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April 2017

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and legislative action.*

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Devoted or Distracted ?

In either case, driver distraction is dangerous to riders



(source: T.W.I.T – Texting While In Traffic)

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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U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations

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.

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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.

officers at work

State Coordinator

Greetings brothers and sisters,

We have officially arrived at spring and daylight savings time. I hope that means that things will begin to warm up and dry out a little.

With the arrival of spring, I know that many chapters are getting ready for their first poker runs or biker nights for the year. Please try to support each other as much as possible. When we all work and play together, it makes everything so much more enjoyable. (And hopefully more profitable.)

I hope that each chapter will make sure to take advantage of the *free* publicity afforded to you through this newspaper. Submit your flyer's to our crusty ol' editor and he will

get them in circulation for you. (Up to 90 days worth.)

Then of course there is your chapter report, which should be used each month. What a great way to tell everyone what's going on in your group, and why we should all come and join you. You don't have to be a literary scholar or write pages and pages. Just jot down some notes or highlights and submit it by the 10th of each month. You and your chapter will be glad you did.

On one last note, now that riding season is upon us, *please* make sure you check all of your equipment. That means not only your bike, but all of your safety gear as well. Also consider taking a refresher course

through *Team Oregon*. It may just be the thing that could save your life.

Also if you enjoy riding and what *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* does for the riding community, ask someone to join. We are always stronger with more numbers. And we can always use new and fresh ideas.

Ride safe.

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul



Paul Hering

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

Central Oregon

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(4 th month)**



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,

February 23, the *Douglas County Chapter* of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. met to discuss the upcoming summer events.

The *Thundering Waters Poker Run* is moving forward. The campground is being reserved. The funding is in place for purchasing the raffle items.

All *Bike Night* sanctioning requests have been sent to Todd.

The club discussed the crest for T-shirts and what style of T-shirts the chapter will want to purchase. We also talked about the make-up of the flyers for bike nights.

The chapter's web site is under construction with the option of using *PayPal* for those wishing to make



contributions.

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

Spanky reminded everyone, whenever possible, for all riders to join with those who participate in the *Fallen Heroes Escort* to honor our fallen military heroes. Groups of riders escort the fallen hero along a given section of the highways on his/her way home. It

is a great way to honor those who have given their final measure so we can enjoy the freedoms we have.

Our next meeting will be March 23rd at 7 p.m. (time change) at *Round Table Pizza* in Roseburg. All riders are welcome.

Go *Douglas County Chapter* !

-- Joy Reyes

Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Thursday at 1800 (6 pm)
Round Table Pizza
2040 NW Stewart parkway
Roseburg
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or
367198656679619/

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

Hello,

Long time coming but the year is already passing us by.

Hope everyone had a great holiday and looking forward to a great riding year.

So here in *Jackson County Chapter* we are really hitting the pavement and looking to make the swap meet and breast cancer runs a smash this year.

Looking forward to our ride time together to make some events around the state.

As a chapter, we will be helping do the poker run at *Fossil Campout* and hope to see a lot of you there to support this awesome time. (Not just the poker run.)

The whole campout weekend is a blast and if you have not been to

one, you really need to try it. It is so worth it.

Rick and his crew do such a great job with this every year.

Hope to see everyone. Bring ten people with you.

Do the same for the state swap meet.

Well enough rambling from me.

We will see you on the road.

**Jackson County**
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

4th 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**

Even with the rather wintry weather, some of our members have been getting some great miles on their rides. (As well as their heated gear.)

A quick reminder: be sure to carry extra fuses for that heated gear. You will be reminded when you get half way through a ride over the back side of the coast range on a crisp day in January, and a fuse decides to give you a nice wake-up call.

Busy times here at *Hub City* this winter. As was reported earlier, our *Don Nash Chili Buns Run* was great fun. And the weather cooperated by not dumping any of the wet stuff on the wheels.

Hub City has a raffle going for a \$1,000 dollar gift certificate to *Sportsman's Warehouse*. Only 300 tickets will be sold at \$10 each. Drawing is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th, 2017, or sooner. If all 300 tickets are

sold earlier, the drawing may be held Saturday, March 18th 2017 at our *Hub City Casino Night*. Contact *Hub City* member for more information.

As was mentioned in last month's report, *Hub City Las Vegas Casino Night* was held on Saturday, March 18th, 2017 at the Corvallis *Elks Lodge*. A great time, great prizes, with brothers and sisters who revel in the wind. (And sometimes a little of the wet stuff.) A huge thank you to the Corvallis *Elks Lodge* for their hosting and to the volunteers who stepped up to make for a great time.

Hub City members will be planning on being out in force in Salem for the annual *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on Saturday, May 6th, 2017.

Hub City is also well along the way in the planning process for our June 2017 poker run. Always a great route with nice, friendly stops, and an awesome



end stop with many, many prizes.

Be sure to get your membership into *BikePAC of Oregon*. *BikePAC of Oregon* does so much for all of us riders with so little funding resources. This is a legislative year here in Oregon, This means we have bills that our *BikePAC* team are working hard to get support on. Our team is meeting with each

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Facebook:

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

Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddici's Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Josephine County

Hello spring !

Oh, how we have missed you.

It seems like we were just celebrating the winter holidays.

And now it is time to get ready for the most beautiful time of the year.

All the trees will be renewing their leaves. Flowers will begin to bloom. We can start enjoying the sun and being outdoors.

We could not be happier that spring and riding season is on the horizon. We are definitely suffering from cabin fever and ready to get out.

What will you be doing once spring arrives?

How about checking out all the upcoming events from all the chapters and pledge to attend at least one event from another chapter this year. Something new. A run or event you have never attended.

How about visiting another chapter meeting?

As members of *A.B.A.T.E.*, everyone is welcome to attend any chapter meeting. Let's get out and meet other members. Wouldn't it be nice to look up and see two or three new faces at your next meeting?

Josephine County Chapter will be hosting an April swap meet, *Motorcycle Awareness Day*, *Run to the Coast*, *S.O.S. Run*, and a toy run.

- Apr 29-30th will be the *19th Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet & Bike Show*. 545 California avenue at the Grants Pass / Merlin exit 61 off I-5. Monument drive to California avenue. Registration opens at 10 a.m. Only \$5 per day or \$8 for



a two-day pass. Kids free. New and used parts, leathers and accessories, food, music, and a beer garden. Free bike show Saturday 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- May 6th – Southern Oregon *Motorcycle Awareness Rally*. Josephine county courthouse at 500 NW 6th street in Grants Pass, Oregon. (Similar to the rally in Salem.) Lives can be saved by becoming more aware of all vehicles on the road. “Look twice,

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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 again!

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped our family lay Kurt to rest. The stories that were told were wonderful. (And because of the respect for the chaplain presiding over his services, some of the stories were saved for later.)

Once again, thank you. I love you all, and you know who you are.

There's only five meetings left for us until Beaver Creek. Everything seems to be falling into place. It's been kinda wet and muddy around here lately. Hopefully we get some dry weather soon.

So excited for spring.

Police Special is running great.

Until next month,
Ride safe,

-- Shirley



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*



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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

Our February meeting went well with a good turnout. We had a lot to go over as our January meeting was canceled due to weather.

One of the top priorities on our list of to-do things is membership. We do have a lot of interest in our area, so we have a plan.

We have decided to have our June 11th meeting in the city park. There is a covered area where we can conduct our meeting and maybe cook a few burgers.

Our thinking is to get as many enthusiasts together as we can at a regular meeting so they can get a better understanding of what A.B.A.T.E. does and what we as a chapter do, especially within our community.

We have our spring run coming up on the 20th of May. This has always been a fun run and one of our most successful money makers.

It will start at *Colvin's Pub & Grill* in

Clatskanie and end in Seaside.

Some of us like to spend the night in Seaside.

If anyone would like more information on rooms, call Laura Brown at (503)-728-3006.

We hope to see you there.

We usually pick up trash along the highway west of Clatskanie. Looks like we may forego that for awhile as the rains seemed to have pretty well washed it clean for us.

One more thing: We will be raffling off another rifle this year. We don't sell but 600 tickets, so the odds are pretty good. The rifle will again be a *Tika 300 WSM* stainless steel with a *Prostaff* scope on it. Over a \$1,000 value.

See you in the wind,

-- 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

Wow, we have had three meetings in a row without a snow or ice storm making us close it down! Spring is truly on the way.

Treasurer: As of our last meeting, Lorraine reported \$2,113.44 in checking, \$6,307.70 in savings, total \$8,421.14. Payment of *Chamber of Commerce* dues is still pending, as the office has been closed twice when Rick went by to talk to them.

Membership: Bob reported fifty-five members, as of the December 2016 report. Some of those, including Bob, show as expired but have not received renewal notices. No updated membership report has been received since December.

Legislative: Brian reported that *BikePAC* is working in Salem, and will have a call-to-action on their web site within the next two weeks. They are working two *BikePAC* bills and monitoring a number of other bills introduced by other people on the same subjects. Calls and e-mails to our senator, Ted Ferrioli, are in order. He is not well informed about lane sharing and needs reasonable information from his constituents. (That means us!)

Ways and means, products: Teresa reported that she received an e-mail from Lisa, our contact at *See's Candies*, apologizing for dropping the ball on

getting leftover peanut brittle boxes picked up for the order error this year. Her e-mail said her roof collapsed in the snow, and during cleanup they found asbestos, so she was dealing with the full hazardous material crew while that got taken care of. We received the refund right away but still have the candy, which is now past code date. She authorized us to throw it away. Teresa and Gene have taken care of that. We have products available, too: shirts, hats, bumper stickers. Teresa will start bringing the *Square* device so we can run credit cards for product sales.

Run coordinator, web master – Rebel has gotten poker run details pinned down, except for unanswered questions about whether our insurance will meet *Maryhill Museum's* standards for using the historic highway. He talked with Randy Haines at the radio station, and has arranged to take Rick along for an interview in a few weeks to promote the poker run. Also, Randy is making changes to *Neon Classic* weekend in August, and won't be offering the same setup this year. We will not be having a booth, which will allow more chapter members to be involved in the August state board meeting and *Beaver Creek*.

Public relations – Rick reported that



Harley-Davidson is now a major sponsor of *Pendleton Bike Week*. If you want a motel room, you had better get a reservation now. They might already be gone. We discussed possible "swag" for giving away at the booth: beer cozies, bottle opener key chains, and kick stand pads are possibilities. This will be a state event, not *River City's*, but most volunteers will probably come from the east side of the state. Dusty suggested getting shirts for the booth volunteers, so we will have a consistent identity during the event.

Fossil promotion: Rick has been in contact with *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* and has permission to hand out *Fossil Campout* information at the *Monroe Swap Meet* on March 26. Rick will not be able to go, but Gene and Steve plan to go take care of business.

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

Seasonal greetings,

A few more new people are coming to our meetings. Some of the members who we haven't seen in awhile are showing up as well. We have been busy promoting A.B.A.T.E. at the recent toy run and the *One Moto Show*. We are also heavily promoting the *Southeast Portland Chapter* wherever we go.

The *Shriners' Toy Run* bike and display are the attraction at all of the events. People like what we do and they most certainly like the toy run bike.

Visit the *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site:

<http://www.abatese.net>

or the toy run web site:

<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

We may be at the *River City Cherry Festival* on April 22 with the toy run

bike. Last year, Rick Prentice pulled the toy run trailer with his bike in the parade. That was a sight to see!

Hope to see everyone at both events.

Man, the roads around Portland are terrible because of the damage to the roads during the winter storms. You really have to keep your eyes open wherever you are going. It's really important to thoroughly check your bikes out before you ride.

We are really looking forward to having our *Yer Mother's Poker Run* on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Put this event on your agenda, for sure, because we have an enjoyable route mapped out. This is a ride or drive event. If you are not riding anymore for whatever reason, just get into your car and join us on our poker run. Melinda McCrossen (our



wonderful historian) suggested having a "party bus" as a future means of travel on our runs.

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. attorney),

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Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sechapter/?fref=ts>

Southeast Portland**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)

M&M Restaurant & Lounge
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<http://www.abatetoyrun.com>

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

Washington County

April showers bring . . . how does it go?

First and foremost: Come on out to Hillsboro for our *Spring Kick-Off Biker Night* at the *Elks Lodge*. Find the flier with the address in this issue. In years past this has always been a great event to kick winter to the curb and break out of some of that cabin-fever we all start feeling about this time of year. We hope to see you there.

Aside from this event, our run committee has been busy planning and orchestrating our list of 2017 events. You can find the dates on our *Washington County A.B.A.T.E. Facebook* page as well as our web site at

<http://www.WaCoABATE.info>

Check them out and put them on your calendars.

Last year we raffled off a brand new *Taurus The Judge* revolver.

This year we have a *Kel-Tec PMR-30* up for raffle. Please see a *WaCo* chapter member to purchase your tickets. Limited availability.

Until next time . . .

Ride safe,
Ride smart,
Ride,

-- Goat
secretary
WaCo Chapter



Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter/?fref=ts>

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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our officers at work

Fine folks attending = 28 ; Bikes ridden = 1

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

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

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m by state coordinator Paul Hering. with ten chapters represented.

Ten of eleven [?] chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent, unexcused chapters: *Central Oregon*.

Excused chapters: (None)

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Neil Martinez, Sheryl Chenoweth, Jim Drew, Christopher Slater.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Nic Oliver to adopt as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Jack Wingfield. Motion passed by voice vote.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering thanked everyone for being here today. Yesterday's weather might have been a good day to ride. I thought about riding today until I woke up and it was the raining. Events are coming up and hopefully the weather will change. We need to support other chapter events and remember that we are a brotherhood.

Secretary report, correspondence: Cindy Witmer noted that she still needs officer lists from *Central Oregon, Jackson County,* and *Southeast Portland*.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer said that as the weather starts to warm up, we have several events coming up. Make sure and give your bikes the once-over, making sure that they are safe.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen echoed Dave to check

your vehicles and make sure everything is ready to go.

We have a lot of events.

The southern Oregon swap meet is coming up along with the bike show. Chapters may sponsor a plaque for \$35 for the bike show. Your chapter name will be on it. We will be doing the same thing for *S.O.S*.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice noted that the temperature was 62°F in The Dallas yesterday. We had snow on the ground for over ninety days.

He went for a ride with the *Goldendale Chapter* of *Washington A.B.A.T.E.* and was promoting our events.

Pendleton Bike Week is coming fast. *Harley-Davidson* is now sponsoring the event. He has been in contact with *Washington A.B.A.T.E.* and hopefully *Idaho A.B.A.T.E.* There is camping hopefully still available.

We need something to give away, like cozies, key chains, etc. *BikePAC* will also be there.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle reported our financial status:

Checking	–	\$ 4,967.62
Savings	–	\$26,972.70
Pay Pal	–	\$ 200.00
US Post Master	–	\$ 130.19
Total	–	\$32,315.51

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg (Excused) In the middle of moving.

Sanctioning officer: Todd Sahlberg stated that sanctioning will be coming. Please be patient. We are in the middle of moving.

Several events are being worked on.

Some chapters have not paid sanctioning fees yet.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Karen Tolle reported that *Jackson County, Josephine County,* and *Southeast Portland* are thirty days behind.

Newspaper editor: *Central Oregon, North Coast,* and *Washington County* still need to get their reports in for the April newspaper. Light a fire under people in your chapter if reports aren't being sent and get the reports in. If they are having problems, maybe they should hand it off to somebody else in the chapter.

The state newspaper is a great way to increase membership. It is a tool for reaching out to non-members.

S.T.E.A.M. training before board meetings would provide officer training. Would help with the reports.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps said there was not much going on. We do have some state events coming. We need support from all the chapters

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Diana Nicolay had nothing to report.

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop encouraged members that as soon as you can, get on your bike ride to the chapter member that you have not seen for a while to see how they are doing and let them know that they are missed.

Products director: Dave Meeker reported that he brought different products.

Paul wanted him to look into license frames. It would cost \$13.82 to make each.

Pins and patches are easy.

He is looking into getting the products on our web site and in the newspaper.

When ordered merchandise comes in, it will be brought to the state board meeting for pick up.

Education director: Geoff White enthused that everyone needs to educate



Cindy Witmer

state recording secretary elf

the public. Buy an *A.B.A.T.E.* magnetic sign to put on your vehicle. Spread the awareness.

Public relations director:

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Nic wants to post events on the *Facebook* page. Please send him the flyers

State run coordinator (Fossil Campout): Rick Prentice noted that *Fossil Campout* tickets are ready to check out. Flyers are here.

Still need people to volunteer for bike games and bike show.

We still have some issues with the stage.

Bands are set.

We still need art work for the T-shirts. Bring it to the April state board meeting. Needs to be no more than three colors.

Cycle Fish on the internet will make a banner for \$35 per month for *Fossil Campout* advertising.

State swap meet coordinator: Todd Sahlberg noted they have been moving.

He has not mailed out flyers. No vendors are signed up. Do we want to push and have everyone in this room on the phone or do we want to cancel it?

- Help Todd arrange state swap meet? – 2

- Cancel *A.B.A.T.E. Spring Swap Meet* ? – 6

>> State spring swap meet has been canceled. <<

Paul will contact Carl to put it on the state web site and Nic will put it on the *A.B.A.T.E. Facebook* page.

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

11 March 2017

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Historian: Teresa Hepker (Absent) Rick reporting.

While going through papers, Teresa found a governor's proclamation from the early 1990's for the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally*.

Web page editor: Carl Earl (Excused)

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore affirmed that a motorcycle awareness class is being taught in Fossil this year. He is still trying to get into the other schools.

Legislative director:

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Don Mason reporting.

• HB-2598 "Milkman Mike" bill. Hearing on vehicle assault bill. It made it to a hearing. The testimonies were great. It will be going to the working session next. It is looking very good.

• SB-385 "Lane-Sharing" bill. March 20 will be a hearing. Anybody who has had filter / lane-sharing experience, please send *BikePAC* a message to testify.

We will need to educate the public on lane-sharing.

You can go to the media page on the *BikePAC* web site to see and listen to what is going on in the hearing.

Please go back to your chapters and remind them they can go to the internet to see what's happening on the *BikePAC Facebook* page.

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

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Plan going to the *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* on May 6th as a chapter ride. There will be a poker run.

There are two call-to-actions going on right now. You can go to the *BikePAC* web page for the form letters to sign and send to your legislators.

M.R.F. representative: Ted Tracy said that we paid our yearly due and received a seventeen year patch.

Washington County Chapter received their eighteen year patch.

M.R.F. is working on a national profiling bill.

On their web site there is a place for you to comment if you feel you have been profiled.

Right now the *M.R.F.* has no editor, so newspapers are few.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that he is going to the *N.C.O.M.* conference in Reno on May 11-14.

The *C.o.C.* meeting is tomorrow, 12 March. *C.o.C.* is building a web site.

Unfinished Business

1. Review sanctioning rules: Anything the *A.B.A.T.E.* logo goes on needs to be sanctioned, not just events that need to be insured.

2. Events taking place on the same day: Discussion followed.

3. Invite chapter officers to the state meeting. Invite chapter officers to have training before state meetings.

New Business

Nominations for vacant state officer positions:

• Motion: Jack Wingfield moved to have Dave Meeker take over as state products director. Second by Dave Witmer.

Motion passed.

However, Dave has not accepted the position at this time.

• Todd Sahlberg moved for Don Mason to be legislative director. Seconded by Jack Wingfield.

Don accepted.

Other Business

• Motion made by Louise Davies (*Josephine County*), seconded by Diana Nicolay (*Douglas County*):

"To purchase Quicken 2017 for the state treasurer."

In-favor - 10

Against - 0

Motion passed.

• Motion made by Ted Tracy (*Washington County*), seconded by Steve Bishop (*River City*):

"To pay the state of Oregon \$50 for registration of assumed business name, A Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education."

In favor - 9

Against - 1

Motion passed.

Good of the Order

• It would be nice that chapters that are having poker runs, make available campsites. (Back yards, etc. so that riders do not have to stay in hotels or motels.)

• An all-chapter run would be great.

Announcements

• Christopher Slater (*A.I.M.* attorney): *N.C.O.M.* convention is May 11-14.

Last year *A.B.A.T.E.* paid for airfare for two people. Right now the airfare is \$250. Chris recommends to send one member each from *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* He recommends Paula and Spanky. They are going to ride.

If interested in going please, let Paul know.

Adjourned: 2:33 p.m.

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

Date:	Event:	Chapter:
01 April	State Spring Swap Meet	Oregon ABATE CANX
15 April	Spring Biker Night	Hub City
22 April	Spring Fever	North Coa
st		
22 April	Poker Run	River City
22 April	Biker Night	Washington County
29-30 April	Southern Swap Meet	JoCo
06 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	Oregon ABATE
06 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	JoCo
12 May	Biker Night	Douglas County
13 May	Yer Mother's Poker Run	SE-PDX
20 May	Spring Run	Lower Columbia
26-29 May	40th Fossil Campout	Oregon ABATE
09 June	Thundering Waters Poker Run	Douglas County
10 June	Biker Night	Douglas County
10 June	Annual Poker Run	Hub City
17 June	Roll-N-Ride Poker Run	Washington County
24 June	Around Saddle Mountain Run	North Coast
15 July	Biker Night	Douglas County
15 July	Scavenger Hunt Poker Run	Washington County
05 Aug	Biker Night	Douglas County
05 Aug	Run to the Coast	JoCo
11-13 Aug	Beaver Creek Run	Lincoln County
19 Aug	Fall Run	Lower Columbia
19 Aug	Family Picnic	Southeast PDX
19 Aug	Solstice Dice Run	Southeast PDX
21 Aug	Solar eclipse	
26 Aug	End Of The Summer Run	WaCo

From yer ...



... another "last" year

Ready To Ride ?

Many folks have written about checking yer bikes over before the warm weather riding season begins. And while that is very important, what about the nuts holding on the handlebars?

When the roads are smooth, dry, and straight, little physical effort is required. But when conditions change or a sudden unexpected action by another road user creates an emergency situation, you may need to snap into ~~Survival~~ mode.

Back when yer crusty ol' editor was productive member of society (had a job), he used to ride his CX-500 to and from work on a road that was dangerous for unwary speeders, but a delight for powered two-wheelers.

Often as not, c.o.e. would imagine a cager doing something unusually stupid resulting in him having to lay his bike down and sliding towards disaster and certain injury. Except that c.o.e. would manage to balance on top of his sliding bike like a surfer. Then just as the bike hit the offending cage, crusty ol' editor would jump up, flipping over the vehicle and astonished driver Xena-style, then continuing sommersaulting head-over-heel on the ground beyond until slowed enough

Healthy Riding

We ride what we eat

c.o.e. – 183

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to roll upright into an heroic black leather-clad stance. After an inspiring pause, c.o.e. would stalk back to the hapless cage driver and a certain amount of chaos and driver screaming would ensue.

While that scenario may be slightly farfetched for normal riding, when disaster happens, your ability to respond physically may make the difference between walking away relatively unscathed or spending several months recovering from injuries.

Riders don't need to spend every waking moment at a gym trying to turn a beer keg into a six-pack. But there are three things that can help you be more physically fit for riding:

1. Nutrition.
 2. Movement.
 3. Addiction.
- (As in avoiding harmful ones.)

Nutrition

The food we put into our bodies can directly affect our thinking process and ability to respond to situations. (And it only gets worse as one becomes an elder.)

Most of the edibles being foisted onto the public these days by large corporations are in fact pseudo-foods. They are addictive, overly processed food substitutes that are

okay for occasional consumption, but can become harmful if eaten daily.

Our bodies crave real food.

Real food tastes good, has little or no processing done to it before landing on our plates.

It's a sad commentary on our society that it takes effort to track down real food these days. It tends to be obscured by fake food advertising and placement whose real goal is to increase corporate profits at the expense of our health.

One trick is to shop around the outside aisles of stores and markets. That's where meat, fruit, and veggies tend to be. (Real food.) The more central aisles tend to be loaded up sugary products, often containing excessive amounts of highly refined wheat products, which our bodies treat like sugar. (Fake food.)

Movement

Just as our bodies crave real food, so they crave movement.

Remember your childhood or observe a young person stuck inside on warm spring day. All that excited twitching and nervous energy held in check until exploding outside to run around and move.

That yearning remains as we grow up,



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

but is restricted by circumstances such as schooling, jobs, or weather. It finds release only after hours or weekends.

Many people substitute artificial exercise for the movement we miss due to social conventions.

Some folk are just too mentally exhausted after work or school to do anything but plop down in front of television or computer screens while consuming non-foods until time for bed.

A character in an on-going television remarked that "sitting is the new smoking."

The fact is that any movement we can do, at home or away, is beneficial to our health. And the more movement we can work into our daily lives, the better our bodies like it.

Avoiding Harmful Addictions

Addictions aren't just for drugs, legal or not.

Some addictions are actual beneficial, such as working on yer motorcycle, getting out to ride yer bike, walking to stretch your legs after a long ride, or eating well so you can enjoy riding.

Other addictions can steal time from our lives (when we could be out riding) or reduce our health. (Making riding riskier.)

Time stealers include excessive television watching, computer use, video gaming, getting so stoned that you just sit around giggling, and many more. (Even doing jigsaw puzzles.)

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Note: Photos and copy-ready artwork should be stiffened with cardboard to prevent folding, spindling, or mutilating. Include a self-stamped addressed envelope if you want your material returned. (Otherwise the c.o.e. has a woodstove and your unclaimed contributions may end up keeping his toes warm.)

APRIL Cryptogram

GDR IHFRC RHOGD TJ SHOW STGD JLOTIQ,
 HIC STGD QORRI QOHJJ HIC VKOJGTIQ GORRJ,
 YRHIJ GN GDR JKI'J FTJJ QYNOETIQ,
 HIC XKTMROJ TI GDR JKIIIE VORRUR.

-- BKYTHI QORIPRY

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".) Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skullduggery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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

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

spring Motorcycle Swap Meet A.B.A.T.E.

State Swap Meet

CANCELLED

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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

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

\$15
suggested donation
for prizes and games

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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Hub City

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and every representative in our legislature. There is a *BikePAC* membership application in each edition of our monthly state newsletter...paper. Hopefully we have turned the corner on winter and we will be out getting a little air and sunshine. Get yer rides all serviced and ready for the summer days.

In closing, stay aware. Those damn idiots in the cages are watching videos, chatting on *Facebook*, and texting non-stop.

There are reports that one in three drivers have got their heads down between their legs.

In my opinion, that makes each and every one of them A. Killing.

Josephine County

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We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Grants Pass. (Fruitdale Grange) We would be honored to look up and see any of your smiling faces visiting us at any of our events or meetings. With a little advanced warning, we might even be able to provide accommodations for a few at a time.

Potluck meetings are March, June, September, November, and December. Potlucks begin at 6 p.m. with meeting at 6:30.

We are a family friendly group. Kids are always welcome.

See you down the road,

-- Karen Tolle

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May Motorcycle Awareness Rally

open to the
public

Saturday

06 May 2017

open to the
public

beginning at 10 a.m.

Oregon state capitol

900 Court street NE
Salem, Oregon

Come help make Oregon's roads safer for motorcyclists

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(Please do not enter, exit, or idle engines 12 - 1 p.m.)

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

Blessing of the bikes
Sunday morning biker church

Entry Fee: \$5.00/day
\$8.00/2-day pass
Children under 12 free

VENDOR SPOTS INFO
Pat @ 541-832-2219

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

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River City

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Total eclipse of the sun: Gene has offered his hospitality and camping space in his yard in Fossil, free to any A.B.A.T.E. member. The pig will cost around \$225 on the hoof. Rebel will check on butcher costs. The hardest part might be negotiating the traffic to get there. There are predictions of 50,000 people in the Mitchell area, which is about dead center on the path of totality. Rural roads aren't built to handle that volume of traffic. RV spaces (none left, by the way) are going for \$250 a night in the Fossil area, and there are reports of a central Oregon Motel 6 charging \$600 a night.

The Three Rs (Riding, Roads, and Revs)

- March 26 – *Monroe Swap Meet* (Washington)
- April 01 – *A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet CANX*
- April 22 – *Cherry Festival and Poker Run*
- May 06 – *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* (Salem)
- May 26-29 – *Fossil Campout*
- Jun 09 – *Ride-to-Work Day*
- Jun 23-25 – *Oregon Motorcycle Expo* at Oaks Amusement Park
- Jul 19-23 – *Pendleton Bike Week*
- Aug 11-13 – *Beaver Creek* resurrected
- Aug 21 – Total eclipse of the sun

Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

-- Teresa Hepker

16th Annual River City ABATE
Poker Run
at the Northeast Cherry Festival
including the historic
Maryhill Loops
open just for us today

*Last Card at
Route 30 Bottles & Brews*

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

Call or text: Rebel - 541-288-8758
Email: rebelrouser1975@msn.com
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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**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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of
Oregon**



**Spring Kick-off Party
April 22, 2017**
Hillsboro Elks Lodge
21865 NW Quatama Rd
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dinner at 6:00pm and Party at 7:00pm



Full Bar
Limited Dinner menu
Live and Silent Auctions
Raffles, 50/50 & More!



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**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
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DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
Lower Columbia Chapter

**Loco's Annual
Spring POKER RUN**



Date: May 20th 2017 @ 10:00 am

Begins @ Colvin's Pub & Grill in Clatskanie, Oregon

Ends @ Beach N' Brew Seaside, Oregon

\$15.00 per hand, or 2 hands for \$25.00

Door Prizes

50/50 pot too!!
Leaving @ 9:45AM sharp
You May Also Want to Check out Colvin's Breakfast Menu

Proceeds benefit Clatskanie High School Scholarships, Swimming lessons, Christmas Families, and much more.
ABATE of Oregon is a not-for-profit organization supporting motorcycle rights and education. Contributions or gifts to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. are not tax deductible contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Live Music Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Fossil High School Benefit Breakfast & Showers

Saturday & Sunday 7 to 11 a.m. • \$8 Includes hot breakfast and shower

40TH ANNUAL FOSSIL CAMPOUT 2017

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC.

May 26-29, 2017 www.fossilcampout.com

Bear Hollow Campground-Fossil, Oregon

Gates open Friday 12 p.m. Campsites first come, first served.

Member: Advance \$30 • \$35 Gate ***** Non Member: Advance \$35 • \$40 Gate

Vendors • Tattoo Contest • Poker Run • Bike Games • Bike Show • Day Passes & Firewood Available

ABSOLUTELY NO CROSSING FENCES. CAMPFIRES IN DESIGNATED FIRE PITS ONLY.

No Firearms, No Fireworks, Dogs on leashes, Groups of 10 or more allowed one support vehicle up to 10 ft long at campsite.

LIMITED SPACE FOR RVs - 10 maximum, call Gene (503) 393-3721. For Vendor Sites contact Rick: fossil@abateoforegon.org

All proceeds benefit motorcycle rights, education, awareness, and safety.

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A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments • A Brotherhood Aimed Towards education

22nd Annual North Coast Chapter ABATE of Oregon**Around Saddle Mountain**

Saturday, June 24

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

Starts at Astoria Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon

Stops to be announced

\$20 includes meal at the end of the run
50/50 • Prizes • GamesProceeds support
Clatsop County food banks

The Astoria Moose offers a \$5 breakfast starting at 9 a.m.

All stops are family friendly
Kickstands up at 10 a.m.For more information, visit www.northcoastabate.com
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Adverse addictions causing health problems mainly center on drug use which may include anything from prescribed pain medication to illegal drugs of dubious quality. Often these addictions become physical dependencies.

But motorcyclists are prone to another type of addiction that is magnified by our lack enclosure on the road: The need for speed.

Everything appears to be happening quicker on a motorcycle. We are closer to the road. We can see the pavement whizzing by mere inches from our toes. It's exciting, but it can come at a cost.

Most single rider crashes involve excessive speed and losing control, especially in tight corners.

How do we control our addictions?

Mostly we need to begin recognizing the signs of addictions within ourselves.

If you find yourself excessively or obsessively thinking about an activity (other than riding) or a substance, you may be facing an addictive situation.

If you yearn for an activity (other than riding) or a substance, you may be dancing around the borders of addiction.

If you fall asleep thinking about or dreaming of time-wasting activities, you are an impulsive geek and need to stay away from computers for at least two weeks. (Maybe taking up riding a motorcycle.)

Southeast Portland

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BikePAC, Confederation of Clubs, and A.B.A.T.E.

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

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

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Best regards to all,

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Motorcycle Tariff: “Cynical approach to trade policy”

Proposal would harm American consumers, businesses

Including motorcycles in a trade dispute over U.S.-raised beef products reflects “a cynical approach to trade policy to look for the largest grassroots reaction you can find to pressure European governments,” the American Motorcyclist Association told a federal agency.

“This is a highly inappropriate use of the motorcycle community,” A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman told the office of the U.S. trade representative (U.S.T.R.) in a letter responding to questions and comments made during a February 15 hearing in Washington, D.C. “It appears that to this committee, motorcyclists are simply pawns in a game of international chess.”

Accompanying the letter was a petition containing 6,579 signatures of motorcyclists opposing the proposed tariff.

The U.S.T.R. proposed a 100 percent tariff on 51 cc to 500 cc motorcycles imported from the European Union.

Motorcycles are recommended for a tariff alongside other products as part of a dispute with the European Union over the amount of U.S.-raised beef E.U. countries accept. The dispute originated over the U.S. beef industry’s use of hormones.

The tariff would affect motorcycles from Aprilia, Beta, B.M.W., Ducati, Fantic, Gas Gas, Husqvarna, K.T.M., Montesa, Piaggio, Scorpa, Sherco, T.M., and Vespa.

Dingman’s rebuttal letter reiterated his comments made during the February meeting after William L. Busis, chair of the U.S.T.R. section 301 committee explained why his office included motorcycles in the tariff proposal.

When Dingman and motorcycle-industry representatives challenged the U.S.T.R.’s proposal, Busis responded that the agency hoped American motorcyclists would reach out to their European counterparts “and suggest to them maybe they could talk to their government, who could then talk to the commission,

and then maybe we could resolve this dispute.”

“In reality, this committee is playing with peoples’ lives and livelihoods,” Dingman wrote in his rebuttal. “The negative effects of the proposed trade sanctions would cause dramatic and possibly irreparable harm to the motorcycle industry and spread through the after market equipment sector, recreation equipment sales, the sports entertainment industry, and further down the line.

But those who will suffer the most from this proposed tariff are the Americans who use small- displacement motorcycles and scooters for outdoor recreation and urban riding,” Dingman continued. “These are products that are not offered by American manufacturers.

Instead of viewing the American motorcycling community as pawns with an imagined grassroots reach far beyond our shores, the committee needs to grasp the significant hardships this tariff will

cause to hardworking, everyday tax-paying Americans,” Dingman concluded.

Dingman met personally with the president of the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (F.I.M.) in Geneva, Switzerland, and asked him to weigh in on this issue. In a subsequent letter to the U.S.T.R. that Dingman included as part of his testimony, F.I.M. president Vito Ippolito asks that motorcycles be removed from the tariff list.

The A.M.A. also objects to threatening a tariff on nonagricultural products to create leverage in a purely agricultural trade dispute.

Before the February hearing, opponents sent more than 10,300 e-mails to congress on this issue, posted more than 9,400 comments to Regulations.gov, and sent nearly 5,300 e-mails to president Donald Trump. Of the comments sent via Regulations.gov, 82 percent came from the A.M.A.

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- Butch Harbaugh - Gone, But Not Forgotten

It is with great sadness that we report the death of longtime freedom fighter, Butch Harbaugh, former chairman of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* - legislative task force (NC.O.M.-LTF), among other positions. Butch passed away February 7th from heart failure and cancer.

"When I began as the A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) and NC.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," recalls Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. attorney emeritus, and now of counsel to Christopher Slater, Oregon and Washington A.I.M. attorney. "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."

A biker rights activist since the 1970s, Butch attended and helped organize many S.T.E.A.M. conferences and A.B.A.T.E./BikePac planning retreats. He was a regular at many A.B.A.T.E. runs around the state, often helping A.I.M. chief of staff "Gunny" (now retired) at the A.I.M./NC.O.M. tables. He was known and highly respected in the biker's-rights community nationwide.

Butch also participated in many NC.O.M. conventions. In 2003 he was bestowed with the *Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award*, NC.O.M.'s highest tribute. This year's 32nd annual convention will

be dedicated in his honor. It is to be held over Mother's Day weekend, May 11-14th, in Reno, Nevada at the *Silver Legacy Resort Casino*.

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

NC.O.M. Convention Rolls Into Reno

The 32nd annual NC.O.M. Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend (May 11-14, 2017) at the *Silver Legacy Resort-Casino* located at 407 N. Virginia street in Reno, Nevada. Reserve your room now for the special NC.O.M. rate of \$99 by calling:

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The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, this year's NC.O.M. convention will draw over a thousand concerned bikers from across the country to the "biggest little city in the world" to engage in serious discussions on topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars, and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve freedom of the road.

Topics will range from legal and legislative issues to organizational

effectiveness, with special meetings for veterans affairs, women in motorcycling, clean and sober roundtable, world of sport bikes, as well as the christian unity conference and *Confederation of Clubs* patch holders meeting.

NC.O.M. has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst north America's motorcycle rights organizations (M.R.O.s), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sport bikers, and minority motorcyclists.

To pre-register for the 2017 NC.O.M. convention, contact the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* at:

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With the 32nd Annual NC.O.M. Convention in Reno just weeks away, at this time the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* is requesting that M.R.O.s, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since last May, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "ringing of the bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies.

Dedications should be e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at

NCOMBish@aol.com

or can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NC.O.M. chairman of the board.

N.H.T.S.A. Seeks To Curb Driver Distractions

Driver distraction is a specific type of inattention that occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the driving task to focus on another activity. This distraction can come from electronic devices, such as texting or e-mailing on cell phones or smart phones, and more traditional activities such as interacting with passengers, eating, or events external to the vehicle.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (N.H.T.S.A.) is proposing new federal guidelines to provide a safety framework for developers of portable and after market electronic devices to use when developing visual-manual user interfaces for their systems.

According to N.H.T.S.A. and the department of transportation (D.O.T.), their *Visual-Manual N.H.T.S.A. Driver Distraction Guidelines for Portable and Aftermarket Devices* (docket number N.H.T.S.A.-2013-0137) will "encourage innovative solutions such as "pairing" and "driver mode" that, when implemented, will reduce the potential for unsafe driver distraction by limiting the time a driver's eyes are off the road, while at the same time preserving the full functionality of these devices when

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they are not used while driving.”

Crash data indicate that visual-manual interaction (an action that requires a user to look away from the roadway and manipulate a button or interface) with portable devices, particularly cell phones, is often the main distraction for drivers involved in crashes.

In 2015, 10% of the 35,092 traffic fatalities involved one or more distracted drivers, and these distraction-affected crashes resulted in 3,477 fatalities, an 8.8% increase from the 3,197 fatalities in 2014. Of the 5.6 million non-fatal crashes in 2014, 16% were distraction-affected crashes and resulted in 424,000 people injured.

At any given time, an estimated 542,073 drivers are using hand-held cell phones while driving.

Currently no safety guidelines exist for portable device technologies when they are used during a driving task.

[-- c.o.e. note: Notice that these are *guidelines*, not legal requirements.]

Lane-Splitting Bill Introduced In Texas

Texas is contemplating becoming the second state, after California, to allow motorcycle riders to split lanes in heavy traffic under certain conditions.

Senate bill 228 was introduced on December 9, 2016, and if passed, would make it legal for motorcycles to ride between lanes of traffic on limited-access or controlled-access highways during periods of traffic congestion at a speed not more than 5 mph above the speed of other traffic, and only if that traffic is moving at 20 m.p.h. or less.

Lane-splitting, which was a long-

standing but legally-ambiguous practice in California until it was made legal there in 2016, is common in Europe where motorcycles typically “filter” to the front of the line at intersections and ride between lanes of traffic in crowded cities. Lane-splitting advocates in the U.S. cite the safety of the practice overseas as well as its effect on reducing traffic congestion.

New Hampshire Could Repeal Handlebar Height Regulation

Senate bill 27 by senator Harold French (R-Franklin) repealing the restriction on the height of motorcycle handlebars carried the New Hampshire senate by a voice vote on January 19 and has been referred to the house of representatives where most likely it will be assigned to the transportation committee.

The current regulation prescribes that the hand grips can be no higher than the shoulders of a rider seated in the saddle.

Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the *Laconia Motorcycle Week Association*, told the *Laconia Daily Sun* that if the house endorses and the governor signs the bill, New Hampshire will become the 19th state and first in New England not to restrict the height of handlebars. But it’s not clear whether the restriction will be lifted before the 94th running of *Laconia Motorcycle Week* in June.

As the host of the nation’s oldest rally, which attracts visitors from across the country, St. Clair said that New Hampshire should not impose restrictions that may inconvenience motorcyclists from other states. Limits in other states

vary considerably from shoulder height in Massachusetts, Maine, and Connecticut, to eye level in some states and to heights above the saddle measured in inches in others. Most restrictions on high bars, called “ape hangers” were introduced in the 1960s. Although touted as a safety measure, many motorcyclists claimed the restrictions were imposed to provide police with a pretext for stopping and searching bikers.

Mississippi Considers Lowering Motorcycle Sales Tax

House bill 1631 by representative Steve Hopkins (R-D7) has been introduced which would “reduce the sales tax rate on retail sales of motorcycles from 7% to 5%,” as well as reduce the sales tax on other agricultural and farming products.

On February 15, the legislation was referred to the house ways and means committee.

Quincy Midnight Motorcycle Ban — False!

According to the *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.)*, a recent report on quincy.com indicating that the city of Quincy, Massachusetts has instituted a ban against any motorcycle being ridden between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. (unless exempted for work or emergency purposes) is *not* correct.

Although such a proposal was indeed filed, the council member who introduced it “*immediately asked that it be withdrawn*” after learning that such a proposal would not be legal.

Quotable Quote

“Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.”

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Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X				X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X			
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X					
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X			X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X			X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X		X
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X			X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X			X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X			X		X		X
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
other areas										
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barry Dadashiell	(503)-556-1133	Rainier	X	X	X					

Oregon Road Maintenance – Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

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

For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your **local** community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate information about the safety problem.

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

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

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

1993 Harley FXLR with 30,000 miles. Forward controls, new tires, runs great. **\$6,000**

Contact Gene Mortimer at:
(541)-993-3725

(May 2017)

2011 Spyder R.T.S. Black, dresser, semi-auto transmission, tow bar, 10K miles. (More if you wait.) **\$12,500.**

Bob Newport
(541)-265-7586

(June 2017)

For Sale

1992 Honda Interstate trike. 77,000 miles. New brakes, new battery, Hooker header, raked triple tree, good rubber. Five gallon extra gas tank. **\$10,500.**

(503)-285-4329

(June 2017)

Gift memberships to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. Only **\$30** for an entire year. What a great way to introduce folks to our fine organization while increasing membership. Use convenient form on inside of back page.

For Sale

Just think . . .

Your ad could be here.

Or here.

(Free for memebtrs)

Lost

. . . myself in foolishness.

Found

. . . it was April first.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* members. Business will need to place *paid* advertisements. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play.

news@abateoforegon.net

Note: *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements. (Deadline is the 10th of each month.)

Contact: **(503)-838-6893** (V) or
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. Member Ads
P.O. box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

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

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone **1-800-347-1106** or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for chief of staff. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Christopher A Slater (A.I.M. attorney) - 2314 NW Savier St. – Portland, OR 97210 ATTN: chief of staff

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

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

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

[EB = executive board]

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	Notes:
Coordinator [EB]			
Paul Hering	(503)-313-7129	coordinator@abateoforegon.net	
Secretary [EB]			
Cindy Witmer	(360)-560-6403	secretary@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (north) [EB]			
Dave Witmer	(360)-560-6403	VCN@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (south) [EB]			
Pat Allen	(541)-659-8715	VCS@abateoforegon.net	
Vice-coordinator (east) [EB]			
Rick Prentice	(541)-980-4230	VCE@abateoforegon.net	
Treasurer [EB]			
Karen Tolle	(541)-660-8730	Treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
Membership secretary [EB]			
Kathy Sahlberg	(541)-890-9042	kmsabate@gmail.com	"877" number discontinued (unused)
Run sanctioning [EB]			
Todd Sahlberg	(541)-821-2252	Sanctioning@abateoforegon.net	
State auditor (pro tem)			
Karen Tolle	(541)-660-8730	auditor@abateoforegon.net	
Newspaper editor			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893 (c)	news@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (north)			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	SergeantNorth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (south)			
Diana Nicolay		SergeantSouth@abateoforegon.net	
Sgt-at-arms (east)			
Steve Bishop	(541)-980-7017	SergeantEast@abateoforegon.net	
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

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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.)

revised Jan 2015

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, 08 Apr 2017
1200 (noon) – Ciddici's Pizza
133 SE Fifth avenue–Albany, Oregon

Bike pinging cool against budding tree,
Rider's leathers sprawled for all to see,
Naked skin to naked earth,
Spring embraced for all it's worth,
Quivering in April's sunny warm breeze.

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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:
01 Apr 2017	CANX Spring State Sw	CANX regon ABATE Hills	
15 Apr 2017	Spring Biker Night / Hub City		
22 Apr 2017	Spring Fever / North Coast	Hammond	(503)-325-6932
22 Apr 2017	Poker Run / River City	The Dalles	(541)-965-2701
22 Apr 2017	Biker Night / WaCo		
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	
12 May 2017	Biker Night / Douglas County		
13 May 2017	Yer Mother's Poker Run / SE-PDX	Portland	
20 May 2017	Sring Run / Lower Columbia		
26-29 May 2017	40 th Annual Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE	Fossil, Oregon	
09 June 2017	Thundering Waters Poker Run / Douglas Co.		
10 June 2017	Biker Night / Douglas Co.		

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

>> Location <<

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	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, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
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