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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.

Kurt Speas

Lincoln County Chapter



Butch Harbaugh

BikePAC legislative



It is with great sadness that I report the death of long-time freedom fighter, Butch Harbaugh.

I received a message from Butch's widow, Laura, that Butch passed away today, February 7th, from heart failure and cancer.

When I began as the *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.* attorney for Oregon back in the late 1980's, Butch was actively involved with *A.B.A.T.E.*, and with *BikePAC* since it was founded.

He spent many years as the lobbyist for *A.B.A.T.E.*, and was well-known, respected and liked by many in the legislature in Salem.

Butch attended and helped organize many *S.T.E.A.M.* conferences and *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* planning retreats.

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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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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.

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

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

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

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

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

AGAINST = 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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officers at work

State Coordinator

Greetings,

It seems like our winter weather just won't let up this year. We have gone from more snow and ice than I can remember in many years, to record amounts of rain.

With all of this inclement weather, and the damage it has caused, I hope that you all have come through it with a minimal financial impact to you and your families.

With all the nasty weather, we had canceled the board of directors meetings for December and January. When we were able to meet in February, there was plenty of business to take care of.

I hope that all of you members appreciate the hard work and dedication that your board of

directors put forth on your behalf. All of these hard working people volunteer their time so that you can hopefully ride a little freer. I hope that you will take a little of your own time to give your board representatives and other state board members a *pat on the back*.

And also a big *thank you!*

With that being said, I would like to personally say "Thank you" to all the officers and representatives for making my job a little easier.

As always, I would like to hear from any of you with ideas or observations. Please call, If I don't answer, please leave a message. I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul



Paul Hering

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

Central Oregon

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CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE

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

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

Douglas County



Hello riders in the wind,

January 26, the *Douglas County Chapter* of A.B.A.T.E. met to discuss the upcoming summer events.

We had a special speaker at our meeting from the *Bikers for Christ*. He shared the details of an upcoming event, the *Umpqua Flatheads Car and Bike Show*, March 10-12 at the Douglas county fair grounds. The admission fee is \$6 with processed going to *U-Can* and Douglas county special equipment fund for handicapped children.

The *Thundering Waters Poker Run* was discussed, along with some

additional fund-raising possibilities. We are still looking for a captain for the *Thundering Waters Poker Run*.

We have now a new chapter coordinator, Larry Hammy, and a new sergeant-at-arms, John Kamfonik.

Spanky announced the *V.F.W. Rogue River Run* in Rogue River, Oregon is to be held on February 15th.

Our next meeting will be February 23rd at 6 p.m. at *Round Table Pizza* in Roseburg. All riders are welcome.

Go *Douglas County Chapter* !

Submitted by:

-- Joy Reyes

Douglas County on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1521250574871175/>
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Douglas County

MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th 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**



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Jackson County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

4rd Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Witham's Truck Stop Restaurant
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Medford, Oregon
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Hub City**

Hello!

Hub City had their annual *Don Nash's Chili Buns Run* on February 19. I hope some of you made it out to join us as it was a great run.

We decided to change the format of it this year and did a *Roll-and-Ride* instead of a poker run. It turned out great.

We had a great ride from the *Bottle Factory* in Stayton headed to the *Brownsville Saloon*, and then headed back towards Albany and ended at the *American Legion*.

We gave out a lot of great prizes. The high roller won \$200 big ones with \$50 little ones to the low roller.

If you did not make it this year, you should definitely put it on your calendar for next year. It is always fun to see people we have not seen in

a long time and great to get out on the bikes again.

Hub City is busy working on sponsoring a *Las Vegas Casino Night* coming up on March 18, 2017. Everyone will have a chance to test their luck, hopefully win some awesome prizes that we will have, and have a great time. A big thanks to the *Corvallis Elks Club* for the use of their facility and gaming equipment. Come on out and join in on the fun.

Riding this time of the year, the need to keep your bike and gear in top condition is more important than ever. No one can fully concentrate or react to hazards when they are cold and miserable with the temperature swings we have here in the valley. A few things to keep your eye on are



your tire pressure and tread condition. Be sure to be prepared for all kinds of road conditions right now too.

Keep watching for news and ways to help support our motorcycle legislative issues we have on the table right now: lane sharing, driver's accountability, and 21 and over helmet choice. (Thanks to Don Mason.)

Ride safe.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/hubcityabate>

Hub City **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

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<http://www.hubcityabate.com>

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

Josephine County

Good afternoon A.B.A.T.E. members and friends,

Not much riding going on yet. Still mostly rainy and overcast days.

We are well on our way to another eventful year.

Advertising in all the right places is done. Flyers for our swap meet have been printed. *Facebook* seems to be a very popular place to advertise these days, so we have added our events to several group pages. And all the usual calendars that we could find, including *Quick Throttle*, *Thunder Press*, *Cyclefish*, *Lightning Customs*, *Motorcycle Monster*, *Biker Events*, *Motorcycle Roads*, *Where2ride*, and *Lets-Ride*.

Our calendar for 2017 has been set:

- 29-30 April – *20th Annual Southern Oregon Swap Meet and Bike Show*
- 06 May – *Motorcycle Awareness Rally*
- 05 Aug – *39th Annual Run to the Coast*
- 31 Aug-03 Sept – *2017 S.O.S. Run*
- 07 Oct – *14th Annual Grants Pass Toy Run*

Josephine County Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday each month, with quarterly potlucks in March, June, September, November, and December.



We meet at the *Fruitdale Grange*, 1440 Parkdale drive in Grants Pass, corner of Parkdale and Rogue River highway.

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

Potlucks start at 6 p.m.

Guests are always welcome. We are a family-friendly chapter.

-- Karen Tolle
JoCo Chapter

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Josephine-County-ABATE-484373891732466/?fref=ts>

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*

Hello everyone!

It's been a few years since I've written anything for the newspaper.

I must sadly begin with the passing of our coordinator and the love of my life, Kurt Speas. He's been an A.B.A.T.E. member since 1984. He was the epitome of a motorcycle enthusiast. Rest in peace to all we have loved and lost. 2017 has started out to be a year to remember.

Forever forward.

Work parties for *Beaver Creek Run* will be starting up soon. Feel free to come and help with what you can, when you can.

Hopefully the flyer made it into this issue. If not, stay tuned until next month.

Glad to be back.

Ride safe,

-- Shirley



Kurt and Shirley riding at the 2001 Beaver Creek Run.

Kurt memorial:
Friday, 03 March 2017 at 4 p.m.
Bateman's Funeral Home – Newport



Bruno — Kurt and Shirley's favorite non-human

Lincoln County ***MEETING TIMES and PLACE***

3rd 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*

Working hard for our community

At January's meeting the chapter approved the 2017 chapter budget.

North Coast Chapter will be giving \$3,000 to the local food bank and *Jewell Christmas Basket* program.

The chapter will also be offering two \$1,000 scholarships to area graduates. This is to help them attend motorcycle maintenance school or a trade school. Last year was the first year we were able to award the scholarship.

These are the reasons we work so hard throughout the year, so we can help our community and promote motorcycle education.

We hope for another good year so we can continue the work.

-- Carl Earl
chapter coordinator



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

Greetings from *Lower Columbia Chapter*,

Not a whole lot going on down here. (With the exception of wind, rain, snow, landslides, floods, and so forth and so on.) I did detail the bike yesterday though.

The weather report says we're going to have a few good days this weekend. Maybe a ride will be in the future on Sunday before our chapter meeting on the 12th of the month.

Phil, our state board representative can't make the board meeting this month [February] as he is working. Eva and I were going to attend but

that will not be possible now as we will be cleaning up downed trees in the yard.

-- Dave Bridges
coordinator



**Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

February 07, 2017

Rick Prentice called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., followed by reading of the mission statement and recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the last meeting are for January 06. (We canceled the second January meeting because of weather.) Lorraine Umbarger moved to waive reading of the minutes, seconded by Dennis Turner. Passed.

Treasurer's report: \$8154.44 in checking, \$307.17 in savings, total \$8,461.61. Teresa moved to transfer \$6,000 to savings, seconded by Lorraine. Passed.

Membership report: Bob Boynton was absent, no update from state membership secretary since December. Total chapter membership then was 55.

Legislative report: Brian Stovall

reported that *BikePAC* is working in the Oregon state legislature, and so is *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington*. Please check their web sites for details.

Ways and means: Teresa asked for chapter approval to submit sanctioning forms for the 2017 *Cherry Fest Poker Run* and the candy sale, including \$75 for poker run event insurance. Approved. The candy sale event reconciliation, including \$400 check, will also go to the state board meeting on February 11. It did not get turned in last month because the January state board meeting was canceled due to weather.

Run coordinator: Rebel Sprague and Rick have been talking to the owners of *Route 30 Bottles & Brews* regarding setting up the last poker run checkpoint there. Rick



suggested that members drop by and check the place out between now and our February 21 meeting, and discuss it again.

Rick is waiting for Maryhill Museum insurance requirements for the event, so we can be sure our event policy will be the right coverage.

Rick noted that the manager at *K-Mart* has changed. Teresa will contact the new one.

Public relations: Rick has been in touch with Eric at *Pendleton Bike Week*. Be sure to keep the dates open: July 19-23. *A.B.A.T.E.* will have a booth, and will need volunteers.

**River City
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

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

Southeast Portland

Greetings fellow freedom fighters!

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* did not have any meetings in January and the first meeting in February was canceled because of the potential for more snow and ice.

I think that we are all looking forward to warmer and drier weather.

On March 18th we are going to have our annual food drive delivery to the *City Team Ministries*. Ride with us on that day as it is another really good thing we do for the community.

We will meet at the *M&M Restaurant and Lounge* at 11 a.m. and will depart at 11:30 a.m.

This is a ride or drive event. Please join us.

Many thanks to Mike Friend for orchestrating everything for getting the current legislative information to the attendees at the *One Moto Show*. Ms. Paula Leslie came to Portland and put in some serious time at the show. And many thanks

to everyone else who helped out during the show.

Let's really give the time and energy to contacting our Oregon legislative representatives and senators with a mind to getting our bills passed. Join *BikePAC* and the *M.R.F.*

The toy run bike and display will be at the *Rose City Gun Show* on March 18–19.

Fill out the stop report if you get stopped by the police or encounter profiling or harassment while you are out and about on your motorcycle.

This report allows us to have a record of these incidents. This information can then be used to help us in our legislative and judicial actions.

The report goes to Christopher Slater (*A.I.M.*), *BikePAC*, *Confederation of Clubs*, and *A.B.A.T.E.*

<http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>



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.

Best regards to all,

-- James Niece
secretary
SE-PDX Chapter

Facebook:

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

Washington County

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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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Facebook:

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our officers at work

Fine folks attending = 28 ; Bikes ridden = 1

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

11 February 2017 (*Ciddici's Pizza*— Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by Paul Hering at 12:50 p.m. with nine (9) chapters represented. Nine of nine chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters: *Lower Columbia*.

Absent or unexcused: *Central Oregon*.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Shirley Huff (*Lincoln County*), Donita (*Hub City*).

Reading, approval of minutes: Any *Corrections*?

Motion made by Todd to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Jack. Motion passed by voice vote.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering began by saying merry christmas, happy new year, and happy valentine's day.

Thank you to everyone for coming after missing the last two meetings due to weather.

Secretary report, correspondence: Cindy Witmer stated that chapters need to get their officers lists in with name, phone number, and e-mail addresses.

State officers' also need to turn in their forms.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer noted that with the winter weather that we've had, make sure and keep a look out for all the new pavement hazards on the road.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen said that there has been a lot of planning, but not a whole lot going on. It's time to get things moving again. We are working on the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*. There are a lot of

items with good prices.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice mentioned that there is a lot of snow still on the ground where he lives. It is going to be at least a month or two, before he sees a motorcycle.

We are working on the *Teddy Bear Run* (April 22) and the *Pendleton Bike Week*. We are doing a lot of preparation with that and with getting the *Fossil Campout* stage ready.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle thanked all the treasurers who came out today for the training after the meeting.

She put the profit-and-loss report for 2016 and the normal monthly report in the file for each chapter in the file box.

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg is in need of new flyers and membership envelopes.

Membership count of 840 before the last two months. Now at 1,084, Membership is up by 200.

Setting up vendors on the mailing list and other states to swap newspapers

Sanctioning officer: Todd Sahlberg thanked everyone who has mailed in their sanctioning papers for the year. Everyone will have their paper work before their events and those who need paper work for proof.

If chapters do not have sanctioning papers in, he took last year's events and turned into the insurance.

Chapters can change the date, but not the type of event.

The sanctioning form on the web site also has the form with the insurance prices.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Karen Tolle said that every chapter is current through 2016.

She will be negotiating with the accountant on the price for 2015 taxes, as it was up \$300 from what we have been paying.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thank everyone for driving up in the wonderful

weather.

We lost two wonderful people last week on Tuesday, 07 February: Kurt Speas (*Lincoln County*) and Butch Harbaugh.

Chapter reports are not getting in.

Four chapters did not get reports in for the February paper.

This month only four reports have been received for the March newspaper. (They were due Friday, 10 February.)

Chapters still needing reports for March are: *Central Oregon*, *Douglas County*, *Jackson County*, *Josephine County*, *North Coast*, and *Washington County*.

If there is a reason (meeting or event) and you need more time, just e-mail yer crusty ol' editor so he knows what's going on.

Use the e-mail in the newspaper (news@abateoforegon.net) for sending articles and reports because the other one (rotnews@minet.org) is going away.

Flyers need to be turned in four months before an event to get maximum free publicity, so please get them to newspaper and Carl (web site) as soon as you can. Chapters are able to promote events and runs in the state newspaper for three months prior to events, which hopefully will increase attendance.

In making up fliers for your events or runs, what, where, and when needs to be in larger, bold lettering to help catch the eyes of would-be attendees.

If a chapter is in need advice or help with their flyer design, they can e-mail Rot Path.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps noted that we have several state events coming up where we will need help from the chapter sergeant-at-arms.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Diana Nicolay is looking forward to helping at swap meets and other state events.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop stated that the upcoming poker



**Cindy
Witmer**

state recording
secretary elf

run is going to be great. Maryhill loops road is the first paved road in the U.S. and is usually not available to traffic. But Rick as made this happen for the *Teddy Bear Run*.

Products director:

< V A C A N T >

Education director: Geoff White welcomed everyone to the new year.

He was looking at what he was not able to do, but realized that he needed to do the things that are fun in education. (A new perspective.)

A.B.A.T.E. does fun along with the other things. We are able to do fun things while educating.

He is changing his focus from what he can't do to what he can do.

Public relations director:

< V A C A N T >

State run coordinator (*Fossil Campout*): Rick Prentice is working on scheduling the bands and when they want to play.

We are working on the flyer and will be flooding social media.

He received a call from a Wheeler county judge about the stage. Because it is on Wheeler county land, it has to meet certain criteria. County court says take it down to deck level. Only conclusion is that the roof and wall need to come down. It also needs A.D.A. ramps.

This is the 40th year of the campout and they have had forty years to get involved but they have done nothing. No more interest on putting roof on it.

Should we move event?

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg stated that swap meet flyers will be out this week.

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

11 February 2017

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Local chapters need to do word of mouth and web pages, along with chapter Facebook pages.

Spring state swap meet is Saturday, 01 April.

Doors open to the public at 8 a.m.

There will be no parking at the bottom of the hill and he will need volunteers to help enforce this.

Historian: Teresa Hepker (Absent, excused.)

Web page editor: Carl Earl (Absent, excused.)

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore (See *Fossil Campout* report.)

Legislative director:

< V A C A N T >

Don Mason reporting with *BikePAC* report.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:

< V A C A N T >

Don Mason reported that *BikePAC* is proposing a by-law change. They want to change the membership secretary and treasurer to one officer instead of secretary-treasurer. *A.B.A.T.E.* needs notice of this. Don Mason handed the impending change notification to Paul Hering.

The state *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* will be on Saturday, May 6th this year at the state capitol in Salem. No street closure is planned, so riders will need to be careful crossing the street from the fountain parking site.

We are running the following two bills and are also monitoring or contributing to several others. Check the *BikePAC* web site and their Facebook page often for current status:

• Senate bill 385 – Allows for motorcycle lane-sharing (splitting, filtering) during specific conditions.

• House bill 2598 – Expands current Oregon vehicular assault statute to include motorcyclists and their passenger.

Additional 2017 bills involve motorcyclists. (Not introduced by BikePAC.)

BikePAC will be actively monitoring the following bills with the option to participate as applicable during the session:

• House bill 2665 – Allows motorcyclists to use the shoulders of a road during heavy



traffic conditions.

• Senate bill 680 – Allows motorcycles and mopeds to pass in between lanes of traffic during slowdowns.

• Senate bill 36 – Allows D.O.T. to waive the skills test for three-wheel motorcyclists.

• House bill 2599 – Allows head-gear choice for those 21 years and older.

• House bill 2877 – Creates a \$1,000 tax on vehicle older than twenty years.

• House bill 2440 – Eliminates the occupancy requirement to use H.O.V. (high occupancy vehicle) lanes.

• House bill 2509 – Allows electric vehicles to use H.O.V. lanes regardless of number of passengers.

• House bill 2290 – Adjusts many D.M.V. registration, testing, and licensing fees, including motorcycles.

• Senate bill 125 – Requires all vehicles to operate with headlights on when windshield wipers are on.

• Senate bill 19 – Relates to ethanol.

M.R.F. representative:

< V A C A N T >

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat “Spanky” Allen

(Mike Friend reporting.) Mike went to *N.C.O.M.* regional convention in November. (Mike’s full report was published in the December *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.) Idea was that we are all in this together, no matter what club or organization that we belong to.

Waco, Texas: City has run out of money to prosecute everyone in that case. State and federal have stepped into help.

Mike is asking \$166 (half the amount of the cost to attend meeting) reimbursement.

Unfinished Business

1. Review sanctioning rules on anything the logo goes on.

(Skipped due to time allotted.)

2. Invite chapter officers to the state board meetings.

(Skipped due to time allotted.)

New Business

• Nominations for vacant officer positions: Rick Prentice nominated Ted Tracy for *M.R.F.* representative, Nic Oliver (*Hub City*) seconded.

Ted accepted.

In favor – 9, Against – 0.

Motion passed.

• Motion made by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*), seconded by Chuck Miller (*North Coast*): “To reimburse Mike Friend \$166.00 for expenses occurred for attending 2016 *N.C.O.M.* convention.”

In favor – 9, against – 0, abstain – 0.

Motion passed.

• Motion made by Chuck Miller (*North Coast*), seconded by Jack Wingfield (*Lincoln County*): “Donate \$100 for the Fallen Hero’s Cart Transfer for construction of a cart built to take fallen military personnel from the airplane to the terminal for pick up and transfer to funeral home.”

In favor – 8, against – 0, abstain – 1.

Motion passed.

• Motion made by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland*): “Move to accept budget as attached.”

In favor – 9, against – 0, abstain – 0.

Motion passed.

• Motion made by Louise Davies (*Josephine County*), seconded by Chuck Miller (*North Coast*): “That sustaining membership category reflect benefits as established prior to changing ‘associate’ category to ‘sustaining.’ That is: 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 reimbursement, and named in newspaper.”

In favor – 2, against – 5, abstain – 2.

Motion failed.

Adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

Upcoming 2017 Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Events

Date:	Event:	Chapter:
18 Mar	Biker Casino Night	Hub City
01 Apr	Spring State Swap Meet	Oregon ABATE
22 Apr	Spring Fever	North Coast
22 Apr	Poker Run	River City
29-30 Apr	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	JoCo
06 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Salem
06 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	JoCo
13 May	Yer Mother’s Poker Run	SE-PDX
20 May	Spring Run	Lower Columbia
26-29 May	40th Fossil Campout	Oregon ABATE
24 June	Around Saddle Mountain	North Coast

Monday, 21 Aug 2017 - 10:15 a.m. Oregon total solar eclipse
(Plan your event now, order solar glasses.)

From yer ...



... another "last" year

And Now The Weather

sadness, then frustration

c.o.e. – 182



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

At last, we had a state board meeting. First one of the year.

Actual winter weather of snow and ice forced cancelation of the December and January meetings.

Parts of the state were harder hit than others. Some folks were still digging out in early February.

Didn't see any motorcyclists on the roads during those four snow falls, but *did* see one hardy person on a mountain bike heading to the store a couple of times. (May have been his only form of transportation.)

By now the crackle tires (studded tires) should be coming off the cages and pick-'em-ups, while we face the bi-annual disruption to our internal biological clocks in the form so-called daylight savings time. ("Delusional Sunshine Tampering" yer crusty ol' editor calls it.)

In the mid-Willamette valley, the day between Lincoln and Oregon's birth dates dawned with clear blue skies and warm sunshine, though the temperature was just under freezing. We often seem

to get a series of days like this every year in early February. Year-'round riders get out, buzzing along winter-ravaged roadways, mindful of new potholes, left over sand or gravel from snowy times, and cautious about icy spots in shaded areas. But the warm sunshine, crisp wind, and high-definition views make it all worth while, reminding us of why we ride and foretelling of the summer to come.

A Somber Day In February

Sadly, there are two of our numbers whose summer riding days are all behind them.

On Tuesday, 07 February we lost both Kurt Speas of *Lincoln County Chapter* and Butch Harbaugh, a former Oregon motorcycle activist who moved to Idaho in 2004 or so.

They both managed to survive all the hazards of riding our roads, only to be taken from us by disease.

The constant renewal their spirits brought to our lives will be missed.

Opaque Transparency

In early February, a bill (HB-2877) was introduced into the Oregon house that would have required people owning vehicles more than twenty years old to pay a \$1,000 tax every five years. The bill was proposed by the house revenue committee.

Thankfully, the bill is languishing in committee who's chair has stated that the bill will not be receiving any hearings or action, so that measure is essentially dead.

Since most people who would have been affected this bill drive or ride older vehicles out of necessity, it would appear that whoever thought up this unrealistic piece of legislation is seriously out of touch with the reality of everyday people. (Or were they influenced by the automotive industry?)

Yer crusty ol' editor set out with his trusty ol' laptop (which is newer than any road vehicles he owns) to track down the author of HB-2877.

Alas, c.o.e. was soon buried in the confusion and circling web pages that

is the Oregon state legislative web site.

He *did* learn that it was the house revenue committee who submitted the bill. But despite finding a list of committee members, there was no indication of which elected official or staff member initially put forth the idea. Parts of the revenue committee site that may contain the actual minutes and work sessions are in a format that require downloading specialized viewing software.

After reading the terms and conditions for the viewing software granting the the company license to use people's original material without compensation or notice, c.o.e. decided he didn't want any part of that company's product.

It borders on criminal intent when elected or staff members hide behind confusing web sites or specialized software to hinder attempts to hold them accountable for their actions.

MARCH Cryptogram

FUWRRBA RB RLI, UR RUO BOVNEOA,

FU YNBHD, IDNI YRUID RJ GFUW NUW INEOA,

IDO GFUW GFVV ZBOAOUIVC WFANZZONB,

IDO INEOA VNAI LA NVV IDO CONB.

--RKWOU UNAD

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" fer instance.) Look fer 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)

*Once again light
and darkness
are balanced before
light assumes
mastery for
another half year.*

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



**spring
Motorcycle
Swap Meet**

**Saturday
01 April 2017**

(The joke's on you if you miss it.)

Hillsboro Elks Lodge
21865 NW Quatama road
Hillsboro, Oregon

information: (541) - 890 - 9047
raidertank71@yahoo.com

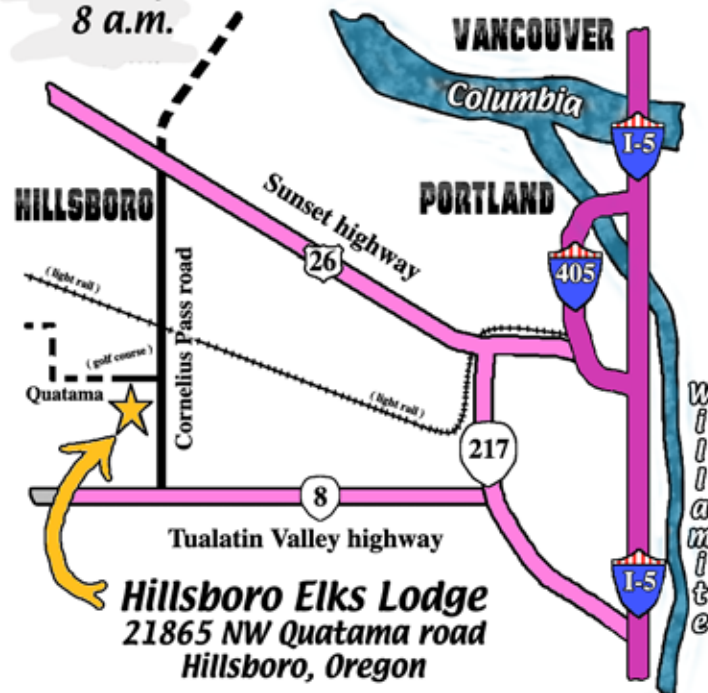
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**Fall Swap Meet
Saturday
01 April 2017**

doors open
8 a.m.



North Coast Chapter ABATE of Oregon

Spring Fever Run

Come ride the coast!
Saturday, April 22

Starts at Bouy 9
996 Pacific Drive
Hammond, Oregon

\$15
suggested donation
for prizes and games

Stops include:
• Cannon Beach
• Garibaldi for lunch
• Tillamook for a little ice cream
• Gearheart Bowl

Proceeds support
Clatsop County food banks

All stops are family friendly
Kickstands up at 10 a.m.

All motorcycles and riders are welcome to enjoy the scenic ride, meet new friends & riders

For more information, visit www.northcoastabate.com
E-mail info@northcoastabate.com or call Carl Earl 503-325-6932

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16th Annual River City ABATE Poker Run

at the
Northwest
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including the historic
Maryhill Loops
open just for
us today

ALL RIDERS
WELCOME



**Sat. April 22
2017**

Sign in at
Kmart/Big K
2640 W 6th Street
The Dalles, OR

after Teddy Bear
Parade, which starts
at 10 AM

Small & Medium
sized stuffed
animals please!

Last rider out by 11:30 AM

\$15 Donation Includes One Poker Hand
Extra Hand \$5
Cash Prizes High & Low Hands
Door Prizes

FOR INFORMATION: Call Teresa at 541-965-2701 or
Email - tchepker@gmail.com or write to:
River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058
www.abateoforegon.net/events

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Poker run donations will benefit River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

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River City

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Dusty said he has a friend with a pig cooker, who can probably be convinced to cook for us if we supply the pig, a message that was received with enthusiasm by all.

Historian: Shelley Prentice was absent.

The Three R's: Riding, Roads, and Revs: Given the amount of snow (the ground has been covered for more than two months, a record) most of us are snowbound. Chad reported riding his A.T.V. with a plow on it. Lorraine started her scooter in the carport and pretended she was getting ready to go. Dusty, who moved here from Wisconsin, pointed out that we still have it better here. You can't get the bikes out until May there.

Coming attractions:

- Feb. 10-12 The One Moto Show, Portland.
- April 22 Cherry Fest & Poker Run.
- May 06 May Rally, Salem.
- May 26-29 Fossil Campout.
- Jun 09 Ride to Work Day.
- Jun 23-25 Oregon Motorcycle Expo.
- Jul 06-09 Pacific Northwest Bikefest & Expo, Wenatchee
- Jul 19-23 Pendleton Bike Week.
- Aug 21 Total Eclipse of the Sun.

Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. on February 21, 2017 at the *Portage Grill* in The Dalles.

Butch Harbaugh

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He was a regular at many A.B.A.T.E. runs around the state, often helping Gunny (now retired) at the A.I.M./N.C.O.M. tables.

He also participated in many conventions of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)*, and was known and highly respected in the biker's rights community nationwide. Butch was also bestowed with the *N.C.O.M. Silver Spoke Award*.


For the past dozen or so years, Butch lived with his loving wife in Rigby, Idaho, where he enjoyed riding his *Panhead* and was active in the home-brewing community.

Always friendly, engaging and enthusiastic about motorcycles and biker's rights, he will be greatly missed.

-- Sam Hochberg
A.I.M. attorney,
emeritus of counsel
to Christopher Slater,
Oregon and Washington
A.I.M. attorney



Apr 29-30 2017
Fri: 9:00 - 7:00 vendor set-up
Sat: 9:00 - 7:00, Sun: 9:00 - 5:00

 **A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon**
Josephine County Chapter

**19th Annual southern Oregon
Motorcycle Swap Meet
And Bike Show**

Free Bike Show
All-Bikes (American & Metric Classes)
Registration 10-noon, Show 12noon - 3:00 pm

NEW LOCATION
545 California Ave, Grants Pass - Merlin Exit 61 off I-5
Empty lot at the end of California Ave off Monument Dr

Great Food, Music, new/used parts, leather goods, clothing, gift items, drawings	Entry Fee: \$5.00/day \$8.00/2-day pass Children under 12 free
Blessing of the bikes Sunday morning biker church	

VENDOR SPOTS INFO
Pat @ 541-832-2219

For general information:
Sparky @ 541-659-8715 or
Karen @ 541-660-8730

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**May Motorcycle
Awareness Rally**

Saturday
06 May 2017
beginning at 10 a.m.

Oregon state capitol
900 Court street NE
Salem, Oregon

Come help make Oregon's roads safer for motorcyclists


For more information:
Paula Leslie – bikepacoforegonld@comcast.net
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(Please do not enter, exit, or idle engines 12 - 1 p.m.)

**Josephine County
Motorcycle Awareness Rally**

May 6th 2017
12:00 noon



Front steps, Josephine County Courthouse
500 NW 6th St, Grants Pass

The public is openly invited to attend this free event to be conducted in the interest of public safety about issues pertaining to motorcycles, motorcyclists, and public safety.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Similar rallies will take place in Salem, Grants Pass and Astoria. Lives can be saved by becoming more aware of all vehicles on the road. "Look twice, save a life." Come out and learn more about motorcycle safety, motorcycle legislative issues, and what is happening in Salem.

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**40th Annual
Fossil Campout**

Memorial Day weekend
26 - 28 May 2017

Bear Hollow Campground
(south of Fossil, Oregon)

THIS TIME IT'S QUAD-X

Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E. presents the return of . . .

BEAVER**August 11-13
2017**

\$30 entry
12 & under = free
(No one under 18 without
an adult)
Bike games
Door prizes
Food
Vendors
Northwest bands
Adult entertainment

**CREEK
RUN**931 S. Low road
Seal Rock, Oregon
(south of Newport)

- No campfires, fireworks, fights, firearms, or attitudes
- All dogs on leash only
- Limited RV, NO generators
- For more information, call Shirley at: (541)-563-6526



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News & Notes

AmericanMotorcyclistAssociation

A.M.A. Opposes Motorcyclists Profiling

board of directors adopts official position statement

The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) board of directors has adopted and issued an official position statement objecting to the profiling of motorcyclists by government agencies, including judging riders on their chosen apparel, mode of transportation or associates, rather than specific behavior and actions.

“The A.M.A. strongly condemns the profiling of motorcyclists by government agencies and has long championed the undeniable fact that the vast majority of riders and enthusiasts are upstanding, [rule]-abiding citizens,” the statement reads.

“Several states have considered bills aimed at curtailing the profiling of motorcyclists by enforcement agencies and others,” said A.M.A. board chair, Maggie McNally-Bradshaw. *“The board believes this is an important issue facing everyone who rides, and the A.M.A. remains at the forefront in promoting the motorcycle lifestyle and protecting the future of motorcycling.”*

The A.M.A. board of directors adopts and publishes position statements that delineate the organization’s

official stance on issues of concern. The new statement on motorcyclist profiling is one of seven adopted by the board.

The full statement on motorcyclist profiling can be found at:

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/About-The-A.M.A./motorcyclist-profiling>

The states of Washington (SB-5242 in 2011) and Maryland (SB-233 in 2016) passed legislation specifically forbidding the profiling of motorcyclists. Other states are considering similar legislation.

In 2012, California adopted AB-1047, outlawing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Checkpoints are also restricted by state regulations or judicial action in: Alaska, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, New Hampshire, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

It's time you did something more to protect your rights!

Join and Support Motorcycle Riders Foundation...REGISTER, VOTE, AND RIDE!

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Butch Harbaugh



Butch at the Oregon state capitol, 1995.



The Terrible Trinity at Fossil Campout, 1997:
Butch Harbaugh, Teresa Hepker, Brian Stovall.

“There’s no legislator who’ll vote ‘no’ if they’ve heard from enough constituents and they’ve heard what we have to say!”, chuckled Butch Harbaugh to me in 1995, as we were cruising the halls of the Oregon state capitol building. I was the *Southeast Portland A.B.A.T.E.* chapter legislative director and Butch was the *BikePAC of Oregon* lobbyist.

Our mission that day, and every day, was to drop in on every single legislator’s office. Often it meant cajoling with the support staff running public interference. Butch knew every single staff person by name and something personal about them.

Most importantly, he knew who to give our white papers to so that a legislator would actually read it and then agree to meet with us. Always reminding legislators that we were voters, for the people and by the people.

On Oregon’s statehood anniversary, Valentine’s Day, Butch would drop a little candy off at every office.

“You attract more flies with honey, not vinegar”, he said with a twinkle in his eye. He lit up every single office as we ended our morning visits by watching the statehood festivities on the floor and in lobby with a balcony *full* of black leather, celebrating our constitutional rights. We

were a statewide presence, a mighty tide.

We were there.

We were present.

We were known as the bikers who believed in freedom of choice *and* education.

We were able to reach liberal urban democrats and rural republicans alike!

Butch was like that, able to talk to anyone.

He had it all: intelligence, passion, charisma, a sense of humor, and a positive attitude that was infectious and engaging.

Butch would address and sway large groups of people with his preacher like convictions. He would quietly take over a one-on-one with a resistant legislator like mine, senator Dick Springer, and nail every argument they had in a fifteen minute appointment.

Always respectful, but also always biker strong.

He taught me the magic of stating your case in a ten second sound bite so that you would never be misquoted (out-of-context) by the mass media.

The motorcycle riding community, including *Confederation of Clubs*, american motorcyclists association, and all the other veteran and vintage groups came together and we were able to pass freedom of choice

on our helmet (protective wear) legislation in 1995 and 1997, only to die on governor Dr. Kitzhauber’s veto desk.

Granted, this all happened because there were so many of us mobilized. But Butch led the charge at the state capitol. There’s no doubt about it!

I don’t know of one person who ever worked with Butch who didn’t get sucked into the importance of our work.

We were unstoppable, as long as we communicated well.

He’s been a biker rights activist since the 1970s, telling stories of camping out on the state capitol steps. That’s where his story began.

During those times, many of us stayed at Butch’s home in Independence. We got to know and love the Vietnam veteran, single dad, fantastic cook, community leader, P.T.A. parent, construction boss, neighbor, and friend.

Butch always served the best campsite breakfast, but you best be up and ready to eat at dawn!

He loved his *Panhead* so much. It’s the only bike I ever remember seeing him ride. And he loved to ride.

In preparing this memorial, I talked to old friends who loved Butch too. I am reminded of all the training Butch did at

N.C.O.M. and *A.B.A.T.E.’s S.T.E.A.M.* sessions.

He taught us about citizenship, our rights and responsibilities, like no one else.

Butch once said that getting called up at the 2003 annual *N.C.O.M.* conference in Milwaukee to receive the *Silver Spoke Award* from Sonny Barger was the greatest moment in his life. *N.C.O.M.* has been righteous about acknowledging Butch as the legend that he is while he was alive. I am grateful.

I am also grateful that Butch found love in his life and was living happily in Rigby, Idaho, still riding his *Panhead*.

He got into home-brewing and won a few awards.

It’s been too long since we’ve gotten to talk at the kitchen table over a cup of coffee. He’d let us sleep in late (6 a.m.) before strategizing for the day’s trek through the capitol halls.

I respectfully submit this tribute for a brother, well-loved.

Butch Harbaugh remains very much alive in me, and hundreds of other freedom fighters all over the U.S.

Thank you for this opportunity.

-- Melinda McCrossen
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COAST TO COAST BIKER NEWS

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R.P.M. Act Reintroduced In New Congress

As the 115th congress went into session, among the first bills reintroduced was the *R.P.M. Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017)*, house resolution 350 sponsored by U.S. representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC).

The bipartisan bill, which was submitted for reintroduction on the first day of the new congress, protects citizens' right to modify street cars and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles and industry's right to sell the parts that enable racers to compete.

The *R.P.M. Act* ensures that transforming motor vehicles into race vehicles used exclusively in competition does not violate the *Clean Air Act*. For nearly fifty years, the practice was unquestioned until the *E.P.A.* published proposed regulations in 2015 that deemed such conversions illegal and subject to severe penalties. While the *E.P.A.* withdrew the problematic language from the final rule making last year, the agency still maintains the practice is unlawful.

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, according to *S.E.M.A. (Specialty Equipment Market Association)*. Retail sales of racing products make up a \$1.4 billion market annually. There are an estimated 1,300 racetracks operating across the U.S., including oval, road, track, and off-road racetracks, the majority of which feature converted race vehicles that the *E.P.A.* now considers to be

illegal.

The *R.P.M. Act* (HR-350) would protect the sport of racing by blocking the *E.P.A.* from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

British Motorsports Threatened By E.U. Ruling

The British government has just issued a document for public consultation that suggests temporarily implementing a European court decision known as the "*Vnuk judgement*," which would make it compulsory for anyone engaging in any and all forms of motor sport to have third party insurance. It would be applicable to all vehicles on any kind of land and even implementing it temporarily would mean an end to motorsports in the U.K., because insurance companies will not insure against third party motorsport risks. The number of vehicle claims alone would be unsustainable for them, meaning that if the *Vnuk judgement* came into force, motorsport activity in the U.K. would cease.

A joint statement issued by the *Motorcycle Industry Association (M.C.I.A.)*, *Auto Cycle Union (A.C.U.)*, and the *Amateur Motorcycle Association (A.M.C.A.)* is calling on the government to exempt motor and motorcycle sport from any changes to insurance regulations that would arise from the E.C.J. ruling.

"At a stroke, this would wipe out a successful industry and all the jobs that go with it, as well as eliminating a popular leisure pursuit for 1.9

million people, along with the boost that this gives to both local and national economies," said Steve Kenward, C.E.O. of the *M.C.I.A.*, speaking on behalf of all three parties. "If the government implements the *Vnuk judgement un-amended*, British motorcycle sport would end in the U.K."

England is home to world leading motorcycle companies, motorsport teams, and racing talent. The industry contributes significantly to the British economy by employing over 50,000 people and generating a total of £11 billion of sales each year (\$13.5 billion U.S. dollars).

The *Vnuk* ruling stems from a case involving a Slovenian farm worker, Damijan Vnuk, who was hurt falling from a ladder, which was hit by a reversing tractor.

Victory Motorcycles Winds Down Production

Victory Motorcycles is to be wound down, the firm's parent company *Polaris* has just announced. The move is to allow the firm to "narrow" its focus onto more profitable areas of the business, including *Indian Motorcycle*.

A statement just released by *Polaris* says it will "immediately begin winding down its *Victory Motorcycles brand* and related operations." Dealers will be assisted in "liquidating existing inventories" and parts will continue to be supplied for ten years. Servicing and warranty coverage will also continue.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision for me, my team, and

the *Polaris board of directors*," said *Polaris Industries* chairman and C.E.O. Scott Wine. "Over the past eighteen years, we have invested not only resources, but our hearts and souls, into forging the *Victory Motorcycles brand*... The experience, knowledge, infrastructure and capability we've built in those 18 years gave us the confidence to acquire and develop the *Indian Motorcycle brand*, so I would like to express my gratitude to everyone associated with *Victory Motorcycles* and celebrate your many contributions."

According to the written statement, *Victory* has "struggled to establish the market share needed to succeed and be profitable."

It says: "The competitive pressures of a challenging motorcycle market have increased the headwinds for the brand. Given the significant additional investments required for *Victory* to launch new global platforms that meet changing consumer preferences, and considering the strong performance and growth potential of *Indian Motorcycle*, the decision to more narrowly focus *Polaris*' energy and investments became quite clear."

Wine added, "This decision will improve the profitability of *Polaris* and our global motorcycle business, and will materially improve our competitive stance in the industry."

"Our focus is on profitable growth, and in an environment of finite resources, this move allows us to

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optimize and align our resources behind both our premium, high-performing Indian Motorcycle brand and our innovative Slingshot brand, enhancing our focus on accelerating the success of those brands. Ultimately this decision will propel the industry-leading product innovation that is core to our strategy while fostering long-term growth and increased shareholder value.”

100% Tariff Proposed On European Motorcycles

Motorcycles are once again caught in the crossfire of an international trade policy standoff between the office of United States trade representative (U.S.T.R.) and European Union, stemming from on-going disagreements over meat products.

During the late 1990’s, the world trade organization requested the E.U. lift its standing ban on U.S. beef. The E.U. declined, citing the meat’s failure to meet European health and hormone standards. In 2009, the U.S. negotiated a pact allowing some beef market access. But according to the white house, the agreement “has not worked as intended.”

As a result, the U.S.T.R. is now considering a new petition from the U.S. beef lobby, invoked last December under a revised clause in the 1974 Trade Act that would create a “retaliation list” of foreign products which are subject to heavy import tariffs, to balance the export losses. Unsurprisingly, the U.S. beef lobby’s list consists largely of meat and animal parts, but it also includes a scattershot of other items, like chewing gum, electric

hair clippers, and motorcycles.

Two vehicular tariffs are proposed on the new retaliation list:

One is for European bikes between 51cc and 250cc.

The other, European bikes between 251cc to 500cc.

Both would be subject to an import tax of 100% (or more). This would directly impact fifteen European manufacturers, including major brands like *Aprilla, B.M.W., Ducati, Husqvarna, K.T.M., Piaggio,* and *Vespa.*

In doubling prices of the most popular European motorcycles, these tariffs could potentially cripple the U.S. dealer network, putting thousands of salespeople and techs out of work.

It’s not the first time the motorcycle industry has been in this position.

In 1999, after the E.U. declined the W.T.O. directive, European motorcycles were included in (and later dropped from) a similar retaliation list. The same thing happened again in 2008, leading into negotiations for the current deal.

The beef lobby’s new petition is currently in the review phase, and the U.S.T.R opened the proposal to a public comment period that ended January 30.

Allstate O.N.E. Program Teams Up Locally To Help Riders

It’s a case of bikers helping bikers, as longtime rider Jason Large of Jackson, Ohio wanted to help protect riders on the major Ohio state route he lives on.

Allstate Insurance was inspired by Jason’s desire to help keep his fellow riders safe and coincidentally,

have their own campaign with just this goal in mind.

Allstate’s Once is Never Enough (O.N.E.) program is an awareness campaign created to help reduce the number of motorcycle crashes involving other vehicles at intersections by encouraging motorists to “look twice, because once is never enough”.

Through the *O.N.E.* program, a yellow diamond-shaped “*Watch for Motorcycles*” warning sign was created in 2009 following two years of development, which has resulted in 179 signs installed at dangerous intersections in forty-one different U.S. cities across twenty-one states.

Weird News Women Arrested For Riding Motorcycle

Iranian police arrested two women for riding a motorcycle in a western city, an incident that went viral when images appeared on-line and sparked a social-media backlash against the country’s political and religious authorities.

State news agency *I.R.N.A.* said the two women were detained in Dezful, whose enforcement chief, Ali Elhami, accused them of committing an “ugly” act that breaks the “religious norms” of the conservative Islamic-led nation.

I.R.N.A. quoted Elhami as saying he ordered the women’s arrest after on-line images of the two women riding the motorcycle and being surrounded by male onlookers at a local park prompted complaints about the women’s dress, appearance, and interaction with the men. The two women will be judged for breaking “revolutionary norms and values.”

Women in Iran are barred from obtaining licenses to drive motorcycles in public.

Quotable Quote

“I can’t understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I’m frightened of the old ones.”

-- John Cage
(1912-1992)
American composer,
philosopher, artist

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John Jelderks
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LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. State Officers For Calendar Year 2017

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Paul Hering	(503)–313–7129	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
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Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
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Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
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Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Karen Tolle	(541)–660–8730	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
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Karen Tolle	(541)–660–8730	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
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Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Diana Nicolay		SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
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Products director			
< Position open and available for you >		products@abateoforegon.net	
Education director			
Geoff White		Education@abateoforegon.net	
Public relations			
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	pr@abateoforegon.net	
Fossil coordinator			
Rick Prentice	(541)–980–4230	Fossil@abateoforegon.net	
Swap meet coordinator			
Todd Sahlberg	(541)–821–2252	SwapMeet@abateoforegon.net	
Historian			
Teresa Hepker	(541)–965–2701	Historian@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			
< Position open and available for you >	(aaa)–ppp–nnnn	legislative@abateoforegon.net	
BikePAC representative			
< Position open and available for you >		BikePAC@abateoforegon.net	
M.R.F. representative			
< Position open and available for you >			
Confederation of Clubs representative			
Pat Allen, Mike Friend	(541)–659–8715	CoCNorth@abateoforegon.net	

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

DON'T
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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
_____	Couple* <small>(Includes couple. Additional family members \$5 each per year.)</small>	\$ 45	\$ 80	\$120	\$200
_____	Sustaining** <small>(Includes name printed in state newspaper.)</small>	\$100	\$190	\$280	\$450
	Life* <small>(Individuals only. Join second chapter for \$5 per year.)</small>		\$400		

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

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Total members: _____
Date paid: _____



(state membership secretary notes)

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

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 each listed member
- Accidental death or dismemberment insurance for named members
- Discounted admission to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon events.

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

Comments:

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 11 Mar 2017

1200 (noon) – *Ciddici's Pizza*
 133 SE Fifth avenue–Albany, Oregon

A red-haired rider had a mission,
 For a crock of gold he was wishin',
 The end of the rainbow,
 Brought him nothing but woe,
 It was only the angels pissin'.

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(Or a reasonably intelligent communications device ?)

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



2017 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run

BN = Biker Night

Date:	Event / sponsor:	Location:	Contact phone:
18 Mar 2017	Biker Casino Night / Hub City	Albany	
18 Mar 2017	Food drive delivery / SE-PDX		
01 Apr 2017	Spring State Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE	Hillsboro	
22 Apr 2017	Spring Fever / North Coast	Hammond	(503)–325–6932
22 Apr 2017	Poker Run / River City	The Dalles	(541)–965–2701
29, 30 Apr 2017	Southern Oregon Swap Meet	Merlin	(541)–659–8715
06 May 2017	May Motorcycle Awareness Day	Salem	
06 May 2017	Southern Oregon Motorcycle Awareness Day	Grants Pass	
13 May 2017	Yer Mother's Poker Run / SE-PDX	Portland	
26–29 May 2017	40 th Annual Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE	Fossil, Oregon	
24 June 2017	Around Saddle Mountain / North Coast	Astoria	
05 Aug 2017	Run to the Coast / JoCo	Grants Pass	
11–13 Aug 2017	Beaver Creek Run / LinCo	Seal Rock	(541)–563–6526
19 Aug 2017	Summer Dice Derby / SE-PDX	Portland	

CHAPTER MEETINGS – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

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