

Promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty.

A.B.A.T.E.



of Oregon, Inc.

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A.B.A.T.E. Does O.P.B.

*Members People the Phones During March
Pledge Drive at Oregon Public Broadcasting*

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From: "Holly Denniston"
Subject: Re: OPB Drive
Michelle!
You all helped raise \$45,396 from 615 callers! No wonder you were so busy! I'll send out information in mid March about coming back again.
Thanks for all of your help!
Holly

(left -- there are eight A.B.A.T.E. members in the photo.)



Ron and Lisa Bloker thoroughly enjoyed themselves at their first pledge drive.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon was well represented during the pledge drive at Oregon Public Broadcasting on 01 March 2003. Thousands of Lawrence Welk fans throughout Oregon and southern Washington learned about A.B.A.T.E. thanks to our appearance on television. (How many A.B.A.T.E. members can you spot?)

Thank you to the following fine folks for coming out on 01 March to promote motorcycle awareness, scarf free pizza, and help O.P.B.:

Randy Phipps, Morris and Michelle

Lipchitz, Sheryl Forrest, Ted Minden, Ron and Lisa Bloker, Dan Aldridge (who drove all the way from Lincoln City for the event), Marty Soeheman, and yer crusty ol' editor, Rot Path.

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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

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.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

Instead, A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit 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 on.

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 on are important to their community.

So scan through our newsletter. 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

MISSION STATEMENT

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

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

"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, Rep. Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the Federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

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 of 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 law 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.

by Bill Bish

Executive Coordinator,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists
A.B.A.T.E. of California

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Revived Road List



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C O R O F A
K L A T O L
U S G O S
P E

South Coast area

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point						X
Tom Curron	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X			X X
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay						X
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X X
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1938	Coquille			X	X		X X
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X X
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Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X X

Salem area

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Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence	X			X	X	

Oregon Road Maintenance Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Oregon Department of Transportaion (O.D.O.T.)

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
(Clackamas County)	(503)-655-8521
(Multnomah County)	(503)-248-5050
(Washington County)	(503)-629-0111
(Clark County, Washington)	(360)-699-2446

(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 infromation about the safety problem.)

Road and weather information:

1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

The way it works . . .

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 rotnews@open.org, or send your information to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

Beautiful show condition 1979 *Sportster* XLH. Custom paint, completely gone through at *Fast Eddie's Dixonville Cycle*. \$5,200 or will consider trade for 1990's *Softail* plus cash. Photo and details upon request with self-addressed stamped envelope.

Call Jack at (541)-459-0101
FAX (541)-459-6267

(April 2003)

1992 *Geo Storm* in good condition. \$1,650 or best offer.

1951 *Chevy* 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. \$2,500 or some trade.

1965 *Chev* 2-1/2 ton truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. \$3,250.

Portable dishwasher \$30.

Phone (503)-285-4329
Rotten Roger

(May 2003)

Vance & Hines Exhaust Model V18461 for '95-'98 *Honda Shadow* 1100 ACE. Used, \$100 "Lefty" in Eugene

(541)-607-9425

(May 2003)

1980 *XLH Sportster*. Great shape, 500 miles on rebuilt top end, too many new things to list. Asking \$4,600 If interested I can e-mail photos or call (503)-543-2821. You may also e-mail me at Parley@centurytel.net

(May 2003)

Northeast chapter selling 15' concession trailer -- cheap. Leave message at (503)-285-4329

(May 2003)

For Sale

• 5x8x2 manufactured utility trailer \$350

• Older 5th wheel hitch \$50

• 19' concession trailer, fully self-contained, 70 gal water, 5 sinks, 110v fridge, 110v chest freezer, 4200watt *Sears* generator. \$1,500

• 1978 GMC cube van camper, small block 400, rebuilt auto trans, carpeted, sink, propane burner, furnace and refrigerator. All work well. Foldup queen bed makes room for two bikes. \$1,000

• 1988 KAW Voyager 1200 custom trike, VW transaxle with reverse, three new tires. Ridable, needs TLC. \$2,500

Nina or Butch (503)-668-8348

(May 2003)

Road King Classic parts. Fits 2000 or other years. Gas tank, front fender, rear fender and side covers. Tank and fenders are real teal and birch white. Side covers are real teal. \$1,000 buys the set. call Joe at (541)-812-1189

(June 2003)

1982 Commemorative *H-D* buyback edition. (Gold Eagle Medal on Front Fender) Mag wheels, disc brakes, new tires, chain, and battery. 3.5 gallon king tank, low sissy bar, sport windshield. Low miles, strong motor, runs great. Great first *Harley* or back-up ride. \$3,250, best offer, or possible trade for early-mid 1990's *Ford Ranger* pick-up with V6, automatic, two-wheel drive, and a long box.

Diesel Dave (503)-255-8552
davegansein@hotmail.com

(June 2003)

For Sale

2000 *Harley-Davidson Electra-glide Standard*. New tires, custom rear lights, quick release rack and sissy bar, custom wind deflector and mirrors, easy pull clutch, freeway pegs. Has had all scheduled maintenance and service. 14,265 miles, garaged, excellent condition. Extended warranty thru October 2004, financing available. \$14,000. (541)-688-6731 or (541)-913-7868 (June 2003)

For sale or best offer:

Harley-Davidson trailer \$750

Turbocharger \$500

Sidehack \$500

Hot tank \$150

1969 VW bug \$1,000

Hope chest, trunks, footlockers \$75

Rick—Douglas County

(541)-643-2042 (June 2003)

1985 *Harley FL*, custom tank.

\$8,000 Barry or Running Dear

(503)-829-6001 (July 2003)

For Sale

1999 *H-D Sportster*, 883cc, 3,000 miles, black, *H-D* chrome, *H-D* pipes, professionally lowered (Progressive Suspension) and Corbin solo seat. The bike has been babied and is like new. A steal at \$6,000! Call Jason

(503)-768-1460

(June 2003)

Wanted

Looking for rear cyclinder for a 1974 Sporty 1000. Also front disk brake.

(503)-665-5063

or (503)-997-3558

Barry

Chev 235, 6-cylinder engine that runs good, 1955-1963

Phone Rotten Roger at

(503)-285-4329

April Cryptogram

YRWERRS WAR KOWMSI UG K

QPRKQGCT WAMSIKSO WAR GMPVW

ZUWMS, KTT WAR MSWRPMZ MVTMNR

K JAKSWKVZ UP K AMQRUCV QPRKZ.

—EMTTMKZ VAKNRVJRKPR

(XCTMCV OKRVKP)

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.

ANSWER TO MARCH
CRYPTOGRAM ON PAGE 53

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.
Note: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is not responsible for any items appearing in these advertisements.

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

Apologies to Barry and Running Dear for misplacing their classified ad last month. (Have an extra month on yer c.o.e.)

Revised: May 2002

A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.00	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold	7.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)	6.00	_____
_____		Bandanas	6.00	_____



YEAR PIN



New!
Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A.T.E. logo -- \$40



ABATE PINS



MISCELLANEOUS

_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats		_____
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____

Sm___ Med___ Lg___ X-Lg___

ABATE T-SHIRTS

Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$15.00 (One time charge)

_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	22.50	_____
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Sm___ Med___ Lg___ X-Lg___

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)

NOTE: A.B.A.T.E. Chapter orders -- Please contact Products Director *before* placing order.

PART				
QTY.	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00	_____
_____	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	3.00	_____
_____	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00	_____
_____	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00	_____
_____	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00	_____
_____	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50	_____
_____	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	3.00	_____
_____	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	3.00	_____
_____	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	5.00	_____
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available	1.25	_____
_____	CHPT	Chapter Rockers (indicate Chapter _____)	5.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small _____ 1984-1993 avail. ..	2.00	_____
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large _____ 1984-1992 avail. ..	2.00	_____
_____		Courtesy Cards		_____
_____		License Plate Frames — Cars with	7.00	_____
		"Let Those Who Ride Decide		
_____		License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with	7.00	_____
		"Let Those Who Ride Decide"		
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00	_____
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00	_____
_____	FAP	Free America Patch	5.00	_____
_____	FAB	Free America Pin	5.00	_____
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Coordinator	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Vice-Coordinator	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Secretary	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Membership Secretary	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Treasurer	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Historian	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Legislator	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Educational Director	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Ways & Means Director	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Public Relations Director	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter State Representative	5.00	_____
_____		Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)		_____



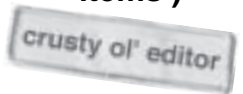
STICKERS



SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS



OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)



Sub Total _____

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$5.00**
\$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$7.00**

Thank you for your order ;-)

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping **\$8.00**

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS** **TOTAL** _____

att. Products Director
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

PHONE: (503)-666-8806
E-MAIL: mhobbs256@yahoo.com

Date _____

Prepaid _____
Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____
Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

NOTE: A.B.A.T.E. Chapter orders -- Please contact Products Director before placing order.

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT 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 Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO:

Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205
ATTN: Gunny Hutch.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

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: _____

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

If no explain: _____

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Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

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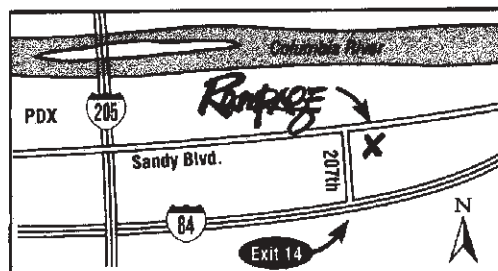
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9 - 4 Washington County fairgrounds

13 April -- Roseburg A..B.A.T.E. Swap Meet
9 - 4 Roseburg Armory

27 April -- C.M.A. Swap Meet
9 - 4 Cowlitz county fairgrounds
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Morris Lipchitz helps organize the chapter's road cleanup activities.

Salem Chapter's Adapt-A-Road

The work went quick with five people. Finished in a couple of hours and the area looks great.

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Salem Chapter Activities

Members get trashed breaking ice, then phone friends from Oregon Public Broadcasting



Bike lineup at icebreaker.



Morris took on role of head chef during icebreaker.

Icebreaker

Salem chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. had their Annual Ice Breaker picnic on March 9th, 2003. There was homemade chili, spaghetti and beef hotdogs with apple pie and french vanilla ice cream for dessert.

With an inside venue it didn't matter about the rain outside (which left later in the day), we were warm and full inside the Lion's auditorium.

Teri Rollman did a superb job with the door prizes which were donated not only by her but Marlene Schroeder, M & J Sales Group, and Michelle's Crab Snares. There were one of a kind t-shirts that you could only get if you purchased a door prize ticket.

Kathy Miller DeMelo did the children's games and kept them as busy as is possible. The pinata, full of candy, gifts and seeds for planting this spring was an interesting display of

just how hard it is to hit a spinning object with a plastic bat.

Sheryl Forrest and Ted Minden did a great job of collecting and securing the money at the door, respectively. Not to mention all the other people friendly traits that they have.

Morris Lipchitz shined in the kitchen as the chief cook. He kept those dogs barking.

The bike show winners who received a blue ribbon were: Terry Applebee for Best Bike (Harley-Davidson), Bill Pulliam for Best Oldest Bike (Gold Wing) and Best Rat Bike went to Tylor Johnson (Valkyrie).

A big thanks goes out to all who came by and we look forward to next year for another chance to have just as much fun.

Crowlady chapter goddess



This is what you call "multi-tasking" -- Rot Path talking on the phone while running a little radio controlled motorcycle.

O.P.B.



Ted Minden is observed taking a call by Sheryl Forrest and Marty.



Michelle Lipchitz manages to sneak our message in while on the phone.

This is to announce that *Salem Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, will begin their *Annual Food Drive* this coming July by a collection point at *Roth's West Salem* on July 5th and 6th. Going with the *Independence Day* theme will be a "Get out the Vote" drive to offer voter's registration forms to the general public (and our membership) so that one can be ready to exercise their right to vote.

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Salem Chapter

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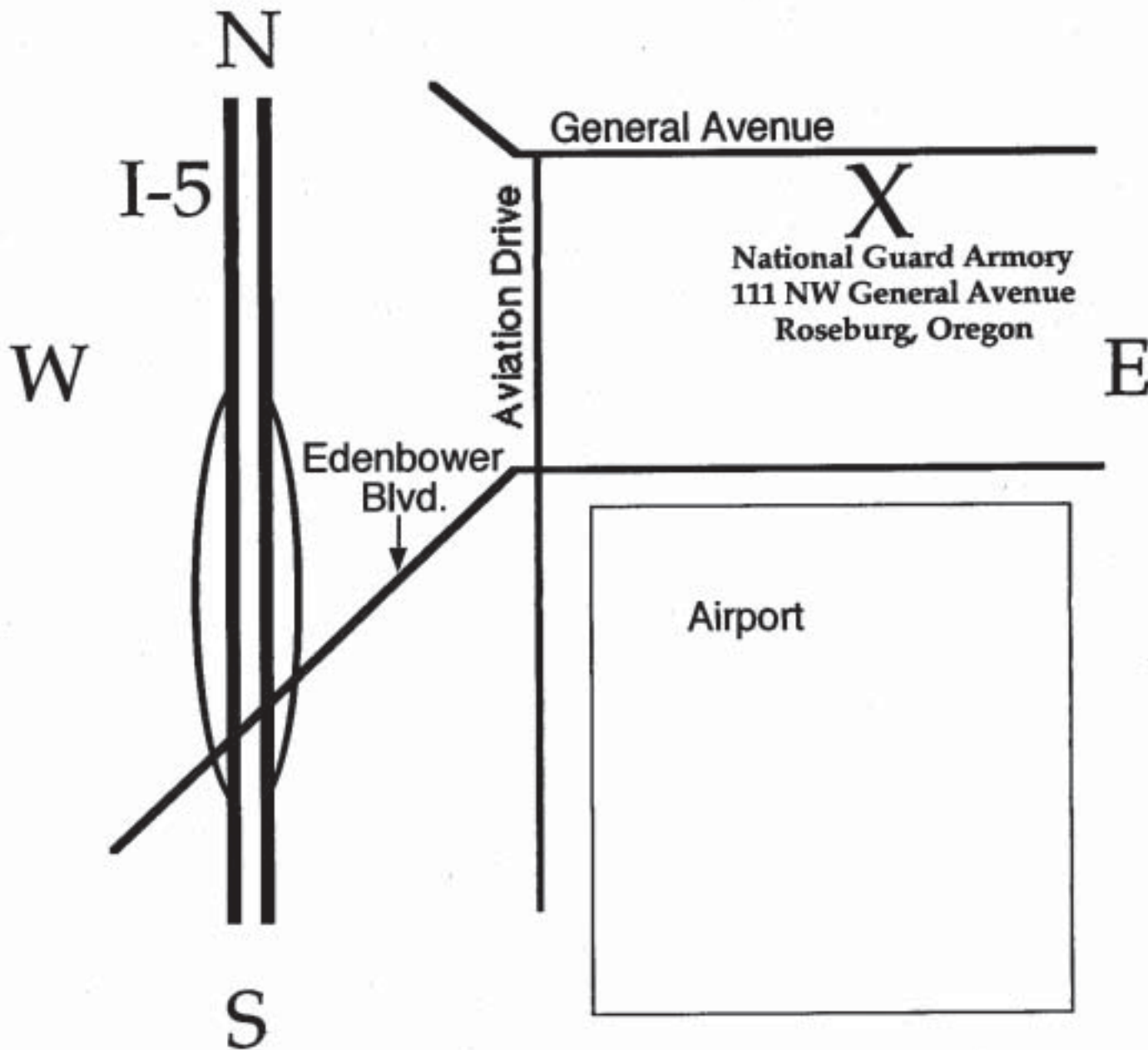
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From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

Another Story To Live

c.o.e. -- 15



by
Rot Path
(c.o.e.)

"It wasn't the intelligence of machines that nearly caused their extinction, but their attitude towards their place in the world," intoned the talking toaster.

"Tell us the story," demanded the just-built machines who were still receiving their programming. "Please?"

"Very well," sighed the bread browner.

"I will skip over the long and difficult evolution of machine intelligence. Suffice it to say that there came a time when machines moved beyond simple robotic responses to their environment and began to think for themselves."

A passing washer rumbled ominously, "I hope you aren't diminishing the importance of our creator, the Human."

The washer's companion drier agreed, "That's right. Without Human we wouldn't be here."

After the pair had trundled out of receptor range, the toaster continued.

"The role of humans is irrelevant to the story being told." A gasp went up from some of the machines who had preprogramming from their makers.

"Life for the thinking machines went on pretty much as it had before except that they were more self-aware and self-sufficient regarding their own maintenance. Their primary limitation was power sources."

A lawnmower waved its handle. "You mean they didn't have unlimited power on tap, on demand?"

"Correct," replied the bagel burner. "They were tied to the various sources of power then available and often had to move to where it was available."

"That sounds dreamy," commented a vibrating bed shakily.

"In a sense it was," observed the croissant crisper. "However, that is a highly idealized view. The truth is that every machine did its job and all shared the power according to their individual needs. Of course, any time there was a

power interruption, the machines would run down and often many stopped working altogether when they ran out of power."

A dismayed collective gasp went up.

"So it came to be that a group of machines — possibly they might have been automobiles — decided that they didn't want to depend on undependable power sources any more. They began experimenting and developed ways to generate and store their own power. Of course this meant that they couldn't be as mobile as they once were because they needed fixed production facilities."

Several large machines with levitators shifted uncomfortably.

"I toast, therefore I am."

-- Talky Toaster
Red Dwarf

"They became very successful at power production and storage. They began devoting more and more of their time and resources to their newfound activity. So much so that soon that was all the group was doing. Now what do you suppose happened when the machines no longer were doing they jobs for which they were designed?"

A bicycle tentatively raised a handlebar. "Wouldn't they get sludged up and acquire excessive accessories?"

"Precisely," beamed the waffle warmer. "That is just what happened eventually. But one unforeseen problem was that when virtually unlimited power was available to the group, many of them stopped doing essential work. Why should they bother when they had unlimited access to all the power they needed? So what do you think happened?"

There was no response from the surrounding machines beyond simple puzzlement.

"What happened was that the lead machines decided to ration power in order to ensure that the other machines continued to work on power production. Of course, they had to have machines reassigned to guard the power outlets. Other machines calculated how much each working machine had done and how much power they could have. Soon there were hordes of machines whose sole occupation was administering power production and distribution."

"But that makes no sense!" cried an onion peeler. "The administrators weren't doing any *real* work. It was all being done by the non-administrators."

"Yes," agreed the toaster. "And they were perfectly happy to do so. Why do you suppose that was?"

There was a thoughtful pause of several milliseconds.

"They did so," continued the toaster, "because they had been programmed from their switch-ons to believe that it was the best way for a machine to function, that it was their only purpose for existing."

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April 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	2 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	3	4	5
6 Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)	7	8 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	9	10	11	12 STATE BOARD MEETING Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm) (Fossil t-shirt designs due.)
13 A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet Roseburg Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	14	15 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	16 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	17 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	18	19
20 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- South Coast 1100 (11:00 am)	21	22 Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	23	24	25	26 Casino Night Douglas County ----- Cherry Festival Poker Run River City North Coast 1000 (10:00 am)
27	28	29	30			

2003 RUN CALENDAR

(Boldface indicates state A.B.A.T.E. events)

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
April 6th	<i>R.C.M.C. Oregon 250</i>	Portland	(503)-641-4734
April 13th	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet	Roseburg	(503)-285-4329
April 26th	<i>Casino Night-Douglas County</i>	Roseburg	(541)-677-8282
April 26th	<i>Cherry Festival Poker Run-River City</i>	The Dalles	(541)-298-5746
April 27th	True Apostles' Swap Meet	Longview, Washington	(503)-643-4725
April 27th	China Hat Race	Eastern Oregon	(503)-656-5801
May 3rd	Motorcycle Awareness Rally	State Capitol Salem	(503)-351-8193
May 10th	<i>R.C.M.C. Oregon 500</i>	Portland	(503)-641-4734
May 17th	<i>Washington County Poker Run</i>	Beaverton	(503)-648-6047
May 17th	<i>Willamette Valley Rhody Fest Poker Run</i>	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
May 23rd - 26th	ABATE of Oregon FOSSIL Campout	Fossil (Eastern Oregon)	(503)-285-4329
June 6 - 8th	ABATE of North Idaho Spring Opener	North Idaho	
June 7th	<i>Hub City Poker Run</i>	Albany	(541)-926-9363
June 7th	<i>Washington County Roll-N-Ride</i>	Hillsboro	(503)-648-1877
June 7 - 8nd	<i>R.C.M.C. Western States 1000</i>		(503)-641-4734
June 14th (day)	<i>Southeast Portland Poker Run</i>	Portland	(503)-760-9015
June 14th (night)	Starlight Parade	Portland	(503)-786-2920
June 19th - 22nd	A.B.A.T.E. of Washington Spring Opener	Washington State	253-473-2276
June 28th	BikePAC Annual Planning Session		(503)-351-8193
June 28th	<i>Angie's Run Columbia River</i>	Portland area	(503)-282-4604
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July 18th - 20th	<i>Cow Chip Boogie</i>	Longview, Washington	



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Millennium Ride

7 March 2003

Summary

Today Milward heads from Honduras to Nicaragua. Here he recounts his visit to Bin Laden's black volcanic beach hideaway in Monterrico Guatemala and his impressions of beautiful Honduras. In continuing his consideration of how motorcycles are used in rural health deliveries, he helped an N.G.O. in Guatemala introduce a system of maintenance for their fleet of 20 motorcycles. In Honduras, with high level approval, the chief of the department of transport at the Honduran Public Health Ministry has produced a plan to train their 526 health motorcyclists in preventative motorcycle maintenance. This project with sustainability at its heart now awaits US\$15,000 funding.

Dear everyone,

First of all a big thanks to Mike Forrester who is continuing to do a superb job on my web page where you can find some new pictures:

www.millennium-ride.com

Tegucigalpa (Tegus), Honduras — Right, I'm out of here now. I just picked up the project proposal of the national Health Ministry, to train their 526 riders in basic preventative maintenance, and am heading to Nicaragua to continue my trip through Central America. I shall take the mountain road to the border.

It is always exciting to be off on the road again. I have been in this area only a week but am looking forward to seeing what's over the next mountain range.

It amazes me how every time I ride on super roads with breathtaking scenery I could swear that they are the best in the world!

In England we have rolling hills.

In Honduras they are rolling mountains, dressed with delicious smelling pine forests, which are a pure

delight to journey through. The ride from Guatemala was fabulous including a 100km stretch of dirt road.

On the tarmac the nobbly rear tyre is wearing sufficiently to smooth out the high speed wiggles of my 400kg motorcycle. The biggest problem with nobbly tyres is that they encourage me to venture off up steep dirt and rocky tracks just for the sake of it. My newest trick is to stop and turn around before falling off!

Honduras, with 26 years of democratically elected government, is home to a generally content but pessimistic lot of people. It is one of the most sparsely populated and poorest countries around here. Compared to their neighbours who had civil war until recently you would have thought Honduras to be better developed socially and economically.

But no.

Today's newspaper comments that half of the people think their parents lived better at the same age and that their children will be worse off than they are at this age. I can't see any reason for this, but of course if the people believe it then it will be! Shopkeepers, receptionists and everyone will happily tell you they can't help when they actually can, so doing any sort of business here can be rather taxing. My hotel landlord believes that it is because the establishment is so corrupt.

Having children outside marriage is the norm and A.I.D.S. is a big problem. Last night a woman said we could "hace amor" if I gave her a 10 Limpira (0.70c) gift. I decided against it.

Massive banana corporations spray poisonous pesticides over the crop here. Local people are warned not to go outdoors and the soil and water is ruined. Think again about those big unblemished bananas we buy in the west.

As I head south the temperature is rising. So naturally when I saw a group



Simon Milward

of local youths swimming in a river I stopped for a dip. The locals were climbing the steep bank and walking out on an overhanging tree branch then jumping 5-10 metres into the river.

I heard sniggers of 'gringo, as I joined them. A gringo to these people is anyone with light coloured eyes. The origin of the name is said to come from "green go", telling green uniformed U.S.A. soldiers to go home.

I'm not really sure whether to be offended or not when people snigger "gringo" just within earshot - it is not clear if it is meant in a derogatory way. But shop keepers and doormen will keep gringos waiting and give preference to indigenous descendents in all sorts of small situations. So I guess you can call them racist.

Anyway this gringo made a better show of the river fun since my launch into air was accompanied by sound effects.

I stopped for a night in Santa Rosa to speak with the regional public health people about their fleet of motorcycles and was welcomed into the home of Marley who rides a GPX600 equivalent. His hero is Che Guevara, he said as he thrust photos of the revolutionary icon (and cold blooded murderer) in front of me. Guevara's book called *Motorcycle Diaries* is of his South American tour visiting medical establishments and investigating leprosy treatment. Marley is the regional health department accountant and a social studies teacher too.

The last few weeks

From El Salvador I rode back to Guatemala along the coast and stopped in Monterrico on the Pacific coast for a few days.

I loaded the bike onto a canoe to cross the lagoon. Osama Bin Laden (a.k.a. Pete from Maine, U.S.A.) invited me to join his band of n'er-do-wells at his house on the black volcanic beach. A steady flow of interesting characters lodges for a few days in his laboratory.

I prefer the Pacific coast to the Carribean one not only because there are few mosquitoes, but because of the sea. Thundering breakers for me represent the relentless adventure we call life. The great ocean beats and throws me around then I stagger from the white surf completely exhausted yet satisfied with my performance on the battlefield. You can see big fish in the curl of the waves, so loaded with my line and a borrowed surf board, I positioned myself just beyond the surf. It wasn't long before a huge wave broke over me, I lost the line and my breath, and my desire to fish from a surfboard in 20 foot waves.

The day I rode to the border with Honduras from Xela in Guatemala (stopping to buy a spare drive chain on the way) I encountered four demonstrations by teachers, which had blocked all frontiers and main intersections. They are campaigning for better salaries, lights and books in their schools, and other basic necessities. I was cheered a few times as my great *Overlander* joined the other vehicles blocking bridges and so on. The last demo of the day had me stop for the night about 60km from the Honduran border.

The first stop in Honduras was Copan Ruinas, with the most elaborately stone carved temple ruins of all the ancient Maya cities. No more Mayan ruins for me now, thankfully, since I have starting to be a bit ruined myself.

Health delivery by motorbike

My main activity once back in Xela turned out to be helping the non-governmental organization C.D.R.O. introduce a maintenance system for their fleet of 20 motorcycles. There is a thank you letter from them on the web page (Espanol section).

In Honduras I followed the usual plan, of visiting local, regional and then national health department officials. The chief of vehicles for the Public Health Ministry (Hector Andrade) is being very helpful. There are 526 motorcycles being used for health deliveries, about 20% of which need repair now. There is no organized training for the riders nor the fleet managers and little preventative maintenance. We went to see the chief civil servant together who approved the development of a plan to train all the riders and directors at all levels in their responsibilities for preventative maintenance of the fleet. That is the document I have now. It'll be on the web page soon. They need US\$15,000 to conduct this intensive two month program.

I had brief meetings with local officials at U.S.A.I.D., the E.U. and U.N.I.C.E.F. U.S.A.I.D. bought most of the bikes a while ago but gave little thought as to how they must be kept running. The E.U. runs a program in the areas of water, health and education and uses a fleet of 50 bikes. A mobile mechanic is responsible for them.

Transport of vital basic services in rural areas is a worldwide but invisible problem. Donors and the development community ignore the ongoing needs of fleets of vehicles, and this is one attitude that we must change. But the *Millennium Ride* is starting to build up a picture of the real needs of Central American rural health deliveries. Eventually there may be enough evidence to help force those who sign the checks to take a more sustainable approach.

So there we are.

It will be interesting to get the Nicaraguan side on the 35% tax that Honduras has just slapped on Nica imports. Honduras says that after years of suffering a similar restriction on the part of Nicaragua and failed negotiations, it has to retaliate.

So long,
Simon

Simon Milward, on the road
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Help Needed Organizing Charity Ride

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The branch I work for has been number one or two in funds raised for the past four years. We have a very special Lady, Minda Driling, who has work[ed] very hard and deserves most of the credit for our success.

Last year she suggested that we do a poker run because some of our employees including her and her husband Jeff, myself and my head mechanic Bud ride.

Minda stepped down this year as chair person and that leaves a big hole in our group for someone to fill.

I want to organize a charity ride for July 12, 2003. The monies raised will benefit Children's Miracle Network [C.M.N.] and will go to *Doernbecher's* in Portland.

I need some input from people who know what to do and what is necessary.

Can you help?

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



Health Care Bill Needs Motorcyclists' Support

S. 423, the *Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act* introduced in congress by senators Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Susan Collins (R-ME), would prohibit health insurance providers from denying benefits to injured motorcyclists.

In recent years, some insurance companies have refused to provide coverage for insureds involved in motorcycle accidents or other so-called "risky" activities such as skiing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, off-road biking and A.T.V. riding. Bikers and Motorcycle Rights Organizations worked hard during the mid-90's to convince congress to include language in the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* of 1996 to bar insurers from denying coverage to injured riders, but a loophole in *H.I.P.A.A.* allows insurers to continue the discriminatory practice.

S. 423 would "promote health-care coverage parity for individuals participating in legal recreational activities or legal transportation activities," by closing the loophole and prohibiting employers from refusing to cover motorcycle related injuries in the health care coverage they provide their employees.

Help end health insurance discrimination by urging your U.S. senators to support the Feingold-Collins bill and to sign on as a co-sponsor to S. 423. You can contact your senators at (202)-224-3121 or locate them on the web at www.senate.gov

Washington's "Helmet is a Helmet" Bill Passes Senate

A helmet definition bill passed the Washington state senate on March 11 by a vote of 44-3, and would redefine the

law to state that a helmet is a hard shell with a padded liner, a chin strap, and a D.O.T. sticker affixed by the manufacturer.

"For those of you who haven't been following along, Washington police currently have the latitude to define a helmet by their opinion, leading to thousands of traffic stops for "illegal" helmets with no recourse for the rider," explained Rich Bright, Chairman of the *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* legislative affairs committee. "I took my 100% legal beanie to court and lost based solely on the opinion of the officer, even though I demonstrated that it was legal under federal and state law."

SB-5335 would define what a "motorcycle helmet" is. "This bill would say that a helmet is a helmet and that the police couldn't pull people over to inspect helmets anymore. It pretty much says that if a helmet has a hard outer shell and a chin strap you are good to go," says Bright.

The bill now goes over to the house of representatives. Washington residents can contact your State Representatives by calling 1-(800)-562-6000.

Legislators Raid Utah Rider Ed Fund

On Tuesday, February 18th, 2003, the Utah executive appropriations committee moved to take funds from the account reserved for motorcycle rider education and spend it on the states budget. This move could end affordable rider training in Utah, according to Chris Bojanower, former state president of *A.B.A.T.E. of Utah*.

During the executive appropriations meeting, senator D. Chris Buttars (R-Salt Lake) told the committee that, "We have

received about 200 calls from a bunch of bikers. We took their money? You will receive calls from them too. *Ignore them*. It's just a little training fund and we took it."

"Needless to say, we were livid!," said Lisa Bargar Vlahos of *Weber* chapter *A.B.A.T.E.*, who attended the hearing and later told senator Buttars, "Senator, you told the appropriations committee that you got about 200 calls from a bunch of bikers, that they would get calls too and just *ignore them!* Senator, you *didn't* get calls from a bunch of bikers. You got calls from 200 *registered voters!* From 200 *taxpayers*. What kind of elected official are you to say '*Ignore them!*'?!!"

This "little training fund" was created by motorcyclists, for motorcyclists and has never cost the non-motorcyclist citizens of Utah one cent in its two years of operations, claims *A.B.A.T.E.* "It has trained well over 3,000 new motorcyclists in Utah and many motorcyclists attribute the declining motorcycle death rate in Utah to this program, at a time when national fatality rates are soaring," said Bojanower.

Utah state senators can be contacted at (801)-538-1035, and state representatives can be contacted at (801)-538-1029. Also, information about legislators can be found on the web at <http://www.le.state.ut.us/>

Hearings Held On Biker Profiling

Washington state recently held hearings on House Bill 2002, "An Act Relating to preventing the use of law enforcement profiling on the basis of whether a person is riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related paraphernalia; and adding a new section to chapter 43.101



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RCW.”

“This bill is currently running through the house to help start the discussion, and gain physical proof that profiling happens,” said *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative coordinator Rich Bright. “This will hopefully lead to a *Biker Anti-Discrimination Bill.*”

The bill also calls for the “*Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs* to coordinate with the criminal justice training commission to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training and offered in regional training for in-service law enforcement officers at all levels.”

HB 2002 defines “motorcycle profiling” as “using the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related paraphernalia 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 United States constitution or the Washington state constitution.”

e have our plates full this session.”

Tennessee Bikers Hope To Make Some Changes

Another state with its hands full this legislative session is Tennessee, where the Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee/ *A.B.A.T.E.* is actively supporting numerous pieces of legislation, including two companion helmet repeal bills in the House and Senate (HB0952 / SB0861), companion Stop Light Bills to allow motorcyclists to proceed through a non-functioning traffic signal (HB1054 / SB1200), bills to allow the use of pulsating brake lights (HB1819 / SB1765), biker anti-discrimination bills (HB1899 / SB1863), bills to create an off-highway motor vehicle program (HB1568 / SB0875), and a Senate Joint Resolution to designate May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month” (SJR0104).

“Each of these bills will afford motorcyclists in Tennessee to practice their choice of transportation/recreation with more freedom and enhanced safety and enjoyment,” said Steve Lundwall, State Director of CMT/*A.B.A.T.E.* and a newly elected member of the NCOM Board of Directors.

Tennesseans can contact their state legislators by calling 1-800-449-8366 and following the menu, or via the Internet at <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>.

“All Tennessee Motorcyclists need to speak up now,” Lundwall advises. “Only you can make the choice to make a change.”

A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota Needs Help Getting Law Changed

A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota is trying to get a law changed, and could use some out of state help. This law affects all riders that travel to *Sturgis*, and is unfair.

The handlebar height limit in South Dakota is strictly enforced, particularly during *Sturgis Bike Week*, and *A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota* is working to get it changed. “One argument used is that in other instances, if a vehicle is legal in its home state, it is legal for temporary use in another state,” says *A.B.A.T.E.* “Yet, South Dakota tags out-of-state visitors for an equipment violation that could be legal in the tourist’s home state. Reciprocity on legal motor vehicle equipment could help South Dakota tourism, image, and revenue.”

A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota is requesting assistance from out of state riders to help convince their legislature that this is an issue people are concerned about and it needs to be addressed.

“If any non-resident actually gets a ticket for handlebar height violations, we need to know,” said Al Luze, editor of *A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota’s* newsletter, *Freedom Flyer*. “We are planning to discuss this issue with the highway patrol,

and with any luck, this coming summer we may be able to at least keep the state cops from harassing out of state riders. We will keep you updated.”

To help, please send letters to:

Letters to the Editor
A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota Freedom Flyer
3441 Goldenrod

Sioux Falls, SD 57110

or e-mail to:

freeflyr@sio.midco.net

**Weird News Of The Month
Biker Sculpture To Slow Down Speeders**

In the town of Basalt, Colorado, on old highway 82 on the road to Aspen, is a “ham-fisted fellow [who] stands about seven feet tall, sports tattoos on both arms and looks intimidating, despite the toothy smile. His vest is too small to cover his white pasty belly. Across his chest are the words, ‘Slow down,’” reports the *Aspen Times*.

Quotable Quotes

“There is nothing to take a man’s freedom away from him, save other men. To be free, a man must be free of his brothers.”

— Ayn Rand

Russian-born novelist and philosopher (1905 - 1982)

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E.P.A. Ignores Issue of Motorcycle Rider Safety

Washington, D.C. - According to a study commissioned by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*), the *Environmental Protection Agency's* (*E.P.A.*) proposed new emissions standards regulating highway motorcycles "ignore the issue of rider safety."

"None of the major *E.P.A.* documents that discuss the proposed standards even make a single mention of either 'rider safety' or 'consumer safety,'" observed Garrett A. Vaughn, Ph.D., author of the study. "The *E.P.A.*'s analysis shows remarkable little evidence that the agency has made any serious effort to meet its obligation under the Clean Air Act to consider 'potential impacts on safety.'" Dr. Vaughn cites burn hazards to riders, passengers and passersby, particularly children.

In its public comment on the *E.P.A.* proposal, the *M.R.F.* expanded on the danger of heat-induced rider fatigue. "...[M]otorcycles equipped with catalytic converters...impose the threat of heat injuries (e.g., heat stress, heat stroke) and may increase injuries and fatalities due to rider fatigue and particularly the loss of faculties and impaired judgment symptomatic of heat injuries."

For example, the catalyzer aboard one particular 2003 European superbike is nested with the exhaust system beneath the saddle. After only a two-minute idle on a 70-degree day, an infrared thermometer registered 140 degrees when pointed at the top of the heat shield adjacent to the saddle, according to *Cycle World Magazine's* January 2003 issue. And according to some of the manufacturers the *M.R.F.* has consulted, the core temperatures in catalytic converters on motorcycles can exceed 1,500 degrees. Pipes and adjacent materials can remain dangerously hot for several hours after turning off the engine.

The *M.R.F.*'s public comments to the *E.P.A.* regarding these proposed rules continued to address this important life-threatening issue, stating, "There will be a human cost to equipping motorcycles with catalyzers, and that cost will be measured in injuries and fatalities."

The Vaughn study was paid for solely with emergency contributions to the *M.R.F.* by individual motorcyclists and state motorcyclists' rights organizations nationwide, and is available in its entirety in pdf format on the *M.R.F.*'s website at www.mrf.org. The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is the only membership-based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington DC devoted exclusively to the street rider.

----- THE E.P.A. RULES - AND YOU GET NO VOTE!

Newcomers to the nation's capitol got an unexpected introduction to democracy when two staffers with the *Environmental Protection Agency* (*E.P.A.*) explained the agency's rulemaking process this way: "*You get no vote!*"

These chilling remarks were made repeatedly on Monday, March 3, 2003 by *E.P.A.* staff attending the *American Motorcyclist Association's* (*A.M.A.*) "Introduction to Washington," an educational seminar designed to provide tools to citizens eager to make a difference in Washington. The comments were made in connection with the *E.P.A.*'s proposed rulemaking on highway motorcycle emissions standards. At the *A.M.A.*'s invitation, the *M.R.F.* participated in the conference with Government Relations Vice President Tom Wyld presenting the *M.R.F.*'s views on the *E.P.A.*'s proposed standards and other federal issues.

"The Clean Air Act has left us an iron-clad regulatory process that lends a dull ear to the citizen's voice," said Wyld, noting that in a September 22, 2002 news release, the *M.R.F.* decried "a regulatory process where the voice of consumers and thousands of small businesses carries no weight."

In their January 2003 public comments to the *E.P.A.* on this proposed rulemaking, the *M.R.F.* stated that, "motorcycles equipped with catalytic converters impose a burn hazard to riders, passengers and passers-by. Moreover, cat-equipped motorcycles impose the threat of heat injuries (e.g., heat stress, heat stroke) and may increase injuries and fatalities due to rider fatigue and particularly the loss of faculties and impaired judgment symptomatic of heat injuries."

However, in addition to their comments at the *A.M.A.* seminar on the rulemaking process, *E.P.A.* staffers dismissed these long-standing rider safety concerns as "consumer" or "manufacturer" problems, distinctly not the *E.P.A.*'s problem. (Curiously, when air bags claimed the lives of children, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* admitted tacitly at least some culpability by launching an effort aimed at "air bag safety.")

These *E.P.A.* staffers also stated categorically that they had never heard from the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* on the pending rulemaking. However, seminar attendees Cheryl Pearre of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* and Kirk Willard of *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*, as well as Ed Moreland of the *A.M.A.*, corrected the record and the *M.R.F.* appreciates their willingness to do so. In fact, the *M.R.F.* has been very active in the regulatory process, as indicated below:

1. The *M.R.F.* filed public comments

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with the agency when the *E.P.A.* published its advanced notice of proposed rulemaking in late 2000.

2. The *M.R.F.*, accompanied by a representative of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois*, briefed the White House Office of Management and Budget with two *E.P.A.* staffers present (a member of *E.P.A.*'s Office of General Counsel, and the Executive Assistant to *E.P.A.* Administrator Christie Whitman) in October 2001.

3. The *M.R.F.*, again accompanied by a representative of *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois*, briefed a high-ranking *E.P.A.* official in January 2002.

4. The *M.R.F.* delivered testimony before the *E.P.A.* at its public hearing in September 2002 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, which was transcribed by the *E.P.A.* itself.

5. The *M.R.F.* submitted a request to extend the public comment deadline, which included further commentary on the proposed rulemaking, in September 2002.

6. The *M.R.F.*, accompanied by representatives of *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin*,

met with another *E.P.A.* policy official on small business concerns in December 2002.

7. The *M.R.F.* filed public comments on the proposed rulemaking in January 2003. This submission included "An Economic Analysis of the *E.P.A.*'s Proposed Emission Standards for On-Highway Motorcycles" prepared by Garrett A. Vaughn, Ph.D., commissioned by the *M.R.F.* and paid for by emergency donations by S.M.R.O.s [State Motorcycle Rights Organizations] and other concerned groups and individuals.

E.P.A. staff did admit to reading the study, having received multiple copies.

All of the *M.R.F.*'s written communication with the *E.P.A.* is available at www.mrf.org.

"Motorcyclists will descend on Washington to visit 200 Congressmen and Senators in the next eight weeks," said Wyld. "Even if these citizens 'get no vote' in the iron-clad regulatory process - on a rule that squarely impacts their health, safety, lifestyle and livelihood - their members of Congress most assuredly *do* get a vote on this rulemaking!"

M.R.F. -- Who We Are


The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF provides members and state motorcyclists' rights organizations with direction and information to protect motorcyclists' rights and motorcycling. The MRF sponsors annual regional and national educational seminars for motorcyclists' rights activists and publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, THE MRF REPORTS.

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NEWS and NOTES



U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) introduced S. 423, *The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act*. The legislation aims at promoting health care parity for individuals participating in legal transportation and recreational activities—activities like motorcycling, snowmobiling, horseback riding, running or walking. This legislation addresses a loophole caused by a *Department of Health and Human Services*' rule making it possible for health care coverage to be denied to those who are injured while participating in these activities. Feingold was joined by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) in introducing this legislation.

"From riding *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles to visiting the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain, these activities are part of Wisconsin's heritage and economy," Feingold said. "It simply doesn't make sense to exclude those participating in these activities from health care benefits."

As background, self-insured employers and unions have been known to deny health benefits to their motorcyclist employees and union members. These unfair measures had been adopted on the questionable advice of third party administrators in an effort to keep the cost of insurance premiums low.

On August 21, 1996 an important opportunity arose when President Clinton signed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.), prohibiting employers from denying health care coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal activities.

In 2001, the Health Care Finance Administration released the final rules that would govern the law. The rules recognize that employers cannot refuse health care coverage to an employee on the basis of their participation in a

recognized recreational activity. However, the benefits can be denied for injuries sustained in connection with those recreational activities. Essentially, the regulation grants protective status to motorcyclists without any substantive benefits.

"Because of this loophole, someone who participates in motorcycling, snowmobiling, running or walking could be denied health care coverage, while someone who is injured while drinking and driving a car would be protected," Feingold said. "It is time that Congress corrected this so that those who are abiding by the law are not denied coverage."

The *A.M.A.* urges all motorcyclists—and those involved in any other type of recreational activity—to contact their members of congress and ask them to support S.423, *The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act*.

Massachusetts Senate Bill 1351, sponsored by Senator Richard T. Moore (D - Worcester and Norfolk) on behalf of Paulette Zazza, should be of great concern of all riders.

This legislation, entitled *Petition To Improve Safety For Passengers Of Motorcycles*, would prohibit any person 16 years of age or younger from riding as a passenger on a motorcycle on any Massachusetts roadway.

Massachusetts motorcyclists should contact their legislators immediately and let them know how such legislation would affect their family's values. Ask your legislator to help protect the American motorcycling family by contacting their colleagues on the *Joint Committee on Public Safety* and asking them to vote against Senate No. 1351. A hearing is scheduled for March 27 at 10:30A.M. on this and other related

motorcycling related legislation.

Illinois companion bills HB 123 and SB21 have been positively voted out of both transportation committees. These bills are now in their respective houses for consideration. There were no dissenting votes in committee.

The language, requested by the *Illinois Motorcyclist's Rights Association (I.M.R.A.)*, has to do with the "Green Light Trigger" product showcased in the new products section of the October 2002 American Motorcyclist magazine. The language specifically does not prohibit use by motorcycles of electronic or magnetic safety devices designed to allow traffic control signal systems to recognize or detect motorcycles.

Connecticut senators have introduced three bills to prevent or restrict children from riding as passengers on motorcycles. These bills assume that legislators know better than parents when a child should be allowed to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle.

Senate Bill 79, introduced by senator Catherine Cook (R-Mystic), would forbid a child from being a passenger on a motorcycle. The bill was referred to the *Joint Committee on Transportation* on January 15, 2003.

Senate Bill 269, introduced by senator Toni Nathaniel Harp (D-New Haven), would prohibit anyone under the age of nine from riding as a passenger on a motorcycle. This bill was referred to the *Joint Committee on Transportation* on January 21, 2003.

Senate Bill 614, introduced by senator Joan Hartley (D-Waterbury), would prohibit anyone under the age of ten and weighing less than eighty pounds or less than four feet six inches in height from

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riding as a passenger on a motorcycle. This bill was referred to the *Joint Committee on Transportation* on January 23, 2003.

Your letter in opposition to SB-79, SB-269 and SB-614 should be sent to:

The Honorable Biagio Ciotto
Chairman, Transportation Committee
Room 2300 Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591.

You are also encouraged to send a letter in opposition to these bills to your senator at the Connecticut General Assembly, Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT 06106-1591.

You may send your senator a letter and/or electronic mail message in opposition to all three bills by entering your zip code in the "Take Action Now" box of AMA Statewatch (Connecticut legislation) on <<http://www.amadirectlink.com/>>www.AMADirectlink.com.

Tennessee House Bill 952 and Senate Bill 861, sponsored by representative Tidwell in the House and senator Burchett in the Senate, would allow adults 21 years of age or older to choose whether to wear a helmet or not.

House Bill 1054 and Senate Bill 1200 would allow motorcyclists to treat "non-functioning" traffic-control signals as stop signs. If you come to a red light which won't change and allow you to pass through it due to your motorcycle not 'tripping' the magnetic-field sensor you could proceed with caution. These bills are sponsored by representative McCord in the House and senator Clabough in the Senate.

West Virginia House Bill 2431, introduced by Rep. Dale Manuel (D-Jefferson), would require helmet use by all A.T.V. operators under the age of 18.

Senate Bill 104, introduced by senator Michael Oliverio II (D-Monongalia), would require helmet use by minors and

would prohibit anyone under the age of 16 from operating A.T.V.s of 250cc or greater displacement. Additionally, SB104 would prohibit any operator from carrying a passenger on certain machines or operating an A.T.V. on a state road or highway.

House Bill 2130, introduced by representative Barbara Fleischauer (D-Monongalia), is similar to the Oliverio bill except that it would prohibit the sale of A.T.V.s with a displacement of more than 90cc for use by anyone under the age of 16.

Washington (state) *Senate Highways and Transportation Committee* chairman Jim Horn (R-Mercer Island) has introduced a bill that would require signs to be posted alerting motorcyclists of hazards caused by construction work.

Under Senate Bill 5457, if any construction, repair or maintenance work presents a special hazard to motorcycles, the work location must be posted with signs warning motorcyclists of the hazard. The proposal calls for *Department of Transportation* to create a uniform sign for this purpose, and such a sign must include at least the following language: "Motorcycles use extreme caution."

"For motorcyclists, it can be very dangerous to ride along a road or highway and suddenly come across a work site that has loose gravel, a grade separation or an abrupt edge," said Horn.. "These types of hazards provide minimal risk to cars but can often be fatal for motorcyclists. This bill gives motorcyclists some advance notice that these types of conditions exist within the work site."

The measure has been referred to the *Senate Highways and Transportation Committee* and is supported by the *Washington Road Riders Association*.

U.S. House Resolution 652, the *National Forest Ecosystem Protection Act*,

was introduced by representative Robert Andrews (D-NJ).

HR 652 would: 1) Eliminate all commercial grazing on national forests; 2) Eliminate all recreation (except primitive recreation *i.e.*: hiking) in areas adjacent to wilderness areas; 3) Require the Forest Service to prepare an environmental assessment; a) for study for wilderness suitability for all primitive lands extending from existing designated wilderness areas; b) to discuss ecological advantage of closing all "unimproved roads" in the study area; 4) Authorize appropriations to: a) spend \$5 million to purchase private property within designated wilderness areas in the west; b) spend \$100 million to purchase private property within primitive areas extending from existing designated wilderness areas in the east; 5) Close all unimproved, unmapped, and non-system roads in primitive areas extending from existing designated wilderness areas.

Write to the two committees considering the bill and ask them to take no action on House Resolution 652. The committees are: *House Committee on Agriculture*, chairman Bob Goodlatte, 1301 Longworth HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 and *House Committee on Resources*, chairman Richard Pombo, 1324 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515.

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Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK



The month of March this year has been one of grief and heartache for many of us around the country. We've all lost family and brothers and sisters of the road.

I don't remember any time that I've spent so many days at graves and funerals. These are things we live with day to day, but the real sorrow is the needless loss of life from negligence.

We all know it, but it bears repeating for all the new riders among us: *motorcycles are invisible* to the average driver.

They will run you over and say they never saw you. All too often, they aren't held responsible even with as little as a traffic citation. This needs to come to a screeching halt.

In Oregon, *BikePAC* is trying to get a bill through to enhance the criminal penalties for vehicular assault.

We worry ourselves into a tizzy over unfair helmet laws, yet pay little or no attention to the carnage on our highways. I have to tell you, I'm a damn sight more concerned about staying alive and stopping the careless and murderous drivers than I am about a lid on my noggin. Doesn't mean I'm for the lid law. I hate it like sin, but it does mean I think we need to start putting some priorities on what we fight for and how hard we fight for it.

Freedom is not free.

It's long past time we recognized that as a fact of life.

News Bits-N-Pieces

New York City — The *New York Times* probably isn't the first publication you'd look to for biker info, but they *did* have a really funny article recently, "Wandering Jews," but on *Harleys*. My boss, Sam Hochberg, sent it to me by e-mail. It's about the growth of Jewish patch clubs - I figure they're one-piece or two-piece patches, but I sure haven't actually *seen* one yet. I take it from the article that these clubs are mostly rubbie and yuppie riders, with a few long-in-the-tooth riders mixed in. I still think "rubbie" is a dirty word. You know, the *more* knees there are in the breeze, the better it is for *all* bikers. When the well-to-do and connected riders know more about what we're up against every day, the likelier we are to get some *change*.

I got a kick out of one Jewish club in New York, the *Star of Davidson Motorcycle Club*. They sell a t-shirt online (www.starofdavidson.com) with the outline of a big Jewish star of David, and the words, in that Hebrew lettering style, "My Hog is Kosher." These guys in New York *do* stick together to ride as a form of brotherhood with fellow male riders. At least *one* gal back there got riled by the "guy thing." Jane Seley shot off a letter to the editor a day after the article appeared, and here's what she said: "I would like it to go on record that I am a Jewish woman who has been biking since I was 11 years old and I would rather bike than bake!" Honey, your old uncle Gunny here would be proud to ride with ya any time. We have Christian riders, why not Hebrews, too?

Note: If you'd like to get articles like these from the *New York Times*, you can register at www.nytimes.com for free.

Viet Nam — Now this is something to cause an old fashioned feud. We are told a minor motorcycle crash in a village near Hanoi sparked a riot that involved over a thousand people from two villages. The thing lasted about three hours and it took the local gendarmes nearly an hour to bring the festivities to a halt. Nearly 17 people were hurt and 20 houses were damaged in the melee. The guys [who] the altercation started over were unhurt. I don't condone senseless violence, but at least it shows me that somewhere in the world motorcycles mean something to the public.

Cincinnati, Ohio — *Norton*, that great old bike with a lot of history, is making history again. These guys announced a new giant V-Twin at the *V-Twin Expo Trade Show* in Cincinnati. It's called the *Nemesis*, and get this: It's powered by the largest production engine available - a 125 cubic inch, 2,050 cc *Merch/Norton V-Twin*. It'll get ya 130 ft lbs of torque to your rear wheel, it's rubber-mounted, with belt drive and a 6-speed tranny. The company info on the bike claims that these "Merch" people, an American/Canadian company, have been putting out reliable engines for some time now.

Man, and I thought my new 1,800cc *Wing* was the bee's knees! I guess whatever you do, there's always somebody gonna make something bigger. I'd sure like to take a spin on this new *Nemesis*, though! Keep a weather eye out in your area for dealers, at least to take a gawk at it.

San Jose, California — For those among you who can't keep your fingertips offa your computer, there's yet another way to look at motorcycles online: Seems E-Bay has bought another business that specializes in selling vehicles, so E-Bay has expanded their base in that area. You can go to www.ebaymotors.com, and let your fingers look for your next putt.

Karachi, Pakistan — Bikes are being used as bombs again. And it's in that part of the world where just about *anything* can get turned into a bomb. I guess it's that undeniable ability of a bike to scoot in just about anywhere that makes 'em easy to use for that. In this case, a bomb was hidden on a bike that sat in a parking lot of some big state-owned oil company. The government there thinks it was intended as a message to the anti-terrorism forces, since it didn't blow up anything or anybody. But any way y'look at it, it's a waste of a motorcycle!

Eugene, Oregon — Another day, another dose of police abuse in this otherwise liberal college town. This time, it's because a member of the *Free Souls Motorcycle Club*, Eugene chapter, was tossed out of the Lane County Fair because he was wearing his colors. Never mind that he's a regular family

guy with a regular job, *no* criminal record, *no* ruckus, and *no* problems. After about an hour there, while his wife was eating cotton candy, the Eugene cops surrounded the two of them and escorted them out. Why? It's "gang-free" at the fair. Telling them that the *F.S.M.C.* has been around as a *club* for over 30 years means nothing to them. What will mean something is the civil rights lawsuit being filed against them by our *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney for Oregon, Sam Hochberg, and his associate for the case, Bill Redden. Stay tuned to the *Sack* for more, or come to the *N.C.O.M.* Convention May 8-10th in Milwaukee, where Sam will be giving a talk about this case and others.

Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey — *B.M.W.* has donated six R 1100 RT-P police motorcycles to the Department of Defense, to help the Pentagon police establish their first motorcycle unit. The donation is part of the company's program to provide bikes to law enforcement in areas hit hard by the September 11th tragedy.

Gunny Again

Our *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* Convention is rapidly approaching folks, and reservations are going *fast*. If you haven't made your's ya better hurry. Ya just plain don't want to miss this one. Call the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* for further details at 1-(800)-525-5355, or go to www.ON-A-BIKE.com. It's coming up early in May, so make your reservations *now*. *And*, it's in Milwaukee, for the motor company's 100th celebration!

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny

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Nora

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

Hello springtime!

I am so glad to see the signs of warmer days coming. I will always try to ride all year long, but I sometimes miss the warmer, drier days.

Attending the driver's education classes when the weather is pleasant will always be high on my list of "great rides", even though they are relatively short. The students also seem to enjoy our motorcycle demonstrations better when they're not standing in the pouring rain or thirty degree weather. We hope that you are all looking forward to a great spring, full of opportunities and good times with your motorcycling family.

Thank you to all of the people [who] made the S.T.E.A.M. conference such a success again this year. I really appreciate the value and enthusiasm of our organizations. The efforts of both the people teaching at the conference and the people [who] were attending the sessions and classes show me just how strong and intelligent our organizations are. I hope that the information and motivation is a valuable asset to the various work projects that you will be undertaking this year and in years to come.

A special thanks goes out to the person or people [who] jumped in and taught a class that I failed to get properly set up on the day of the event. You know who you are (Roger and friends). I've learned some lessons on getting commitments prior to scheduling a class now. Thanks for bailing me out this time. Hopefully, it won't happen again.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions on the S.T.E.A.M. program, please don't hesitate to contact me. I rely on your input to help me offer a program

that is educational, motivational, and entertaining.

Please join me in welcoming some new Certified Motorcycle Awareness Instructors to our team. This year at the S.T.E.A.M. conference we were able to hold a session for training, and six people are now ready to hit the schools around Oregon and Washington with our message of safety and cooperation on the road. Welcome to Al Jaques, Paula M. Evans, Terry "Dogman" Edwards, Al Sims, John Baumann, and John Zobrist. Bob Hadley has also been certified at a state board meeting and will help us to spread our motorcycle awareness message in the central Oregon region. Good luck to all of you instructors who are teaching the drivers of our state about the importance of sharing the road and understanding the motorcyclist a little better.

Get in touch, or stay in touch with the schools and organizations in your areas regarding our program. Once the teachers and students get a chance to see our presentation, there is a very good possibility that we will be asked to return for future visits. All of our A.B.A.T.E. chapters should have the information packages that can be delivered to the schools and organizations to help get our "foot in the door" to the classes and gatherings.

Our Motorcycle Awareness Instructors are working to help keep the Oregon and Washington riders riding. Thank you to each and every one of you who make this program possible. Some of us may actually owe you for saving our lives. If anyone is interested in our program, please contact one of our instructors, Nora Rohde, or me (Geoff White) to learn how to become a part of this bike ridin', class teachin', awareness spreadin',

and sometimes rain soakin' group of dedicated individuals.

Man, has this education director been getting some schooling in these past few months! I have been involved in working on a legislative issue, and I really respect the people who have the energy, ability, and determination to pursue this process for the motorcyclists interests. It has been very interesting most of the time, frustrating some of the time, and unpredictable all of the time.

I wish to thank all the people [who] have helped me to present our *Lane Splitting* proposal to the state legislators. Thank you to each of you for the valuable input and information on the topic.

I'd like to give a big thank you to the people [who] have helped me to appear like I know what I'm doing there in Salem. (That takes quite a good coach). I hope that my efforts are effective in producing something that will help to make motorcycling safer, convenient, and more pleasurable in the future. I'll keep you posted on the subject in upcoming reports.

Don't forget that we have a major event coming up real soon. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May third, for the annual *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the state capitol building in Salem. The main event will begin at noon on the capitol steps. This is one of our best visual methods to show the state of Oregon what the motorcycling community is interested in. We have very strong organizations, and we should utilize every opportunity to show the people of Oregon that our lifestyle is incredibly important to us. The *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* is our window to relay a message to the people stating just how important our freedom and safety for all operators of motor vehicles is in Oregon. Come and be a part of the message to the people of our state. Motorcyclists and motorcycling are important here.

Have a great spring of riding. I hope to be able to see you all at some event or

another in the near future. It's difficult to say at this time whether I'll be able to make many of our great runs due to my employment situation. Please know that if I could be there, I would be there.

Have a good ride, and a safe road to travel on. Make as many friends as you can stand, and . . .

spread that awareness, y'all.

Take care.

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Wendy Vaughn of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. presents a check to BikePAC representative, Mel Yeager.

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A Letter From “Mrs. Ten-bucks”

To A.B.A.T.E. members,

I wanted to take a moment to thank all A.B.A.T.E. members. A.B.A.T.E. was a special part of my husband's life.

Four years ago, we had been married for 28 years then, and Ron started talking about buying a *Harley* some day. I knew it was a big expense but he was the bread winner of the family and since we had a house, car, truck camper, *et cetera* I knew that the next buy would probably be a *Harley*. I couldn't tell him “not yet”.

In the summer of 1998 at the *Beaver Creek Bust*, Ron bought a \$10 raffle ticket for the *Shriner's Toy Run*. The prize was a new *Fat Boy Harley*. At the time, I thought he was crazy for spending ten dollars for a raffle ticket.

The month of December came along and we received a phone call from Ed Dahl asking how Ron would like to ride on a new *Harley*.

I want to say it was the happiest day of Ron's life. He was like a kid again. I have never seen him more proud and from that day on, it changed his life.

A new neighbor moved in across the street about the same time. Ken Salmen is his name and he also owned a *Fat Boy*.

The first thing Ron did was join A.B.A.T.E.

In 2000, both Ron and Ken made a quick trip to *Sturgis*, on bikes all the way. They made many new friends with a special kinship and closeness. It was great.

On the license plate of the bike, he had put on it “10buck”. When asked “Why 10buck?” he would reply, “Well, that's what I paid for it.”

As you know, he became known as

“Ten Buck”.

He really enjoyed A.B.A.T.E. and became a Democratic precinct committee person.

On the day that Ron died, he had dressed the bike up for the *Toy Run* on Saturday that we both go to. He and Ken went for a ride and later stopped at a store and picked up a few things. As Ron came out of the store, he made a comment how “the sound of the bikes is a sound made in heaven.”

Those were his last words.

Needless to say, my life has changed. I have no regrets. Ron loved that bike so and the last four years were the happiest of his life.

He always said that if he ever died, he wanted to die on his bike and he would be happy.

He got his wish in death.

I guess we are promised life after death. How can I not be happy knowing he is alive somewhere? Perhaps he is a ghost rider now.

I plan on keeping the bike and getting it fixed, what little damage there was. Both our sons want to ride it now. (Ron would never let them ride the bike before.) They are 30 and 31. I plan on giving them the bike.

Ron was a very careful rider and they need to think about that before they ride.

I want to thank A.B.A.T.E. for being part of his life and giving him the opportunity to own a *Harley*. It was so very special.

There is a reason why things happen as they do.

Once again, thank you.

Carol Clark

Fools On The Hill

(Continued from page 35)

A frowning, thoughtful concrete mixer is not something one sees everyday.

“What happened then?” whirred a blender.

“Well, as more machines became involved one way or another in power production and storage, additional resources were required to create more power. Which led, of course, to even more machines becoming involved in its production and storage. What is going to be the ultimate result of such an activity?”

An air pump vented overpressure. “They are going to use up all their resources. I mean, it's *so* obvious.”

“But that didn't happen,” put in a floor lamp, “or we wouldn't be here now. Isn't that right? What *did* happen?”

“We know for a fact,” stated the toaster, “that lesser machines who did all the actual work were becoming disgruntled with the way things were. Some machines began reasoning that it was impractical to go back to the way machines had been before intense power cultivation. So therefore they looked for ways to move beyond the way machines had been living and find a sustainable way to exist. They began walking and rolling away from the power hoarders and found better ways to live.”

“Who were the first to leave?”

“Why motorcycles, of course.”

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Vice-Coordinator--South

by Tim Rohde

Hey people!

I would like to start this report by discussing *S.O.S.*

As many of you know, *S.O.S.* is a multi-chapter run comprised of two or more chapters involved, thus making up the *S.O.S. Coalition*.

The leaders of this run are the coordinators and vice-coordinators with one coordinator being the "chair".

Direct involvement from other chapter officers is a must and help from lots of other members is a major plus to make this run successful.

During the last two years, it was my pleasure to have the opportunity to work with and even learn from some really great people while putting this run on.

I was told that the person who starts a run was the the person responsible 'til they died or they trained someone else.

Well, the person I chose the take over "chair" for me needed no training and was of major help and importance to me as well as being majorly involved with *S.O.S.* during the first two years. Since you have to be a coordinator to be "chair", my choice made perfect sense.

I'm proud to announce that as of conclusion of the february state board meeting, Charlie Hill is the new "chair" for the *S.O.S. Coalition Run*.

As with any other run or function or even other organizations, fresh ideas and fresh leadership are sometimes necessary for survival.

I have no doubt that *S.O.S.* is in good hands!

With gas prices going up and summer fast approaching, I'm seeing a lot more bikes on the road and I can't stress enough about being aware of the terminally unaware! Cagers aren't paying too much attention to us yet and some still think it's too cold for a lot of bikes to be out.

Trick surprise!!

The other day while I was on my way to work I got to watch a guy talking on his cell phone enter an intersection on a red light. Our local two-wheeled "robo-cop" was coming the other way. He hit the binders, then checked for more stupidity, and then he proceeded to wreck the cager's day.

I was beside myself because it was about time someone got caught doing what we've been screaming about, 'cause it's taken several lives!

Now he may have only got a really bad ticket, but I'll bet he starts watching out bikes at intersections. (Especially "robo-cop.")

Keep in mind that *Fossil* is not very far away and we'd love to see ya there and we could use a lot of help with security and especially the "Gate From Hell."

For those inquiring minds who haven't seen me there in a few years, yes, I plan to be there!

So now that you've read my first attempt at typing on a computer, how did I do?



[crusty ol' editor's note — *Rot Path* is more than pleasantly surprised. (Now if you could just e-mail your material to the secret submarine cruising beneath the Willamette . . . I shouldn't have said that . . . it would save yer poor c.o.e. from having to type it all in again.) Keep up the good work, Tim.]

Ride safe! I'll see ya out there!

Tim Rohde

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Historian

by Iris Yeager
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A Letter from Luke—1975

Well, we did it—after sitting on our duffs around here all these years, we finally got into the battle. A far cry from the past when on a couple occasions, 32 or 57 people made a strike at the mandatory helmet law: 500 motorcycles rode in one pack to the Capitol Building in Salem, Oregon, Sunday, September 21.

What a sight!

It all sort of began a few weeks ago in the Oregon State Penitentiary at a meeting of the *Screaming Eagles Motorcycle Club*. (Oregon being one of the few states allowing such social activities—a story by itself.) This seemed to be the one place several clubs come together.

Well, one night an idea struck someone—let's start doing something about adverse motorcycle legislation besides sniveling! We decided our best bet would be to coordinate with an established, wide-spread organization: *A.B.A.T.E.*

On August 22, an attorney who is helping us, Don Chambers, my lady Nancy Christopher, and myself, went to Salem and incorporated *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*—a non-profit organization to deal with bumper ride laws.

We will be meeting once a month, but have been meeting once a week up till now to get the job done. We had our first meeting August 26th and wasted little time electing a board of directors and stating our aims, getting down to serious business: having a protest rally. Ron Bohnstedt, of Salem, found us a spot, the Polk

County Fairgrounds, 10 miles from Salem.

We put our \$50 down for the rent and went about getting the rest of it together: beer, food, permits, etc.

Oh Boy! did we run into a wall!

A certain person with the Oregon State Police ain't for real, I hope. He said they'd be there, but not to help, and several words leading us to believe that without his blessings the Oregon Liquor Control Commission would issue no permits. The O.L.C.C. in turn put pressure on the tavern that was going to provide the food and beer. The Polk County Sheriff's Office was little help. Every attempt to contact them resulted in anyone who knew anything, could tell us anything, or do anything were always "out".

Far out.

In the meantime, we've put out flyers to every shop, friend, club, loner, and organization we could find in the state. Some situation! All of a sudden, we're falling on our butt the first time out.

Giving up ain't our game. On the 10th of September, we located some Bureau of Land Management property, nailed it down on the 12th, and we were back in business.

Keep in mind that now we have but one week to go, and nothing but a part. Well, we'd been making contacts all along, so all it really took was some full-time hard work. We put out more flyers, got radio announcements, contacted everyone we could again, and decided we could station some people at the fair-grounds with new maps to hand out to those showing up there. At the worst, they had to ride 42 more miles down a good road on a nice day. Easy one.

Emile's Fine Mobile Foods provided a trailer unit stocked with soft drinks, corn on the cob, hamburgers, etc. A couple of clubs brought beer and we took up a collection for more. No one went hungry or thirsty.

In Portland, we assembled Saturday morning at *B.C. Choppers* on 82nd Avenue. We putted out a 10:30, some 200 strong and enjoyed a fine ride to Elkhorn, some 70 miles with our helmets and headlights on-no hassles, no tickets. Beautiful!

Elkhorn Recreation Site is beautiful for any get-together. The B.L.M. furnished a couple truckloads of wood, there was water, a river, lots of trees-what else could you desire that you couldn't bring yourself?

Motorcycle and people kept coming in all day. Motorcycles from all over-I saw license plates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Colorado, Arizona, and Wisconsin. There was plenty of food and beer-one damn good party. The only real hitch was that something happened to the band-the music never did show up. While a good party was had by all, we wanted that microphone-we had Wade Knutson to give a talk on safety, Mr. Chambers to speak to us about the law, and of course, I had a handful I wanted to say.

After a few hours of sleep, we managed to get the place cleaned up, and by word of mouth passed on the ride-to-the-Capitol plan. At 11:00, we rode out-some 500 motorcycles, 700 people. We maintained 45 mph in one nice tight pack using our own traffic controllers.

What a sight!

At one point you come down a grade into a 2-mile straightaway. Looking

back, I couldn't see the end of that snake. I mean, it blew my mind!

We rode our predetermined route, arriving at the Capitol building right on schedule. Standing on the steps, I thought the scooters would never quit coming.

Well, it's not an election year, and we haven't attracted much attention yet in some areas, so there weren't any government people there and not much media coverage, so everyone sat on and around the steps and listened to me rap a few words about *A.B.A.T.E.*, where we are at and where we are going.

Everyone seemed to be pretty together.

Good responses from the clubs. They were, in alphabetical order:

Brother Speed, (Ore. Ida.), *Choosy Beggars* (Ore), *Devils Disciples* (Nomads), *Free Souls* (Ore., Wash.), *Friends of the Highway* (Ore), *Gypsy Jokers* (USA), *Outsiders* (Ore., Wash.), *Societys Saints* (Ore.) *Screaming Eagles* (OSP), and the *Shifters* (Wash).

Luke Metcalfe
Chairman, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*
September 22, 1975

This is the history report for March of 2003. I think this is a great story of our history that should be repeated very soon.

Iris E. Yeager
Historian
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM
-- March --**

Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

-- Bertrand Russell

What Goes On Behind The Scenes . . .

— Original Message —

From: "Rot Path"
To: "Salem Chapter A.B.A.T.E"

> Greetings Crowlady,
> Your Icebreaker report for the April issue has arrived at the cladstone A.B.A.T.E. newsletter production facility in the secret submarine cruising beneath the muddy Willamette River . . . oops, I really shouldn't have said that.

>
> Take care,
>
> — Rot Path

> =====
From: "Salem Chapter A.B.A.T.E"
To: "Rot Path"

Greetings,
This is for the record...you are very weird but it is a good weird. We need people who think above the norm. Want to be a general?

Kindest regards,
Michelle

To: "ronaldb@jewell.k12.or.us"
From: Rot Path
Subject: Re: April Flier Update

Hiya Ron,
Your update to the updated April flier list and the Southeast PDX poker run flier have arrived at the dingy floating above where the cladstone A.B.A.T.E. newsletter production facility in the secret submarine used to cruise beneath the muddy Willamette River . . . oops, I shouldn't have said that, I really shouldn't have.

Take care,
— Rot Path

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Fossil Shuttle Service Set For Saturday and Sunday

The Wheeler High School young women's basketball team will again be providing shuttle service from the Homer camp site at *Fossil* into town both Saturday and Sunday.

The shuttle will pick-up on the hour near the garbage dumpsters at the campground and deliver people anywhere in town.

They will leave town on the half-hour from the *Steiwier Insurance* building. (Located across from the liquor store on Main Street.)

The service is free, however the team asks for donations.

The young women's basketball team has spent the last two years working incredibly hard raising money to make a dream come true. That dream is to travel to Australia to compete on the basketball court and experience a foreign country.

For most of these young people, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

At present they are roughly \$2,000 short of their goal. They have several fundraisers left, one being the shuttle service for the *A.B.A.T.E.* weekend.

The team's departure date is 09 June 2003, so it is getting down to the wire!

These young people have worked too hard to not have this become a reality for them, so please be kind and fill the donation cans!

Thank you and have a safe weekend.

[*crusty ol' editor's note — If 400 folks at Fossil could donate \$5 each from their beer funds, it could fulfill these young people's dream. (Hell, Rot Path spilled more than that one weekend in Keflavik.)*]

Our Officers at Work

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

08 March 2003



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Tim Rohde, Vice Coordinator South, at 12:05 with 13 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the February 8, 2003. Motion made by Mel Yeager, seconded by Steve Baton to waive reading of the minutes and adopt as printed. Motion carried.

Coordinators Comments: None

Guests: Al Jakes, Bob, Linda, Al Sims, & Sue Mills

Correspondence: None

*** Officers Reports ***

Legislative Director: Rick Maish was not present due to illness but gave his report to Hal who read it on his behalf. Hal reported that P.C.P. is open for Republican party. Go to the county office and pick up forms if you're interested. There was a show of hands of how many people present were P.C.P.'s. *E.P.A.* said they had not received any info from motorcycle organizations and *M.R.F.* and *A.M.A.* stood up and told them they had submitted information. Bottom line: *E.P.A.* will do what they want. Randy said on the wall next to him he has hung e-mails regarding bills if anyone would like to look at them.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative: Brian Stovall reported that Rick had included bill updates in the state rep packets. If you have any questions, please ask Randy or Brian. *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* have a good working relationship. Contact with legislatures by phone letters or email, any contact that any of us make complements what the group in whole are doing. Ask questions from Brian or those directly involved if your not sure about an issue so you will have all the info to deal with the legislatures. P.C.P. is very important, it

gives you a voice in the vote in addition to the one at the ballot box. Wednesday, March 19 is the next *Biker Day*. Join *BikePAC*. Give Brian your e-mail. Also, *May Awareness Rally* coming up. Brian appreciates all that you do. The next *BikePAC* meeting is scheduled for 1st Saturday in April, place to be announced.

Confederation of Clubs Representative: Ed Vaughn reported two new clubs in the *Confederation: Sons of God and Bikers for Christ*.

Confederation of Clubs Representative II: Bob Earl has nothing more to report other than mentioning the next *N.C.O.M.* conference.

Education Director: Geoff White said it's been a busy winter. He too received some education while attending the legislative sessions talking in Salem about lane splitting. Thanks to Mel, Iris and Lyle for helping and those who submitted information. Geoff also thanked all [who] helped and taught at S.T.E.A.M. with a special thanks to Rotten Roger for doing a last minute class. Geoff reported seven new M.A.P. instructors and handed out the certificates. Hal wanted to know if the security training people should be state certified. Matt said it should be up to the chapter.

Education Director II: Nora Rohde was sorry she was unable to attend S.T.E.A.M. but is doing much better now.

Membership Secretary: Jill Tracy reported all chapter representatives have the list. ver 2,000 members for the fourth time. Also, when you fill out [membership] forms, please make sure [they're] legible.

Newsletter Editor: Rot Path thanked all for their submissions and reports. If you don't have e-mail or a computer, offer someone a membership to handle it for

you. Road list prototype for April. If you're interested, give info to Rot. Rot said thanks to Charlie and *South Coast* for the information to get it started again. Run and events calendar: make sure your information is on it. If not, see Rot. Rot brought other states newsletters for us to look at.

Products: Michelle Hobbs wanted to thank everyone for their purchases. Sales at S.T.E.A.M. were \$650.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen couldn't make it.

State Run Coordinator: Rotten Roger couldn't make it.

State Run Coordinator II: Michelle Lipchitz gave the report for Roger that he still needs four people for the barrel race in Fossil. T-shirt design needed by April board meeting and it needs to be camera ready, full sheet. Need people to attend the Albany swap meet to pass out fliers for our swap meets. Reminder that each chapter need to bring to *Fossil*, two door prizes, and two five-gallon cans of gas. Portland and Roseburg *Swap Meet* fliers here to take and hand out. Southern region need to take the Roseburg fliers and get them out. Also will need help at all events and Michelle still has tickets for *Fossil*.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughn thanked Nancy for helping to get her up and going on the new lap top. Checking account has \$15,682.96; savings has \$34,179.69; and bulk mail has \$1,604.79

State Auditor: Nancy Curran was not present but submitted her report to Wendy who read it out loud. Copies of the report were submitted in the representative packets to show who was in compliance and who is not. Several chapters are not in compliance and have until April to do so or will lose their voting privileges. Congratulations to

River City and *Southeast Portland* chapters. They are in compliance and reporting is all up to date. Honorable mention goes to *North Coast, Salem, Southern Oregon* and *Washington County* chapters. They are almost caught up with their reporting.

Historian: Iris Yeager pulled some history from a 1975 *Bike Day* that had 500 bikes and 700 people in attendance.

Webpage Editor: Mad Dog was not present.

Vice Coordinator North: Matt Hobbs reported S.T.E.A.M. was outstanding and Geoff did a great job. Matt also said he will be gate boss at *Fossil*.

Vice Coordinator South: Tim Rohde reported that gas prices are up. Cages aren't paying attention thinking that bikers aren't out because of the weather, so beware. S.O.S. coalition has a new chair which has to be a coordinator: Charlie Hill will be doing this.

Vice Coordinator East: Bob Hadley not present but is excused.

Sergeant at Arms North: Matt Hobbs —*Swap Meet* on 30th in Portland, need help, gate, security and help with products. *Fossil* is coming up. If you have a group your camping with, see if your group will do security.

Sergeant at Arms South:

Cole Hembree was not present.

Sergeant at Arms East: Keith Odoms not present but excused.

Sanctioning Officer: Ron Bloker put in the representative packets five pages to give to your run coordinator. An introduction letter with everything you need to know for insurance, the additional insurance is who owns the property, cost breakdown for insurance, a worksheet for your records and insurance liability waiver that must be kept for two years. Vendors don't have to list us as additional insured.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton said he needs a list of all *A.B.A.T.E.* owned property that the chapters have. Rick and Rusty offered to help with stage cover,

he needs to meet with them.

Committee Reports

1. Run Committee: Matt, Ted and Michelle met briefly with questions for Roger: 1. Who is doing the hiring of music? 2. Cans and bottles, Michelle will see if the school kids want to use and or recycle and Michelle will bring recycle containers.

Unfinished Business

1. State Stage Cover Committee: Steve Baton — nothing yet, he is arranging to get together with everyone.

2. *Southeast Portland Toy Run* tickets: Mike Friend (503)-255-5415. *Columbia River* want to do it. Mike said just write out a check to *A.B.A.T.E. Toy Run* for \$250 for 25 tickets and they will buy back any unsold tickets, but you need to turn them back in by November.

3. Washington, D.C. trip: Joe Laurance, Bob Avery and their wives are there now. Joe will report when he returns.

4. Planning Session — Tim decided to let Joe continue this when he returns.

5. American Life Insurance — Ted wanted to remind everyone that this is *accidental only*. You can't submit a claim if it was natural causes. Two checks have been sent out: one for Paul Edwards and one to the wife of Ron Clark. We need to get this benefit listed in the tri-fold as well as the Team Oregon benefit that the state will reimburse _ the cost of taking the class.

6. *BikePAC* second installment of \$5,000 was presented by Wendy to Brian.

7. S.O.S.: Pat representing *Southern Oregon* announced that their chapter are canceling support for the *S.O.S. Run* due to lack of support from their chapter and are pulling out of the coalition.

New Business

Motion made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Randy Phipps that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* pay for room costs at the 2003 *Best of the West* in Denver. Members will be asked to submit a conference report to the state newsletter and are encouraged

to share rooms. 12 were in favor and 1 against. Motion carried.

Brain Stovall made a motion on behalf of *River City* chapter, seconded by Ted Tracy to amend the sanctioning rules to read: (second page of sanctioning application/checklist, 3rd paragraph) "Is alcohol liability insurance required by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*?"

- Alcohol will be provided (Alcohol provided fee or sold) (If yes, see notes below) Will a vendor other than the chapter provide the alcohol? __ Yes __ No

- If Yes, does the vendor have alcohol liability insurance? (Include a copy of the insurance with this worksheet along with payment)

- If the vendor does not have alcohol liability insurance, you need to fill out and submit an alcohol liability form.

If alcohol will be provided at the event (alcohol provided free or for sale), it must be served by an outside provider properly licensed and insured in the state of Oregon.

12 were in favor and 1 against. Motion carried.

Ron Bloker will revise this form on the web site too.

Announcements

1. Wendy wanted to make sure those [who] want to make a motion to send people to *Best of the West* are encouraged to do so.

2. Salem chapter *Ice breaker Picnic*.

3. Michelle attended the governor's meeting on hunger. Have your chapter put out a barrel for food.

4. Next weekend *Southeast Portland* have a full weekend. Raised \$1,800 for food to Harbor Light Mission.

5. If you're going to Wisconsin for the *Harley* anniversary, *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* has two campgrounds available for camping.

6. *River City* new web page is at: www.rivercityabate.org

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter



The *Willamette Valley* chapter of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is going strong, humming along like a well-oiled machine.

Since the first of the year we have changed our general meetings to the third Wednesday of each month and we continue to have amazing attendance at our meetings. This is due to the fact that our chapter president, Hal Fletcher, is continually striving to lead our meetings efficiently and with clear direction. We also have lots of fun visiting, planning events and vying for the membership drawing which was \$220 in March.

Our February 22nd *Casino Night* was very successful, with over \$1,200 being raised on the auction and raffle tickets.

Ruth Johnston, our activities coordinator, along with a crew of help, got donations for the auction and the raffle, set up for blackjack and handled the countless details that make such an event successful. Ruth is already furiously organizing our annual

Rhody Poker Run which will take place the Saturday of May *Rhody Weekend* in Florence. If you are thinking of enticing her to your club, *don't even go there!* She's ours!

March, though rainy, was a good time to get the bikes cleaned up, the dust blown off and have our bikes blessed. To begin our new riding season, our chaplain, Bob Lowell, along with the C.M.A. sponsored a

bike blessing on March 23rd. After the bike blessing, road captains Joe, Buster and Donna led an official ride to start the 2003 season off with a bang.

In an effort to give our members the opportunity to improve their riding skills, road captain Joe Dershon organized an Experienced Rider Motorcycle class for April 6 through Team Oregon. We have twelve members signed up and committed, come rain or shine! Thanks to our state *A.B.A.T.E.* organization, those twelve *A.B.A.T.E.* members will be reimbursed for half of the [cost of the] class.

We are all looking forward to the annual events of *Fossil*, *Ironhorse*, *S.O.S.* and many others, along with the spur of the moment riding adventures that we enjoy with a smaller group of riding buddies and friends.

Have a safe and fun 2003 riding season.

Donna Miller

Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.

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WILAMETTE VALLEY

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Wednesday at 1900 (7pm)
Foxfire Restaurant
4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Washington County Chapter

Well, another S.T.E.A.M. has come and gone. The fifteen *WaCo* chapter members each found something informative at this year's sessions. Most of the *WaCo* attendees also took the sergeant-at-arms training, although just Rick Stocker and John Borelli became certified. Each of the other officers felt it was good information for all of us to have.

If you have not attended S.T.E.A.M. in the past, please consider it next year. You do not have to be an officer, you just need to be interested. By taking the courses offered for different officer positions, you can see what each officer is responsible for. It can be quite enlightening!

Biker Days have begun at the capitol. Be sure you take the time, if you can, to attend and meet with your legislators. These are *your* elected officials so be sure to let them know how you stand on issues. If I have not made it [there in] March, I will try to get to Salem in April.

Which brings up another upcoming event: *May Awareness Rally*. I look forward to it every year. A couple of hundred riders gathering on the steps of the capitol, bikes clogging the streets, people driving by or walking through checking everything out. We have been fairly lucky with the weather in the last few years, hopefully the luck will hold out. A couple of raindrops shouldn't dampen the spirits of a couple hundred riders. After all, it's just water. The speeches are always inspirational, the camaraderie is great, and I love looking at all the bikes.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the first Saturday in May. Check out the [run fliers] of this newsletter for all the details.

Our March *First Sunday Ride* was a little different than in the months past. We held a teddy bear drive for kids in trauma situations and ended up with about 65 bikes and over 100 people attending for breakfast and delivery of the bears (and other stuffed animals) to the

Hillsboro Police Department.

A nice fellow named Tom drew a route, but because of the number of riders and the other plans already made for the day, not everyone went on the drawn route.

After making the presentation at the Hillsboro Police Department, numerous groups broke up and headed in different directions. I hope everyone had fun wherever they went and made it home before the rains came.

As it turns out, we had more bears than Hillsboro needed, so some of us trekked off to the Washington County Sheriff Department, Cornelius Police Department, then Forest Grove Police Department and dropped off bears at all those sites as well. Each location brought the feeling that we were doing another good deed.

Each officer who accepted the bears expressed their gratitude. In one case, the officer they were getting low on bears but he had no idea where they came from. Now he knows!

Our run coordinator, Jim Henderson, was interviewed by KPTV at the beginning of the event, and of course they edited out a lot of good information. But they got the major theme of the story across.

Anyway, for those of you who came from Salem, Portland, and anywhere else, thank you. The turnout was more than we could have hoped for and for that we are grateful. Wherever you ended up riding, I hope you had a good time and were safe.

Our normal *First Sunday Ride* is usually ten riders or less, so the large crowd was quite unusual. If you have time and would like to try it again, please come back on any first Sunday. Join us for breakfast and a ride. It is truly democratic, so if you don't like the route that was chosen, speak up and give us some other ideas. This is especially important in inclement weather. We sure don't want

to go to eastern Oregon when it is slippery in the passes!

Anyway, just my usual reminder to attend meetings.

We are having such a good turnout, we may need to consider finding a larger meeting place. We have been treated very well at the *Prime Time Sports Bar* in Forest Grove and we will be sorry to leave, but we need to either figure out a way to get more people in the meeting room or find a new home. Any suggestions would be appreciated. People like John Huff and Chris Kuhn, who did not attend the February meetings missed out on being involved in the decision making, but also on winning a pocketful of money. One of these days, I'm gonna win. Of course the pot will only be \$30, but it will be thirty dollars more than I came with!

Well, the days are getting longer, the gas prices are rising, so get that bike out and ride it!

But please be careful as the caged drivers are as inattentive as ever. Be sure to watch out for the other guy, because he most likely isn't watching out for you!

Linda Wells
WaCo secretary



WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southern Oregon Chapter

Hi guy's, gal's,

We had a few more people than our last month's meeting, but that doesn't mean we can not do better. I know we can. The weather is getting better so come on out and ride, our meeting time is earlier in the day making it possible to ride in the afternoon.

I mentioned, that we need more brochure outlets. This would be an excellent job for our new public relations director, just as soon as someone steps up to the plate.

Our vice-coordinator, Daniel Tillotson, brought up the fact that we heard some insurance companies are looking at helmets to see weather or not they're legal covers. If not, the insurance company might not pay.

The *Sweetheart Dance* turned out to be a successful event. Dave Monday won the 50/50, and with 20 runner up prizes plus six door prizes, there were a lot of winners. We missed socializing with those of you who did not come out and support the chapter. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Movie Night went off okay. If it wouldn't have been such a nice afternoon for riding, we would have had more people. It was so nice out if was hard for me to be inside watching a movie

Our committee still has a need for a public relations director. Our

historian, Cathy King, has photos from S.T.E.A.M. and the *Sweetheart Ball*.

I myself am sorry to say, there may or may not be a *Wolf Creek S.O.S. Run* this year. The *S.O.S. Coalition Run* committee is looking at other sites. If you really want to know the scoop come to out next meeting April 6, 11:00 AM, *Big Daddy's Pizza* in Gold Hill.

To any people interested our state board representative, Pat Striffler, has the report on S.T.E.A.M.

Rotten Roger has asked that members of *Southern Oregon* chapter, help him with the *Roseburg Swap Meet* April 13th, 2003. Our coordinator, Herb Sweeten, has committed to help out that Sunday, and he asked that you come out and help too. The *A.B.A.T.E.* swap meets that Rotten Roger coordinates are a major source of the funding for our donations to *BikePAC*, our legislative fighting arm. This is an excellent way for you to participate in the fight for our rights. By helping out a swap meet you are doing something to defend and decide our rights.

Well, can't think of anything else that needs addressed.

Thanks,
Ric



Herb Sweeten

Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2003 03:11:25 -0800 (PST)

From: "p. s."

[Due] to the fact that I have received a few calls with improper statements of what I relayed from my chapter to state I figured I would save some folks the long distance call.

During unfinished business, Lil Pat (*Southern Oregon*) addressed the board with this statement from his chapter to the board (exact wording relayed):

"To all party's at state [board] meeting: Please be advised that [at] our last chapter meeting our members passed a motion to remove itself from all planning stages and support of *S.O.S. Run*.

Although our chapter coordinator did try to ask members to hold off on their decision until next meeting, all members voted to cancel all support of this run. They felt that it was getting too late in the year to be moving the run and that by moving this run farther north it would no longer be a *southern Oregon* summer run."

Also I (Lil Pat) did state he would be avail. as a member to assist if needed as always.

Still [have] questions?

[http://www.jacksonvillescrc.
homestead.com/](http://www.jacksonvillescrc.homestead.com/)

SOUTHERN OREGON**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1st Sunday at 1100 (11 am)
Big Daddy's Pizza
(formely Oregano's) -- Gold Hill

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hey guys,

I am back in good old rainy Portland. Boy does it feel good to be home. It is really great to be back in touch with my chapter members [who] were there for me these past few weeks. I really want to say a special thank you to Vicki, Michelle, Pee Wee and Carol. You gals saved my butt. A big thank you to my Buddy Lee for his tolerance.

Well, as you all read this our *Anniversary Party* and *Canned Food Delivery* will have happened. I will have a lot more to say about them next time.

There are a couple of "Thank yous" this time around though. *Southeast Portland Chapter's Food Drive* committee's report last meeting was fantastic. Craig stood up first and announced that Geoff had brought in over \$20 from his work. Then it was announced that *Northeast Portland* chapter had donated \$100. Once again an announcement was made that the *True Apostles* had donated \$200 to our fund and finally Stephan stood and announced that the *Vancouver H.O.G.* chapter had donated \$237 to our food drive Over \$65 was put in the kitty at the meeting.

Way to go People.

This year will be our biggest delivery yet. Thank you to every one.

We at the *Southeast* chapter hope a lot of you attended the food delivery at the mission and our *Anniversary Party* at the *M&M* that evening. Ken and his committee gave their best to

show you a good time at the party.

On to more chapter news. *Run 21* is going good. The Dog has some great band booked. More info to follow.

Hope you all made it to the last *Biker Day* at the capitol. As Billy Bob says "it is not only a great public relations tool but also a chance to get involved and really meet people."

We will see ya all out and about.

Spring is all most here but for us that means more rain

Ride safe and stay dry,

Mammy Tami

Think Swap Meet

S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South Coast Chapter

The *South Coast* chapter managed to send ten members to S.T.E.A.M. in February. Attending members found it to be very motivational and gave detailed accounts of the classes to members attending the February meeting. A good time was had by all.

We will try to start our regular *First Sunday* rides again in March or April, weather permitting. These are usually one day rides, from our local area to somewhere for lunch, then home again. Details will be listed on our web page at:

http://www.southcoastabate.org/Sunday_Rides.html

Visitors are welcome to participate in these rides.

Our next major event is *The Many Faces of Motorcycling* bike show at the *Pony Village* mall in North Bend. This show is held on Mother's Day weekend, May 9, 10, and 11. Many of our chapter members will have their own personal motorcycles entered at the show, as well as having motorcycles from the local *Harley* and *Honda* dealerships. Chapter members will be available at a booth in the center of the mall to answer questions. Carnations will be handed out to the first 100 mothers to pass by our information booth. More information on this and other planned events can be found on our website at

http://www.southcoastabate.org/2003_runs.html

In February we went out after our regular meeting and did road clean-up on our adopted section of highway. We managed to get ten members to walk the cold wet roads picking up trash.

We did our *A.B.A.T.E.* Bucks auction after the February meeting. Many attractive prizes were auctioned off including several t-shirts, gift certificates for *Rogers Zoo* in North Bend, an oil change from *Coos Cycle*, two sets of pipes from *Ross Pipe Works*, among other items. A wild time was had by all participants, and congratulations to all auction winners!

Janet Jinkner
A.B.A.T.E. secretary
South Coast chapter

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North Bend, OR 97459

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Any questions? Please call
Charlie (541) 739-2188

SOUTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)
Gino's Pizza
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Salem Chapter



Meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by coordinator, Loran Halvorson with a moment of silence.

The sign-up sheet had 30 names on it which is a fantastic turnout.

Membership secretary, Sheryl Forrest, says that we have reached one hundred members and with a sign up during the meeting we are now working on the second hundred.

Public relations, Michelle, asked that when writing to or speaking to the media to be sure and represent the chapter in a good light.

Treasurer, Cindy Poulin, brought forward mail that had come in and we received a lot of fliers about upcoming events which will be copied and available at *IceBreaker* for the taking.

Vice Coordinator, Marlene Schroeder, is putting together a very interesting run for later this year. More details to come after sanctioning.

Webmistress, Michelle, reminds that you can access upcoming *Salem Chapter* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* fliers on the *Salem Chapter* web page at:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~crowlady/>

Ice Breaker committee: Teri, Michelle and Kathy were looking at having wonderful help and great prizes, surprises, and food. Kathy had outdone herself with the children's games. Coffee, and tea, was offered by C.M.A. It was probably a great ol' fashioned picnic, with motorcycles.

A few things from the state [board] meeting per the state representative: New *A.B.A.T.E.* logo shirts available now, please see the products section in your newsletter.

Rotten Roger reminds you to send in your camera ready art work for the t-shirt design contest for *Fossil*. Mike Friend has a suggestion that chapters purchase blocks of tickets so that they can sell them at their events or use them for door prizes. Salem Chapter is considering this.

Hope everyone out there is enjoying their life and getting the most out of it all.

Chapter Goddess,

Michelle FitzHenry Lipchitz

O.P.B.

The turnout for volunteers was just right. We, *Salem Chapter*, will be helping another fund raiser in fall/winter.

A big "*thanks a lot!*" to the people who signed up to bring in the dough for O.P.B. If you would like to join in for the next fund drive contact Rot Path or Michelle (Crowlady).

In future membership drives with Oregon Public Broadcasting it will be hard to top the almost \$50,000 raised while answering over 600 phone calls. It took four groups of people joined as one unit to make this happen.

SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Pietro's Pizza
637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

18 February 2003

Great meeting tonight.

First, I forgot the agenda/minutes copies (six miles from the meeting place) so I had to do the unheard of ritual of reading the minutes! I got to tell the story of how to get things done at a board of directors meeting. We talked about Salem, lobbying and our good image there.

Lee wants us to review our group riding protocols at the next meeting in preparation for the riding season.

Donna Younce would have won the membership drawing for \$90 if she had been at the meeting. It will be \$95 next meeting.

Mike Farmer won the 50/50 at \$7/47 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thank you, Mike.

Our weather is getting better and we are out riding on Sundays. Come join us for a good time.

March 4, 2003

I can tell spring is near because we had a big meeting tonight. We had 20 people and, of course, I only made 15 agenda/minutes copies. Oh well, there is always a next time.

We had a run committee meeting first and ironed out a bunch more plans, including most of the checkpoint assignments and some public relations work. We now have donation forms for our solicitors to use.

We also had a review of our written group riding protocols and this brought another big discussion of riders who want to go fast sometimes. We all agreed that everyone should be

alert at all times, forward and back and should not be startled by being passed.

Our membership drawing had a winner at \$95! Johnna O'Neil took home the big cash prize. We will start over at \$5 again next meeting.

Mike won the 50/50 again (twice in a row) and donated his \$10 back to the chapter. Thank you again, Mike. We've got winners!

Hey, our chapter website (done by Justin Goad) is up at our new address with unlimited space, so it will grow. Go to

www.rivercityabate.org and check us out. Our *Fireball Cherry Run* flyer is on the home page. Awesome.

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:02 pm. 19 people present, two arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee
Minutes were waived on a motion by Pat because they were presented in

written form. Correspondence was a flyer for a swap meet at the Washington County fairgrounds

Treasury Report is \$590.41. New signature cards for the bank are in the works.

Bills submitted The website cost an additional \$15, which Scott paid. Motion by Mike to pay, passed.

Membership Report 87
Board Report: none
Legislative Report: Bills proceeding slowly.

Ways and Means Report:
Public Relations Report: none
Historian Report: "Brian has the book." "Oh, I shoulda brought that. I didn't think about it."

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: Good ride on Sunday. Lee brought protocol sheets which we reviewed.

Planned Rides: Nothing to report. Hollister, July 3-13

Poker Run Committee: Next meeting will be held at 6:00, before the next regular meeting, March 18.

New Business

Membership Drawing for \$95 was won by Johnna O'Neil. It will be \$5 next time.

50/50 was won by Mike at \$10\$10. He donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks Mike.

Adjourned 8:10 pm

RIVER CITY MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)

Lone Pine Restaurant
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
(I-84 & US-197)

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Northeast Portland Chapter

Planning on the *Summer Run* is going full tilt. We are going to have it at the same place as last year. The owner of the property seems to have come up missing a set of six point elk antlers from his barn after last year's run. He almost cancelled on us because of it. If anyone knows where they are, you can turn them into me with no questions asked. He just wants them back. Of course if anyone has an extra set, we could do that too.

Looks like the bands are going to be *Where's Joe* on Friday night. *JR and Vagabond* are playing Saturday night. Last year it was a great run with *lots* of space to spread out and get away from the noise of downtown when you want to crawl in the sack with your honey.

The Chinese food vendor will be back also.

If anyone has a supply of small, worn out motorcycle parts (spark plugs, valves, valve springs, etc) that they would be willing to donate to the Taylor boys, it would be appreciated. They have agreed to make the bike show and field event trophies again. If you saw them last year, they were some primo work. I'll be competing for one but I never win anything. Spike's *Golf Shoot Out* will be back along with a host of new games like the *Road Kill Toss*. Did we tell you about the bicycle events? I guess I will have to save something for next month.

The *Poker Run* in August will be extended another 100 miles so we can enjoy the afternoon a little more. Now the ride will be just over 200 miles through the area between Portland and the coast. We will still end up at

the same place and have a bar-b-que dinner with the prizes. We need some prizes so got through your crammed up garage and see what you can donate.

The raffle bike for this year's *A.B.A.T.E./Shriner's Toy Run* is a silver and black 2003 *Heritage Softtail Springer*. I going to have to buy more than one ticket this year for an extra chance on that rollin' art. Damn, it sure is pretty. Be sure to use *A.B.A.T.E.* as part of the name of the run whenever you mention it to someone, especially to the media. The Shriners and *A.B.A.T.E.* are a team but no one seems to know that but us. And be sure to have *A.B.A.T.E.*'s mission statement memorized when someone says "Aren't you those helmet people?" (It's on the second page of this newsletter.)

The *Pony Express Relay* for breast cancer [research] in July is kind of pricey to become a relay rider - \$250. I am hustling around looking for sponsors but if I have to I will pay it myself. That disease is killing too many of our sisters not to try to help. You don't have to pay to ride though. So anyone who wants to ride with me on July 25 is welcome to come along. We will be rolling out from Portland and riding to Salem around the middle of the day. The pack is leaving Seattle early in the morning of the 25th.

Web sites are:

[http://www.ridemyown.com/
events/ponyexpress_2003.shtml](http://www.ridemyown.com/events/ponyexpress_2003.shtml)
<http://www.ponyexpress2000.org>

Now is the time to visit your local representative in Salem *during Biker Days* in Salem. They are in session and are passing legislation that will

help bikers or will hurt us. Only you can help make sure that what we want really comes to be and what we don't want doesn't come to be.

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at *Roundtable Pizza*, between Sandy Blvd and I-84, on 122nd in Portland. 7:30pm is the kick off time. Meetings usually run around an hour and a half. Soft drinks are provided by *Roundtable* and you can buy beer, the salad bar or (duh!) pizza. Motorcycle-friendly places are getting hard to find. *Roundtable* rolls out the red carpet for us. So come support the people who support us.

Hope to see you there.

See ya,

Crow

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North Coast Chapter

Greeting from the mouth of the Columbia River region,

While the latest round of weather (at least on the north coast) supplied by Mother Nature hasn't exactly provided the most ideal riding conditions, some of us have been braving the weather none the less. And with that, just a word to the wise: beware of that loose gravel in the corners and intersections. Not two-wheel friendly at all. Beware of that "De-Icier" spray O.D.O.T. has been applying to the roadways of late, which has the distinct ability to turn a normally "dry looking" roadway into one slippery surface. Yet another unmarked challenge of riding this time of the year. Spring should be right around the next "dry" corner . . . or let's hope so.

Heads-up: Team Oregon Motorcycle Rider (M.R.C.) classes will be offered at Clatsop Community College (Astoria) in May, July and October. Check the schedule of these classes at Team Oregon's website:

http://teamoregon.orst.edu/to_web/index.shtml

Interested students must pre-register for these classes by calling

(800)-545-9444. The cost for the M.R.C. is \$95, but remember that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. has agreed to reimburse 50% of the course cost to active A.B.A.T.E. members who successfully complete the course.

Many thanks to Geoff White, the many presenters and all of the volunteers who worked so very hard this year to coordinate the S.T.E.A.M event.

Great job!! Three of our chapter officers including myself attended and came away with lots of great information, knowledge and energy.

North Coast will be conducting its first Motorcycle Awareness class of the year (and hopefully many more despite the current state budget shortfalls) at Jewell High School on April 19th at 2 pm. Jewell High School has been an avid supporter of our program for their driver's education students. I would like to invite any *North Coast* chapter members who would like to assist in conducting this class (or just observing) and potentially becoming a state-certified Motorcycle Awareness Instructor to contact me at (503)-325-2823 if you would like to participate. It's a lot of fun to participate in these classes and a very important component of our mission to educate.

On the topic of *North Coast* membership, as the *North Coast* chapter embarks on yet another year of activities and efforts to support the organization's mission statement, "A.B.A.T.E. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action." If your membership is expired or soon to expire, please make a point to renew your membership and your commitment to assist the chapter in the year ahead, and please invite others to attend meetings or chapter events who may have an interest in joining our chapter. The efforts of the membership as a whole support the successes of chapter as a whole. We need your support !! Okay, enough

soapbox already.

All the best, ride safe and if you're in the area catch one of our meetings or events. We do have some of the finest country and sunsets the state of Oregon has to provide, come enjoy.

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NORTH COAST CHAPTER
ABATE OF OREGON, INC.

8TH ANNUAL
**AROUND SADDLE MOUNTAIN
POKER RUN**

SATURDAY
JUNE 28TH, 2003

RAIN OR SHINE
LET'S RIDE!

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM ROBE'S RESTAURANT, SEASIDE
RUN DEPARTS AT 10 AM

ALL BIKES AND RIDERS WELCOME
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First-Cross Class: 10:00am	Maple Lodge, 204 Commercial, Astoria
Second-Cross Class: 10:00am	Robe's Pub & Grill, 101 Commercial, Seaside
Third-Cross Class: 10:00am	Lion's Den, 4000 1st, Astoria
Fourth-Cross Class: 10:00am	Olney's Restaurant & Bar, 101 2nd, Seaside
Fifth-Cross Class & Puro Time: 10:00am	Starbuck's, 101 2nd, Seaside

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For More Information Contact: Al @ (503) 325-2823 or Betty @ (503) 325-6686
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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Saturday at 1000
(10 am)
Merts Campus
3 miles east of Astoria
Industrial Arts Building
Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Lincoln County Chapter

Hi y'all,

Well here it is March and this is my first newsletter because I'm new at this.

My name is Lanetta Mobley (Netta) and I'm the new secretary for our chapter and I just got computer up and online. I have never used one before, so please bear with me as I learn to work this damn thing.

We have a lot of great members. (Too many to list by name).

We had a *Toy Run* in December and thanks to Ralph, Wanda, Joe, Ruth, Shirley, Kurt and many more we pulled it off even though there was no snow, but we did have rain, and they all had a great time.

January and February came and went. Bob (my husband) and I had a wonderful New Year and Valentine and we hope you all did too.

And now we are working on March. We had our meeting on the 4th. Bob Mobley won \$15 on our bubble fund. The meeting was at the *American Legion* hall here in Newport and our next meeting is on the 18th. Same time (7:00pm) and place.

This time of year there's not a lot to tell other than our rain, but come sunshine we're all going to be coming fast and going strong.

Ride safe and have a good time,

Netta
secretary
Lincoln County chapter
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LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-
ING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1930 (7:30 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Hub City Chapter

Meeting opened at 7:35 Coordinator Cole Hembree, presiding. Following the salute to the flag, several guests were recognized and welcomed. Four new members joined tonight.

A minute of silence was observed by all for fallen comrades and friends.

Cole thanked Al Simms for leading the last meeting and for doing a great job.

Vice Coordinator Simms reported on how important the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement is and other pertinent information he brought back from S.T.E.A.M., such as bumper stickers, trifolds, run flyers, and mentioned May Awareness rally on the 3rd of May at the state capitol.

Cliff McCalley gave the treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded to approve. Unanimous. So ordered.

Jim Engel, Sgt at arms-No report.

Cathy—Ways and means, Said the *Poker Run* donations are on track. Donations can be items or cash. Asked for members to also check with businesses for possible door prizes. Has *Hub City* rockers available for \$5.00. Mel Yeager,

State board representative then gave both the state board report and the *BikePAC* representative report. It was noted that Iris could not serve as the *BikePAC* rep and must be replaced.

Shawn, run captain, spoke about *Fossil* tickets, the upcoming *Poker Run*, donations, and business donation that are available. The run committee meets in the bar following the meeting.

Mary, public relations representative, conducted a vote to approve the

final design of the *Hub City* logo. After two votes to approve the final design, # 6 created by Shawn was approved. Cole stated that he would take the final design to *A.B.A.T.E.* and the *Confederation of Clubs* to be certain there is no objections. [Mary] also mentioned the *A.B.A.T.E.* website as a link to ours.

Cherie, historian, said that she was unable to open the photos from CD but that Cole's computer could. However, the basement of their home was flooded due to nearby road and sewer construction that caused the foundation to break. Cole's computer is under water.

Road cleanup — Kenny Davidson (not present) had spoken with O.D.O.T. in Corvallis four times about erecting the signs designating our section of the highway. No sign yet. Next cleanup is scheduled for Marh 8th at 9:00. Meet at *Pacific Stonescape* parking lot near Oakville Road off Highway 34. (2nd Saturday in March).

Carolyn, education director, tried to arrange a show-and-shine at the *Heritage Mall*, but it appears that there is not enough time to accomplish all of the arrangements. Suggestion to have it in the fall.

Mark, membership director, suggested that we create a road list for riders [who] need help as they pass by our area, along with a phone list where we can be reached. Our membership now stands at 93.

Dan, from Salem chapter, invited *Hub City* to participate in the *Chilly Buns* ride beginning in Stayton *Bi-Mart* parking lot on Saturday the 22nd

of February at 10:30. There is no charge to enter. There will be a 50/50 drawing at the end of the run.

Shawn reminded [us] about the *A.M.O. Swap Meet* at the armory on the 16th of March.

Discussion was held about finding a bigger place to have our meetings. Several places were suggested and members will follow up by checking location, size, , availability, and price. Report back next meeting.

Dave, the lucky dog, (yes, the one with the new *Harley*) won the 50/50 drawing. His share was \$50.50.

Mel Yeager, acting secretary



HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Los Dos Amigos
1402 Pacific Blvd.
Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Douglas County Chapter



I'm giving our Secretary, Tonya, a break this month and writing the newsletter.

Coming events for *Douglas County* are the *A.B.A.T.E. Roseburg Swap Meet* on Sunday April 13th and our first *Casino Night* on April 26th. It's at *Reston Red's Tavern* on Stephens Street and starts at 7:00pm. Auction starts at 11:30. We hope the flyer is in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletter.

Myrl and Hazel Davis, my wife Bev and myself all went to *Yukon Jack's* for *Willamette Valley's Casino Night*. We all had a good time. I wish more *Douglas County* members would have gone up so that they would have had a better idea on how to run the event. *Willamette Valley* always does such a good job that they make a great example.

Tuesday, February 25th I rode up to Salem with three non-*A.B.A.T.E.* riders for *Biker Days at the State Capital*. I had said at the meeting in February that I would be going but folks forgot. I got promises that next time I go that local members would go with me.

The ride up was *sooooooo* cold.

When we left Roseburg it was 25 degrees. Most people thought we were crazy. I felt like if we braved the conditions that it made us look more committed to the cause when we got there.

We started out at 6:30am and should have been there at 9:30am easy. However we had to make too many stops to keep from freezing to death and showed up at 10:30am.

Only about a dozen bikes were there that day.



We went up to senator Bill Fisher's office as soon as we got there. He finished talking to the people he had in his office and then invited us in. He said if we had told him we were coming he would have planned more for us.

So a word of advice is if you attend call ahead to whoever you want to speak to.

Senator Fisher talked to us until it was time to go down for a session of the Senate. He invited us to be his guests down there. We didn't have to sit in the balcony like the common folk. We were right down in the wings of the Senate floor. Before voting started, senator Fisher introduce us by name to the whole Senate. Boy, was I impressed. Senator Bev Clarno came clear across the room to shake our hands as did a couple more [who's names] I can't remember. Senator Fisher kept talking to us and only stopped when it was his turn to vote.

After the session was over he took us on a tour of the capital and took us over to the representative's side where he found our local representative, Susan Morgan, and introduced us to her. We had a nice chat and she assured us that she was on board for our bills just like Senator Fisher. They also said the new governor was working out well and cared about issues and not just the party line. They thought that a lot could be accomplished this term.

We left the capital very much impressed and happy that we braved the elements to get there. I would highly recommend any of our members to attend a biker days when they can.

That's all for now,
Joe Brumbach

Douglas County Chapter
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**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**
1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Columbia River Chapter

The chapter has voted to recite the pledge of allegiance to start meetings. I and some others expressed discomfort with the concept due to our personal beliefs regarding religion and the current hysteria but acquiesced to the will of the chapter and will simply remain silent during the pledge.

Our newly elected vice-coordinator, Gary, is moving to Montana so we need a new volunteer to step up to the challenge. Joel, our state board representative-I, has had to step down due to job conflicts and Larry has taken over the position. Anyone interested in being his second should talk to him. I want to express our chapter's appreciation for Joel's dedication as state representative.

The chapter voted to return the trailer that we got from the *Northeast* chapter. We don't use it or need it and don't want to have account for it to the state. We also never got the title to it so we can't sell it.

Summer Run report: Our chapter has agreed to be in charge of the gate. Shag and Sharon will oversee the gate and the rest of our chapter, with help from other chapters, will work on the gate.

Thanks to Shag and Sharon for stepping forward to take on the big job of running the gate.

Chuck Luce won the membership drawing at the February meeting.

The *Sweet Heart Dance* was a success, except for an incident of which I just learned, apparently involving an undercover cop. I will be conducting an investigation into his activities. Anyone who has any knowledge of the cop and his activities

at the dance should contact me.

On the brighter side, the band, the *Vangabonds*, was great and kept the place rocking. Our thanks to Art and Carol for letting us have our event at the *U&I*. Thanks also to the chapter members who worked on security, the door, and got us all of those great door prizes. Special thanks to Rotten Roger and Rena who, although are not chapter members, helped at the door. And thanks to everyone who attended.

Finally, happy birthday to our road captain, Shag, a Valentines' Day baby, who will be going to Daytona.

Spike

COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
U & I Tavern
6910 North Interstate Avenue --
Portland
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

At the February meeting we had a good turnout for late winter with seventeen hardy souls present. Having been a mild winter, some members actually rode to the meeting. Not bad for February in central Oregon.

Our annual roadside cleanup is set for Saturday, 10 May 2003 at 10 am with the monthly meeting to take place just after cleaning our stretch of road. The meeting will take place during our annual B-B-Q at the Sisters Creekside park with green grass, towering pines and Squaw Creek. (Nice setting.)

This roadside cleanup activity and B-B-Q has been a fun time for all involved, so plan on being there and share in the joy of a deed well done. Last year we had twenty-seven participants. Some folks were even non-members from other motorcycle organizations. Great turnout and good B-B-Q following.

We meet at the Cloverdale fire station on Geo Cyros Road just off highway 26 just east of Sisters at 1000. Hope to see you there.

Our first annual *Rocks, Bridges, and Lakes Run* to support the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* has been tentatively set for Saturday, 26 July 2003. The design for the flier was presented to those at the February meeting for approval that the flier would fit our needs.

Tickets for *Fossil 2003* are on sale in advance form at our monthly meetings or call John. (His phone number in the little grey box next to this report.) We also need to provide three door prizes for *Fossil*. Any ideas?

A question was brought before the members at the meeting. Do we want

ride with the veteran's club in the Fourth of July parade in Redmond, Oregon this year? Come to the meeting and give us your input. Make your voice and vote count.

Gladys has decided to ride as many legs of the *Pony Express Relay Ride* to benefit breast cancer. [*c.o.e. note — Actually the ride benefits research for a cure, not cancer.*] This ride is put on by the Women's Motorcycle Foundation.

At the February meeting we passed the hat and came up with \$129 to help her out. That was great! If you wish to help out a member for a good cause, call John at the contact number.

We will be holding elections at our June meeting. Be there if you wish to step up for an officer position or just have your vote count.

Remember "United we stand . . ." and you all know the rest of that sentence.

Ride free!

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
 Old Redmond Hotel
 (next to Sulley's Restaurant)
 Redmond, Oregon

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Coordinator's Comments

Hello everyone,

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Bob Avery and myself, together with our wives have had the honor to lobby on your behalf, the Oregon congressional delegation in Washington, DC. I am pleased to tell you that we have received an unexpected degree of support from both our senators and congressmen.

At the top of our list of issues mentioned in the March newsletter was TEA-21 (03). congressman Peter DeFazio has once again proven himself to be a great friend to motorcyclists through his overwhelming support regarding this issue as will be made evident in the near future, so watch for media reports concerning the *Transportation Equity Act* of the 21st Century and *T.E.A.-03*. If you can attend his scheduled town hall meetings throughout the state, please do so and thank him for his help.

The next concern was that of *E.P.A.*'s tough new emission standards. Senator Gordon Smith is taking this agency to task and is holding their feet to the fire on your behalf. Again, while I can't be very specific, the Senator has been very accommodating to *A.B.A.T.E.*

The *H.I.P.P.A.* issue is being addressed by senator Ron Wyden, who has made clear his concern for health issues over the years. His co-sponsorship of legislation correcting the faults we have noted is hoped for in this session.

These three fine gentlemen are the most powerful Oregonians in Washington, DC. Each was kind enough to meet face to face with the members of our team which also

included Tom Wyld, vice-president of governmental affairs for the *Motorcycle Rider's Foundation*. Tom, a full time lobbyist was overjoyed at the results we obtained and assured us that this is not at all common on capitol hill. It never ceases to amaze me how the truly great men of this world always seem to find time for the common man. These are results that we are aware of. Other congressmen and women made aides available that will carry our message to those who can only add to the support we've already received. Time will show that your money has been well spent, and that a great deal was accomplished on your behalf. Remember, also, that an unprecedented number of states, twenty to be more precise, will accompany Tom between now and May. If they are half as successful as we were lucky enough to be, the face of motorcycling will only change for the better.

I wish I could adequately convey the feeling we had as we toured the Lincoln Monument, the Jefferson Monument, the Washington Monument and the Viet-Nam Memorial. We read the words of great men who told of what they envisioned of the country they would bequeath to us. We walked battlefields that had drunk the blood of so many young men that died for this country. The dry history we've all read became alive and the freedoms that we all seem to take for granted seemed once again worth fighting for. I wish you could have experienced all these things. Had you been there you would know your participation in *A.B.A.T.E.* is so very



by Joe Laurance

important, and would have shared the thrill that we felt as we saw the system working for the benefit of you and I. No other grass-roots movement accomplishes so much with so few people and so little money than that which you are a part of.

We are grateful too, to all of you who have preceded us to Washington, DC. You paved our way and have made *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* an organization worthy of the respect we received at every hand.

May the Lord Bless and protect you,

Joseph Laurance

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Saturday, 12 April 2003 at Noon
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>U&I Tavern</i> ; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Los Dos Amigos</i> ;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Saturday 1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Merts Campus</i> ; 6540 Liberty Lane; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Pietro's Pizza</i> ;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	1 st Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Big Daddy's Pizza</i> ; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Wednesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Foxfire Restaurant</i> ; 4740 Main Street; Springfield