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This Has <u>Got</u> To Stop, Damnit ! car runs head-on into Gypsy Jokers groiup, killing two



(photo by Wheeler county sheriff)

Every rider's worst nightmare.

A bright red car sits atop two crumpled motorcycles.

More bikes scattered in a ditch.

Paramedics and other emergency responders mill around, preparing to clear up the chaos.

Two bodies taken away who were vibrantly alive hours before.

Area hospitals receiving painfully injured, maimed, or disfigured survivors.

All it took was one person not paying attention to their driving responsibilities.

What was supposed to be a carefree

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celebration of the fortieth *Fossil Campout* turned to tragedy Saturday evening as a group of forty-seven *Gypsy Joker* riders and passengers neared Bear Hollow on highway 19.

According to SalemNews.com, the driver of the red car, Lisa Ann Niehaus, had been speeding, then crashed head-on into the pack of bikes while doing a 180-degree turn. She was arrested on multiple charges after the crash and has had at least two court appearances since then.

When the hell are *all* cage drivers going to take their driving responsibilities

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seriously?

It's too late after they've killed people or ruined lives.

Sending them to jail doesn't restore shattered bones or battered bikes.

We need prevention, not prosecution.

People are still blatantly yapping on cell phones while behind the wheel. Don't they care?

If they are going to endanger the rest of us by not paying full attention to their driving, then they don't deserve any right to privacy on the public roads. How would they like to see photos of themselves on social media along with their license plate number while illegally engaging in texting or cell phoning?

to Lisa Ann Niehaus

You didn't set out to maim and kill people the evening of 28 May 2017. Yet you did.

Please find the courage to step up and take responsibility for your actions.

Please avoid prolonging the agony of family and friends who lost love ones or saw people who they care about maimed. Don't hide behind well-heeled defense lawyers who will try to reduce your legal obligations.

Plead guilty to all charges against you, accept the court's punishment, then spend the rest of your life trying to give comfort to those who you've unintentionally hurt.

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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 Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong from A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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

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

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists. *BikePAC* works within the political process. Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

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

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

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

(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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B ROTHERHOOD = The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association \mathbf{A} GAINST = In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

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

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

officers at work State Coordinator

Greetings !

I would like to start this month's article by offering my sincere condolences to all those affected by the tragic crash near the *Fossil Campout*.

This is just another reminder of how quickly life can change, and how we need to make every minute count.

This is also a good time to remind you *all* how important it is to keep up on your motorcycle skills. *Please*, think about taking a skills refresher course through *Team Oregon*. As I have stated before, it just might be the thing that saves your life.

After all that, I would like to offer a *big thank you* to Rick Prentice and all the wonderful volunteers who made the 40th Annual Fossil Campout a **huge** success.

The weather was absolutely perfect, the music was good, and all the events in between made for a fun-filled weekend. If you weren't there, you missed out on a great time.

Now on to more chances to ride.

There are plenty of poker rides and the like coming up in the next couple of months. Please check the flyers in the latter pages of this newspaper or on the state web site.

The next big event for the state *A.B.A.T.E.* group will be our booth at *Pendleton Bike Week*. We will be handing out information to any and all riders who may not know exactly what we do. Hopefully we will be

able to educate a whole new group of riders.

I hope to see you at a run or on the road soon.

Yours in the brotherhood,

-- Paul Hering



Paul Hering

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

Greetings from Central Oregon,

By now [most] everyone has heard of the tragic event during the *Fossil Campout*. Everyone here extends our thoughts and prayers to those involved and their families.

For those interested, there is a *Go Fund Me* page to offer financial assistance to the victims and their families.

It has been a typical spring here and looks to be a great summer.

While we will be in the path of the eclipse, places to stay are pretty well booked up. There will be a lot of additional traffic at that time too, so make your plans and vehicle

choices now and accordingly

Plan on joining us for our 20th Annual Teddy Bear Run. We are planning to make this one the best ever to celebrate this anniversary.

Unfortunately there may not be another *Teddy Bear Run* next year. The same people have been doing the same jobs at putting this thing on for years and are needing a break. Please come to our meetings and get involved. We need your help to keep this chapter and this event going.

Hope to see you on the road,

-- Bob Terrill



coordinator

<u>CENTRAL OREGON MEETING</u> <u>TIME and PLACE</u>

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) *Round Table Pizza* 11 th street Redmond, Oregon

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

Hello riders in the wind,

May 25th, the *Douglas County Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.* met to discuss the upcoming summer events.

The *Thundering Waters Poker Run* was successful. We had thirty-six riders and everyone had a good time.

The wining poker hand was a flush and won buy Fast Eddie. The low hand was won by Spanky with a 9-7-6-4-2.

We are currently meeting at *Abby's Pizza* in Roseburg at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday while *Round Table Pizza* is being remodeled.

We have a bike night coming up next week at the *Sonic Drive Inn* on

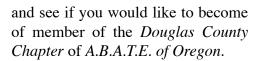


June 17th.

Our next meeting will be June 22nd, at 7 p.m. at *Abby's Pizza*. All riders are welcome. The *D.C. Chapter* will have its patches available for sale. (\$5 each)

The next meeting we want to have membership applications available for new members and members wanting to renew. (\$30/year) Come one and all to our meetings

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



Go Douglas County Chapter!

-- Joy Reyes

Douglas County <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u>

4th Thursday at 1800 (6 pm) *Round Table Pizza* 2040 NW Stewart parkway Roseburg (541)–ppp–nnnn

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

Greetings from Hub City Chapter.

Things around here have been a bit chaotic as many things have happened, or will happen soon.

We lost a wonderful brother/friend in Rich Metz and a couple of our members have gone down but now out. We have also experienced a couple of members with major health issues, so good thoughts are always welcomed.

Well, it looks like we may get a summer yet.

The days are getting warmer and we have actually had some days without clouds or rain. (Amazing, isn't it?)

A couple of things to watch out for as you take to the roadways in the beautiful state of Oregon:

• The roads are experiencing a lot of potholes, so beware of that as they can tear a bike's front end up pretty bad.

• Watch out for farm equipment (they

go so damned slow) as they move from field to field. You can tell when they are around as they leave their droppings all over the road.

(Actually, those are dirt clods from their tires. < lol >)

Those can cause problems if you are not paying attention.

By the time you read this, *Hub City's* Annual Poker Run will have come and gone. We are looking forward to a good one this year and a wonderful route has been planned. Hope you were able to join us.

Not much more to say at this time but to ask that you all be safe and enjoy the weather and your rides. Oregon has some of the best riding areas in the country and we might as well enjoy them.

So 'til next month . . .

Keep the rubber side down and have a great time!

Hug a brother or sister and be glad for each other.

We are all that we have.

Love to all,

-- Louanna Oliver

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https://www.facebook.com/ hubcityabate Hub City <u>MEETING TIME and PLACE</u> 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) *Ciddici's Pizza* 133 SE Fifth avenue — Albany

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

It's been a busy "opening season".

The Southern Oregon Swap Meet was held at a new location. The weather cooperated and shined down with lots of warm sunshine.

The new location was easy to find from the old location, even though it's not on the beaten path. Lots of advertising and signs along the road helped to guide everyone to us.

Pottsville is an iconic museum in southern Oregon. Created by Debbs Potts, it is the home of the *Father's Day Tractor Show*.

The area we reserved was large for this year, but we are considering moving to the larger inside area for next year. We will have space for a band and more shade for our vendors.

Fossil Campout seemed to fall early. May 25-29 was a busy weekend.

I couldn't find anyone to accompany me, so I drove up alone. After a brief

stop in Albany to pick up *BikePAC* supplies, I made it to Fossil late Friday evening.

The crew had a nice fire going at the gate to guide us in.

Again, the weather cooperated and we had the best event we've had in a long time. Lots of volunteers made the work go easier and we were all able to enjoy some of the festivities.

Two weeks later we had the *Spring State Swap Meet* at the Milwaukie *Elks Lodge*.

Wow, what a great location.

McLaughlin is a very busy road, so we had lots of walk-in traffic. There was a car show right down the street, so we got some traffic from that. The weather was iffy, but held dry all day. Radio advertising and promotions brought in new vendors. A very successful swap meet. Looking forward to helping with the fall state swap meet.



Back in southern Oregon we are busy preparing for the *S.O.S. Run* over Labor Day weekend.

This is will be first three-day weekend event for us.

August has traditionally just been too hot. We've been plagued with fire dangers and high temps.

September can still be a little warm, but we are hoping for cooler weather than August.

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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,

Our hearts go out to those who were lost over the Memorial Day weekend. Our sincere condolences go out to their families. So sorry for your loss.

4th of July is here again, and right around the corner is *B.C*.

Although there have been volunteers working at the run site, regular work parties begin Sunday June 25th, and are scheduled to continue every Tuesday and Sunday until the run.

There is a to-do list posted on the kitchen door. Please feel free to add anything that has been forgotten, or complete a task and check it off. Thank all of you again for helping *Beaver Creek* happen! Talk to you again in August.

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

The past month has been bad for crashes. The incident near *Fossil Campout* was by far the worst we have seen. Our prayers go out to the families of the fallen.

The *North Coast Chapter* had one of our members, Bob Hutson, go down on U.S. highway 26. We are all grateful his injuries were not lifethreatening. With some broken ribs, a bruised lung, lots of bruises, and road rash, he is recovering.

This winter has been long and we forget how everything is out to kill us. Please ride defensively. Wear protective gear and practice your riding skills. Never take it for granted that you are just going on a quick ride.

We want you all to be around for a long time!

-- Carl Earl coordinator North Coast Chapter



North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd 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

Hello there brothers and sisters,

We are doing well down on the lower Columbia.

We had a very successful *Spring Run.* We had great weather and a great group of riders. We started in Clatskanie and ended up in Seaside, in a roundabout way. We also had contacted local officials about what we were doing and had their assistance entering and leaving some congested areas.

The proceeds from the Spring Run went to the Clatskanie Seniors Center this year.

Another year has passed and again this year we were able to,

with the help of our community, contribute two college scholarships to deserving graduates of Clatskanie high school.

Lastly but foremost on my mind. We all of *Lower Columbia* were saddened by the tragic crash that claimed the lives of two, and the injuries of many others on their journey to *Fossil Campout*.

-- Dave Bridges coordinator *LoCo*



Lower Columbia <u>MEETING TIMES and PLACE</u> 2nd Sunday at 1900 (7 pm)

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

May 16, 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. Motion by Rebel, seconded by Dusty, to waive reading of the minutes was passed. We welcomed guest Allen Ginnett from Dallesport.

Correspondence: Bank statement, *M.R.F.* newsletter.

Treasurer: Checking \$1,707.42; savings 6,309.28; total \$8,016.70.

Membership: Bob was absent. Rick reported sixty members listed on report he received at BOD.

State board report: Rick Gave board report. Membership secretary was present, reported sending out 200+ memberships. Total membership 1,072, with 466 of those expired. Sanctioning officer sent in a written report.

Motions:

• Nominated and elected James Niece as swap meet coordinator 9-0.

• *Lincoln County Chapter* asked for a \$1,000 loan to help with the cost of getting *Beaver Creek Run* ready. Passed 9-0.

• Reimburse Pat Allen and Mike Friend up to \$150 each for travel expenses to *N.C.O.M.* convention in Reno. Reimbursement depends on receipts turned into state treasurer and a written report for the state newspaper. Passed 9-0.

Reminder: We have new trifolds that look the same on the outside as the old ones. The new ones list "sustaining" on the form. Clubs, groups etc. need to sign up as "sustaining" in new trifolds. Old "associate" no longer in use. If you have old trifolds, please recycle them and get new ones at the meeting.

Run coordinator/web master: Our new contact at *M.C.M.C.*, Ann



Copper, wants to meet with us in January to start promoting the *Teddy Bear Parade*.

Public relations: Rick reports that can coozies are on order for *Pendleton Bike Week*. Lorraine brought thank you cards and everyone signed them. Teresa will mail them.

Ways and means: Teresa has shirts – long sleeve in XL, short sleeve in L, XL.

Historian: No report.

The Three "R"s (Riding, Roads and Revs): Discussed May rally, *Pendleton Bike Week*.

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Southeast Portland

Hi there fellow freedom fighters,

Hope everyone made it to some of the other chapter events this summer.

Thanks mucho to all of the SE Chapter members who helped at the state swap meet on June 11.

The toy run bike and display will be at the July 8th and 9th Sandy Mountain Festival.

Next event after that is the July 19th–23rd Pendleton Bike Week. Hope to see you there.

Visit the Southeast Portland Chapter and toy run web sites, and our *Facebook* page 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

Best regards to all!

secretary Southeast Portland Chapter

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Southeast Portland **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports Washington County

And just like that, we are in full- out and see if that's you! swing summer.

Hello from all of us here out west. We have been busy planning and organizing our summer events.

The Roll-n-Ride will have happened by the time you are reading this. That's always a good one.

Next up here in July is the Scavenger Hunt on July 15th. Get that on your calendar and come out for a day-ride with a twist. The Scavenger Hunt is about as long a poker run. Along the route you will have to keep your peepers peeled on your surroundings as we will be asking questions about landmarks and establishments along the way. The rider with the most correct answers gets the cash prize. Come

If you haven't attended in years past, be sure to make 2017 the year you do.

In August we will have our End-of-Summer Poker Run.

How many of you would like to see End-of-Summer be more than a poker run? Let a WaCo member know if you would like to see an Endof-Summer Campout come back.

We have been tossing the idea around for the last year or so. (We miss it, do you?)

I will close with a personal moment of silence for those who lost their lives, lost their brothers, or otherwise were affected by the tragedy that occurred Saturday night outside the town of Fossil during the campout.



Rest in peace fallen riders.

Ride safe, Ride smart, Ride.

-- Goat recording secretary WaCo Chapter

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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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freedom of the road.

-- James Niece

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our officers at work

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

10 June 2017 (Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon)

Call to order, welcome: The meeting was called to order by coordinator Paul Hering at 12:05 p.m. with eleven chapters represented.

Eleven of eleven chapters present were eligible to vote.

Excused chapters: (None)

Absent, unexcused chapters: (None) **Pledge of allegiance**

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

Guests and first time attendees: Jeff Greiner from *O.D.O.T.* motorcycle safety. (We pay his pay check.)

Contributing to crashes are speed and alcohol. *O.D.O.T.* focusing on speed and drinking.

O.D.O.T. will be working on ads and he would like our opinion.

Don made a comment about the "Poser/Pro" graphic on the Oregon motorcycling maps. Thought it was judgmental.

Paul asked about cell phone use while driving studies. Have crashes gone down since the cell phone regulation went into effect?

Officers will not give out tickets for cell phone usage while driving because of not being able to back up the charge after it was challenged.

Distracted driving is at an epidemic high.

Jeff asked would we be willing to lose exclusive use of a whole lane in exchange for passing lane filtering legislation.

Suggested playing "Slug Bug" for motorcycles.

Oregon driving game: "I Spy . . . " with two-wheeled vehicles.

Reading, approval of minutes: Motion made by Chuck to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Todd. Approved by voice vote.

Executive Board Officers' Reports

Coordinator's comments: Paul Hering thank members for coming in today and for working at *Fossil Campout*.

As a thank-you to all the men for father's day, Paul handed out a lottery ticket to each man.

After the tragedy near *Fossil Campout*, Paul and Mike Friend went to the encampment of the *Gypsy Jokers*, offered condolences for the riders who were lost and injured.

The protocol was once again gone over that there are only two spokespersons for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*: The state coordinator and the public relations person.

Secretary report, corres- cl pondence: Cindy Witmer indicated she sa would speak about the *Beaver Creek P Run* under unfinished business, and P the planning meeting and S.T.E.A.M. U under new business.

Vice-coordinator (north): Dave Witmer Other than the tragedy on Saturday night, Rick put on a wonderful *Fossil Campout*. Weather was great and it was very successful. Way to go Rick!

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen noted that the *39th Annual Coast Run* will be the first Saturday of August.

S.O.S. Run is coming up on Labor Day weekend.

Jackson County Chapter has a breast cancer run in October.

Working with *Douglas County Chapter* Had twenty-one people at the last meeting. *A.B.A.T.E.* is on the move down there. Some of the previous members are starting to come back. We are working on Douglas County to become a strong chapter.

Public relations starts with everyone. We all need to work hard

to keep *A.B.A.T.E.* moving and getting new members.

Vice-coordinator (east): Rick Prentice stated that a couple things are going on in the east.

We will have an information booth at *Pendleton Bike Week*. The dates are July 19-23,

At *Fossil Campout* we had more nonmembers than members.

Talked with people from the Pendleton area about starting a chapter.

Treasurer: Karen Tolle asked members to please have patience if you need a check today.

Reimbursement requests should be turned in before state board meetings so that checks can be signed during the first break.

Account status:

checking	=	\$2	9,120.05
savings	=	\$10	5,978.35
PayPal	=	\$	200.00
Paypal.com	=	\$	45.00
U.S. postmaster = 129.98			

Membership secretary: Kathy Sahlberg list membership totals:

Membership = 702 (48 came in today) Associated = 62 Family = 178 Lifetime = 87

Newsletter paper = 327

Please pass this on to your membership secretary that all new or renew memberships need to send the applications and payments to the Portland P.O. box. That way everything will get to where it needs to go and there will be paper trail.

Sanctioning: Todd Sahlberg stated that everyone did a great job at *Fossil Campout*.

Todd had a chance to talk with a lot of people interested in *A.B.A.T.E.* while he was doing the poker run.

Next year the sanctioning officer will

Cindy Witmer

> state recording secretary elf

need to look into another insurance company as this company is having a slow turnaround time.

Rick found some that are a lot cheaper while looking into things for *Fossil Campout*.

Officers' Reports

State auditor: Karen noted that all chapters are able to vote today. Great job, chapter treasurers!

Newspaper: Today is the 10th. Chapter reports are due today along with conference reports.

We need to do more educating to prevent tragedies like the one that happen near *Fossil Campout*.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps stated that at *Fossil Campout* this year we had no problems and everyone was respectful. Other than the tragic crash nearby, *Fossil Campout* was good.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): Diana Nicolay. <Unexcused>

Sergeant-at-arms (east): Steve Bishop thanked all the people who stepped up to help with *Fossil Campout*.

On to the next thing.

Steve is now retired and busier.

Products director: Dave Meeker opined that *Fossil Campout* was a lot of fun. Need more volunteers.

Year bars: did not know that we sell them instead of giving them away. So they were over-ordered.

Sold \$725 worth of *A.B.A.T.E.* products at *Fossil Campout*.

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting 10 June 2017

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Education director: Geoff White

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Public relations director: < vacant > **State run coordinator** (*Fossil*): Rick Prentice observed that we had a lot of help from non-*A.B.A.T.E.* members. It was nice to get them involved.

We had people attend from Maine, Oklahoma, and several other states.

What do you say, when there was such a tragedy as the *Gypsy Jokers* crash? Stayed up until after 2 a.m. bringing wood into *Gypsy Joker*'s encampment and being supportive.

State swap meet coordinator: Jim Niece reminded board attendees that the "spring" state swap meet is going on tomorrow. [11 June]

There will be fifty vender spots and fifty tailgate spots. There will be special spots for businesses.

First-come, first-served basis.

Set up is at 6 a.m.

Local radio station are doing ads.

It was mentioned about combining our swap meet with the *One Show* event of custom-built bikes.

Looking at the second Sunday in October for the fall state swap meet.

Historian: Teresa Hepker

< excused >

Web page editor: Carl Earl < excused >

Quartermaster: Gene Mortimore < excused >

Legislative director: Don Mason promised to be super quick.

A.B.A.T.E. and BikePAC

Christopher Slater is watching the legal fallout of the crash near *Fossil Campout*. Proceedings could go on for years.

Lane filtering was stopped. We are going to continue to work with the opponents' concerns. Number one concern is still lane filtering.

Milkman Mike bill holding a driver accountably. To be held responsible for reckless driving. Eleven "no" votes. HB–2598 will become regulation. We are asking for a signing day and a picture with the governor.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: < vacant >

M.R.F. representative: Ted Tracy

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Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat "Spanky" Allen, Mike Friend. N.C.O.M. had a great conference.

It was very educational. You can learn something from every one of the seminars. One of the best I have been to. Full conference report will be in July

state newspaper.

Unfinished Business

• **Beaver Creek Run**: Jack Wingfield (*Lincoln County Chapter* state representative reporting)

Work days are usually Tuesday and Sundays. If you show up other times, there is a list on the door of what to work on.

Lincoln county is setting up new regulations when having events in the county. They will be enforced next year. There will be a lot of changes if *Beaver Creek Run* is to continue.

• Cozi's are here for the *Pendleton Bike Week*.

New Business

• Motion made by Steve Bishop (*River* City), seconded by Jack Wingfield (*Lincoln County*) to donate \$250 to the Wheeler county sheriff's office to help replace a medical bag and supplies used to save lives at the crash near Fossil Campout.

The bag disappeared after the wreck.

• The *Christian Motorcycle Club* is donating a bench at the Fossil city memorial park for the riders who lost their lives. It will feature a plague on it for the riders who lost their lives in the

tragedy near Fossil Campout.

They have asked if we would like to also provide a bench. They would take care of the plague. (There would be two benches at the memorial park.) Please bring this to your chapters and ask if this is something to do.

• *Rip City Riders* have a run at the same time as *Beaver Creek Run*. They sent in money to run an ad in our newspaper.

Discussion followed as to if we should run ads for the same time as other things happening in *A.B.A.T.E.* It was decided to go ahead and run the ad as we do not think it will put a damper on the *Beaver Creek Run*.

• *S.T.E.A.M.*: Looking into *Mill City Casino* in Coos Bay as location.

Announcements

• Doc Wong is still looking for people to help with riding clinics up in the Tigard area. Doc Wong offers motorcycle classes to build riding skills

If interested contact Paula Leslie of *BikePAC*.

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

– Date:	Event:	Chapter:
15 July	Scavenger Hunt Poker Run	Washington County
15 July 15 July	Biker Night	Douglas County
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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
Mono	lay, 21 Aug 2017 - 10:15 a.m. (Oregon total solar eclipse *
26 Aug	End Of The Summer Run	WaCo
01-04 Sept	S.O.S. Run	JoCo
09 Sept	Biker Night	Douglas County
22-23 Oct	Mall Bike Show	Hub City
18 Nov	Toy Run	Washington County
18 Nov	Spaghetti Feed	North Coast
24 Nov	Teddy Bear Run	Central Oregon
02 Dec	Holiday Run	North Coast

* (Plan your event now, order solar glasses.)

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. "Spring" Swap Meet - 11 June 2017



Karen Tolle, Mike Friend, and other volunteers help out at the gate while Dave Meeker offers A.B.A.T.E. goodies at the products shelter.





Sometimes it almost feels like people are giving lip service regret for the *Gypsy Joker* tragedy east of Fossil that occurred on 28 May 2017. Or maybe the shock is so great that it is difficult to give full expression to what they are feeling.

Yet it remains a haunting horror for all who ride.

Some time between 10:35 and 10:40 p.m. that Saturday evening, a group of forty-seven *Gypsy Jokers* and passengers were riding east on highway 19, heading toward *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*'s *Fossil Campout*.



Between mile posts 60 and 61, a bright red fastback driven in the opposite direction by Lisa Ann



c.o.e. – 186 (Personal views of the editor. Not to be confused with reality or endorsement by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Consult an actual doctor before undertaking activities advised by non-medical sources.)

Niehaus crossed the center line, It must plowing head-on into the riding nightmare pack, killing two riders, injuring and crash to se maiming numerous others. worse amount

How could that have happened? What was she doing?

Was she impaired, distracted? Was she using a cell phone?

We don't know and we're unlikely to find out for some time. She faces multiple charges, so the legal system is protecting information that may be used in future court proceedings.

But questions remain.

According to SalemNews.com, she was speeding and was doing a 180-degree turn when the crash happened. If so, had she passed the *Gypsy Joker* group, then turned around?

Did she try to render aid after the crash?

Were any of the riders able to swerve around the crash or stop?

It must have been a horrendous nightmare for any who avoided the crash to see friends laying injured or worse among the wreckage, trying to help them.

Even though the crash site was in a rural area of north-central Oregon, help soon arrived from the Bear Hollow campout in the form of riders with first aid training. Volunteers and emergency personnel soon flooded the area from surrounding communities.

And in the midst of crashing chaos, there was heroism.

In one case, a passenger near the front of the pack saw what was about to happen, grabbed the vest of the guy she was riding with, then stood up on their bike's passenger pegs, ejecting them both towards the ditch. Although they still sustained considerable injuries, they survived.



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

Doubtless there will be other stories to come out of the tragedy, but for now the wounds, physical and mental, are too raw.

Our hearts go out to the *Gypsy Jokers*, their families, friends, and supporters. We share in your loss. We wish speedy recovery for those injured. And we demand the the legal system serve justice on the driver who caused such devastating grief to so many people.

When a terrible event such as the *Gypsy Jokers* crash happens, it feels like *A.B.A.T.E.*, the department of motor vehicles, and the Oregon department of transportation have all failed in part of their essential missions.

We should be asking ourselves, "How could we have reached a driver like Lisa Ann Niehaus so that she would have been driving more responsibly?"





Josephine County

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afternoon and campsites will be open beginning 4 p.m. on Thursday. Come early and enjoy all the holiday festivities around the valley.

Pricing in on the flyers. It's a little complicated, but we are trying to give a break to couples and to pre-registration.

Any questions, call Pat at:

(541) - 659 - 8715

Our *Run-to-the-Coast* is the first Saturday 05 August. Between 10 to 11 a.m. you will leave Grants Pass and head out redwood highway to Brookings, stopping along the way for a little R&R in Cave Junction, O'Brien, Patrick's Creek, and Hiouchi.

The last stop is at the Brookings harbor. As usual, we will have dogs and burgers for a nominal donation, or you can opt for various local cuisine. This is always a fun, leisurely ride through the redwoods to the coast with over \$400 in prizes.

Coming up in July is *Run 21* and for August I have *Beaver Creek* penciled in on my calendar. Sure hope I can make both.

The weather has been very crazy this year, but as I sit here writing this report, I know that summer is here. Over 96°F today and more on the way.

That's about all for today. See you down the road.

-- Karen



River City

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Fossil May 26-29: Campout; June 19: International Ride-to-Work Day; June 11: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon spring swap meet at 13121 SE McLaughlin boulevard from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Outdoor only. Admission \$5; June 22-25: A.B.A.T.E. of Washington Spring Opener; June 23-25: Oregon Motorcycle Expo at Oaks Amusement Park; July 19-23 Pendleton Bike Week; Aug 11-13: Beaver Creek Resurrected; Aug. 18-20: Festival of Wheels (Goldendale); Aug. 21: total eclipse of the sun; Aug. 30 through Labor Day: Vietnam veterans traveling wall (Goldendale)

New business: Lee had asked for more information about where we are spending chapter funds. Lorraine and Teresa ran the numbers and gave him the report to study.

Drawings: Lee won the 50/50. (\$20/\$20)

Amber Lobry would have won the membership drawing if she had been present.

Adjourned 8:34 p.m.





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For more information on Eclipse 2017, visit:

http://traveloregon. com/trip-ideas/oregonstories/eclipse/

Other eclipse links:

http://www.oregon.gov/ osp/sfm/pages/eclipse. aspx

https://eclipse2017. nasa.gov/

For graphic simulations of the or call the Oregon road report eclipse, watch: at:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=XX7AxZhPrqU (from N.A.S.A.)

https://vimeo.com/156479698 (from Larry Koehn on Vimeo)

For updated information on highway work and current travel information throughout Oregon, visit:

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N.C.O.M. Reno Report (11–14 May 2017)

There is always an overarching theme for these conventions and this year was no exception.

This year the theme was about unity. Unity within the motorcycle community, unity in purpose, unity in how we go about resolving issues that pertain to motorcycle rights, and unity in our ability to maintain our right to exist in these here United States.

RICO and the Man

-- Mitch Proner (A.I.M. attorney)

This was an excellent presentation. And to use an appropriate word, the R.I.C.O. [Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act-1970] statutes are very frightening.

The use of *R.I.C.O.* against any group is very powerful and it doesn't take much for the government to pull together unrelated crimes or people within an organization.

R.I.C.O. deprives defendants of due process.

One's assets can be seized and forfeited at the time of indictment.

R.I.C.O. does not require criminal intent. The government can take events that are twenty years apart and use it to activate R.I.C.O. And then everyone in the organization can be brought in, whether they were involved in an issue or not.

Mitch advises that the C.o.C.s need to protect themselves by having an attorney present when meetings are conducted. It must be clear at the outset of the meeting that everyone is there to discuss their civil rights only. Club business should not be discussed unless it is simple calendar stuff like events being held on the same day need to be moved to another day, etc. Any other disputes should not be discussed and do not discuss territory. Do not discuss if someone is put out bad.

Mitch discussed some basic rules when encountering the police.

He said to be calm and polite. You might be profiled. Do not be hostile.

Following all the rules does not guarantee the police will respect your rights, but following the rules can keep you from digging yourself into a deeper hole.

If you are pulled over, pull over immediately. Turn the vehicle off and put your hands on the handlebars or steering wheel.

If you are in a car, roll your window

down part way.

Ask the officer this question: "Good afternoon, officer. Why did you pull me over?"

Ask this question before the officer asks you if you know why you have been pulled over.

If you are asked to step away from the bike or car lock it.

If you are asked if your vehicle can be searched, refuse a search. Tell them you do not consent to any type of search. Be polite.

Keep in mind the courts recognize the interrogation ends when you ask to leave. When it seems the officers business is done ask if you can leave.

This is a signal to them that the stop is over and the interrogation is done. They should let you leave at that point.

Note: You can send an e-mail to Mitch Proner (A.I.M. attorney) for the full *R.I.C.O.* presentation.

What to do if you are pulled over is covered on:

http://www.oregoncoc.org

Waco, Texas Shooting Tragedy -- Mitch Proner (A.I.M. attorney)

The city of Waco, Texas is a small town of 125,000 people.

The people there don't look kindly on people who look a bit different.

Allegedly there was bad blood between two motorcycle clubs.

On May 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., there was an open Confederation of Clubs meeting scheduled.

The Texas department of public safety set up cameras on adjacent buildings in advance of the C.o.Cmeeting.

It seems there was a *Cossack* Motorcycle Club member who was an undercover police officer inside of *Twin Peaks*. There is video of this individual being handed a gun and a badge when the shooting started.

Some of the defendants have filed an one billion dollar lawsuit against the city of Waco. It is uncertain how far they will get with it, but the amount of money being asked for this case will bring a lot of attention to the issue.

What Is Going On By State (region 1)

• California is in the process of putting their profiling bill together.

The motorcycle profiling project had received 5,000 replies on their survey regarding motorcycle profiling

in California. The survey indicated there is a definite profiling problem in California.

An issue for the profiling legislation in California is getting legislators to sign on to the bill.

The California highway patrol (C.H.P.) is in the process of putting guidelines together for lane splitting. Right now it looks like C.H.P. guidelines will say to use the #1 and #2 lanes, but the use of the shoulder is illegal.

They suggest not splitting between large vehicles.

There will be a 10 mph / 35 mph limit. (Bikers are looking to get that changed to a 15 mph / 50 mph limit.)

Studies show the higher speeds are safe, so no sense keeping with the lower limits.

 Colorado has no helmet regulation. No clubs will be showing up for the expo this year. After last year's shooting, there are all sorts of onerous rules, so nobody is participating in the expo.

• In Montana the legislature meets every-other-year and only for ninety days, so legislation is limited.

The helmet regulation died in committee. Riders' slogan this year has been fairly effective: "If a woman has a right to choose, so does a biker."

• Oregon lane sharing bill failed in committee.

driver responsibility The bill (Milkman Mike bill) passed the house committee and house vote. It is in a senate committee right now.

A pinch-point for legislation is the Oregon Governor's Advisory Committee for Motorcycle Safety. (G.A.C.M.S.) The committee is composed of riders who are not necessarily connected to the larger community. They are not generally aware of motorcycle rights issues.

The committee voted against supporting both *BikePAC* bills. (Lane sharing and driver responsibility.)

 South Dakota: With all the money that Sturgis makes, legislators take notice. And because of that, motorcycle rights organizations have been able to get some motorcycle-friendly legislation passed, such as getting rid of the handlebar height regulation.

• Utah's lane sharing bill failed.

Their helmet regulation changed from 21-and-under to 18 years old and under having to wear a helmet.

Handlebar height are looking



Mike Friend (Lee Austin photo)

to change to six inches above the shoulder.

 New Mexico's careless driving bill did not make it.

• South Nevada reports that they are seeing instances of profiling from the local police departments. With the increase of gang task force activity, motorcycle profiling has been on the rise. One rider recommended keeping a Go-Pro camera running on your bike at all times.

 Arizona's motorcycle awareness training at high schools has been very positive. Their motorcycle safety fund is continuing.

Diabetic Rider -- Slider Gilmore

In this seminar, Slider covered the dangers of sugar and how it can affect our long term riding health.

A good book to read is *Eat to Live*, by Dr. Joel Furhman.

We eat too many carbohydrates! There is no magic to weight loss, just eat better and exercise.

A test was done on rats: The rats who were given 40% less food, lived 40% longer.

Know Your Civil Rights -- Stubs

Stubs is an A.I.M. attorney and gave a really great presentation on how to protect your rights. He even gave singing lessons.

Stubs said that at every encounter with the police, film them. And then have someone film the person doing the filming just to be safe. Nothing sticks without a video and that is why video is so important. You have no proof without a video.

The police can relate to facts only, not hunches.

Reasonable suspicion, they have a right to look further.

Probable cause is a reasonable belief that a person has committed a crime.

Legally, what can the police do? They can look at your drivers license

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N.C.O.M. Reno Report (continued)

and registration.

They can ask any type of question, but you do not have to answer it. If they are afraid of a vehicle, they can ask everyone to get out of the vehicle.

They can search the vehicle but not the trunk or a locked glove compartment.

They **cannot** search your saddlebags.

If you mouth off during this time, it only extends the police's time with you.

If you are answering all sorts of questions, that is extending your time with them.

These are magic words: "Am I being detained? Can I go?"

If the police are extending your time, sing them a song. Any song. Sing it loud. Stubs has had good success with this. The police usually leave when the singing begins.

Automated Vehicles -- Rick Melton (M.R.F.)

Rick gave an interesting presentation on what is happening with automated vehicles.

Basically it is private enterprise and not the government driving the investment and rise in driverless vehicles.

The fact is that they are coming. Advances are being made all the time.

We see it on commercials with vehicles that park themselves and are aware of vehicles next to us on the highways.

Technology continues to get better and better. It is only a matter of time, but it is coming and there is not really anything anyone can do about it.

Some well deserve awards were given out this year.

• Christopher Slater (Oregon A.I.M. attorney) was given the legal award for his great work in the short amount of time he has been an A.I.Må. attorney.

• Sam Hochberg was honored for his many years of service to the bikers community in Oregon and elsewhere.

• The media award was given to Frank Fritz of *American Pickers*. Turns out Frank is an old-time *A.B.A.T.E.* guy. He is well versed in the motorcycle rights issues and had done a ton of great work in Iowa back in the days before *American Pickers*.

This year's convention was awesome. Every year is good, but this year the content and substance of all the presentations were of top quality and were very informative.

Much thanks goes out to Richard Lester and his crew for a truly great convention this year.

Oregon Department of Transportation Eclipse 2017 update - June 9, 2017

Arrive Early, Stay Put, Leave Late

Oregon could experience a cosmic traffic jam if one million people expected to travel into the path of totality to view the 21 August eclipse in Oregon don't properly plan ahead and come prepared.

Many Oregon state agencies, including O.D.O.T., are working hard to help everyone be prepared.

All construction and non-emergency maintenance on state highways in the path of totality will be stopped 18-22 August, when eclipse watchers are here.

Construction work could be curtailed in other parts of the state depending on traffic impact.

You should:

• Help keep roads clear.

Staying off the roads helps emergency service vehicles get through. Ride your bicycle [or motorcycle--c.o.e.] when possible.

Travel with friends. Joining friends and family for the trip to totality will reduce the number of cars on the road. Find carpool information at:

http://www.drivelessconnect.com

• Meet your needs in advance.

Take care of those errands before 21 August. Limit your trips in the days immediately around the eclipse to help keep roads clear.

• Be prepared.

If you're traveling, plan for basic needs such as food, water, and bathroom breaks. Plan to get to where you need to be before you need to go.

• Expect traffic changes.

Communities may close streets to through traffic or ban left or right turns to keep traffic moving, especially around large events.

Caution friends and family.

If visitors are coming, warn them to drive healthy.

Arrive early, stay put during the eclipse, and leave late afterwards so everyone doesn't jump on the highways all at once. All travelers have a shared responsibility to stay safe.

• Work from home.

Consider adjusting your work schedule in the days around the eclipse.

We're all in this together. Be prepared. Help your neighbors. And please be kind to our visitors.

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

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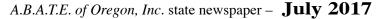
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Biggest Little N.C.O.M. Reno Convention

Like the "Biggest Little City in the World," this year's *32nd Annual N.C.O.M. Convention* in Reno, Nevada may have experienced a slight reduction in numbers, but it continues to be the largest gathering of bikers' rights advocates on the planet with hundreds of representatives from motorcyclists rights organizations (M.R.O.s), clubs, and associations across the country.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) board of directors moved to broaden the spectrum of programs aimed to assist bikers' rights groups while expanding outreach to active segments of the motorcycling community such as the *Confederations of Clubs*, women riders, clean and sober, *Christian Unity*, sport bikers, tourers, and veterans.

The N.C.O.M. legislative task force likewise took action to provide supportive services on the legislative front, while the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (A.I.M.) nationwide network of biker attorneys continually develops new strategies for litigation on a litany of motorcycling issues.

In addition to meetings and breakout sessions conducted Mother's Day weekend, May 11-14 at the *Silver Legacy Casino*, the *N.C.O.M.* convention featured seminars on federal anti-profiling legislation, civil rights and how to protect them, driverless vehicles, and a special presentation by senior E.M.T. instructor Slider Gilmore on *The Diabetic Rider*.

During the *Silver Spoke* awards banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to improving the image of motorcycling, including:

Government – U.S. senator Jodi Ernst of Iowa.

Media – Scott and Denise High of *Thunder Roads* magazine, Tennessee.

Legal – Christopher Slater, *A.I.M.* attorney for Oregon and Washington.

Entertainment – Frank Fritz of *American Pickers* TV show.

Special recognition – Stephen Stubbs, *N.C.O.M.* attorney, Nevada.

Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award – Boar, *N.C.O.M.* liaison for *Confederation*

of Clubs.

Next year's *33rd Annual N.C.O.M.* Convention will be held May 10-13, 2018 at the *Renaissance–Riverview Plaza*

Hotel in Mobile, Alabama. For further information, contact *N.C.O.M.* at **1–(800)– ON-A-BIKE**

or visit

http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com

Anti-profiling Legislation Filed In U.S. House, Senate

A bipartisan, bi-cameral group of legislators introduced a resolution to address the issue of motorcycle profiling and promote collaboration between the motorcycle and enforcement communities.

U.S. representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Michael C. Burgess, M.D (R-TX), and Collin Peterson (D-MN) led the effort in the house (HR–318), while U.S. senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) introduced the senate version. (SR–154)

"This bipartisan resolution should send a clear message to relevant regulatory and enforcement agencies across the country: motorcycle profiling has no place on our roads. Instead, we must foster collaboration and cooperation between these agencies and the riders in order to promote safety and ensure all motorists are treated fairly..." stated representative Pocan in a press release issued by representative Walberg, co-chair of the house motorcycle caucus.

"From coast-to-coast, Americans of all backgrounds responsibly ride a motorcycle as their means of transportation or simply to enjoy the open road. This bipartisan resolution aims to raise awareness about the reality of motorcycle profiling and foster an open dialogue between motorcyclists and enforcement," said Walberg.

HR-318 – "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling," has been referred to the house judiciary committee, and defines profiling as: "motorcycle profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the constitution of the United States."

Liquor Sales Charge Against Motorcycle Club Dismissed

A North Dakota district court judge has dismissed a liquor sales charge against a Minot motorcycle club, following motions to dismiss filed by *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* (*A.I.M.*) attorney Justin Vinje and the prosecuting attorney.

The *Ice Cold Ryders Motorcycle Club* had been charged with engaging in the unlicensed sale of alcohol at their clubhouse. A police investigation of a nearby disturbance during the morning of November 29, 2015, led enforcement to peer inside the clubhouse during a social gathering.

Inside, officers saw a large number of people socializing and drinking alcoholic beverages. Enforcement concluded that unlicensed liquor sales were occurring. One officer testified in support of a search warrant, falsely claiming to have also seen a cash register in the clubhouse.

Police received a search warrant and entered the clubhouse later that morning, seizing the club's security equipment, sound system, coolers, alcoholic beverages, and paper documents. Enforcement also froze the club's bank account.

On October 6, 2016, nearly a year after the raid, enforcement charged the club with the unlicensed sale of alcohol.

A.I.M. attorney Justin Vinje represented the club and requested enforcement's investigative reports. Those reports mainly consisted of an analysis of the club's banking records and an inventory of items seized. The reports also revealed that police never seized a cash register from the premises.

During the case, a confidential informant with ties to local enforcement contacted Vinje, telling the club's lawyer that enforcement asked her to attend club gatherings and wear a wireless recording device to capture proof of unlicensed alcohol sales.

The informant wore a wire and attended

two club gatherings in the spring of 2016. A S.W.A.T. team stood at the ready to raid the club in the event of illegal activity. No unlawful alcohol sales took place, but the government failed to provide any records of this to the defense.

Attorney Vinje filed a motion to dismiss the charge, due to the government's failure to turn over records related to the confidential informant's activities. Vinje also filed a motion to suppress evidence from the search, arguing that enforcement testified falsely about the presence of a cash register during its application for the search warrant.

Three days later, the government filed a motion to dismiss the charge, citing insufficient evidence to proceed and that dismissal would serve the interest of judicial economy.

The case was dismissed.

New Hampshire Repeals Handlebar Height Regulation

Without a federal standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states. Until recently, New Hampshire was among more than thirty states that limit the height of handlebars.

On May 15, 2017 New Hampshire governor Chris Sununu signed SB–27: "*RSA* 266:77, relative to grips and handlebars on motorcycles, is repealed."

The "granite state" began regulating handlebars in 1967, a time when many state legislatures associated motorcycling with the counter-culture captured by films like *The Wild Ones* and *Easy Rider*, explained Charlie St. Clair, executive director of the *Laconia Motorcycle Week Association*. ". . . *enforcement pulled people over for high bars as a tool for probable cause*," he said in applauding the bill's passage, adding, "*I have never heard of handlebars presented as a safety issue.*"

Unfortunately for attendees of this year's *Laconia Motorcycle Week*, held annually since 1923 during the nine days in June

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ending on Father's Day, the regulation becomes effective sixty days after passage, which will be July 11, 2017.

Bill Addresses "Masked" Motorcyclists In Louisiana

Louisiana has a regulation prohibiting the wearing of masks in public. According to an article in the Baton-Rouge Times-Picayune, motorcycle riders are being "pulled over and ticketed under the maskwearing [regulation] because they were wearing helmets that concealed their faces."

Louisianans from are banned "concealing their faces with masks or hoods, except during Mardi Gras, halloween, or for religious reasons."

Now a bill authored by representative Alan Seabaugh (R-Shreveport), HB-161, would revise the regulation to exempt motorcycle safety helmets. By all indications, the bill will pass, and it is currently pending senate final passage.

Speaking before the committee on administration of criminal justice, representative Seabaugh said his bill arose

out of complaints from motorcyclists in his district who said they have been harassed by "overzealous enforcement officers." Riders have been pulled over at random, according to testimony by A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, claiming one officer in particular has targeted motorcyclists whose helmets and face shields concealed their faces.

Apparently recognizing the absurdity of ticketing motorcyclists for wearing helmets, when helmets are required by statute, committee members unanimously agreed that the mask-wearing ban needs revision. They tacked on an amendment "clarifying that the exemption only applied to motorcycle helmets being used during a ride," then recommended the bill for full house approval.

Weird News Man Attempted Sex With Motorcycle

A man has appeared in court in Canterbury, England for allegedly attempting to have sex with Suzuki's most alluring model, a GSX-R.

Mechanophilia, where a person is

sexually attracted to cars, motorcycles, helicopters, ships, planes, and other vehicles, is a crime in the U.K. and if found guilty, perpetrators can be placed on the sex offenders' register.

The 33-year old chap reportedly exposed himself in public and tried to engage in a tempestuous relationship with his motorcycle, after previously being seen punching and kicking the bike on the same day.

Apparently drunk and on drugs, he claimed in court to remember dropping his trousers, but denied exposing himself and has pleaded not guilty to indecent exposure and criminal damage.

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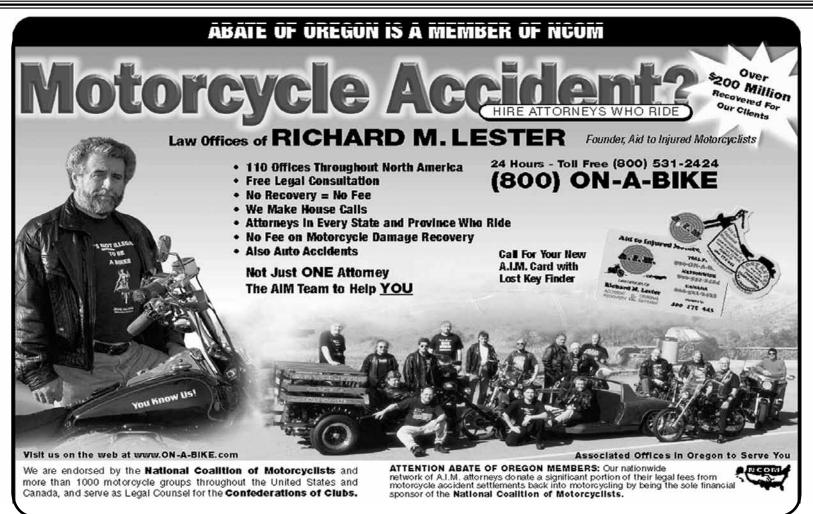
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Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Round Table Pizza; 11 th street; Redmond	(541)-699-4921						
Douglas County (DC)	4th Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Round Table Pizza; 2040 NW Stewart parkway; Roseburg	(541)–ppp–nnnn						
Hub City (HC)	3rd 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						