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State Swap Meet Coming 18 April

Hello everyone the year is already moving faster than we want and the state swap meet will be here sooner than we are ready.

The data is set for Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*.

Applications for vendors are going out. If you have a vendor who was not there at our last event, please let me know and we will add them to our list.

More to come as the event comes together.

A big thanks to all for your participation.

If you would like to help with security please let me know.

-- Todd Sahlberg
state swap meet coordinator



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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

As I sit here on Sunday afternoon, I look back at our state board meeting held just 24 hours ago. I look at how fortunate we as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* are to have such a dedicated group of people who are willing to work together for the greater good of the motorcycling community.

I started our meeting with my view and hope for 2015, that we as individuals overcome our past problems and focus on being a brotherhood!

I believe that we all want to achieve the same things. We just have to look for ways to compromise to get there. Open and honest communication is the best way to achieve everything.

Great things are already happening. The 2015 legislative session is due

to start on February 2nd.

Through the efforts of *BikePAC* and other dedicated folks, we have four bills already written and ready to be introduced. There will be bills introduced for “dead red” lights, renewable fuels (ethanol), lane sharing, and also a bill for helmet repeal.

All this happened with the help of *BikePAC* and many people willing to show up for legislative days in Salem. These efforts are most noticeable in the interest and support from our state representatives and state senators.

Although not all these bills will pass, I believe we are making great inroads at the state capital.

A big thank you to Paula Leslie for her efforts as the leader of *BikePAC* to

keep our issues progressing through the system.

I urge each one of you reading this article to re-commit to your local *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter. Each and every member is important, no matter what it is you do.

I will end this by wishing all of you a happy Valentines day. I hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul Hering



Paul Hering

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



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

Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

We are expanding our list of events this year to include another poker run. We are trying to host a free motorcycle skills course in addition to our traditional *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges* and our *Teddy Bear* runs. As soon as we get a few more details finalized, we will have more information on our events.

This year is also a legislative year. This is the time to start writing or e-mailing your senators and representatives urging support for the bills *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* are presenting this year. Every letter and e-mail helps.

We need to be about more than just the parties.

We have a chance at some victories this year. We need everybody's help to

reach our goals.

Let's all work together to make it a fun and successful year.

Hope to see you on the road (once it gets a little warmer),

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

**Report not
received**

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



How exciting to be in a new year and all the promises it entails.

While I am writing this, I find that I am sad about the changes that have gone before, yet heartened by the work that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* is setting out on to provide the promise within our mission statement.

On page 16 of the January state newspaper there is a Oregon legislature contact list, so there is easy access to get that phone number and give your

legislator a call.

If you are not a member of *BikePAC*, please consider doing so. The work they do is invaluable.

For any members of *Indian Creek* reading this, you can put in a report to this newspaper. I will be posting each month but, hopefully, not I am alone. Reports just need to be in by the 10th of each month.

At one time I was able to attend meetings (state board, *BikePAC*, chap-

ters), but with the reversal of fortune, there is now a deficit in my incoming moneys. Be that as it may, I will continue to support and share as long as I am able to.

Here is to a beauteous, bountiful and the best of years, 2015,

-- Michelle Jayne FitzHenry
Indian Creek

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— **Note** —
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- If Indian Creek members would like to have meeting times and locations listed, please e-mail information to:
- news@abateoforegon.net
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**Salem area Indian Creek
MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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



Good day to all,

Jackson County will have a lot going on and start our year with meeting at the bingo hall in White City. If they approve, we are going to have *Bingo for A.B.A.T.E.* as a fund raising event two times a year.

All are invited to the swap meet in April. This is a joint venture with *Josephine County Chapter*, so please come and show your support. Date is the last week in April. We will keep you updated.

Let's have a great year as we kick off our events and may all be safe,

-- Todd
coordinator
Jackson County A.B.A.T.E.

Jackson County**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Motorcycle Madness
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Hub City*

Hub City Chapter starts the new year with a lot of new faces on the board for the chapter.

We say goodbye to many who have stepped away from their positions after many years.

We say thank you to our secretary for many years, Mary Burnett, and our coordinator for several years, Monika Sims. Monika will still be around as our state board representative.

Al Sims has now stepped totally away from our board, but will be around to help when needed.

We wish to thank Mary for her long service to the chapter (for all but two years since we chartered), and Monika and Al for their many years of dedicated service to *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* and *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* in general.

Our new officers are:

Director – Tracy Traw

Vice director – Tom Corrick

Secretary – Amy Johnson

Treasurer – Robin Rich

Run coordinator – Brad Upton

Legislative – Dave Ezell

Coming up, *Hub City* is again sponsoring Don Nash's *Chilly Buns Poker Run* on February 15. The starting point is the Stayton *Bi-Mart* parking lot at 1701 Shaff road, Stayton, Oregon.

First bike out at 10 a.m., last bike out at 11 a.m.

Last bike in at 3 p.m. at *T.K.'s Mar and Grill*, 76 Sherman street in Lebanon, Oregon.

High hand = \$100.

Low hand = \$50.

Poker cards = \$5 each, available at the start and the end.

Raffle and 50/50.



The *Chilly Buns Ride* has become a traditional first mid-winter ride for the mid-Willamette Valley.

On my first time eleven years ago, there were only about 40 of us who braved light drizzle. Two years ago we had some snow in the Mill City/Lyons area, but we all persevered and enjoyed the ride knowing there was going to be some great chili at the end!

See you all there,

-- Bob Wiro

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

January 1st was the annual *Southern Oregon Polar Bear Ride*. The staging was from three places: southern Medford, Central Point, and Grants Pass. The destination was Rogue River *V.F.W.*

I rode with the Grants Pass group. There was somewhere between 40 to 50 bikes.

Kick stands up at 11:00 a.m.

There was a little too much ice on our usual back roads, so we rode down I–5 at freeway speeds to Rogue River to meet up with the other two groups at the *V.F.W.* hall for champagne brunch and camaraderie.

Total bikes in the parking in Rogue River was 100-125.

While this was the seventh time that I took this ride here in Oregon, this one was special to me. In

November I underwent some major surgery with the goal to ride again on January 1st. At age 83, I look forward to each day I can throw my leg over my bike.

First of the year and it's time to start thinking about this year's calendar.

First event out the gate will be our annual *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*. Two-day event, April 25 – 26 at *Touville Lodge* in Central Point. We are looking forward to working with Jackson County chapter to bring you the best swap meet ever.



Other events:

- May 2nd – *Motorcycle Awareness Day* in Grants Pass
- May 9th – *Safety Awareness Day*
- Aug 1st – *Coast Run*
- Aug 7-9 – *S.O.S. Campout* and state meeting
- Oct 4 – Toy run

-- Lance Tolle
chapter quartermaster
state sgt-at-arms (south)

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**

We are looking at February already. I'm not sure what happened to time. I do hope that you had a wonderful holiday season.

We saw over 300 children receive gifts from Santa Claus and it was a sight to behold.

Thank you, Steve, for coming down for our toy drop for the children. Lots of pictures taken with Santa that the families could pick up on the following Monday for free.

I do hope your Christmas was as happy as ours.

Of course New Year's is a lot quieter than it was when we were young.

It turned cold here, so not much riding going on. Sure not warm enough for me.

We are looking at a couple of things

for the coming year and seeing about raising some money. Who knows what will happen? Just talk at this time.

Looking forward to a new year with a positive attitude and fresh hopes.

I ran across some interesting information in the new *Old Farmer's Almanac* desk copy I got at Christmas and thought 'd share it:

What Cows Know

When a cow bellows in the evening, expect snow that night.

When cow fails her milk, expect a storm and cold.

When a cow stops and shakes her foot, bad weather is behind her.



Ride safe and stay 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**

To **all** members of *North Coast Chapter*,

We need you!
Feb. 17th 5:30 p.m.
Astoria Moose Lodge

See you there,

-- 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**

Lower Columbia had a great end to the year 2014.

In December, it is our tradition to sponsor families in need for the “full meal deal” Christmas. We again did this by giving nine different families with children a Christmas dinner and gifts. This is one of the wonderful community involvement activities that we love to end each year with.

Our new officers have been getting their “feet wet” this last month. I would like to welcome:

Coordinator – Phil Warnke

Vice-coordinator – Robert Jones

Secretary – Eva Bridges

Membership secretary – Eva Bridges

Treasurer – Lee Young

State representative – Cindy Witmer

Run coordinator – Donnie Vittitoe

Historian – Harry Blakey

Sgt-at-arms – Willy Brown

Lower Columbia Has Crabs!

Our annual crab dinner will once again be held this February 21st.

1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Clatskanie American Legion hall at 930 NE 5th street in Clatskanie Oregon.

Cost is \$20 advanced or \$25 at the door.

Contact Eva at (503)–308–2061 or a *LoCo* member

Menu includes: One whole crab, ear of corn, salad, French bread with soft drink or coffee. (Menu substitutions may occur due to availability of crabs*.)

Thank-you to all the officers who have served this last year or years. Hopefully we can fill half of your shoes because you guys did such an awesome job.

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down.

Respectfully,

-- Phil Warnke (coordinator)



* From the ocean.

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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Clatskanie, OR 97016

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

January 6, 2015

Tonight we heard that our candy sale earned over \$3,500!

We also decided to donate \$300 to the Laura Stewart fundraiser that will take place this weekend. This is an opportunity to help and support someone who has consistently supported us. Laura has annually donated a custom made jacket for *A.B.A.T.E.* to raffle at *Fossil Campout* to benefit emergency medical technicians there. She has been consistently helpful to our organization. She is now having difficulty with her health and could use some help.

Gene reported several contacts about proposing that *A.B.A.T.E.* join *American Motorcyclist Association.*

This generated a large discussion in the chapter. It was not favorable to the idea.

That lucky Steve won the membership game for \$5. (He won it at \$40 in December.)

Lee won the 50/50 at \$17/16 and donated \$12 back to the chapter. Thanks, Lee.

**Upcoming Meetings**

February 03, 2015

February 17, 2015

River City**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)

Shiloh Inn

The Dalles

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The Dalles, OR 97058

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

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

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

Washington County

Washington County Chapter had a great year in 2014 with several successful runs that were fun and had great turnouts.

We, like other chapters the last few years, do have problems with getting members active in the programs and active participants in taking office positions. We were looking shaky until election night. Then had some people step up and take some positions, giving those who have been holding them a break.

I would like to thank all of the past officers of *WaCo* for their dedication and hard work to keep things running smoothly.

I would like to give a special thanks to the clubs that came out for our annual toy run and especially to the *Alky Angels* for their fantastic donation of toys. (They actually had to back in a van full of toys.) These folks made the toy run a real success and I'm sure

there were hundreds of children this Christmas who were filled with smiles. Thank you!

Welcome to the new *WaCo* officers for 2015.

I would love to see more members show up and support them this year. Volunteer to give them a hand.

We will have four major runs this next year and could use your support and attendance. Take some time out and at least show for the run and have some fun.

-- Steve Coffman
2014 coordinator
WaCo A.B.A. T.E.



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



Hello from *Southeast Portland Chapter*,

We had a few changes in officers and we're all excited about a new year and all the challenges that come with it.

As always, we're hoping for new ideas or even some old ideas we haven't used in a while.

Southeast Portland Chapter was a money making machine at one time. I'm hoping we can turn this all around with the fun of doing something as a group and in time making it grow together. Please come and join us in a meeting and bring your ideas.

Scott Kendall, our road captain, is looking forward to planning some

runs for the chapter to put on. He has some really good ideas. He also wants to start doing some rides after the meetings again.

Our meetings are the first and third Sunday of every month at the *M&M Restaurant and Lounge* located at 137 north Main street in Gresham, Oregon.

Hope to see you there!

Ride safe and hope to see you soon,

-- Tim McDowell

secretary

Southeast Portland Chapter

Southeast Portland
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M&M Restaurant & Lounge
 137 N. Main -- Gresham

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Our Officers at Work

fine folks attending = 26

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes10 January 2015 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)**Teresa Hepker**state
recording
secretary

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:03 p.m. with nine of twelve chapters represented. (Arrival of *Central Oregon* representative late changed attendance to ten chapters.)

Seven chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent or unexcused chapters:

Salem, Douglas County.

Pledge of allegiance: Lead by Randy Phipps (sergeant-at-arms (north))

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

Guests and first time attendees: Betty Engel (*Hub City*), Pat Wine (*Josephine County*)

Reading, approval of December board minutes: Motion made by Jack Wingfield to adopt as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Brian Stovall.

Motion passed.

Executive Board Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering noted that this year being the 40th anniversary of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, he stated that his focus will be on *A.B.A.T.E.* as a brotherhood. He asked everyone to remember that goal. By stepping above personal disagreements and joining together as brothers and sisters we can get our work done and do our job of representing our members.

Secretary report, correspondence: Teresa Hepker stated that out-of-state newsletters available for anyone who is interested.

She has assembled a motion log for 2013-present, but 2013 is incomplete.

She hopes to fill in the blanks from 2013 newspapers.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer wants to visit chapters and do what he can to help them do well.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen is working with *Douglas County Chapter* to help pull it back together.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice < Excused >

Treasurer: Karen Tolle presented 2014 year end profit/loss:

Beginning balance = \$10,131.34

Ending balance = \$18,257.88

Profit for 2014 = \$8,126.54

Most of this gain resulted from cutbacks in travel and conference spending.

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg said that she is still working closely with Karen Tolle to catch up with all backlogs and develop an efficient procedure for processing memberships.

Currently, Randy gets the mail twice a week in Portland and forwards it to Karen in Grants Pass. Karen deposits the money, then mails the paperwork to Kathy in Medford. Kathy then enters the information in the membership database and mails cards to the members.

In December, the holidays caused additional delays, so Kathy has not yet completed all of the December memberships.

Sanctioning officer: Robert Terrill noted that 2015 insurance has not yet been paid, He is working with two chapters to get all information included. He will finalize insurance by next weekend and will have insurance in place by February 01.

State Officers' Reports

State auditor: Cindy Witmer said that our accountant has asked all chapter treasurers to update their category lists in *Quicken* and supplied the chapter representatives with the correct information. Please make these changes so as of January 1 all entries use the revised categories. If your treasurer has any difficulty with making these changes, Cindy will be glad to help. See her contact information in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path asked chapter representatives to be sure the person responsible for chapter reports knows that the 10th of each month is the deadline for sending in reports unless previous arrangements have been made. He said that usually chapter secretaries are responsible for reports, but it could be anyone in the chapter who is willing to take care of it. Remember that you are writing for a month in advance.

Asked for comments about the 40th *A.B.A.T.E.* anniversary logo he put on the cover of the January newspaper. It was suggested to add "Oregon" and "1975-2015".

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps had no report.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Lance Tolle reported that the January 01 *Southern Oregon Polar Bear Run* brought out about 150 people. After being unable to ride for two months, Lance was happy to join them. It was cold.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop noted that the January 01 *River City Chapter* ride drew four hardy souls, who for some reason decided to warm up at a place called *Frosty's*.

He urged everyone to reach out to chapter members who don't make it to meetings, be friendly and encouraging, and let the people who do attend meetings know how appreciated their participation is.

Products director: Councilman Dave Meeker has been "having fun" with his new computer. He can now send chapters a list of shirts that are in stock.

Has been researching thumb drives as a promotional product. Karen volunteered to help with that.

Don Mason said that his business had bought some at \$6 for 50, imprinted on both sides. Adding prerecorded data would cost about 30 cents each.

Education director: < Vacant >

Public relations director:

< Vacant >

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Rick Prentice was present for 11 a.m. *Fossil Campout* committee meeting, then was excused to attend fundraiser for Laura Stewart.

Committee meeting was well attended. Discussed budget, bands, RV camping, flyer, tickets, vendors, events, and amenities.

Goals are to get tickets printed as soon as possible for presales, finalize flyer once details are settled, update *A.B.A.T.E.* and *Fossil Campout* web sites.

During regular meeting, group decided to continue last year's method

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From yer ...



... yet again

January's state board meeting felt like a continuation of October's planning session — upbeat and full of hope for our future activities.

A.B.A.T.E. board meetings are pretty amazing. Chapter representatives and state officers travel up to three hours or more to attend these monthly sessions where problems are solved or action is decided. (And it is *only* the chapter representatives who can propose motions or vote on them.)

Currently the state board meets at a former *Oregon Electric* railroad station in Albany that is now home to *Ciddici's Pizza*.



(The rails are still in the street under blacktop. You can see them where the asphalt has broken away near the curb.)

State board meetings have roamed around the mid-to-lower Willamette Valley area in an effort to make them accessible to far flung chapters.

For a number of years in the early 2000s, the board met in a former school in Junction City where two railroad lines converged.



(A gift steam loco from Finland, #418, is on display three diagonal blocks away.)

In the late 1990s, yer crusty ol' editor recalls board meetings at a Springfield train station where

attempts were being made to set up telephone conference calls so that distant chapters who had trouble making it to board meetings in winter could still participate.

Now we are on the verge of video conferencing like something out *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

A big question remains — where will trains come in?

We used to have trains as a sub-theme for *S.T.E.A.M.* in Februarys. (*Seminars To Educate And Motivate*) Education coordinator Geoff White used to organize the last ones, dressing as a train engineer and bringing steam train models.



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(big enough to be seen from space)



Alas, Geoff's job began to demand more time from him, so he could not continue as our education officer.

The main ideas behind *S.T.E.A.M.* were to provide training for newly-elected chapter and state officers so they could do their jobs more effectively, and to pass on organizational knowledge. There were guest speakers and information about issues that motorcyclists around the nation and world were facing and how they were dealing with them. *S.T.E.A.M.* was free and open to all *A.B.A.T.E.* members.

When state board officer elections were moved to October, one unintended consequence was that *S.T.E.A.M.* became slightly redundant at the state level, since newly-elected officers were (in theory) receiving training from October until they took over their

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FEBRUARY Cryptogram

XUVNRKSVX DVNRK DVX.

DYRP ZRK KZRKO DVU AZHPRWYRP IZRKO.

RPJ CRVJC ZRK LHNP WVPC.

YD OVN'UP RVW BYWWPR-CBYWWPR,

OVN'HH LP DUVCWLYWWPR!

--VHK DZUBPU'C ZHBZRZI

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)

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of producing T-shirts. (Print on demand at *Fossil Campout*.) Gives attendees great choices in size, styles, and color. Avoids having a bunch of weird size shirts left over.

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg headed discussion of dates.

April board meeting will be as regularly scheduled on April 11.

Swap meet on April 18. (Pending approval by Hillsboro Elks.)

Todd has revised vendor applications: Vendors who stay until 6 p.m. get \$10 refund on booth fee.

Each booth gets two wristbands. Vendors must purchase additional at the door.

Historian: Teresa Hepker noted that three more years worth of state newspapers have been added to *A.B.A.T.E.* state web site.

She has noticed that for historical purposes, flyers for state sanctioned events are included in the newspaper. Other chapter events that don't require insurance don't get published that way, so newspaper articles, flyers, photos etc. would be appropriate to send to the historian.

Web page editor: Carl Earl is updating *Fossil Campout* pages and state officer contact list.

Quartermaster: Paul Hering and Gene Mortimore have a work party planned for spring. Will e-mail details to chapters when finalized.

Legislative director: < Vacant >

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall stated that there was no January meeting.

Legislature goes into session February 02.

Four bills have been written for motorcyclists:

- Helmet use
- Ethanol
- Dead red
- Lane sharing

BikePAC representatives will be meeting with representatives from the petroleum industry, which is also opposed to ethanol in gas.

M.R.F. representative: Brian Stovall noted that two federal bills affect motorcyclists:

- Study the effects of E-15 gas on motor vehicles.
- Ban motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat (Spanky) Allen said that the next *Confederation of Clubs* meeting is coming up tomorrow. (11 January 2015) *Coalition* is urging all clubs to join *A.B.A.T.E.*

Unfinished Business

- Open positions: Legislative director, education director, public relations. No nominations.
- *Western States Conference* committee report: No report.
- Products promotion, print, and web committee report: Dave is learning the computer. Teresa offered to meet with him to take pictures for the state web site. In the meantime, products can be ordered by mail. Please call Dave to order.
- Trifold revision committee report: In process. Plan to have samples for next meeting. Kathy has had requests for trifolds to display in businesses, will send the list to Teresa.
- Quartermaster's inventory, equipment checkout forms committee report: No report.
- *S.T.E.A.M.* needs chair, committee. Discussion. Board agreed that no plan for *S.T.E.A.M.* is coming together this year, so we will not plan for one in 2015. Instead, Karen and Cindy will get together and pick a date and location to hold a treasurer's workshop. This is a high priority for the board.

New Business

- **Motion #1** by Jack Windgfield, second by Lance Tolle: To donate \$300 to Laura Stewart to help her while she recovers from recent health problems. She has helped *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for many years with donations to state and chapter events and fundraisers.

Vote: Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0.

Motion passed.

- **Motion #2** by Jack Windgfield, second by Lance Tolle:

That chapters can make small

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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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MARCH 14 2015

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Info: Phil (503)327-5436

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10 January 2015

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A.B.A.T.E. stickers with chapter under it, to go on helmets and bike windshields. Good for awareness and chapter fundraisers.

Vote: Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0.

Motion passed.

• **Motion #3** by Lance Tolle, second by Cindy Witmer: To give Rot Path a lifetime membership in exchange for phone bills accumulated from March 2013 to Dec. 2014, total of \$636.47.

Vote: Yes = 8, No = 0, Abstain = 0.

Motion passed.

• **S.O.S. Run:** *Josephine County* in charge this year, will welcome help, especially in gathering door and raffle prizes and in volunteer help on August 07 – 09. Please ask your chapters to help. Paul noted that this is the only overnight campout event besides *Fossil* that *A.B.A.T.E.* will sponsor this year.

Announcements

Next state board of directors meeting: Noon on February 14, 2015 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 21 – *Lower Columbia Crab Feed*
Feb. 15 – *Hub City Chilly Buns Poker Run*

Adjourned: 1:56



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duties in January. Another factor was the lack of anyone stepping forward for the state education coordinator position after Geoff stepped down. A downturn in state coffers didn't help the situation.

Other than iffy travel in winter weather, the great thing about *S.T.E.A.M.* was that it brought together members from all over the state in a relaxed atmosphere. (Not just chapter representatives or state officers.) It was a chance to meet and exchange ideas or information, put faces to names or voices. And damn, it was just plain fun.

Although *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* won't be holding *S.T.E.A.M.* this year, the chapter treasurers will be getting together for their own training

session. Perhaps other members and officers could meet at the same time in a different room to exchange information and ideas, like an informal *S.T.E.A.M.*

Meanwhile we need someone to step up for the state education coordinator position so that we can bring back *S.T.E.A.M.*

We think that *you* could do it.



Finnish #418 in Junction City

STEAM

Yer crusty ol' editor received a touching surprise at the January state board meeting: an *A.B.A.T.E.* life membership along with a round of applause.

"Gee Dobe, I'm getting all misty."

Thus begins c.o.e.'s fouteenth year and Rot Path's sixty-fifth trip around the sun.



April 25 & 26, 2015

Fri: 9:00 - 7:00 vendor set-up
Sat: 9:00 - 7:00, Sun: 9:00 - 5:00

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon State Swap Meet

coming on

Saturday 18 April 2015

Hillsboro Elks Lodge



AmericanMotorcyclist Association

The U.S. Forest Service has investigated four incidents in which vandals endangered the lives of motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders by burying spikes along trails used by off-highway vehicles and others, the *American Motorcyclist Association* reports.

The spiked strips, which resemble heavy barbed wire, can cause flat tires on motorized vehicles, which could cause loss of control and result in a crash. The booby traps also threaten the safety of hikers and horseback riders and even the wildlife that travel along trail corridors.

Two incidents came to the attention of the *A.M.A.* in May through *A.M.A.* life member Jerry Abboud and the *Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition*. (*C.O.H.V.C.*) The *A.M.A.* then began working with *C.O.H.V.C.* and western states politicians to ensure this matter was fully investigated.

In September, U.S. senator Michael Bennet (D-Colorado) wrote a letter to *Forest Service* chief Thomas Tidwell citing concerns about the dangerous and illegal trail spikes. Bennet's letter was cosigned by senators John McCain (R-Arizona), Mark Udall (D-Colorado) and Jeff Flake (R-Arizona)

Joe L. Meade, director of recreation, heritage and volunteer resources at the U.S. department of agriculture, responded to the senators on December 8. He reported that the *Forest Service* received four reports in the past five years: two in Colorado and two in Arizona.

"These incidents appear to be random acts that were intended to target both

non-motorized and motorized trail users," Meade wrote. *"We have issued public awareness press releases and have shared the information with the (U.S.) Bureau of Land Management and other state and local enforcement and land management agencies."*

Wayne Allard (*A.M.A.* vice president of government relations) said he appreciates the *Forest Service's* full investigation of these incidents and hopes that the perpetrators can be brought to justice.

"The people who plant these spikes are putting at risk the lives of innocent, law-abiding Americans," Allard said. *"We join C.O.H.V.C., the Forest Service, and other groups in urging anyone with information about these crimes to come forward."*

In May, the *Forest Service* provided guidelines for anyone discovering booby traps in the trails:

- Document the location. (With latitude and longitude, if available)
- While at the site, try to report the device to the nearest *Forest Service* office, which can be found at: <https://hrm.gdcii.com/directory/>
- Follow the *Forest Service* directions.
- If the *Forest Service* cannot be contacted, conspicuously mark the site to warn other trail users or carefully remove the device.

The *A.M.A.* also requests that information be e-mailed to:

grassroots@ama-cycle.org

Please include the location of the device, a description of the device, the date of discovery, and any other information deemed important or appropriate.

Individuals with information about

found booby traps are asked to leave a message on the *Forest Service* enforcement tip line at:

(303)–275–5266

Motorcyclist Fatalities, Injuries Declined In 2013

[Notice: Mind-numbing statistical news follows]

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) says the number of motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes declined by 6.4 percent from 2012 to 2013, and the number injured dropped 5.4 percent.

In 2013, 4,668 motorcyclist fatalities were reported, down 318 from the 4,986 in 2012.

Similarly, 88,000 "occupants" were reported to have been injured in motorcycle crashes in 2013, down from 93,000 the year before.

N.H.T.S.A. also reported that motor vehicle crash fatalities overall decreased by 3.1 percent in 2013 and injuries declined 2.1 percent.

"While one motorcycle fatality is one too many, we are pleased to see this number decline," said Rob Dingman (*A.M.A.* president and *C.E.O.*) *"It also is good that motorcycle injuries and fatalities are falling at a greater rate than for motor vehicles overall. And we sincerely hope this trend continues."*

One factor in the lower incidence of motorcycle crash fatalities was an 8.3 percent decrease in the number of motorcycle crashes in which the rider was impaired by alcohol, *N.H.T.S.A.* reported.

The *N.H.T.S.A.* report also noted

U.S. Forest Service Responds To Spiked Western States Trails

[They're against them]

that there were 190 fewer fatalities in 2013 among motorcyclists aged 50 to 69 years. That decline represented 60 percent of the total decrease in motorcyclist fatalities.

"Motorcyclist safety is of utmost importance," Dingman said. *"That is why the A.M.A. is participating in the motorcycle crash causation study underway at Oklahoma State University. We hope that the information from this extensive examination of motorcycle crashes will lead to better strategies for making our roads safer for motorcyclists."*

The motorcycle crash causation study is the first comprehensive examination since the 1981 *Hurt Report* on the factors contributing to motorcycle crashes in the United States.

When the project is completed in 2016, it will provide a large and unique data set derived from actual motorcycle crashes and riders with similar risk characteristics, with a focus on the unique circumstances that produce motorcycle crashes.

The motorcycle crash causation study will provide up-to-date information on the types of dangers modern motorcyclists face. The study is important, because it will provide new insights into which factors affect motorcyclist safety and how.

A.M.A. members contributed money to help pay for the study, and the *A.M.A.* encouraged states to redirect unused federal funds to the effort. Supporting the study are the *Federal Highway Administration*, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, and the states of Iowa, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Ethanol Study Bill Introduced

Congressman James Sensenbrenner has once again introduced a bill that would call for the study of mid-level ethanol blends and their effect on internal combustion engines.

The *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* issued a waiver to the *Clean Air Act* that allowed for the sale of ethanol blends of up to 15 percent. The *E.P.A.* never studied the effects of the high blend on the power train of any vehicle. They only studied tailpipe emissions.

HR-21 calls for the study of the new, untested, higher blends. Some motorcycle manufacturers are voiding warranties if the 15 percent blend is used in the vehicle.

Beyond voiding a warranty, if you use the E15 blend in your motorcycle, you are violating federal legislation. According to final ruling, motorcycles are not included in the waiver, and therefore making it illegal to use the blend. The waiver for using the E15 blend is limited to light trucks and passenger cars. Specifically the rule states that the E15 blend can only be used in 2001 and newer light-duty passenger cars.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* urges you to call your members of the house of representatives and ask them to cosponsor HR-21.

For more information on the *E.P.A.* final rule, go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/oms/regs/fuels/additive/e15/420f11023.pdf>

Senate Bill To Ban Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints Funding

A bipartisan bill introduced by U.S.

senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) would prohibit the use of federal funds in establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Specifically, the *Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act* would restrict the secretary of transportation from granting funds to any government entity for a program to check helmet use or to create checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle. The *American Motorcyclist Association* and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* fully support the bill.

“Motorcycle-only checkpoints are discriminatory, forcing riders and their passengers to do something not asked of other citizens, simply because we choose to travel on two wheels, or three, instead of four,” said Wayne Allard (*A.M.A.* vice president for government relations) *“The A.M.A. believes the money used for these operations could be better spent supporting programs that conduct rider education, reduce distracted driving, and encourage motorist awareness of motorcycles.”*

“We are excited to work on this most important issue,” said Jeff Hennie (*M.R.F.* vice president of government relations and public affairs) *“It is imperative that we end the discriminatory act of motorcycle only checkpoints.”*

Motorcycle riders already are subject to state registration, inspection, licensing, and helmet regulations. They must stop at sobriety checkpoints like all other motorists.

The *M.R.F.* and *A.M.A.* have fought motorcycle-only checkpoints since New York state announced plans to set up fifteen of them in 2008 to stop riders on their way summer motorcycling events.

“Evidence suggests that motorcycle-only checkpoints do not effectively reduce motorcycle injuries or fatalities and do not address the factors that are the main contributors to motorcycle [crashes],” the senators wrote in a press release about the bill. *“Accordingly, N.H.T.S.A. does not list the practice in its own 2013 Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide for state highway offices, which details policies and activities that the agency considers effective at reducing crash injuries and fatalities.”*

States use funding from the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* to pay for the checkpoints, so federal legislation can halt the practice.

If passed, this federal bill will cut off *N.H.T.S.A.* funding and ensure that riders across the country are safeguarded from these ineffective and discriminatory stops.

“Using motorcyclists tax dollars to discriminate and harass them with mandatory roadside checkpoints in the name of safety is offensive and just plain wrong. No one is more aware of the condition of the motorcycle than the person riding it,” Hennie said.

“If the N.H.T.S.A. truly is interested in motorcyclists’ safety, it would fund proven programs that help prevent crashes, rather than these checkpoints,” Allard said.

California, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Virginia have passed legislation curbing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Are you a member of a state motorcyclists' rights organization? Yes No If yes, name:

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Distracted Driving Targeted In Washington Video

The *Washington State Motorcycle Safety Program* recently released a new motorcycle awareness video targeting inattentive drivers. Created with teen driver education students in mind, the eight-minute-long film starts by showing a teen driver cruising the streets in a car while eating and listening to loud music.

When he turns left into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist, time stops, giving both the driver and rider a chance to exit their vehicles and talk to each another.

After some initial frustration, Randy the motorcyclist gets in the car with Ian, the teen driver, and teaches him the dos and don'ts of how to drive when sharing the road with motorcyclists. Randy's lessons include looking twice before turning and giving motorcycles more space.

The two eventually return to their vehicles and the inevitable crash takes place.

"The video is meant to be a relevant and easily accessible tool for driver training providers to use as they fulfill the motorcycle awareness requirement of their curriculum," states the Washington state department of licensing, adding that the *W.M.S.P.* is supported by motorcycle endorsement fees and is tasked with providing public awareness of motorcycle safety, motorcycle safety education programs including classroom and on-cycle training, and improved operator testing.

The *YouTube* video *Motorcycle Awareness - A Second Look* has already been viewed over 100,000 times in the first three weeks:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_b3T7u4ZJ1Y#t=19

New Mexico Helmet Sticker Opposed

In response to a senate bill draft creating a sticker riders would have to pay for in order to exercise their freedom of choice in helmet use, the *New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (N.M.M.R.O.)* has authored a letter of opposition supported by the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* and the *N.C.O.M. Legislative Task Force (N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.)*, among others, it states:

Dr. Kurt B. Nolte, M.D.

office of the medical investigator;

"It has recently come to the attention of the New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization that a bill was drafted on your behalf by Clifford Rees at the New Mexico legislature. If passed, this bill would impose a \$692 fee on motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet. As an organization we are interested in hearing your justification for placing this burden on the public and if you think that placing helmets on motorcyclists would decrease the number of motorcycle crashes.

Our organization would be pleased to share government statistics with you which show that 58% of all motorcyclist deaths are experienced by riders wearing helmets. We would also like to point out that it has been proven that [crash] prevention has a much bigger impact on preventing motorcycle injuries and fatalities. Helmets have not been shown to prevent motorcycle [crashes] and in some cases, can increase the chances of a [crash] occurring. We have also worked

with the New Mexico department of transportation to try to improve the awareness of drivers on New Mexico's roads in respect to motorcycles as another method of [crash] prevention.

If in fact you do intend to proceed with your present actions, we would like to spend some time with you looking into what effect this would have on the motorcycle riders of New Mexico and not just assume that it would be beneficial to their safety. The N.M.M.R.O. and New Mexico state representative Rick Miera (a long-serving member of the N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.) are available to meet with you to discuss this issue further."

Thank you for listening to our concerns on this subject,

-- Annette Torrez

chairperson *N.M.M.R.O.*

(member of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors)

California Lane-Splitting Proposed

From across Europe to throughout Asia, motorcyclists around the world routinely "filter" their way between lanes of slow-moving cars. But here in the U.S., only riders in California are allowed to "lane-split" through congested traffic. Not so much because it's legal, but because there are no specific regulations addressing the issue.

That may soon change, as assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) has introduced assembly bill number 51 [AB-51] to specifically regulate the practice.

According to *A.B.A.T.E. of California*, their lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, has contacted the author's legislative

staff who said the measure was introduced by their office because of the widespread newspaper and television coverage regarding lane splitting and the general public's ignorance of the legality of the issue. The staff members are willing to accept amendments to improve the bill language but are seeking to "codify", or write into California statutes lane splitting legislation to ensure it is not completely outlawed after the *C.H.P. (California Highway Patrol)* was forced to remove their lane splitting guidelines [from their web site] last summer.

AB-51 seeks to amend section 21658 of the California vehicle code to "authorize a motorcycle to be driven between rows of stopped or [slow-] moving vehicles in the same lane if the speed of traffic is 35 miles per hour or less and the motorcycle is driven no more than 10 miles per hour faster than the speed of traffic."

A violation of the vehicle code is a crime, so the bill would create a new criminal penalty.

In addition to general opposition to over-regulating an accepted practice, "Obviously this bill is not something *A.B.A.T.E.* can endorse, especially when it limits lane splitting to traffic speeds of 35 MPH or less," said Dave Hastings, *A.B.A.T.E. of California* executive director. "We will implement a plan of action to kill this bill or at least amend it into something that the riders of *California* can live with."

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Motorcycle Crashes Go Up With Gas Prices

A new study suggests that as gas prices rose in recent years, so did motorcyclist injuries and fatalities, because more people start using motorcycles and many of those riders are inexperienced, the researchers explained.

The analysis, published in the *Journal for Injury Prevention*, revealed a strong association between rising gas prices and an increasing number of motorcycle registrations, along with motorcyclist injuries and deaths. But it did not prove a cause-and-effect link.

Analysts examined data gathered between 2002 and 2011 in California, which has the highest number of motorcycle registrations in the United States and the third highest number of motorcyclist deaths, and extrapolated that higher gas prices resulted in an additional 800 deaths and 10,290 injuries among motorcyclists in California over the ten year period.

Sudan Civil Unrest After Banning Motorcycles

In the Republic of the Sudan, an Arab republic in the Nile Valley of North Africa, local youths have protested an order by the West Kordofan governor banning the use of motorcycles inside the town of Meiram.

Local authorities have taken steps to better regulate and license the use of motorcycles, saying they were being used to smuggle goods into rebel-controlled areas.

The order prompted unrest in the market including some shooting in the air after armed local youth refused to implement the order.

Eyewitnesses told *Radio Tamazuj* that about five youths had been arrested over instigating chaos in the area. A source said that some shops have remained closed or on standby until life has returned to relatively normal.

Ethanol Temporary Reprieve

The ethanol industry dodged a bullet recently after the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* deferred action on permanently lowering the amount of renewable fuels that must be blended into the U.S. gasoline supply.

Rather than deciding to change the methodology of the mandate included in the renewable fuel standard regulation (currently based on steadily increasing levels of ethanol-blended fuels) as it first proposed last year to lower the required annual levels, the *E.P.A.* opted to wait until 2015 to decide.

While the delay gives the renewable fuels industry time to regroup and lobby for higher levels, the final quota will likely be less than the original mandate required, but avoids an outcome that could have been much worse for the \$30-billion-a-year industry.

Meanwhile, many motorcycle and automobile organizations (among others) continue to lobby against ethanol, not just because its unapproved use can damage some internal combustion engines, reduce power and mileage, and void manufacturer warranties, but opponents also argue that ethanol pollutes more than the oil it's meant to replace, takes more energy to produce than it delivers, drives up cost and scarcity of food resources, doesn't reduce our oil-dependency, and the

government subsidies being paid for ethanol production steals funds that could improve our highways, bridges and infrastructure.

Weird News

New Zealand Couple Fined \$40K For Helmetless Riding

A couple in New Zealand have been fined \$20,000 each following multiple instances of riding a quad bike without a helmet.

According to the *New Zealand Herald*, Phillip Andrew Jones and Maria Anna Carlson, share-milkers from Marlborough, had been seen riding their all-terrain vehicle without helmets multiple times dating back to 2012.

The pair were both fined under the *Health and Safety in Employment Act*. Jones was charged with failing to take all practicable steps to ensure no other person was harmed at work while riding a quad bike, and Carlson with failing to take all practicable steps to ensure her own safety by wearing a helmet, and the safety of others by not carrying her children on a quad bike.

"Quad bikes pose a serious risk on farms, and on average five people were killed and 850 were injured every year," said *WorkSafe* spokesman Francois Barton, adding that Carlson was twice witnessed riding her quad bike without a helmet after a prohibition notice had been issued and the second time she had two young children with her on the bike.

Carlson admitted that despite owning helmets she didn't wear one because *"it becomes just a little bit of a hassle."*

Quotable Quote

"You don't always win your battles, but it's good to know you fought."

-- Lauren Bacall

(1924-2014)

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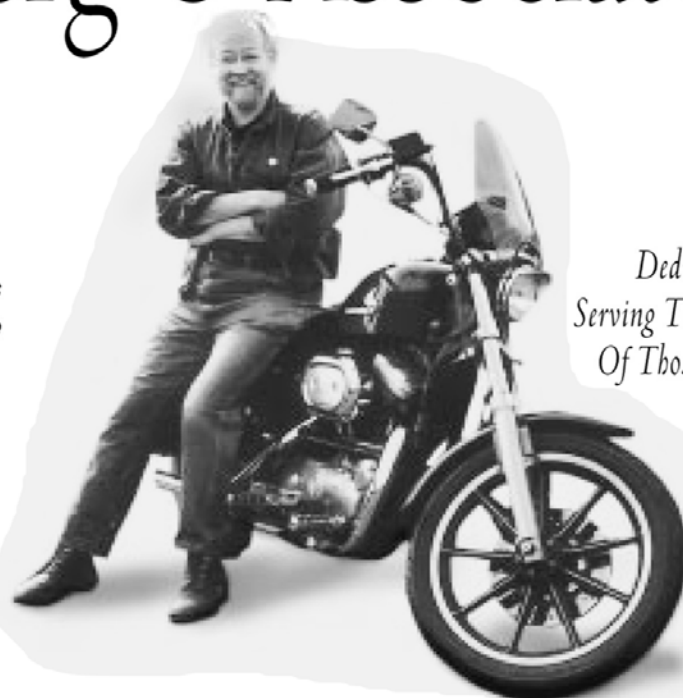
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NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

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 \$ _____

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

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M.R.F. representative			
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Confederation of Clubs representative			
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

(Return address)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

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

Membership Rates:

number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years	
_____	Single*	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125	(please circle desired duration of membership.)
_____	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* <small>(Individuals only. Join second chapter for \$5 per year.)</small>		\$400			

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Total members: _____
Date paid: _____



Chapter: _____	
New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	Membership # _____
Patch Received ?	
Yes _____	
No _____	

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: _____

February 2015 (imboldic) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	2 Salem / Indian Creek 1900 (7 pm) <i>groundhog day</i> (see the movie)	3 River City 1900 (7 pm)  quickenning moon	4	5	6	7 BikePAC noon Salem library
8	9 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	10	11  4th quarter moon	12 Abraham Lincoln's birthday	13	14 ABATE B.O.D. noon Ciddici's Pizza Albany, Oregon 11 a.m. - Fossil meeting <i>Valentine's day</i>
15 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon) <i>Susan B. Anthony's birthday</i>	16 <i>George Washinton's birthday</i>	17 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) North Coast 1730 (5:30 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm) <i>mardi gras</i>	18  new moon	19 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm) Jackson County 1800 (6 pm)	20	21 <i>Ben Franklin birth day</i> (Go fly a kite)
22	23 Washington County 1930 (7:30 pm)	24	25 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)  1st quarter moon	26	27	28




STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 14 Feb 2015

1200 (noon)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue

Albany, Oregon

• 11 a.m. *Fossil* meeting

Have A Smart Phone?

(Or a reasonably intelligent communications device ?)

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



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
14 Mar 2015	Anniversary Party / SE-PDX	Gresham	
18 Apr 2015	Stae Swap Meet / ABATE	Hillsboro	
25-26 Apr 2015	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	Central Point	
02 May 2015	Motorcycle Awareness Rally / <i>BikePAC</i>	Salem	
02 May 2015	Motorcycle Awareness Rally / ABATE		
16 May 2015	Spring Run / <i>LoCo</i>		
22-25 May 2015	Fossil Campout / ABATE	Fossil	
27 Jun 2015	Car Show / <i>LoCo</i>		
04 Jul 2015	<i>Burgers In The Park / LoCo</i>		
01 Aug 2015	Coast Run / <i>JoCo</i>		
07-09 Aug 2015	S.O.S. Campout / <i>JoCo</i>	Wolf Creek	

Of birth dates this month are at least three,
Our state, two presidents, see-oh-ee,
Though centuries apart,
They are of one heart:
A love of people and liberty.

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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.)	<i>Izzy's Pizza</i> ; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)-504-1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>The Loft (Del Rey Cafe)</i> ; 5669 N.E. Stephens st.; Winchester	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC) [members-at-large]	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
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.)	<i>American Legion</i> hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	2nd Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Colvin's Pub & Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Shiloh Inn</i> ; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem Indian Creek members	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684