suggested combining board meeting and swap meet to reduce travel for board members and workers. Since many officers are also the people running the swap meet, it was agreed that the board meeting could be held on one day and the swap meet on another.

Historian: Teresa Hepker has been taking a holiday break, but will resume sorting and scanning in January. More documents are showing up almost every month.

BikePAC requested help documenting the origins of *Team Oregon* to be added to the *Wikipedia* listing.

Web page editor: Carl Earl (Excused.)

Quartermaster: Paul Hering is planning a spring inventory of the trailer stored in *Fossil* so it can be organized and restocked for *Fossil Campout*, including the first aid supplies.

Legislative Director: Paula Leslie stated that five bills have been entered and each has a prime sponsor.

BikePAC priorities:

- Dead red light – If traffic light does not recognize a motorcycle or bicycle after a complete cycle, rider can proceed with due caution.
- Repeal of renewable fuels act. (Ethanol being required in gasoline.) Many agencies, business groups, and organizations are getting involved. Very

complex issue.

- Lane sharing.
- Helmet repeal. Age 18+ with P.I.P. coverage.
- Anti-profiling. (Police profiling of motorcyclists.) *BikePAC* is not going to pursue because there is no evidence or documentation. Businesses discriminating against motorcyclists is a different issue, which would not be covered by this bill.

Having a tee-shirt design contest for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Designs are due March 7.

Next *BikePAC* meeting is February 7.

Paula is visiting chapters, encourages chapters to invite her to a meeting.

A.B.A.T.E.'s *BikePAC* representative: Brian Stovall asked the board how *A.B.A.T.E.* would prioritize the five motorcyclist bills.

Discussion ensued.

The general opinion was that lane sharing should be a higher priority than the renewable fuels act. While it is important to keep the helmet issue in front of the legislature, the reality is we will not get it past our current governor.

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall noted that the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* 2015 legislative agenda was published in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* December newspaper and is posted on

<http://www.mrf.org/>

He has signed up a few more members.

Confederation of Clubs representative:

< Vacant >

Unfinished Business

- Deputy treasurer – Executive board determined that this position is no longer necessary. Many thanks to Kay Sipple for helping us through for the past few months.
- Open positions: Vice-coordinator (north) Dave Witmer (*Lower Columbia Chapter*) offered to serve and was elected unanimously. Legislative director
Education director
Public relations.

- Committee report: Western states conference. (No report.)
- Committee report: Tri-fold revision in progress. Teresa updated some of the current tri-folds with labels to show the new membership rate structure and made them available to chapter representatives.
- *S.T.E.A.M.* – Still needs a chairperson. (Committee members: Paula Leslie, Don Mason, Brian Stovall.) Robert will add *S.T.E.A.M.* to the list of events for insurance, as it is not an expensive event. If it does not come together, we won't be out much money.
- Wheeler county grant application for improvements to *Shelton Park* has passed another step in the process. Final decision is expected in February or March. Gene Mortimore is holding donation checks until grant is finalized.

New Business

River City Chapter representative Brian Stovall brought a box of *See's Candies* peanut brittle to pass around for sampling, then offered two more boxes of candy for auction as a chapter fundraiser. Thank you to Paul Hering and Rot Path for buying them!

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: January 10, 2015 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.
- *Fossil Campout* committee at 11 a.m., state board meeting at noon.

Upcoming Events

- February 21 – *Lower Columbia Chapter Crab Feed*. Clatskanie. Tickets on sale now.

Adjourned: 1:57 p.m.



From yer ...



... yet again

Welcome to all the A.B.A.T.E. officers, new or reelected, chapter or state level.

These are folks motivated by a desire to make riding motorcycles a better experience for all of us.

Want to help while learning what these officers do? You can offer your support as an assistant or understudy for officer positions at all levels. (This isn't boot camp. It's okay to volunteer.)

It's a great way to start a new year, knowing that what you are doing could save lives or prevent life-altering injuries.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. has a new state coordinator this year, Paul Hering.

He's a terrific guy, soft-spoken and good-humored. In addition to serving as vice-coordinator (north), he has been the state quartermaster looking after our state property, and headed up the successful fall swap meet in 2014.

One of his goals is to visit each chapter during its monthly meeting. So when it's your chapter's turn for his visit, make a real effort to get to the meeting and meet him.

Glutens For Punishment

Freedom.
With freedom comes choice.

New Year, New Faces

too much freedom ?

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Included in choice is personal responsibility.

Nowhere is freedom of choice and its consequences more self-evident than in what we eat and our resulting physical condition.

Food is bottom of the list when it comes to surviving in the wild. (Preceded by warmth, shelter, and water.) Yet eating is top of most people's daily activity list under normal circumstances.

Trouble is that under our current economic model, food has become a commodity for making profit, particularly at the corporate level.

What does that mean for us everyday real folk?

It means there is competition to make food as appealing yet inexpensive as possible.

Is such cheap eats good for us or is it what our bodies need?

For the most part the answer is "No."

Yet we are conditioned from early life to be believe that fast foods are what we should be desiring, thanks to heavy mass media promotion.

One major problem with our present food supply is an over-reliance on wheat.

Humanoid-like creatures have been

plodding around the surface of this planet for a long time. (Two to three million years.) It's only in the last ten thousand years of human settlement that grain crops were developed as food sources.

But our guts simply aren't equipped to handle the gluten present in many grains such as wheat.

The result is that to varying degrees, out immune systems treat gluten as an infection. Reactions can range from unnoticeable to severe health issues. And when it comes to our brains, the immune response can cause swelling and overheating. Since the brain lacks pain sensors, we may not realize we have a problem until headaches or decreased mental control present themselves.

Of all the people using roadways, motorcyclists need every bit of alert brain power to control their fine machines and survive out on the asphalt.

Try an experiment this new year. Try avoiding wheat or gluten products for a week, then see how you feel. Try being gluten-free for a month and see if that makes a difference in your life quality.

It will be a challenge, because wheat and gluten pop up in the most unexpected places.



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

But it may be worth the effort if it makes you a better rider.

e-House

A good deal of electronic housework goes on in December here at the galactic rim headquarters of the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. newspaper. (But alas, no physical housekeeping.)

Folders and sub-folders are laid out in computers for the coming year's files. Calendars large and small are created for each month's back cover.

Fingers are retrained to type "2015" instead of "2014".

Shoulders are mentally squared and vows renewed to make the next year's newspapers useful, informative, and error-free.

The previous year's newspapers are reviewed from memory with a shudder and a realization that just making less horrible mistakes in the next twelve issues will be an improvement. (North Coast and Shrinker toy run know what that is about.)

Peevish Pet

Why do some people substitute the "@" symbol for "at" when e-mailing ?

It's one letter difference.

Are they really that pressed for time?

Or are they desperately trying to appear trendy ?

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JANUARY Cryptogram

SIP ZFTJ BVFP'T CIPOT

MVZIYQ JI ZFTJ BVFP'T ZFYQWFQV

FYO YVLJ BVFP'T CIPOT FCF AJ FYIJNVP KIAEV.

FYO JI GFDV FY VYO AT JI GFDV F MVQAYYAYQ.

-- J. T. VZAIJ

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page 18)

Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



Annual Crab Dinner

Fund Raiser

February 21st 2015 1:00 – 6:00 pm

Clatskanie American Legion Hall

\$20.00 now or \$25.00 at the door

- A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well



Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, salad, and French bread,
With soft drink or coffee.

Menu may have substitutions due to availability.

Call Eva @ 503-308-2061 for tickets

Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon Inc. Proceeds go to Lower Columbia Chapter of ABATE & College Scholarship fund
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Central Oregon
Douglas County
Hub City

2nd Sunday – 2 p.m.

3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.

3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.

Jackson County

3rd Tuesday – 6 p.m.

Josephine County

3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.

Lincoln County

3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.

Lower Columbia

2nd Sunday – 7 p.m.

North Coast

3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.

River City

1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.

Salem

1st Monday – 7 p.m.

Southeast Portland

3rd Sunday – noon

Washington County

2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.

Izzy's Pizza

The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)

Ciddici's Pizza

1234 Court street

Fruitdale grange

American Legion

Colvin's Pub

Moose lodge

Shiloh Inn

Almost Home

M&M Restaurant

Pine Time

Redmond

Winchester

Albany

Medford

Grant's Pass

Newport

Clatskanie

Astoria

The Dalles

Salem

Gresham

Forrest Grove

BikePAC Report

December 06, 2014

There was a *BikePAC* meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

We reviewed the *Team Oregon* dinner and I pointed out that their presentation of history leaves out the critical involvement of *A.B.A.T.E.* in the development of *Team Oregon*. I will be researching and writing a history piece to try to balance the information currently available.

The bills for the legislative session were reviewed and priorities discussed. We need specific documentable examples of profiling in order to present to the legislators.

On Wednesday, December 10 we held a *Biker Day in the Capitol* and gathered signatures on the bills we are introducing. Paula and Doug have the

final tallies of sponsors. I saw mainly Salem, Albany, *WaCo*, and Portland people there.

I would like feedback from the board of directors about the *BikePAC* agenda and priorities. It will help me represent *A.B.A.T.E.* in planning *BikePAC* activities.

BikePAC membership is up to 69 people, including spouses. We need many more than that. Please be a *BikePAC* recruiter at your local meetings.

BikePAC is having a tee shirt design contest to have a new shirt ready for the *May Motorcycles Awareness Rally*. Entries need to be in to Paula by March 7.

BikePAC spent down it's political

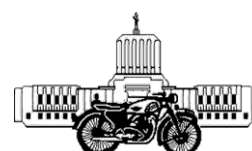
Brian Stovall

BikePAC
liaison



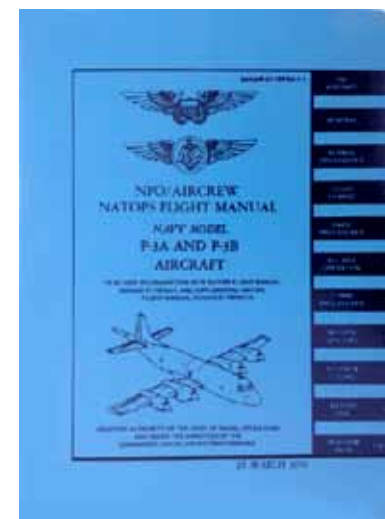
fund on campaign contributions and this will be built up again over time. (Money goes to this fund only when someone designates their membership or donation money specifically to that fund. Ask me for details.)

The general fund received \$5,045.00 and spent \$895.66 for a final balance of \$4,149.34.



BikePAC membership
application on page 18

Is There A MOTOPS In Our Future ?



As the second half of the twentieth century got under way, the U.S. military began transitioning from prop-driven to jet propelled aircraft. Their engines were less complicated and they flew faster. Which meant that pilots could get into trouble a whole lot quicker. Planes and crews were being lost at an alarming rate.

The U.S. Navy began to develop a method to standardize crew training in order to reduce human error as a cause of aircraft crashes. Manuals were issued for each type of aircraft in use by the Navy detailing how to operate the aircraft in the safest manner possible while still carrying out assigned missions. Those manuals were saddled with the acronym, "NATOPS". (*Naval Aviation Training and Operations Standardization*) They were constantly updated with lessons learned from crash investigations. (Written in the blood of those killed or injured.)

The photo above shows a NATOPS manual cover for a P-3A/B Orion aircraft while the photo below details its thickness. Crews needed to know everything in the manual. (It was known as "the big blue sleeping pill.")

Is it time for us to develop a *Motorcyclist Training and Operations Standardization (MOTOPS)* in order to decrease crashes, deaths, and injuries in our rider community?





AmericanMotorcyclist Association

Thanks to the efforts of *A.M.A.* members who called or wrote the Chicago city council in opposition to its proposed E15 fuel mandate, the ordinance has been tabled.

The ordinance would have required about one-fourth of the city's self-serve gas stations to install equipment to dispense fuel with ethanol content as high as 15 percent and to offer E15 for sale.

A.M.A. board member Jim Viverito appeared at two meetings of the council's finance committee to oppose the ordinance. And he says a joint effort with the Chicago chapter of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* resulted in enough pressure on aldermen to kill the issue, at least temporarily.

Two days after the council's finance committee approved the ordinance on an 11-to-5 vote, the full council tabled the issue at the request of mayor Rahm Emanuel. Published reports say Emanuel has not decided whether he supports or opposes the proposal.

"The A.M.A. worked with the local S.M.R.O. (state motorcycle rights organization) to get members and aldermen to oppose this ordinance," Viverito says. *"Judging by the mayor's request, we are being heard. And judging by the tabling of the ordinance, we are being effective."*

The *A.M.A.* opposed the ordinance, because widespread availability of E15 fuel could lead to misfueling by motorcyclists, possibly causing engine damage, voiding manufacturers' warranties, and placing the rider in

violation of federal regulations.

Proliferation of E15 also could crowd E0 and E10 fuels from the market.

None of the estimated 11 million motorcycles in operation today is certified by the U.S. environmental protection agency to use fuel blends higher than E10.

The *A.M.A.* is monitoring the city council's actions to try to prevent this ordinance from returning to the agenda and to defeat it if it reappears.

C.D.C. Task Force Opens Meetings To Public

As a result of urgings from the *A.M.A.*, the community preventive services task force of the U.S. centers for disease control is reopening its meetings to the public.

The *A.M.A.* repeatedly objected to the *C.D.C.*'s expanded focus on motorcycle safety and urged the agency to allow expert federal agencies, such as the department of transportation and the federal highway administration, to address roadway and vehicle safety issues.

Then in 2013, the *C.D.C.* task force decided to exclude the general public from its meetings, citing a provision in the *2010 Affordable Care Act* that broadened the *C.D.C.*'s scope and permitted closed-door sessions.

Following written protests from the *A.M.A.*, U.S. *Department of Health and Human Services* decided in September to again allowed public participation.

Chicago Council Tables E15 Mandate

The task force meetings are now open to those who wish to attend in person in Atlanta, and a live web cast is available for others. Web participants also may submit questions or comments.

Information about the task force and its meetings is available at:

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/about/taskforcemeetings.html>

A.M.A. Sound Testing Kits Available



The *A.M.A.* government relations department is giving away sound testing kits to *A.M.A.* districts, club members, and others who educate riders about sound.

The kits contain a type 2 sound meter, a tachometer, training materials, a spark-arrestor probe, personal protective equipment, and a storage case. Kits are awarded through a competitive grant process. Nine kits will be awarded in 2015.

Applicants must complete a form and return it to the *A.M.A.* government relations department by March 31.

Forms and additional information are available from Marie Wuelleh, government affairs specialist, at:

American Motorcyclist Association

13515 Yarmouth Drive
Pickerington, OH 43147

at:

(614) 856-1900, ext. 1224

or at:

MWuelleh@ama-cycle.org

Applications are considered twice. So, those who submitted applications in 2014, but were not selected, need not submit applications to be considered for the 2015 grants.



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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Congressional Helmet Regulation Relief

Driven by discontent, disillusionment, and distrust, American voters saw red in November's mid-term elections and whisked control of the United States senate to the first republican majority since 2006, winning additional seats in the republican-led U.S. house of representatives, as well as favoring the G.O.P. in numerous statewide races and a majority of gubernatorial contests nationwide.

While most of the electorate is simply happy to see an end to a record \$4 billion in campaign ads appearing incessantly on television, radio, newspapers, e-mail, and mailboxes everywhere, motorcycle riders should be especially glad to have won at least a temporary respite from helmet requirement threats from congress and in states where republicans have remained or gained in governance.

As recently as this summer, the Obama administration included a thinly-veiled attempt to impose a national helmet requirement through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (D.O.T.) surface transportation reauthorization proposal to congress, but the measure was derailed by the republican-controlled house.

Three years ago, motorcyclists across America successfully opposed a proposed amendment to SB-1449, the "Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011" that would have called for a national mandatory helmet requirement for all motorcyclists.

Although federal agencies like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.), the National Transportation Safety Board

(N.T.S.B.), and Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) will undoubtedly continue to advance their pro-helmet requirement agendas, lacking a democrat majority in either chamber will likely curb enthusiasm for helmet requirement mandates from Washington D.C. for now.

New Mexico Pay-To-Play Helmet Regulation

In a unique scheme to punish motorcyclists for exercising their right to ride without a helmet, a discussion draft of a senate bill proposed for the 2015 52nd legislature for the state of New Mexico would create a system of taxation for riders who opt not to wear a helmet.

Specifically, "the department [motor vehicles division] shall make available distinctive motorcycle validation stickers that signify that any person age eighteen or older who operates a motorcycle on which that sticker is affixed are not required by [regulation] to wear a safety helmet. The department shall issue validation sticker when a qualifying person pays the fee as provided for."

A standard validation sticker is just \$15 annually, but it would cost \$692 per year for the "distinctive motorcycle validating sticker" that allows the rider to go lidless. The additional tax revenue to be distributed as follows: \$541.60 to the trauma system fund, \$135.40 to the brain injury services fund, and \$15 as additionally provided by regulation. Otherwise, the rider and passengers must wear a helmet, even though New Mexico regulation currently does not require helmet use for those 18 and older.

"My concern is this will turn into a helmet [requirement] in New Mexico," said Annette Torrez, chairperson for the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (N.M.M.R.O.) and a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) board of directors, who reported on the effort at a recent N.C.O.M. regional meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. "We found out that a lobbyist in New Mexico asked a senator to draft the bill, and though it does not have a sponsor yet, we are currently researching who is behind it."

Texas: No Polaris Slingshots

The Polaris Slingshot, a brand new three-wheeled sports-vehicle now just arriving at dealerships across the U.S., lacks components necessary to be considered "a car" and in most states you register it as a motorcycle. But the Texas D.M.V. says "Whoa pardner, not so fast."

Though Polaris says they'd already received approval from the lone star state to sell their Slingshot there, according to a letter to Texas Polaris dealers posted on a Slingshot forum on November 4th, they were notified by the vehicle titling and registration division of the Texas department of motor vehicles that the D.M.V. is taking the position that even if dealers are licensed to sell it as a motorcycle, owners of the Slingshot will not be able to register it because it is not street legal as far as Texas "motorcycles" are concerned.

The conflict hinges on the wording used to define a motorcycle in Texas. The Texas department of public safety motorcycle operator's manual says

three-wheelers are defined by certain characteristics, one of them being "saddle seating," meaning "seating in which the rider/passenger straddles the vehicle." But the Slingshot's seats sit side-by-side. Because it doesn't have a "saddle," the D.M.V. ruling prohibits the Polaris Slingshot from being registered as a motorcycle, so they will not be sold in the state until this "very urgent matter" is resolved.

The Texas precedence has the potential to sway other states to define the Slingshot similarly, a scenario Polaris is surely hoping to avoid.

Polaris has fought hard for their not-car classification, and have used the fact that their vehicles are legally considered motorcycles to ease their passage through regulatory waters. But this gray area has led to some other unintended legal consequences, such as operator licensing, vehicle registration, and applicable helmet requirements. Ultimately, it has everything to do with the way regulations are written and how "motorcycle" is defined therein, which varies from state to state.

New Regulations For Indiana Scooter Riders

Indiana officials are warning motor scooter drivers that starting in January they'll need license plates on those bikes.

Legislators have approved Indiana's first license requirements for scooters and under the new regulation drivers of scooters with engines of 50 cubic centimeters or less will need to buy license plates and pass a bureau of motor vehicles test involving road

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N.C.O.M. NEWS (continued from previous page)

signals and signs. Operators of scooters with larger engines will be required to follow motorcycle requirements, including holding a valid motorcycle license or learner's permit.

Evansville police officials told a legislative committee that scooters had often been involved in crashes and used in crimes such as robberies, but that the owners couldn't be found because they lacked any registration.

The new regulation doesn't require insurance for drivers of the smaller scooters, and the registration will cost \$26.35, plus a \$10 excise tax.

regulation sponsor representative Dave Wolkins (R-Winona Lake) said not requiring a driver's license for scooter operators was important because he felt it was necessary that those with drunken driving convictions still have a way to get to work.

Record \$4.3 Million Federal Fine

Baja Inc. of Anderson, South Carolina has agreed to pay a record \$4.3 million civil penalty to settle a complaint from federal regulators that it delayed reporting safety defects on its go-karts and mini-bikes, the *Consumer Product Safety Commission* has reported.

The settlement resolves *C.P.S.C.* charges that the firm knowingly failed to report within 24 hours, as required by federal regulation, known defects and an unreasonable risk of serious injury involving eleven models of mini-bikes and go-carts sold nationwide from November 2004 through June 2010.

The defects in *Baja's* products, which consisted of fuel leaks and unintended acceleration, resulted in the recall in 2010 of 308,000 *Baja Motorsports* mini-bikes and go-karts,

which is when *Baja* filed its full report with *C.P.S.C.*

Although the company agreed to pay the fine, it did not admit any wrongdoing and said it was paying to "avoid the cost, distraction, delay, and uncertainty" of continued proceedings.

Previously, the highest penalty the safety commission had issued was a \$4 million fine against *Graco Children's Products* in 2005 for failure to inform *C.P.S.C.* about dangers to children.

Army Bans Basketball Shoes And Club Colors

U.S. military installations worldwide require military members and employees to utilize a variety of safety equipment to ride motorcycles on base that is not required by regulations outside their boundaries. But some new Army rules in Hawaii sound way off base.

On November 1, military police and leaders at all levels began enforcement of U.S. Army-Hawaii policy letter 11 on motorcycle safety, consisting of four major changes to the pre-existing policy, including changes to required safety equipment and prohibited equipment.

"When operating a motorcycle on U.S.AR.HAW installations, riders must wear a D.O.T.-approved helmet, protective eye wear, abrasion-resistant gloves, long pants (excluding physical training pants), long sleeves, and leather/canvass boots or sturdy over-the-ankle shoes."

Such regulations are typical of most military bases, but their new policy *"prohibits riders from wearing high-top basketball shoes while riding."*

Additionally, the new policy specifies the use of reflective gear at all times. Riders must wear either a fluorescent

(brightly colored) and reflective vest, jacket, or upper outer garment, or they must wear a motorcycle specific jacket with padding/armor.

But what's most concerning is prohibited equipment that is *not* allowed to be worn: *"Riders on-post are not authorized to wear any garment that displays an affiliation with a motorcycle club or other group that offers or solicits membership."*

The new policy applies to all motorcycle operators on U.S.AR.HAW installations. In addition, the policy applies to all 25th infantry division soldiers, both on and off-post.

Lane Splitting Poses No Additional Dangers

A series of new studies out of the *University of California, Berkeley* found that the practice of lane splitting poses no additional danger to motorcyclists.

California is the only state that allows for the maneuver, which is the act of a motorcyclist passing slow or stalled traffic by riding in between cars along the lane lines.

Two year-long studies were recently released by *U.C. Berkeley*. They were commissioned by the California highway patrol and the office of traffic safety. They determined that the seemingly risky move of weaving in-between traffic to be *no more dangerous* than just riding a motorcycle, when executed in a safe and prudent manner.

The state-commissioned research considered thousands of crash reports and found lane splitting poses no more risk than riding a motorcycle in a marked lane, with the exception when lane splitting (a.k.a.; lane sharing, or filtering) is done at speeds

over ten miles an hour in excess of traffic flow.

One report is a crash study that examined 8,262 motorcyclists who were involved in crashes while lane splitting between June 2012 and August 2013. The second report examined lane-splitting habits among various groups in 2012 and 2013.

Researchers found lane splitters are less likely to be rear-ended. (2.7% of crashes vs. 4.6% for average motorcyclists.) Lane-splitting motorcyclists involved in crashes were notably less likely than other motorcyclists to suffer head injury (9.1% vs. 16.5%), torso injury (18.6% vs. 27.3%), or fatal injury. (1.4% vs. 3.1%)

Lane-splitting in California appears to be on the rise, with 62% of motorcyclists admitting to lane-splitting on both freeways and other roads, a 7.5 percentage-point increase over 2013.

Data from the studies will be shared with the C.H.P., which this year began working on guidelines for lane-splitting.

Authors say the report, the first of its kind about lane-splitting, will be followed up by more in-depth analysis, including looking at rider age, rider gender, motorcycle characteristics, along with collision and roadway characteristics.

In many countries, lane splitting and filtering are normal practices for motorcyclists, particularly in highly urbanized areas of Europe and Asia.

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Down Under**

Following consultation with riders, motorists, and road safety groups, the government of Queensland, Australia decided to make changes to the regulations regarding motorcycle riding.

Beginning early next year [2015] motorcyclists will now be able to move around stationary or slow moving vehicles, as long as they are traveling less than 30 kilometres an hour. (18.64 mph)

A trial in New South Wales found lane filtering could help ease traffic congestion. Transport minister Scott Emerson agreed it should be rolled out in Queensland, but it will only be allowed for experienced riders and won't be allowed in school zones during school hours.

Among other "sensible changes," motorcyclists will also now be able to legally stretch their leg off the bike to help avoid fatigue, take both feet off the footsteps to reverse into a parking space and turn their head to do a shoulder check.

Quotable Quote

"Since when do we have to agree with people to defend them from injustice?"

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(1905-1984)

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation**New N.H.T.S.A.
Administrator Announced**
(November 20, 2014)

It may have taken nearly a year, but President Barack Obama has finally made his choice for *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (N.H.T.S.A.) administrator. The white house announced it was nominating Mark Rosekind, currently a *National Transportation Safety Board* (N.T.S.B.) board member, to lead N.H.T.S.A. Rosekind now faces senate confirmation.

House energy and commerce committee chairman Fred Upton has said that he's glad to see the president is "*finally taking steps to fill this critical safety post, especially in light of the mounting recalls.*"

Rosekind, sleep scientist by training, has been on the N.T.S.B.'s board since 2010. Before that, he spent thirteen years as the president of *Alertness Solutions* and also worked for N.A.S.A. for several years.

Transportation secretary Anthony Foxx called Rosekind a "*leader ready-made for this critical responsibility,*" adding it would be his job not only to hold automakers accountable, but "raise the bar on safety." According to the N.T.S.B. web site, Rosekind is a leading expert in human fatigue.

N.H.T.S.A. has suffered amid harsh criticism, claiming that the agency has sat on the sidelines concerning recent auto part failure recalls, such as the *General Motors* ignition switch, and now, the *Takata Corporation* airbag recall.

"*Rosekind has his work cut out for him,*" said Jeff Hennie, vice-president of government relations and public

affairs for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. "We look forward to working with him as we tackle highway safety issues in an appropriate way." Hennie added.

At the time of this release it was not known if the senate will take up the nomination before the scheduled adjournment in December.

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The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The M.R.F. is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *The M.R.F. Reports*.

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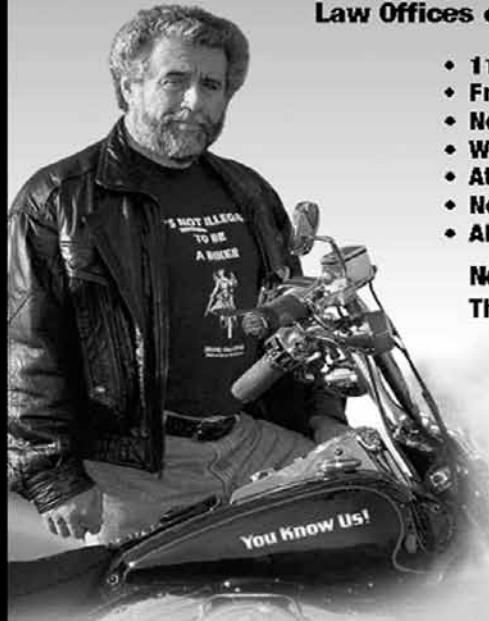
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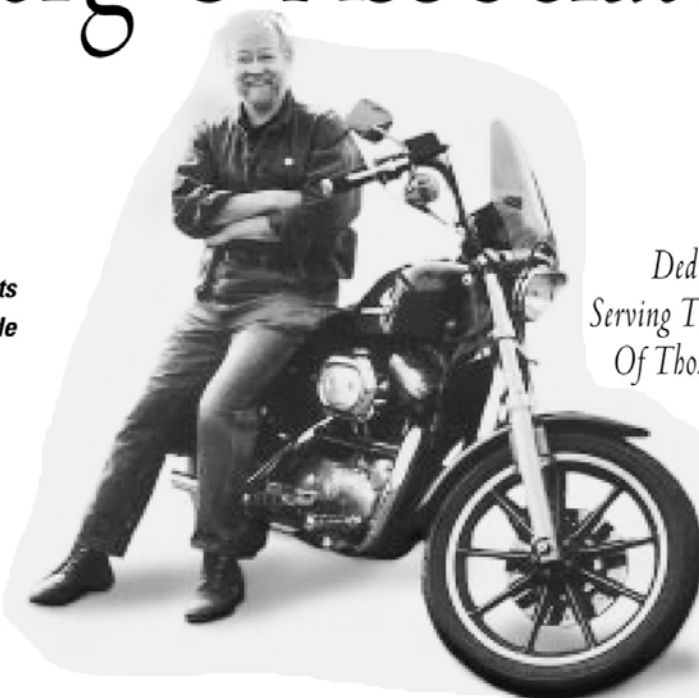
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C O R O F A S D
K L A T O L G I
U S G O S G I N'

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
North Coast area										
Kirt Hagart	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Coast area										
Rod Hatter	(541) 997-969	Florence	X			X	X		X	
Ralph, Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X						X	
South Coast area										
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X				
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X			
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X			
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/ Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X		
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/ Myrtle Point						X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X			
Washington County area										
Mike Darneille				X	X				X	
Paul Hering			X	X	X				X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503)-649-7344			X					X	
Allan Nichols	(503)-341-6157				X					X
Gordon Sahnou			X	X	X				X	
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ed, Tina Vaughn	(503)-nnn-nnnn		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625			X					X	
Portland area										
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X		
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X	X		
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X	X		X		X	X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X	X		
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X		

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

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?

Please call
(503)-838-6893
if your information changes.

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I O A H N E A O
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K L A T O L G I
U S G O S G I N'

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
Salem area										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X	X						
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem				X	X	X		
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton					X			
Willamette Valley area										
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X	
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-0728	Sweet Home	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X	
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X	
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X		X	
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X			X	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X		X	
Southern Oregon area										
Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judi Berglin	(541)-272-7505	Medford			X		X		X	
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X	
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Central Oregon area										
John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X			X	X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X			X			
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X					
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X		X	X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X			
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X		X		X	
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X	X			X		X	
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
other areas										
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

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Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT>

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available. This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcycles, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means you, telemarketers.) If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to statenews@gabateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

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Steel flag mount with 3' x 5' U.S. flag for *CVO Softail Convert*. Should fit docking hardware of many other bikes with similar design. Flag and mount available for viewing, fitting at *Salem Harley* by service desk. Try it out. If you want it, leave \$120 cash in envelope marked "Bruce" with Ty at service desk. Ride safe. Bruce Mazell (Feb2015)

For Sale

1985 *Evo FXRT*, black, no tour pac, 2,5000 miles. \$7,200
 2006 *Honda* helix scooter, yellow, new tires front and rear. \$2,275
 Rotten Roger (503)-285-4329 (Dec 2014)

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 -- Elaine Devone (formally Gary and Elaine)
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Police Stop Form (Help us track why motorcyclists get pulled over - prevent profiling and harassment)

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The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (YES) (NO)

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

IF THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPECIFY: _____

You should IMMEDIATELY obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were charged with a crime.

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? (YES) (NO)

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN _____ VERBAL _____ BOTH _____

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

Have you gone to court? NO: When is court Date? YES : How did you plead? _____ If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ _____

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO) If no when is your court date? _____

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence?

FINE : \$ _____ ASSESSMENT: STATE \$ _____ COUNTY \$ _____ CITY \$ _____

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: _____ LOST WAGES: \$ _____

Briefly describe the evidence you presented at your trial (or include a copy) _____

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe: _____

You may request copies of all reports and materials, including video and audio tapes, within 72 hours of a traffic stop.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2015

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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M.R.F. representative			
Brian Stovall	(541)–340–9442		
Confederation of Clubs representative			
Pat Allen	(541)–659–8715	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

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att. MEMBERSHIP
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Portland, OREGON

97208

(Return address)

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NEW ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____
ZIP CODE: _____
MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
SIGNATURE: _____

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership Application

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (____) - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

How would you like to receive your state newspaper?
 Print version mailed to your address.
 Download PDF version from state web site at:
<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

Membership Rates:

number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single*	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Family* <small>(Includes couple. Additional family members \$5 each per year.)</small>	\$ 45	\$ 80	\$120	\$200
_____	Associate** <small>(Includes name printed in state newspaper.)</small>	\$100	\$190	\$280	\$450
_____	Sustaining*	\$100			

_____ Life* \$400
(Individuals only. Join second chapter for \$5 per year.)

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

(revised Jan 2015)

Total members: _____

Date paid: _____



Chapter: _____

New member ?

Yes _____

No _____

Patch Received ?

Yes _____

No _____

Renewal ?

Yes _____

Membership # _____

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, OREGON
97208

Notes:

*** Single, family, sustaining and life member benefits:**

- Patch (first year), card
- Accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members
- Discounted admission to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events
- Qualify for *Team Oregon* tuition reimbursement offers as may be set by the board.

**** Associate member benefits:**

- Certificate of membership for group
- Associate cards for each listed member
- Accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members
- Discounted admission to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* events.

How did you hear about *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*?

Comments: _____

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 10 Jan 2015

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue

Albany, Oregon

• 11 a.m. Fossil meeting

Biker riding out on new year's day,
Bleary-eyed and lookin' kinda grey,
Forget resolutions,
Fry-up's the solution,
Then go lookin' for a better way.

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2015 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:
15 Feb 2015	Chilly Buns Run / Hub City	Albany	
21 Feb 2015	Crab Dinner / LoCo	Clatskanie	(503)-308-2061
02 May 2015	Motorcycle Rally / BikePAC	Salem	
16 May 2015	Spring Run / LoCo		
22-25 May 2015	Fossil Campout / ABATE	Fossil	
27 Jun 2015	Car Show / LoCo		
04 Jul 2015	Burgers In The Park / LoCo		
19 Sep 2015	Fall Run / LoCo		
17-18 Oct 2015	Planning Session / ABATE	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.)	The Loft (Del Rey Cafe); 5669 N.E. Stephens st.; Winchester	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	1234 Court street; Medford	(541)-
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-659-8715 Spanky
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd 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 Indian Creek members	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	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.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684