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Promoting motorcycle awareness, education and safety

December 2016

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## Budget Meeting & Pizza

before December board meeting

1100 at Ciddici's in Albany

**Sustaining Members** 

- Troy Davis Family
  - Concho Clink

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Hello,

I thought I would offer my love and peace and hippie beads to my other chapters in A.B.A. T.E. to let you know that I am proud to be a member.

I might not get out like I use to.

But, I still enjoy the newspaper,

remembering to spend time with but others. people who you miss.

Life is short.

It has been quite the year.

Let us join in with the new year and

especially, Rot Path's point about find that time, not only for ourselves,

Peace.

Kindest regards,

-- Michelle J. FitzHenry

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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 Brother-hood Against Totalitarian Enactments, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as *BikePAC*.
- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, onroad or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.
- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to *A.B.A. T.E.* Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists. *BikePAC* works within the political process.

## Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

## **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

#### 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.

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

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 $\mathbf{A}$  = Single entity.

**B** ROTHERHOOD = 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.

E NACTMENTS = To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinence; a decree; a regulation.

officers at work

## State Coordinator

Seasons greetings!

Well the national election season is over.

Did you vote?

Did your candidates win?

No matter which side you were on, I think we all have a lot to look forward to.

On the state level, we have a lot going on politicly already. *BikePAC* of *Oregon* has been very busy getting motorcycle legislation ready to be introduced into the 2017 session in Salem. Check out the *BikePAC* web site to find out more.

Look for announcements calling for help talking with our legislators when the time comes. We will need volunteers to help move the wheels through the system.

Each chapter should have also

had your elections for next year's officers. I hope that each member has considered taking a position on your local board of directors, New people and new ideas is what has kept our organization going for the last forty years.

The other important thing we need to focus on is new members. Please talk with other motorcycle riders and impress upon them the importance of all of us banding together for a common goal: *The right to ride free*.

I hope that you all have a merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul Hering



Paul Hering

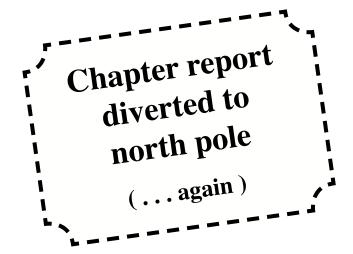
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#### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

## Central Oregon





# CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) Kelly D's Irish Sports Bar & Grill 1012 SE Cleveland street Bend, Oregon

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# **Douglas County**

Happy holidays everyone,

The October meeting was full of excitement to make this a great year. The ideas were flying. This is a very enthusiastic group to spread awareness and safety.

We are getting to know each other and working as a team.

We are all working hard to learn our positions and collaborating on the new years events.

The results of our October officers elections is:

Coordinator: John Kamfonik
Vice-coord: Larry Hammy Aguayo
State representative: Diana Nicolay
Recording secretary: Joy Reyes

Membership secretary: Michelle McKinney



**Treasure**: Larry Haseltine

Public relations: Larry "Hammy" Aguayo

Whooo hoooo Thank you everyone. Diana Nicolay and Karen Tolle went to the swap meet in Hillsboro on November 5th. Diane said "It was good to see, meet, and catch up with A.B.A.T.E. members". On Diana and Karen's trip home, they got to talk with state senator Jeff Kruse. Very cool!

The December chapter meeting is on the 22nd at 7 p.m. at *Abby's Pizza* at 1661 NE Stephens street in Roseburg. (If this changes, I will post it on the *A.B.A.T.E Douglas County* group page. If you're not able to go to the

group page, please call or text me at **(541)–219–0678** I will keep everyone updated.)

Please stay safe out there,

-- Michelle McKinney
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# Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)

Round Table Pizza
2040 NW Stewart parkway
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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Jackson County

Hello to all and hope the christmas season is going well for you.

Our *Breast Cancer Poker Run* went off with a big hit this year and we have almost doubled the donation to each center this year. Thank all of you for your support and we all look forward to the next year and what it has to bring.

I know that we have all started the planning for the next year and how we can make things so much better for all and keep them exciting. So just keep a calendar of all the things that you can be involved in, whether it is just being able to participate or get in and help show your support.

#### Sanctioning

Starting a new year and a new set of insurance, so if we can get in the request and paperwork, I would like to start this in the month of December and not wait until the new year starts so that we can start and have everything in place for the first run in February. If you are having issues with an event, please contact me and we can work it out. If I do not know about it, then I can't fix it.



## Jackson County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

4<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City

Greetings from Hub City A.B.A.T.E.,

Can you believe that it is November already?

In October we had two state board meetings and our planning session.

Nic went to all of them and he got in the first strike in the annual *A.B.A.T.E.* dinner at *Pinocchio's Pizza* in Cottage Grove with his flying tomato slice. And then he had what he called "his stupid moment" when he tripped on the steps and skinned his knee in the restaurant. He is still laughing at himself and the dinner war.

One of the things that came up was the state of *A.B.A.T.E.* Nic has been telling me stories of when he was a young biker (wish I knew him back then) and all the fun they used to have.

He told me about how the older bikers would have shop nights every week and everyone would work on everyone's bikes to get all the bugs worked out for riding, which they did every weekend.

He said they rode to parks, stopped and drank beer and goofed off till dark, then rode back to San Diego to one of the guys' homes and continued the beer and stories.

He said the old guys didn't have to worry about bikes needing work as there were none of the computer type garbage to work with back then and tinkering was a great past time.

He did say that the garbage can for the beer cans filled up quickly every weekend

Once a month, someone hosted a





kegger in their backyard and everyone chipped in a couple of bucks and there was another party.

Nic said that they all refused to grow up back then and fighting was rare as even the clubbers back then were always part of this friend or that friend's extended family and there was just too much fun to ruin with fighting.

He said they used to have a betting board on who was going to pass out

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

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

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

# Josephine County

Greetings and salutations fellow members and guests,

Lots to catch up on.

Last weekend [05 November] was the state fall swap meet in Hillsboro. As is typical for this time of the year, our event was weather dependent. At the *Elks Lodge*, we had sprinkles most of the day while a big part of northern Oregon experienced a deluge.

Our attendance was up from last year, but lower than 2014. Visitors are finding us. Vendors are making money, so it looks like this is a good location for our swap meets. We will be working on the food service for next year.

We keep hearing "Why don't we go back to the Portland armory?" Cost of

the room, no parking, and the fact that they can pull the plug at the last minute are a few of the reasons we have stopped going to the armory. Of course we respect their needs to use the space as they need for military purposes. But it puts us in a bind if they (the National Guard) have troop movements that preempts our event.

The third week in October found us once again in Cottage Grove at the annual planning session. The *V.F.W.* was unavailable, but the *Quality Inn* gave us a good deal on their conference room, so that's where we held our meeting. It was convenient and much easier to find. [c.o.e. note: *And attendees could wear their pink fuzzy bunny slippers to the meeting.*] Minutes of the meeting were published in the November state



newspaper.

Membership was a big discussion. How to get new members and retain the old ones. Fees, benefits, and categories were also discussed. Insurance benefits will be an on-going discussion, waiting on clarification from the insurance company.

The first Saturday in October happened to fall on October 1st.

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# Josephine County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

It's pouring down rain here on the coast. [Mid-November.]

Or as my friend Jack says, "The ambient humidity level is high at the moment".

However you say it, riding will be in short measure for a while.

The October meeting again was well attended with *Beaver Creek Run* details continuing to being worked out.

When Bob opened the new business of nomination of officers, you could hear echoes reverberating from the proverbial pin being dropped.

We bikers like riding and hanging out with other riders.

But committing yourself to an office is not something easy for us to do.

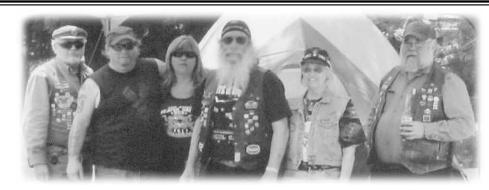
The down side of this (one of the down sides), is that the same folks who were responsible for carrying the load in the past are feeling the pressure to continue to do so to avoid the collapse of the chapter.

Nominations were continued until the November meeting.

For a long time now, when a rider meets another rider in the other lane, they usually give them that little "Brothers-of-the-Road" wave. I certainly do and I encourage others to do it also.

There's another situation where it coffee. might also be appropriate.

You know that moment when you're cruising along and there is a car about to pull out ahead of you. You see their wheels starting to move, then they stop



and wait until you go by them. Give them the wave also. Let them know you appreciate it. I have gotten some feed back about this, and trust me; they get it.

Rain gear, face shields, and Spanish coffee.

-- Skid More

# Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 p.m.) American Legion Hall, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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

I would like to thank everyone for their work, efforts, and participation in all our meetings and events this past year.

By the time this comes out, we will have completed our last two events: the *Spaghetti Feed and Auction* and our *Holiday Run and Chili Feed*.

Thank you for your support of our chapter.

And I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We will see you next year and began a new chapter in the life of *North Coast A.B.A.T.E.* 

-- Carl Earl chapter coordinator



## North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)

Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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

## Lower Columbia

The holidays are here and the weather has definably turned to the worst riding weather.

We are voting on new officers and we will be welcoming back some of the old.

I thank you all for the support during my time as coordinator. I could not have done this without our locals' support.

Thank you again for that and I look forward to working with everyone in a new roll for next year.

Ride safe,

-- Phil Warnke coordinator – *LoCo* 



# Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### October 18, 2016

We had another boisterous meeting with long reports and interesting discussion.

We began nominations for 2017 officers.

Rebel's daughter, Willow, won the 50/50 at \$14/13 and donated \$4 back to the chapter. Thanks, Willow.

Chris Vieria would have won the membership game for \$5 if he had been present. It will be \$10 next meeting.

#### **November 01, 2016**

Tonight's meeting was very productive. We started filling out the volunteer schedule for the candy sale.

Teresa has placed the first order and it will arrive on November 17.

Brian will need help moving it into the house.

We renewed our post office box.

Brian made a motion, seconded by Teresa, to buy 100 raffle tickets from Gene. (*Stewart Leathers* \$500 gift certificate. Proceeds go to Fossil emergency medical technicians.)

Sandy Loop won both the membership game and the 50/50 game. She donated her share of the 50/50, \$19, back to the chapter. Thanks Sandy.



Gene brought up the idea of vending ice next summer during the unusual large gathering of people near Mitchell for the total solar eclipse. We will try to learn more soon and see what develops.

#### River City MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

## Southeast Portland

Seasons greeting!

I want to thank the *River City Chapter* for having the *Shriner Toy Run* raffle bike at their annual candy sale during the last week of November. Your help in selling raffle tickets is greatly appreciated.

Well, this is all about the 2016 A.B.A.T.E. / Shriners' Toy Run.

The committee is way busy attending to the details of making the run go according to our master plan.

Here are a few things for your inquiring mind:

- **1**. We will be starting our festivities at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 3rd.
- **2.** The parade format and route are the same as last year. We are going

to have 200 bikes and trikes in the parade. All slots in the parade are on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **3.** There will be twenty special slots for bikes and trikes that are festively decorated. We will be giving out a \$50 cash prize for the best decorated ride.
- busy **4.** We will have a 50/50 drawing. ( It was \$600 last year.)
  - **5.** All riders who are not in the parade are on their own and have to obey the regulations of being on the road. We have alternative routes to the hospital for those riders who are not in the parade.
  - **6.** Fred Meyer, Oregon Health Science University (O.H.S.U.), and the

Shriners have policies that require everyone who is on their property to refrain from having, using, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol. You can smoke cigarettes on the *Fred Meyer* property but you cannot smoke cigarettes on the *O.H.S.U.* or *Shriners* property. No

pets are allowed on the O.H.S.U. or

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Shriners properties.

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## Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

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http://www.abatetoyrun.com

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

# Washington County

By the time you are reading this we will have closed out our *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run* back on November 19th.

We will also have held our *Taurus Judge Revolver Raffle* and I am sure the winner was jumping for joy.

Depending on the date you are reading this, you might be able to make our final meeting of the year. While we do have some business to attend to (like officer elections), there will also be an end-of-year celebration with your normal "biker night" flair. Join us at the *Prime Time* in Forest Grove on December 12th for that.

And with that, I bid you a wonderful holiday season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ride safe, Ride smart, Ride,

-- Goat secretary *WaCo Chapter* 



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## Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930 (7:30 p.m.)

Prime Time Restaurant 4450 Pacific avenue Forest Grove

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P.O. Box 202 Cornelius, OR 97113 our officers at work

fine folks attending = 18

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

12 November 2016 (Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon)

**Call to order, welcome**: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:08 p.m. with seven chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters: Douglas County.
Absent, unexcused chapters:
Central Oregon, Southeast Portland,
Jackson County (broke down on the
way).

#### Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Louise Davies.

**Reading, approval of minutes:** Motion made by Karen Tolle to adopt as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Nic Oliver.

Motion passed by voice vote.

# **Executive Board Officers' Reports**

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering thanked everyone who showed up at the state swap meet on 05 November. It was a success. A vender sold a motorcycle for \$20,000. Gene sold his shovel head. We had 235 through the gate. We also had six to eight vender no-shows.

Thank-you to all the veterans for your service.

Secretary report, correspondence: Teresa Hepker (Absent, excused) In absence of Teresa, minutes being recorded and submitted by Cindy Witmer.

No correspondence.

**Vice-coordinator** (north): Dave Witmer expressed concern about membership falling off. Discussed ideas about how to get members.

**Call to order, welcome**: The Remember to have fun. Visit other leeting was called to order by Paul clubs that have open meetings

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen visited with associate groups about the changes that are going into effect from planning meetings of 2015 and 2016. Most of the groups are not very happy.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice spoke about *Pendleton Bike Week*. He's been in contact with eastern Washington chapters about helping. Reached out to the *Eagle Riders* and anticipating more participation from them.

**Treasurer**: Karen Tolle

Checking = \$ 7,563.31 Savings = \$ 31,962.30 Paypal = \$ 200.00 <u>U.S. Postmaster = \$ 130.19</u> total = \$ **39,855.90** Swap meet net income = **\$1,352.35** 

**Membership secretary**: Kathy Sahlberg (Absent)

**Sanctioning officer**: Todd Sahlberg (Absent)

#### Officers' Reports

**State auditor**: Cindy Witmer Southeast 90 days behind

End of the year is coming please make sure your treasurers have their reports in.

**Newspaper editor**: Rot Path Chapter reports should have been in on the 10th.

No reports from: Jackson County, Josephine County, Lower Columbia, Washington County.

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

Sergeant-at-arms (south):

< Vacant >

**Sergeant-at-arms** (east): Steve Bishop thanked all who participated in the swap meet. From his view point it was very successful.

**Products director**: Ted Tracy (Absent) Chapters would like to see larger sizes in t-shirts, other clothing.

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

Public relations director:

< Vacant >

**State run coordinator** (*Fossil*): Rick Prentice noted that 2017 will be the fortieth anniversary of the *Fossil Campout*.

Need volunteers and someone to take on the bike games and the bike show. Trophies are being made. Bands have been contacting him wanting to play at the fortieth campout.

**State swap meet coordinator:** Todd Sahlberg (Absent)

**Web page editor**: Carl Earl said that he is ready for the 2017 event information. Chapters can e-mail

him the information so he can get it on the web page.

**Quartermaster**: Paul Hering, Gene Mortimore. The stage at Fossil is coming along. (Slow but positive.)

**Legislative Director**: < Vacant > Paula reporting.

Getting ready for the 2017 legislative year.

Democrats control the state legislature, while republicans control the federal legislature.

Vice-president-elect is a rider.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall stated that the BikePAC summit was a huge success.

*BikePAC* was 100% correct on all their predictions on Tuesday's election.



# **Cindy Witmer**

acting state recording secretary elf

They are moving into the strategic mode getting on lane sharing and vehicular assault.

Paula and others have been visiting other organizations and clubs, talking about *BikePAC* and the support they need.

Join *BikePAC*.

*M.R.F.* **representative**: Brian Stovall emphasized that every individual and chapter should be a member of *M.R.F.* and *BikePAC*.

**Confederation of Clubs** representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen noted that nothing has changed.

Other organizations and clubs are also down on membership

#### **Unfinished Business**

Ad for the new *Team Oregon* workbook is completed and turned in. Ad gives short history of how *Team Oregon* was started and how to join *A.B.A. T.E.* and stay informed.

#### **New Business**

- Pendleton Bike Week is July 19-23, No vender fee. Talked about those who work at the booth along with help with the rally will receive a VIP pass to all the events. We should have something to hand out. (Key chain, sticker, etc.)
- Gene Mortimore reported that Mitchell in Wheeler county has been named the prime spot to watch the solar eclipse, which will be happening

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# A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting 12 November 2016

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the morning of 21 August 2017. There is an opportunity for us to host and run a campout there because *A.B.A.T.E.* has done a successful campout in Wheeler county for thirty-nine years. Gene will keep us informed.

- Budget for 2017 unfinished at planning meeting.
- Budget meeting planned for December 10th at 11 a.m., before the next state board meeting.
- Paul has had new chapter notebooks made with the by-laws and the operational manuals. Every chapter should have one.
- **Motion** was made by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County*), seconded by Brian Stovell (*River City*) to donate \$1,400 to *M.R.F.* as budgeted. Amended to \$1,000 to more closely match our membership.

Motion passed.

#### **Announcements**

Next state board of directors meeting: 12 p.m. on 10 December 2016 at *Ciddici's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon. (Budget meeting at 11 a.m.)

#### **Upcoming Events**

19 Nov	Spaghetti Feed
	North Coast
19 Nov	Toy Run
	Washington County
25 Nov –	See's candy sale
23 Dec	River City
03 Dec	Shriners' Toy Run
	Southeast Portland
03 Dec	Holiday Run
	North Coast

Adjourned: 2:45

## Upcoming 2016 Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Events

Date:	Event:	Chapter:
25 Nov-23 Dec	See's Candy Sale	River City
03 Dec 2016	Shriners' Toy Run	Southeast Portland
03 Dec 2016	Holiday Run	North Coast

Monday, 21 Aug 2017 - 10:15 a.m. Oregon total solar eclipse

#### Hub City

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first.

Kind of like a football pool. Could be fun? L-O-L

I wonder . . . why can't A.B.A. T.E. chapters do similar things with the membership?

Bring back the fun and have parties! A couple of bucks and a trash can with ice and a keg stuck in it and look out for the fun as it is coming fast. The bushes got extra protein from people emptying their stomachs on them. ( I know, "Ewwww".) and silly games to keep things rolling.

We all do so much for *A.B.A.T.E.* but what about ourselves? I know that Nic and I would love to have twenty, thirty or more show up for a kegger and party in Alsea, but the last time we hosted a party, we only got four or five people. What a waste.

It's a great ride to Alsea and we have a half acre surrounded by open land on two sides, our neighbors on only one side, and the road on the fourth.

These are things that could keep *A.B.A. T.E.* alive and even maybe bring in more members?

We could mentor the younger riders and show them that old school doesn't mean one foot in the grave, but it does mean we learned how to party a looong time ago and can still do it.

What do you think?

-- Louanna Oliver *Hub City* member

## Josephine County

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Seemed early for the first toy run of the season. There were lots of food, toys, auction and raffle items. *JoCo* had a good turn out and the kids of Wolf Creek and the north valley will be kept warm with all the gloves, mittens, new sock,s and wool caps, in addition to all the new toys that will be under Christmas trees this year. Thank you to all our supporters .

We meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass.

Our November meeting was a turkey and ham potluck.

December will be beef and chicken potluck.

Potluck starts at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Guests are always welcome.

See you down the road,

-- Karen









## **Year-End Scars**

the story of our year

" Our child,
So innocent and new.
How long before the world
Leaves its scars on you?"

-- Pat Henderson



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

( big enough to be seen from space )

Every year begins with hope for a better future, for good health and creating wonderful memories to warm us through grey winter months.

Trouble is, life gets in the way.

By the time the end of the year finally rolls around, most of us are a bit battered, with new scars, physical and mental, to show that we survived another orbit around our primary star. ( Not all do.) But it's those scars that make us who we are. They are the result of living, of life lessons.

At a science fiction panel once, yer crusty ol' editor heard mention of a novel in which a brave warrior was taken up by the gods after a fierce, deadly battle and was restored to life and perfect health. Upon waking, the warrior was angered to find that all

her battle scars were gone. She was upset because each scar told a story of her life.

So it is with scars we accumulate during succeeding years. They demonstrate that we've tried. Even if we don't always succeed, we learn. And our scars remind us of what doesn't work.

So as this year winds to a close, take pause to examine the scars you've acquired this year. What did you learn from each? What will you do differently next year?

And have a quiet thought and smile for those who are no longer with us.

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Before the holly daze begin, we find ourselves once again looking towards longer days and sun.

## DECEMBER Cryptogram

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P.S. It took three days to create the cover graphic . . . and the chocolate ran out.

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Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like on page 18

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#### **Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

# **Guidance Issued For Cyber** Security, Driverless Vehicles

*Washington, D.C.* – Despite the interfere with the recent election. year winding down, the federal administration continues to be active on issues that affect bikers, particularly within the U.S. department of transportation. (DoT)

As part of their latest effort to keep up with rapidly developing car technology, [in late October] the agency issued proposed guidance for vehicle cyber security for automakers. This issue is closely related to continued advancement of autonomous or "driverless" vehicles on the nation's roadways.

Motorcyclists have raised concerns that the technology and cyber security systems must have strong enough standards to ensure safety and security precautions and therefore eliminate any risks to motorcyclists who are likely to share the road with self-driving cars in the not-so-distant future.

According to the guidance issued this week, the agency recommended that automakers and technical companies include multiple layers of protection in their designs and consider digital threats based on their level of risk. This is in an effort to address instances of hacking, an increasing concern not just limited to transportation.

In recent weeks there was a massive internet outage experienced by many Americans caused by unknown hackers.

The issue of the cyber security had also become a reoccurring theme in the U.S. elections. The democratic national committee was hacked by assailants, likely in an effort to

Clearly, the aforementioned instances demonstrate a vulnerability within the U.S. government's ability to help protect against breaches and other security failures that can put motor vehicle safety at risk.

As more and more automakers shift towards developing autonomous vehicles for use on the nation's roadways, cyber security of these vehicles must be a key consideration, not just for the drivers, but everyone on the road, including bikers.

#### **Voluntary Guidance Criticism**

Though DoT secretary Anthony Foxx says ensuring the cyber security and protection of autonomous vehicles is a "top priority" for the agency, legislators have said the guidance is not enough and that more needs to be done.

Democratic senators Richard Blumenthal (Connecticut) and Ed Markey (Massachusetts) released a statement in response to DoT's 24 October announcement stating the following:

"If modern day cars are computers on wheels, we need mandatory standards, not voluntary guidance, to ensure that our vehicles cannot be hacked and lives and information put in danger."

Many motorcyclists would agree.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is currently in the process of filing official comments with the agency reiterating this exact point.

While emerging technology is generally positive, proper precautions and standards must be achieved



in order to ensure the safety of all roadway users.

#### **Activity Across the Puddle**

Legislators across the European Union have also started to discuss the issue of autonomous vehicles and have been working with industry on how to build better standards for cyber security.

Car safety checks, brakes, and seat belts have been regulated for decades, but cyber security on entertainment systems or G.P.S. navigation have not been regulated in either Europe nor in the U.S. Instead, the common practice has been to let automakers come up with their own solutions instead of imposing regulatory requirements.

As autonomous vehicle technology develops, cyber security related to the control of these vehicles must be carefully and closely regulated to ensure all roadway users are safe.

For more information on the guidance including a copy of the policy and instructions to comments, go to the link below:

http://www.nhtsa.gov/About-NHTSA/Press-Releases/ nhtsa\_cybersecurity\_best\_ **practices\_10242016** 

#### M.R.F. To Serve On **Self-Driving Vehicles Advisory Committee**

In October, the U.S. department of transportation (D.O.T.) announced a new federal advisory committee on automation in transportation.

The primary purpose of the committee (known as A.C.A.T.) will

be to assess DoT's current research, policy, and regulatory abilities to advance the safe and effective use of autonomous vehicles.

More specifically, the committee gather information present recommendations the transportation secretary about automated transit vehicle technologies and other advanced technology deployment in the area of surface transportation.

Ric Mellon, an active member of both the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) and A.B.A. T.E. of Wisconsin, has been nominated to serve on the advisory committee, given his expertise in the area of motorcycle safety and information technology.

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (president of the M.R.F.( had this to say in his letter of endorsement, "[Ric] has a record of reliability in being able to speak to the impact that Intelligent Transportation Systems (I.T.S.) and autonomous vehicles will have on the almost ten million registered motorcyclists on our nation's roadways. . . . Mellon can provide critical information, advice and recommendations to the U.S. secretary of transportation on the safety, societal, ethical, and real-life impacts this emerging class of vehicles may impose on motorcyclists."

Both federal and state legislators quickly followed suit, drafting their own letters of recommendation for Mr. Mellon. Federal legislator Reid Ribble has drafted a letter of support along with Wisconsin state senator Kathleen Vinehout. Senator Vinehout touted Mr. Mellon's "depth of knowledge" and "leadership skills as executive director and board member of A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin".

The M.R.F. has been active in the on-going discussions regarding autonomous vehicles and recently

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issued DoT guidelines. The organization filed official comments with the agency by the November 21 deadline and also plans to participate in upcoming public meetings the agency is holding on the issue.

The *M.R.F.* is focusing its comments around four key areas that may affect bikers:

- **1.** The unique attributes of a motorcycle in relationship to autonomous vehicles.
- **2.** The need for rigorous standards when it comes to cyber security.
- **3.** The importance of establishing clear liability in future crashes involving driverless cars.
- **4.** General concerns over the scope and enforceability of the recently issued DoT guidelines.

Nominations to the *A.C.A.T.* committee closed in early November and announcements of appointments should be determined in early 2017.

#### Southeast Portland

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- **7.** The *Shriners* are asking that everyone who is sick or has symptoms of anything contagious to stay out of the hospital.
- **8.** Visit the toy run web site for more information on the run:

#### http://www.abatetoyrun.com

- **9.** The Southeast Portland Chapter is very interested in making the 2016 A.B.A.T.E. | Shriners' Toy Run a very special time for everyone.
- **10.** We are hoping that mother nature gifts us with a nice day on December 3rd.

Visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter* and toy run web sites and our *Facebook* pages to get up-to-date information on what we are doing.

Come to a chapter meeting and join us in making *A.B.A.T.E.* more successful in our dedication to freedom of the road.

Sincerely with high regards,

-- James Niece secretary Southeast Portland Chapter

# N.C.O.M. Regional Convention

12 November 2016 Irvine, California



(Lee Austin photo

The first part of the day was the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors meeting.

Opening comments indicated, "We are all in this together".

Our lifestyle can be lost forever if we do not stand together. Together we stand, divided we fall.

Reports for all the regions were given by board members.

Many of the states will be initiating biker profiling bills during the 2017 legislative sessions.

Autocycles are a great concern across the country as well as self-driving vehicles.

Many state rights organizations have lost key friends in the legislature and are now faced with working with brand new people.

• HR-831 for biker profiling is a house resolution and has no power of enforcement. It just raises awareness but can move forward to become a statute.

Regarding the house bill resolution (HR–831) for biker profiling, there were many legislators who did not want to sign

on because they didn't know if they would be in office next year. And some who had signed on will have been voted out. We need to get more representatives on board to support this house resolution.

*N.C.O.M.* believes we can get a national profiling bill passed if we all work together. *A.B.A.T.E.* cannot do it alone and *A.B.A.T.E.* in each state is going to need the help of the clubs and the *C.o.C.*'s. *A.B.A.T.E.* is going to need help with phone calls, letters, etc.

#### We need to get involved!

We have to work through the system and we need to get house representatives involved in this effort.

Legal cases were discussed.

• Oregon A.I.M. attorney Christopher Slater discussed the case of the biker from southern Oregon who was a state employee and a retired member of a local motorcycle club. A superior saw him riding with his patch on with some other members of the

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#### *N.C.O.M.* Regional Convention – ( continued from previous page )

club. He was reported and was fired from his job although he had recently received a very good work evaluation. There has been some good news with the case, but the case is not over.

• Joey Lester, the *A.I.M.* attorney for California, discussed a case where a biker was wearing rings and had a whip zip tied to his handlebars. He was charged with being in possession of brass knuckles and a whip. Neither item was a weapon.

Joey advised caution when taking video of a police officer.

If a police officer asks if you had been drinking tell him, "*No*!"

If he asks if he can look in your Board for Motorcycle Safety. saddlebags tell him, "No!"

The goals for the Orego

If you answer yes to these things, you forfeit your constitutional rights.

Document all you can and everything you can.

Joey asked everyone to be sure they have uninsured motorist and U.I.M. insurance coverage. It is very important because drivers are not often fully covered. An advantage is that this insurance can extend to your kids if they get hurt by another driver.

Joey said the *Mongol Motorcycle Club* case continues. *Devils' Disciples* case has been dropped.

Frank Marting discussed the case with a club in Idaho that was denied access to a state fair. They were wearing their gear and were told they were wearing gang attire and were not allowed into the fair. The nine members filed suits individually. In the course of the suit, the case was dismissed by the judge.

• The Waco, Texas tragedy was discussed. The city of Waco has run out of money to prosecute the case, so the federal government and the state of Texas have stepped in to help financially.

Christian Unity continues to help families affected by the Waco tragedy. Christian Unity has paid out \$60,000 in help and only has approximately \$600 available. They are not assisting with legal fees.

It has been very difficult for everyone. Many jobs were lost with men who had once had good paying jobs who are now resorting to low paying job to attempt to stay afloat.

Donations continue to come in. Help has come in the form of *Walmart* cards and helping with utilities, rent, and food.

Donations can be sent to:

Shield of Faith att. Duane Gryder PO Box 354 Leander, TX 78646

Please make checks or money orders payable to *Shield of Faith*. Please do not send cash. Donations are tax deductible.

• Oregon discussed working with BikePAC and the Governor's Advisory Board for Motorcycle Safety.

The goals for the *Oregon C.o.C.* is to create an equal access regulation and to try to build a profiling case. Profiling in the state is almost non-existent, however the Eugene area seems to be a hotbed of activity right now.

If someone is stopped by police or denied access to a public place or business, an on-line form can be filled out and sent to the *Oregon C.o.C.* Go to:

#### http://www.oregoncoc.org/

to access the forms. It is very easy to do. The forms can be easily filled out on one's phone.

This information is needed to build a profiling case.

Oregon passed the "Dead Red" regulation in 2015.

The lane filtering bill failed in 2015, but will be reintroduced in the 2017 session.

A driver responsibility bill is also being addressed.

- Monteray Bay C.o.C. reported that some bikers were wearing their colors on the boardwalk and were asked to leave. Early the next day bikers showed up taking up all the parking spaces with their motorcycles so no cars could park there. No one was kicked off and all went well. They are going to back in smaller groups and they will see what happens.
- Arizona is working on their profiling bill.
- New Mexico: A nine year old child was killed on her birthday. There was a fundraiser and 1,000 bikers showed up to

support. When the church found out a large number of bikers would be coming to the funeral, they didn't want them to come. The police told them there is never a problem with the bikers which is a testament to the good work the bikers are doing in New Mexico.

- Oklahoma profiling did not pass.
- There is now a committee to manage *Save the Patch* so that there is not one person making all the decisions. There is now more transparency so these are all good improvements on the process.

Any club is eligible for assistance from the fund. That is, any motorcycle club, one-per center, or riding club. It doesn't matter which club or type of club they are. All they have to do is follow the process to be considered for assistance.

Donations continue to be needed to put into the account. The *Mongol Motorcycle Club* case is not done.

The *Devils' Disciples Motorcycle Club* case has been forfeited so may no longer be an issue for *Save the Patch*.

• During the *Christian Unity* segment, ways were discussed where help can be provided to assist the *C.o. C.*s when things come up.

The *Christian Unity* guys in Texas did a great job of immediately helping out the families affected by the Waco tragedy. The *Christian Unity* network was already established when disaster struck. They have been a great help to all the families asking for help. A little over \$60,000 in assistance for food, rent, and utilities has been provided with approximately \$110 in administrative costs.

• The final message to the crowd was that we are fighting for our rights and it is a war that will never end. If we can recruit the younger members of our clubs, we can go a long way to ensuring the fight continues into the future.

Have we done anything wrong or dropped the ball?

No, we have not.

Everyone is working in their states and with their respective *C.o.C.*s and motorcycle rights organizations.

There is still a gap between everyone and we are not fully working together. If we can bridge this gap, we can continue to move forward. We are doing well but we can concentrate more on working much more closely together and closing the gap between the *C.o.C.s.* 

We are still moving in the right direction.

• All in all it was a great regional *N.C.O.M.* convention.

There was a lot of good information shared.

We are going in the right direction.

We need to continue to do what we are doing, but be aware that we may not be working as closely together as we think we are.

Respectfully submitted,

-- chaplain Mike, B.F.C.M.M. Southeast Portland Chapter A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists





# **Motorcycles Road To Zero**

For decades, motorcycle rights advocates have warned the riding community that advances in intelligent transportation systems (I.T.S.) and the advent of autonomous (self-driving) vehicles could signal the end of motorcycles on public roadways.

Indeed, *Vision Zero* has been under development primarily in Europe to remove human interaction from the operation of vehicles in public transit, therefore eliminating human error that results in traffic crashes. And since motorcycles require human operation they do not fit into the *Vision Zero* scenario.

Now, the U.S. department of transportation has unveiled plans for a new initiative called *Road to Zero* in concert with other federal agencies and the national safety council with the lofty goal of eliminating all traffic-related fatalities by the year 2030. And although bicyclists and pedestrians are taken into account, their plan makes no specific mention of motorcycles.

Citing increases in traffic deaths nationwide, accounting for more than 35,000 lives lost mostly due to human error and behaviors such as distracted and drowsy driving or driving under the influence, *Road to Zero* will focus on proactive vehicle safety, advances in automotive technology, and cultivating human behavior.

But the new federal safety initiative, announced 05 October 2016 completely ignores a significant portion of America's road users, as *Road to Zero* apparently makes no accommodation for millions of motorcyclists vying to survive in an increasingly automated traffic mix.

# Future Motorcycles Won't Require Helmets

B.M. W. claims that motorcycles in the future will be so smart, it could eliminate

the need for protective gear.

To mark its 100th birthday, B.M.W. recently unveiled a Motorrad Vision Next 100 concept motorcycle so advanced that the German auto and cycle-maker says riders won't require a helmet because its self-balancing system keeps the bike upright both in motion and even at a standstill.

B.M.W. touted the motorbike's futuristic features, saying it would allow for riders of all skill levels to "enjoy the sensation of absolute freedom." Since the Vision Next 100 will liberate riders from the need to wear a helmet and protective clothing, B.M.W. says the rider can be in touch with his or her surroundings, which will mean "perfect synthesis between human and machine".

Another traditional feature is also missing: a control panel. Instead, helmetless riders will wear a visor that acts as a smart display, although such information would not be needed all the time because the vehicle is equipped with self-driving technology and can sense the road ahead and react so that it theoretically can't get into crashes.

The futuristic motorcycle is also "zero emissions," because *B.M. W.* said it believes the future of transportation is electric.

The *Vision* vehicle celebrated its world premiere in Los Angeles on October 11 at the *Iconic Impulses: The B.M.W. Group Future Experience* exhibition.

The bike was developed to address mobility issues some three decades down the road: "A time when mobility is yet more diverse and interconnected. A time when digitalization takes on a shape which we today perceive to be surreal. A time when motorcycling becomes an analogue and at the same time extraordinarily emotional experience."

#### **Helmet Calls For Help**

We've previously reported that *B.M.W.* is planning to introduce an automatic system to call emergency services installed on some of its motorcycles next year (an S-O-S button), but now a Thai innovation is looking to achieve similar results from a newly-designed helmet.

While still under development, the *Helpmet* concept is to automatically call medics only if it's subjected to impacts hard enough to result in unconsciousness.

It incorporates the basics of a smart phone, including a S.I.M. card, G.P.S., and a connection to the phone network, as well as impact sensors and a rechargeable battery. The system is only set off after impacts of 95g or higher, so accidental knocks or even a light crash shouldn't have ambulances appearing. But they will come looking if you're lying unconscious in a ditch and they'll have the precise coordinates to find you.

Another element is that users of the system will be registered to a web site where they can input various personal details, so not only will the *Helpmet* call emergency services, it will also be able to provide information about the rider's name and address. It can also warn of allergies or pre-existing medical issues, the sort of information that could be the difference between life and death for an unconscious rider.

#### New Mexico Motorcycle Safety Efforts

Board members from the *New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization* (*N.M.M.R.O.*) recently met with a representative of the state's department of transportation along with safety advocates of the bicycling community to discuss the *Look For Me – We're All Going Somewhere* safety awareness campaign.

This campaign is designed to help make the streets safer for everyone. While the campaign is geared toward pedestrian and bicycle safety, the New Mexico DoT did incorporate pictures of motorcycles in their promotions, which is displayed on city and school buses.

An important message relayed to roadway users is; "Please pay full attention. Don't talk, text, or use cell phone while driving. Remain sober and alert and obey the rules of the road."

During their meeting, the DoT representative listened to motorcyclists' concerns and said they would incorporate more about motorcycle safety for the year 2017 and will include the *N.M.M.R.O.* in future meetings.

In addition, the *N.M.M.R.O*. recently sent a list of twenty motorcycle crash locations to the city of Albuquerque to put up *Watch Out for Motorcycles* signs in those areas. The group also teamed up with *Santa Fe Harley-Davidson* to bring awareness to distracted driving with a *Bash-A-Bike* event, wherein folks paid to wield a sledge hammer on a bike with messages scrawled across it.

"With today's technology it's become easier to get distracted with texts, e-mails, phone calls, and even on-screen maps for directions," said Annette Torrez, N.M.M.R.O. co-chair and a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) board of directors.

"The bashing was a good way to not only get out frustrations for riders, but it showed drivers just how susceptible to danger a motorcyclist is when metal comes in contact with a motorcycle."

#### California Hit-and-Run Bill Vetoed By Governor

In response to an "epidemic" of hitand-run crashes in California and citing nearly 79,000 such collisions in 2014, assemblyman Eric Linder (R-Corona) introduced AB–2088 "as an effort to

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reduce the number of hit-and-runs and bring justice to the victims by ensuring that offenders face consequences for their reckless decisions."

On behalf of such victimized motorcycle riders, *A.B.A.T.E. of California* supported the measure and the legislation to mandate a six month license suspension or community service for leaving the scene of a crash causing injury or death. The bill received strong bipartisan support and overwhelmingly passed the state assembly 78-2 and was unanimously voted on in the senate 39-0.

But despite strong support from a coalition of enforcement and victims' advocates, governor Jerry Brown disagreed with them all, and on September 27, 2016 he returned assembly bill 2088 without his signature along with the following veto message:

"The prescriptive mandates contained in this bill dealing with one specific plea bargain scenario unnecessarily constrain judicial discretion," and added that "each sanction contemplated by this measure is already available to the court."

#### France Mandates Riding Gloves

French regulations now requires that motorcycle riders wear gloves. According to the web site **motofire.com**, "Riders caught without hand protection will face a fine of \$76 and have a point added to their license."

France already requires motorcyclists to carry a high visability reflective jacket or vest in case of a roadside emergency and to wear a helmet that displays "at least 18 square centimeters [about seven square inches] of reflective material," a violation of which carries a \$152 fine.

According to the report, France also requires riders to carry spare bulbs and an alcohol breath-testing kit, a rule widely ignored since a violation carries no fine.

Of course some riders have taken offense at the perceived violation of

their civil liberties, and the F.F.M.C. (Fédération Française des Motards en Colère or French Federation of Angry Bikers) has released this statement: "It's not that we are against the gloves. The problem is that we're forced to wear them under the threat of fines and losing points. There's no lives at stake here. If we don't wear gloves then we aren't threatening other people's integrity."

May we have a show of hands on this matter?

# Germany: Ban Internal Combustion Engines

Germany's top legislative body, the bundesrat, has voted to ban all internal combustion engines by the year 2030.

According to *Der Spiegel* ["The Mirror"] news magazine in Hamburg, the legislation calls on the European commission to "evaluate the recent tax and contribution practices of member states on their effectiveness in promoting zero-emission mobility," effectively asking for a ban on the lower level of tax on diesel fuel within the European Union. (E.U.)

It also calls on European vehicle manufacturers to "review the current practices of taxation and dues with regard to a stimulation of emission-free mobility."

"If the Paris agreement to curb climatewarming emissions is to be taken seriously, no new combustion engine cars should be allowed on roads after 2030," said Greens party legislator Oliver Krischer.

B.M.W. Motorrad's head of development, Karl Viktor Schaller, told Britain's Motorcycle News publication, "It may be ten or fifteen years away, but urban traffic will be electric in the future. Maybe eventually electric vehicles will reach a range of 200 km. [125 miles]"

While the resolution is non-binding, it may not come to fruition. But the statement of intent carries strength, especially given that German regulations have historically shaped many E.U. regulations.

#### **Library of Congress Historic Motorcycles**

Historically, significant motorcycles could soon be documented and have their details preserved for posterity in the library of congress.

The *National Historic Vehicle Register Act* was introduced on September 22, 2016 by longtime motorcyclist U.S. senator Gary Peters (D-MI), and is intended to help preserve the legacy of American cars and motorcycles and the vital role they play in American culture and history.

If passed, the act would authorize the U.S. department of interior to establish a federal register of historic vehicles to document and preserve records of American automotive and motorcycle history.

The *Historic Vehicle Association* has been working with the interior department on the registry proposal since 2013. The project would create a permanent archive of significant historic vehicles within the library of congress.

The library of congress is the research library that officially serves the United States congress and is considered the *de facto* national library of the United States.

This method of documenting notable motorcycles in history was inspired by what's been happening for nearly every other part of American society.

Since the 1930s, the department of the interior has been working to document historic buildings and other historic sites throughout the United States. These efforts were bolstered by the *National Historic Preservation Act* in 1966. Since then, the national register of historic places has grown to include a multitude of buildings, landmarks, ships, aircraft, etc.

Although the *National Historic Preservation Act* made it possible for automobiles to be included in this database, none have yet been documented. The national historic vehicle register will help document historic vehicles as they exist now, preserving their information

for future generations.

There are standards and qualifiers for a motorcycle to be registered. Vehicles must be connected to a significant person or event in American history, or have a unique design or rarity, to be eligible for the register.

#### **Quotable Quote**

"For the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while yet there was time."

-- justice George Sutherland (1862-1942) U.S. supreme court

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Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS John Jelderks United States Magistrate Judge

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-- Edgar A. Guest

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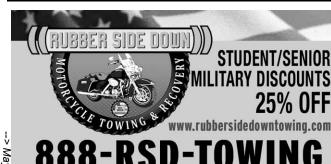
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## Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2016

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[ EB = executive board ]			NOTE: (c) = cell phone
Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Condington [ED ]			
Coordinator [EB ] Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]	(303)=313=/129	coordinator@abateororegon.net	
Teresa Hepker	(541)-965-2701	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB ]	()41)-707-2701	secretary@abateororegon.net	
Dave Witmer	(360)-560-6403	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]	(300) 300 0103	V CI VC abateoloregon.net	
Pat Allen	(541)–659–8715	VCS@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]	(3 - 2) - 2) - 2	,	
Rick Prentice	(541)-980-4230	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]		8	
Karen Tolle	(541)-660-8730	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]	· ,	Č	
Kathy Sahlberg	(541)-890-9042	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]		- J	
Todd Sahlberg	(541)-821-2252	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor			NOTICE
Cindy Witmer	(360)-560-6403	auditor@abateoforegon.net	>>> NOTICE <<<
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)–838–6893 (c)	news@abateoforegon.net	Newly elected chapter and state
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	SergeantNorth@abateoforegon.net	officers are invited to attend the
Sgt-at-arms (south)			Jaunary 2017 state board meeting
Lance Tolle	(541)–474–5599	SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	at <i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> in downtown
Sgt-at-arms (east)			Albany, Oregon. (133 SE 5th
Steve Bishop	(541)–980–7017	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
Products director	(		avenue) The meeting begins at
Ted Tracy	(503)–819–8113	products@abateoforegon.net	noon.
Education director			This will be an excellent time
Geoff White	Education@abateofor	egon.net	and place to ask questions about
Public relations			your job and receive answers from
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator	(5(1) 000 (220	E:10-1	experienced people who know
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	how <i>Oregon A.B.A.T.E.</i> works.
Swap meet coordinator	(5/1) 921 2252	Swan Moot@abatas forescen not	Come early and enjoy great
Todd Sahlberg <b>Historian</b>	(541)–821–2252	SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net	pizza with wonderful people.
	(541)–965–2701	Historian@abateafaragan not	1 - 1
Teresa Hepker	(341)-303-2/01	Historian@abateoforegon.net	(Like your own fine self.)

legislative@abateoforegon.net

Web page editor Carl Earl (503)-325-6932 webmaster@abateoforegon.net

Quartermaster Paul Hering, Gene Mortimore

(503)-313-7129 Quartermaster@abateoforegon.net Legislative director

(aaa)–ppp–nnnn

< Position open and available for you >

**BikePAC** representative Brian Stovall (541)-340-9442 BikePAC@abateoforegon.net

M.R.F. representative

Brian Stovall (541) - 340 - 9442

Confederation of Clubs representative Pat Allen, Mike Friend

(541)-659-8715 CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net

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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, ORegon

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** 

NEW ADDRESS:

Please send completed application to:

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

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

ZIP CODE:

## Membership Benefits

- \* Single, couple, and life member :
- 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.

#### \*\* Sustaining member:

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

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership Application Name: Address: How would you like to receive your state Additional Members in Same Household: Print version mailed to your address. Name: Download PDF version from state web site at: Name: http://www.abateoforegon.net Membership Rates: two three five year years years years Total members: Single\* ( please circle desired duration Date paid: Couple\* \$ 45 \$ 80 \$120 \$200 membership.) \$450 Sustaining\*\* \$100 Life\*

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

(Individuals only. Join second chapter for \$5 per year.)

Comments:



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Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 ( 2 p.m.)	Kelly D's; 1012 SE Cleveland; Bend	(541)–ppp–nnnn
Douglas County (DC)	4th Thursday	1800 ( 6 p.m.)	Round Table Pizza; 2040 NW Stewart parkway; Roseburg	(541)–ppp–nnnn
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] (individual members agree on where and when they meet)				
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Thursday	1800 ( 6 p.m.)	Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant; 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	1830 ( 6:30 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, Oregor	(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
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sunday	1200 ( noon )	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-723-6013 chapter
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 ( 7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4450 Pacific avenue; Forest Grove	(503)–357–3684