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(The joke will be on you if you don't keep talking to your legislators.)



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Send you e-mail address to *BikePAC* at:
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Please include your first and last name and your chapter affiliation.

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What We're About

A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit organization

In Oregon, A.B.A.T.E. stands for *A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*, which isn't nearly as subversive as it sounds. It means that we act as legislative watchdogs to help ensure that any legislation affecting motorcyclists is fair and that elected officials are fully informed regarding motorcycle issues.

- A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as *BikePAC*.

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A.T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

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.

by Bill Bish

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

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

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

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the *Huns Motorcycle Club* in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart McKinney, to introduce 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.

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State Coordinator's Comments



by Ed Vaughn

Congratulations!

Our members that are spearheading our legislative action have come back with reports of *A.B.A.T.E.* members doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done so anybody who has made a trip to the capitol, made a phone call, sent an e-mail, or contacted your legislative representative, give yourselves a pat on the back.

We are doing well but we can always do better.

Those of you, who are waiting for just the right moment to get involved, remember that if you wait to long you will have to spend another year pretending you were part of the solution.

Now to shift to just a slightly different track, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* needs your help!

Our bank accounts are shrinking and you can help.

Without money in the state coffers we can not fulfill our financial commitments. Commitments such as our money to *BikePAC* to cover the costs of our lobbyist, our support of *Team Oregon*, or the funds we send to the *M.R.F.*

Without money in our treasury we can't reimburse our members for half of their tuition when they pass a *Team Oregon* course, or send representatives to learning seminars and conferences like *Best of the West*, *N.C.O.M.*, and *Meeting of the Minds*.

Last but not least without money in the bank we won't be able to send delegates to Washington D.C. to meet with our legislatures at the federal level.

The good news is that helping increase our coffers can be painless and simply just a good time.

First up is the *All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet*, April 29th, at the armory [in Portland.] Come and find that perfect part you wanted to make this year's riding season just a little better than last and spend some time with friends you may not have seen for awhile.

Second is the *Fossil Run*, May 25th through the 28th. Ted and Howie are working their asses off to make sure the changes and improvements made last year carry over to this year with style. Ask anybody who braved the elements last year and they will tell you they had a great time. This year we are counting on great weather and the run can't help but be memorable.

So hit these two events with your friends and enthusiasm and start the summer off right.

In the mean time keep an ear open for directions from your legislative director, keep up the good work and I'll see you on the road.

Ed Vaughn.

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

We have been fortunate here in *Central Oregon Chapter* to have enjoyed a pretty mild winter and a rather nice late February and early March. Made for some very nice riding conditions. But please beware there are a lot of cinders and gravel in places on the roads. Corners are a very hazardous area.

Our February meeting had a wonderful turnout with over 30 members and guests present. We were able to finish off the elections for the last open positions. They go as follows:

coordinator–Kevin Anderson
secretary–Christine Thompson
vice-coordinator–Jay (Jaybird) Foltz
legislative director–Jay (Jaybird) Foltz
treasurer–Ellen Greene
membership secretary–John Baumann
ways & means–Jackie Baumann
state board representative–Mike (Sporty) Durkee
sgt-at-arms–Larry (Animal) Ramos
road captain–Steve Chalker

I would like to thank the past officers for all the work and time that they put in over the years and the new officers for stepping up to fill those positions. There had been some discussions about moving the monthly meeting location, but it was voted upon and it will stay the same. We will still be at the *Blackhorse* in Bend on the second Sunday of every

month at 2 p.m. except for a few occasions that are planned on ahead of time.

Our membership has fallen off a bit, and I believe that is just an oversight of our members forgetting to renew. I hope everyone who has been a member in the past will renew and still be a member of this fine organization.

Our annual roadside clean up and BBQ will be held on Saturday, May 12. We will meet at the Cloverdale firestation located on highway between Sisters and Redmond. Meeting time to be at 9:30 a.m. Dress warm. The BBQ and monthly meeting will be held afterwards at the Creekside park in Sisters. The chapter is providing the burgers, hotdogs, salads, chips, all donated to us. Remember this will also be our May meeting.

Our *Rocks, Bridges & Lakes* run will be held June 16 this year. It will start at *City Slickers* in Redmond and end up at *Coyote* in Sisters. The band *Triple Shot* will be playing. All the proceeds from this run are split 50/50 between *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and *M.R.F.*

Kevin

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Black Horse Saloon
 Bend, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Columbia River****COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
The Spare Room
 4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland

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Josephine County

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lots of trophies, a poker run, great food, and three bands. The proceeds will benefit local *Boy Scout* troops and *St Jude Children's Research Hospital*. This year they will also be raffling a *Suzuki GS500 Sport Cruiser* donated by *Grants Pass Suzuki* and *Grants Pass Merchant's Association*. This is a fun time with great bikes to peruse. I wonder what masterpiece bikes our local designers will come up with this year?

The *Hawg Wild Biker Rodeo* is usually held in the middle of July at Wolf Creek county park. That event will not be taking place this year as the promoter, Sonny Barton, is very ill. We all wish him the very best.

I'll address events for the rest of the year, along with some other fun ideas being considered, in our next newsmagazine. In the meantime, attend your chapter meetings and get more of the latest news.

Don't forget our goal of helping to increase our state *A.B.A.T.E.* membership. Be sure and talk to non-member riders regarding all the rights we have gained through *A.B.A.T.E.*

and all the good times we share through our rides and activities. Invite them to all our events. We're a fun group and they'll have a good time.

You can also check on other runs and events in the area through the *United Bikers of Southern Oregon* web site. You can access it at <http://www.ubso.org/> and click on "calendar". There's an average of four runs a month scheduled on that site. Check it out.

Last, and by no means, least..... we recently discussed the legislative issue, HB-2399, which is an Oregon house bill concerning revision of the helmet laws. Don't forget to contact your political representative and let them know we want to "*let those who ride decide*".

Florida recently enacted a bill that allows motorcyclists 21 and over to make the decision whether to wear a helmet or not. Law enforcement will know whether the person should be wearing a helmet by their motorcycle license plate color. Pretty smart.

A good piece of information to pass

on to your representatives is the fact that Massachusetts has seen a decrease in motorcycle fatalities this year even though they registered 5% more bikes. *M.M.A.* attributes that to training and awareness.

We have the number one motorcycle safety training course in the country right here in Oregon. Let those state reps know this information

Until next month, be safe and get involved supporting your chapter.

You *can* make a difference.

-- Gypsy
 recording secretary
Josephine County Chapter

P.S. Happy birthday to the *Harley-Davidson Sportster*. 50 years old and running strong!

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

Hello out there from *Douglas County Chapter*,

After the snow closed down our January meeting, we finally had our first meeting of 2007.

Wouldn't you know it, our new coordinator, Tom Bowden, was off visiting his kin in east Tennessee. Our coordinator of vice . . . oh, I mean vice-coordinator . . . Jim Waggoner, was home with a bug. So Tom Burns, last year's coordinator filled in.

We had a pretty good turn out and it was good to reconnect. We were filled in on what's going on in Salem with the legislative session underway.

We are beginning to look to the calendar and plan some events, and deciding which events to support around the state. It seems there are two or three things each week, which is pretty amazing considering how busy we are even without *A.B.A. T.E.* in our lives. That speaks to the dedication we have to this cause, freedom in motorcycling, and the great sense of "brotherhood" or "community" if you prefer to avoid a term that might be considered sexist by some. Nevertheless, the reality is that there is a very real relationship, one that goes beyond labels, among the people who experience motorcycling as a way of life. It really

is to many, more than a hobby or mere recreation. For some it not only becomes part of who we are, it may define us.

Okay enough philosophy . . . no, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Mechanics*. (Some of you remember that one, I'm sure. If not, give it a read. Good book.)

I would be remiss in my duties as a pseudo-editorialist if I didn't mention that now is the time to contact your local legislators. It's not just important to talk with them about motorcycling issues alone. They need to hear from us, and hear that we are not only motorcyclists, but we are also voters – the very ones who put them in office. We need to have a voice in many of the issues that confront Oregon on a larger scale. With the potential loss of timber safety net revenue from the feds, many of our counties without a large industrial base will really be suffering for lack of services, loss of jobs, and the inevitable effects on families and their well-being. Now is the time for us to pull together as Oregonians.

Our government has given us another favor. Daylight savings time is three weeks early. Amazing how you can just change things. All those cool warnings about how to be sure your computer and other do-dads don't skip a beat when their internal

calendars are thrown a curve because someone thinks we should just change things this year. Oh yeah, it's about fuel conservation.

And by the way, how many of you knew that the gas that we use in the summer is different than the gas we burn in the winter? And of course when we are all traveling in the summer the gas we use costs more to make. Seems like two years ago when they were having hearings on fuel prices we were told that gas on the west coast costs more because they have to refine differently for California due to their emission standards.

Hmmm, it all just seems a little too convenient.

And what does California have to do with Oregon fuel prices anyway? We were in southern California in

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm)
Round Table Pizza

Roseburg

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

Hub City



Spring is here.

Hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the sunny days we enjoyed in March, and more on the way, we know.

Be sure to check all of your fluid levels and tire pressures. They all seem to disappear when you haven't ridden in a while.

Always watch for ice in the shade and gravel and cinders in the corners that build up over the winter.

Last month Dean Booth brought us a visitor from the *Linn County Veterans Memorial Association*, who are raising money and volunteers to construct a memorial at *Timber Linn Park* in Albany, Oregon. Signature bricks are being sold for \$50 (tax deductible) to help raise the funds. Monetary donations, materials and man power would also be greatly appreciated. For more information contact: Robert Dominguez at (541)-643-1095, or Garner Pool at (541)-974-6889.

Keeping with the theme of our veterans, a motion was made by Richard Balleux to send care packages from our chapter to the local military units stationed in the middle east. Our soldiers need the necessities of every day life, like tooth paste, soap, and reading materials. That may not seem like much to us, but are very much treasured by those very far from home defending freedoms that we enjoy, like riding our bikes.

Thanks to all of the 42 members who showed up last month. But, we were short Stephen Waldon who missed out on the membership drawing. However in retrospect we



have \$5 more for next month's winner.

We also have to say thanks to state for donating t-shirts that Red Ayers and Joni Erich won.

Our 50/50 winner was Barry Collum, who I heard was in Bull City at the time of the drawing. (Sounds like to bull to me.)

Hope to see everyone with the shiny side up,

wh and wm

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Ciddici's Pizza
133 Fifth Street
Albany

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

Josephine County

It sure is sweet hearing the roar of all those bikes with this wonderful weather we've been having.

We took a ride on the back roads and byways last Sunday and ended up at *Touville Tavern*, down by Medford. As we came through the fields and around the corner on the last stretch before *Touville*, we could see a parking lot full of bikes. Oh no! Is this the swap meet weekend and we forgot?

Nope.

It was just a nice day and everyone was getting out to ride. They have a music jam there every Sunday, there's a big side yard with picnic tables and a great view plus the hamburgers are amazingly good. Saw lots of *A.B.A.T.E.* and other riders we hadn't seen in a while.

Speaking of biker-friendly places, another great spot in the Grants Pass area is *J.D.'s Sports Pub* on highway 199. They also have a smoke-free outdoor patio, they serve a \$3.95

breakfast special, and if you wander in later in the day, they have great sandwiches and a melt-in-your-mouth marinated steak. Folks around here enjoy the fact they have designated *Harley* parking in the front complete with black and orange striping and a video cam with monitors inside so you can watch your bike.

Okay, now I'm hungry again, but then I'm always hungry. Speaking of hungry we missed our last potluck meeting due to the snow. That's the first meeting that's been called in this chapter due to weather. I understand it was pretty clear in town, but many of us live outside the city limits and had a lot of that white stuff. .

Snow should not be a problem for the *Touville Motorcycle Swap Meet*. It will be held on May 5th and 6th. *Josephine County A.B.A.T.E.* will have a booth and members are asked to donate motorcycle parts/equipment

to sell at the event. The proceeds go into the chapter's treasury. It's always a lot of fun with bands, good food and lots of bikers. If you have parts to donate or want to help in the booth during that weekend, call Spanky at (541)-659-8715.

On May 27th, we will be having a poker run to benefit *BikePAC of Oregon*. 50% of the proceeds will go to this worthwhile organization. *BikePAC* is the non-profit political action committee that also promotes

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Fruitdale Grange

1440 Parkdale Drive

Grants Pass

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Lincoln County**

By the time this is published, the *Lincoln County Chapter* will be 25 years old. Our anniversary party will be over and we will start talking *Beaver Creek*.

We lose so many friends to motorcycle accidents that I often think there cannot be another.

Friday, March 9th we said good bye to another friend. Bob and I had known him for many years and it was hard to say see you later. At least it was quick and no suffering for him.

To a more cheerful note, riding weather is just around the corner and we hope to see you out on the road.

There are members who are looking forward to *Fossil* this year, just trying to figure how the sign will get there. I think it's too big for Bob's trailer and I will still be at an out of town meeting when he leaves. I'm sure this will be solved before long. I will admit I'm proud of the sign that will represent us.

You will have met our new state representative, Hilda, by the time this is printed. She is a delight and will soon be a rider on her own



motorcycle. She is planning on taking the beginners motorcycle riding course from *Team Oregon*. She has her bike all picked out.

You do realize, I hope, that *Beaver Creek* is just four months away. Guess we will soon go down and see what needs to be done. A break in the weather is needed.

There is really not much happening here, we are in a lull and I'm waiting to see what will be happening. Guess this is a good time to check out the motorcycle and make sure it has fresh oil and all the goodies that go with getting her out of her winter doldrums. Shining is part of that.

Time to send this and say thank you for being part of a very special

group of motorcycle enthusiasts.

Ride safe and keep the round side down,

Millie

Lincoln County Chapter

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Josephine County

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the interests of motorcyclists through education and legislative advocacy. They are a strong ally in the motorcycle world. A political action committee is a committee that is formed by businesses or other special-interest groups to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support. Some of their

accomplishments to date are:

- Full service fueling no longer required for motorcycles.
- Handlebar height mandates eliminated.
- Increased rider training funds for *Team Oregon*.
- Handicapped stickers available for motorcycles.
- Plain english statutory definition

of a motorcycle helmet.

They're also working on [amending] the helmet law in Oregon.

The *Grants Pass Motorcycle Show* is being held June 30th this year at Riverside Park in Grants Pass from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. As usual there will be an awesome motorcycle show with

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**North Coast**

Howdy friends and neighbors,

Aside from the continual rain over here, we have a lot going on. Run committee is in the throes of planning for our 12th annual *Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run* scheduled for June 23, 2007, \$10 a hand, \$5 per extra hand. The flyer will be forthcoming. Volunteers are needed to man(or woman) the registration, raffle and 50/50 ticket sales. Raffle prize solicitation will begin immediately. Please pick up donation forms at either the main meeting in Astoria or the second meeting in Seaside. Beginning early on this run chore will make it a lot easier on everyone.

North Coast Chapter was requested by the *Oregon Patriot Guard* to help escort the body of Brian Browning who died while in service in Iraq to its final resting place. *Oregon Veteran Motorcycle Association* and many non-affiliated motorcyclists were also in attendance. Over fifty riders were honored to assist and to offer their condolences to Brian's family. Chapter member Mick Iniss was selected and very honored to carry the U. S. flag in the ceremony. Perry Browning, Brian's father many of you

know as one of the full suited Santa's on our chapters annual toy run.

Paul (our coordinator) is asking members to submit ideas for expanding our meetings to include not only the discussion of our political interests and state *A.B.A.T.E.* business, but also include an element of fun. Anyone who may have an idea to submit please contact Paul at (503)-440-0820. You'll probably get him on the road, but he'll listen, you can be sure of that.

Fossil is just around the corner.

Our chapter volunteered to make the official sign seen at the entrance welcoming incoming campers. Wade Gustafson volunteered to get the 4x8 sheet of plywood for us. (We're waiting Wade!)

Ted Tracy, our state campout coordinator needs volunteers in all areas, security, ticket taking, first aid and a whole lot more. Oh, and pray for some sunshine this year. Okay, but don't forget your inner tubes!!!

Congratulations to Sue Mills, a former *North Coast* treasurer and chapter coordinator, she has stepped up to become the new state treasurer. Kudos as well to Debbie Ross who has volunteered to become our much needed state auditor.

Our own chapter still needs a vice-coordinator and a historian, so just come to either of the two meetings scheduled each month and let Paul know you are interested in the position.

This chapter is off to a good start this year and we need to keep up the momentum.

Chris, our new membership secretary, reported that we are down to 87 *North Coast* members on the roll. This a drop in membership, so we are asking every member who is reading this chapter report to bring one or two friends who ride to one

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NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Northeast Portland**

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

Even though it's a very righteous mission, sometimes it can be an uphill battle to carry it off. Everybody who belongs to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon has a role in making A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon work. This involves voting, this involves communicating with your representative, this involves paying attention to and making decisions about the news and this involves communicating with your friends and other members. This involves being proud of the good things that you do for your brothers and sisters of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Also, this involves patronizing and assisting events such as the *All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet* on Sunday, April 29 at the armory in Portland. Buyers and sellers win. And you support our chapters, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, and our A.B.A.T.E. mission. At the spring swap meet, a *Stewart Leathers* gift certificate worth \$300 will be given away along with many other door prizes. The award winning Willie will be in charge with Rotten Roger heckling from the side. Grab a flyer and directions from the *state* web site and many chapter web sites. (Including the *Northeast Portland* web site.)

Things are under control with the swap meet, but don't forget that there

are some other excellent events in the works, although sometimes some of the people in charge aren't so eager to blow their own horns such as with the annual *Fossil Campout* on May 25 through 28 in Fossil, Oregon. I'm sure it will be dry this year and greater than ever except your reporter here hasn't been told anything about it and the web site hasn't been started.

The *Summer Run* is the same thing although I know Lee Austin is hard at work to pull together something great at the last minute. The *Summer Run* will be August 17-19. Where, we don't yet know.

But did you plan on going to the *Northeast Portland Chapter Poker Run* scheduled for August 4? It'd be a good thing to do.

Your reporter has learned that the *Portland Shriner's Toy Run 2007* planning is well under way. The prizes have been selected, but your reporter has not been informed as to what they are. We believe drawing ticket sales have begun and that the toy run web site will be

<http://www.toyrun2007.com>

The toy run itself is on December 1.

We all agree that last winter's *Cabin Fever Party* was a great success. A large part of the credit goes to the many who contributed door prizes and other things. We were going to tell you who they were except that nobody yet has bothered to pass these names on to your

reporter. Maybe next month or the following month, if we're lucky.

Tell your A.B.A.T.E. officers that the people running the many excellent A.B.A.T.E. events need to be a little more proud of talking about them. They support the A.B.A.T.E. mission, a most righteous mission that supports what is very important to all of us.

That's about it for now. Read our newsmagazine, check in at the web sites, <http://www.abateoforegon.net> and <http://www.abateoforegon-ne.com> and come to the meetings. Tell us what A.B.A.T.E. can do for you and what you can do for your brothers and sisters of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

Marty Soehrman
public relations officer
Northeast Portland Chapter
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1900
(7:00pm)

Round Table Pizza

4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**River City****February 20, 2007**

We had a very small meeting tonight, only eight people. It was pretty informal and we just had a good time. Brian gave state board of directors and Legislative reports. We talked about rides to STEAM and locally. Brian won the membership drawing for \$60. It will start over at \$5 next meeting.

The first wildflowers of spring are blooming and it is raining, even here!

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:12 p.m., eight people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Rick.

Rick read the mission statement

Guests and new members: None.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Bob because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: *M.R.F.* dues notice. Debra moved to pay, passed.

Treasury report: \$118.48 in checking and \$1895.77 savings.

Bills submitted: Brian for state board of directors travel, \$25

Membership report: 65

Board report: Brian reported on the state board of directors meeting.

Legislative report: Brian reported

the status of our bills and efforts.

Ways and means report: Raffle tickets available.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Brian rode this Sunday.

Planned rides: *Easyriders Show*, February 24.

New Business

The membership drawing for \$60 was won by Brian Stovall. It will be \$5 next meeting.

No 50/50.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

March 6, 2007

I missed the meeting due to a trip to Salem to talk to a representative, so Teresa took the minutes. Thank you very much, Teresa. She thought it was a good meeting with a lot of ground covered.

Delbert would have won the membership drawing for \$5, if he had been there.

Larry won the 50/50 at \$5/\$5 and donated his share back to the chapter.

Thanks, Larry.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:03 p.m. 13 people present.

Pledge of allegiance waived due to lack of a flag.

Rick read the mission statement.

Guests and new members: None.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Lynne because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: None.

Treasury report: \$135.68 in checking and 1695.77 savings.

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 65

Board report: None at this meeting. Rick will be our representative at the March meeting next weekend.

Legislative report: Brian went to a

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RIVER CITY MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

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

Roadstop Restaurant

2nd Street -- The Dalles

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Salem**

The pictures from our fund raiser on the 24th of February, the *Ice Breaker*, were available for viewing thanks to Mike Johnson. He donated his camera (digital) and then printed up the photos. Thank you for stepping up to help.

Our event at *Tony's Tavern* was lots of fun with food, prizes, and free giveaways. We brought in \$216, thanks to the generosity of all the motorcyclists and locals who made it by.

The 50/50 was won by Dennis, *Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club* (G.J.M.C.) His half was \$20 which he donated back to the chapter.

We signed up a new member. Welcome, Les!

The leather jacket was won by Boyd Rosenbaum. Great big thanks to all our contributors:

Tony's Tavern (Thank you, Carol)
Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club
 Kathie Miller
Biker's for Christ
White Trash Choppers
Michelle's Crab Snares
River City Harley
Hayward Ford (Mike and Sheryl Barker)
Bozeman's
Western Beverage

Mt. Hood Beverage
Boyd Rosenbaum
Dallas Old Guy's and Girls
 (D.O.G.G.S)

Ginny, we couldn't have done this fine event without you, so **big thanks** for this year and for saying we can have the 2008 *Ice Breaker* there. Yay!

Our visitors were Steve (Sorry, all the information I have. Thank goodness this is a volunteer position.) and Don Mason. Don is the run coordinator and web master for the *Hub City Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* To see their web site, please go to: <http://www.hubcityabate.com>

Just think, if we were to combine the two chapters and make it a priority one for legislative action at the capitol, the number of bodies there would be for our legislator's to see.

Speaking of stepping up! The nominations are open for treasurer and legislative director. The vote will be on the fourth Tuesday of this month, April the 24th. Meeting starts 7 p.m. at *J.C.'s Pizzeria*, Keizer, Oregon. (Cross street is Manbrin.) So far, Rick Disrud, is nominated for treasurer. Now, not only is he accepting the nomination but also

will be transporting the game items to *Fossil* next month.

Our chairman for the games committee is Tattoo Mike.

Bikers' for Christ will be doing the children's games. Show & shine starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th of May, downtown Fossil, Oregon.

On May 12, 2007 the *Salem Chapter* is having their *Lil' Biker Day* at the Rodgers' Wayside just out of Silverton past the *Oregon Garden* and county shops. Please view the flier elsewhere in this newsmagazine. *Bikers' For Christ* will be doing the

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SALEM MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)

J.C.'s Pizzeria

4200 River Road north, Keizer

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

Hello everyone,

There are various bills on the floor this year that require your attention. HB-2399 is the helmet bill. We all need to get involved and participate. This affects our rights. There are many other bills that require our attention, as well as our rights. To be more informed, attend our meetings.

By the time this newsmagazine goes to print we will have already had our canned food drive and anniversary party. We raised \$2,200 to purchase food.

Now, I may not know what I am writing about, since this newsmagazine is out before the party, but I will stick my neck on the line and say that a great time was had by all and that it was a huge success. A special thanks goes to Cherokee for all his hard work on planning this event.

Don't forget about the spring swap meet on April 29th at the armory. Come out to mingle with friends and see what is available for you and your scooter.

Shari Mackey would have won \$175 at the membership drawing if she were present and Ed Spellman

would have won \$185 if he were present. Remember this is progressive and builds until won.

You need to be present to win! Come out to the meetings on the first and third Sunday of the month at the *M&M* at 137 N. Main in Gresham at noon. Besides, we have a lot of fun.

Run 21 planning is underway and progressing. We are really getting excited about this year. Mark your calendars for the last weekend in July. Our run meetings are right after the first meeting of the month, so let your opinions and suggestions be heard. We want to see the best run ever.

Ride safe,

Deb (Honey Buns) Ross

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

Washington County

Is April 7 marked on your calendar as the *WaCo Birthday Party*?

If not, please make a note to attend the party at the Hillsboro *Elks Lodge*. There will be dinner, if you don't want to cook. The fun will begin at 7 p.m. with silent auctions, a live auction, balloon pops. *Sinner's Club* will be playing and there will be plenty of friends to share the evening with.

Rooms are available nearby and a shuttle service will be offered for those who don't care to drive. This could be a lot of fun...

We have a lot of legislative work that needs to be attended to in Salem. Please keep up on the e-mail alerts and respond as requested. If you can, make an appointment to visit your legislators and let them know where you stand on HB-2399 and any other issue in front of them. Very few, if any, are present the first Saturday in May when we hold our annual *May Awareness Rally*. They miss the convergence of bikers on the steps.

I would like to take this

opportunity to thank both Jill Tracy and Trace Ceccacci for their continued support in helping me with the state membership secretary position. The job is more than I anticipated and the computer program is beyond words, completely indescribable. My helmet is off to Jill for her years of working with the program and making sure that things got done and where they needed to be. Thank you both and I am in your debt.

While you are out there riding, enjoy the season, stay warm and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson

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

Our February 15th, 2007 meeting was held at *Roaring Rapids Pizza*. There were 22 people attending and three were guests. Our chapter's coordinator, Jeff, pointed out that now would be a great time for all to look their schedules over, and plan what riding experiences they would like. Jeff also asked the chapter to choose an event which we could get as many members to go to as possible, and the chapter voted to go to *Summer Eruptions* as a group and to socialize. This is a great way to get *A.B.A.T.E.* known outside of the group and share fun with others. This particular event is also a charitable function for children in central Oregon put on by *S.C.O.O.T.R.* each year, so it fits into community involvement.

Rod reported his state report and let us all know that the state is looking for people to man the info booth at the *Easyrider's Bike Show*. He also reported that Debbie has volunteered to be the state's auditor.

There was some discussion about upcoming events including our chapter's *Casino Night at Spirits*, 1720 Main Street in Springfield on March 17th, and the *Christian Motorcycle Association's* bike blessing to be held at Twin Rivers Baptist Church on Sunday, April 22. Hal also said we need some volunteers to man the *Rhody Run* poker stops and the info booth, and to find donations for prizes.

He said this is the 100 year anniversary for the *Rhody Festival*, so it may have a large turnout.

The chapter has voted not to try to hold a 4th of July picnic at this time. So many have plans for

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fireworks or family get together, so we felt it wouldn't get enough participation.

Rod announced a new benefit to being a member of *A.B.A.T.E.* in that he made a members page on the web site

<http://www.wvabateoforegon.org> that is for posting ads and notices on the web. It was decided that this should only be made available to *A.B.A.T.E.* members and encourage membership.

Richard Hansen's name was drawn for the membership drawing of \$20 but was not there to win it.

Wow! Three times now that Fred Modaff as won the 50/50 drawing, taking home \$28.50. Way to go, Fred.

Our next meeting is March 15th at *Roaring Rapids Pizza*, 4006 Frankliln Blvd., Eugene at 7:00 p.m.

Come and be a part of this great bunch of riders.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter
web site editor
Willamette Valley Chapter
<http://www.wvabateoforegon.org>

WILAMETTE VALLEY

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Roaring Rapids Pizza

4006 Franklin Blvd; Eugene

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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***10 March 2007 – Eagles – Albany, Oregon*

Meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn, state coordinator, at 12:13 p.m. with 13 of 13 chapters represented, all eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

Guests and first time attendees were Mike Durkee from *Central Oregon*, Bill Foster, Hilda from *Lincoln County*.

Motion was made by Randy and seconded by Mel to adopt the previous month's minutes as printed in the newsmagazine. Motion passed unanimously.

Coordinator's comments: Ed Vaughn reported that *South Coast* has turned in their charter. We are down one chapter to 13. The chapter's funds were distributed as follows: 1/3 to *BikePAC*, 1/3 to the *M.R.F.* and 1/3 to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* state coffers.

Correspondence: There are newsletters from out of state for anyone to look at, if they want.

Vice-coordinator–north: Excused due to having to work.

Vice-coordinator–south: No report.

Vice-coordinator–east: Vacant.

Membership secretary: We currently have 2,179 members. Special thanks to Trace Ceccacci for his help with the *Paradox* program.

Treasurer: Reported a total of \$11,951.05 in checking and savings. Stated that we are spending far more than we are making.

State auditor: Given by Margo Virchow. The chapter treasurers need to continue to report to Margo while Deb get things set up. This will be

accomplished very soon. All files have been turned over to the accountant for 2006. Everyone needs to keep up with their reporting. Many are late. See the handout for needed information and to see how your chapter is doing in keeping up their reports. State representatives need to get this information to the chapter treasurer. Each chapter's treasurer report needs to be sent in by the 20th of each month.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path stated that her will be absent next month's meeting.

He has all of the chapter reports except for eight chapters are late.

Reported that he received a request for an advertisement from Mike [Friend] (Shriners' toy run) for the newsmagazine and wanted to know if we could run it for free. It was [requested] by the *Musicians Toy Run Benefit* which is hosted by Francine West who is performing at *Fossil*. [Can it] be run, full page, for free for the next nine months? This was designed to help *A.B.A.T.E.* collect money for the *Shriner's Toy Run*.

Rot Path asked that all officers, if they have not already, get their phone numbers and e-mail addresses to him for the newsmagazine.

Reported that the monthly cost to produce the newsmagazine was approximately \$1,400. Would it be feasible to go to bi-monthly for the newsmagazine? This was discussed and it was decided to continue as it is going now, on a monthly basis. Rot Path was given the discretion to cut back where he can.



Nic Oliver
state recording secretary

The question was asked if there was a committee needed to assist in going over the costs and how to cut back. Rot Path said he would welcome the help and a motion was made and passed to form a committee. There were volunteers to assist on this committee.

Legislative director: Mel thanked everyone for all the letters and phone calls to Tobias Read's office. His office has been flooded with all the e-mails. We need to give him a break for a while as a committee will be visiting him for a talk on this issue very soon. So, be ready in case we are needed to start sending the e-mails and calling again. Tobias Read is the swing vote needed to get this out of committee and on to the floor of the house. Sam Hochberg and other will be visiting him very soon. Representative Read's philosophy has been the right to choose but it seems that his philosophy does not include helmet use.

There is a representative on the floor who is still "on the fence" and can't decide which way to go. He is Greg McPherson.

The situation with HB-2399 [helmet amendment] is that it is still stuck in committee.

The hearing on the insurance bill, S-356, had only four attending. There should have been more. Presentations were given by Sam Hochberg and others. More would have been better. Sam, Mel, Wayne,

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and Brian will be following up on getting information requested by the chair of the committee regarding refusals of insurance coverage by group insurance companies in regards to motorcycling. They need any and all information they can get, not only from Oregon but from other states as well. If you have any information or if you know of anyone hurt and refused benefits from an insurance company, let Mel, Wayne, Sam, or Brian know right away. It was noted that the federal government had noted a flaw and corrected it at their level until the insurance companies made a mess of that good effort. They made it so that they can carry on with business as usual, collect premiums but can refuse to pay benefits for an injury incurred while riding a motorcycle.

The question was raised about Oregon going to an annual legislative session. It was noted that this would change things a lot in getting through all the proposed bills (about 7,000–8,000 this session.) No vote has been taken on this issue, as yet.

For your information: The A.T.V. bill has been defeated already.

Sergeant at arms–north: There are 2 events coming up, the Swap Meet and Fossil. Randy will be contacting each chapter regarding them providing people to serve on Security and other needs. It is each chapter's responsibility to provide this help for State events.

Sergeant at arms–south: Vacant.

Sergeant at arms–east: Vacant.

Products director: Excused. Ed said that if anyone has *Fossil* art that they should give it to him.

Education director: (Patricia) Thanks to all the people that attended and helped out at S.T.E.A.M.

Discussion ensued regarding possibly moving S.T.E.A.M. next year due to problems with *Chemeketa College*.

Regarding the lawsuit against *Team Oregon*: check out the web site "Moon Rider" as this is a very reliable source for information. Moon Rider can be found by a *Google* search or through *Yahoo*. Do not ask *Team Oregon* about the lawsuit as they are not allowed to talk about it.

There are flyers available for all the facilities for *Team Oregon* with scheduled times. Swan Island is not ready for *Team Oregon* to move in yet. All the moneys that were pledged have not yet been paid, or even requested to be paid yet. Some of the money has been used to get a new bike for them.

May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month* and there will be a blitzing of the news, banners on buses, and other forms of advertising going on.

Education director II: Absent

Public relations director: Absent

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Working, excused.

State swap meet coordinator: Report given by Rotten Roger. Roger says that he feels that this organization is not pulling together as a team and that it needs to pull together. There are flyers available, so get them handed out. This is how we make our money. There needs to be some help in getting postcards ready for the advertising to get out for *Fossil* and for the swap meet. Some radio and TV stations will run some ads

for free if we hand them a copy of our 501C4 status papers.

There is a problem with *Washington A.B.A.T.E.* and he had no information on what the problem was.

State run coordinator II: The signs that the chapter's volunteered to make need certain information on them. Each chapter needs to contact Ted Tracy to get that information. The printer for the *Fossil* tickets is giving us a problem. He is delaying printing and we don't know why. Will be following up on this. There are three designs to be voted on today for *Fossil* t-shirts/sweatshirts. *Love's Leathers* has a new owner and is anxious to carry on the start made by the previous owners.

Historian: Vacant.

Sanctioning officer: Absent. Report given by Robert Hale. The insurance company refused to renew our policy. This applies to all events. A new policy will cost approximately \$370 per event.

Beaver Creek sanctioning is pending, *Central Oregon Rocks* is good, and *Josephine County* letter was delivered. The *River City Chapter Mystery Run* was misquoted on the date. The correct date is April 28th.

Web page editor: Absent.

Quartermaster: (Robert Hale) The first aid kits are available and ready and well stocked. Has a new job and won't be able to come in on Saturdays anymore but would like to keep his job as quartermaster. Asked if we could work with him and it was agreed that arrangements could be made.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representa-

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tive: Randy Phipps reported that Mel had already covered most of his information. Rotten Roger gave Mel \$400 for *BikePAC* from the sale of motorcycle parts donated by members of *A.B.A.T.E.* Roger explained the means he followed to do this and pledged more in the future. Keep up the donations.

Confederation of Clubs representative: There was no meeting in February. March's meeting is tomorrow at noon. *N.C.O.M.* this year is in North Carolina and Pat asked that *A.B.A.T.E.* consider sending her to it. This was taken under advisement while the treasurer figures out the budget for conferences and so that Pat could get more information on the costs.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Excused. (Medical.)

Planning Session

The newsmagazine advertising billing is being done and this will continue till next meeting.

Sanctioning guidelines are done. Chapter representatives are to take a copy to each chapter for discussion. A vote to ratify the guidelines will take place next state meeting.

Unfinished Business

Unfilled officer positions had some changes.

Iris nominated Mary Burnett for historian. [Passed.] Vote was unanimous.

Sergeant at arms—south: Randy nominated Bill Foster and he accepted. [Passed.] Vote was unanimous.

New Business

Tabled motion from last meeting on establishing a budget for

conferences was brought back by Randy. This was discussed on need and application of the findings. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously to have the treasurer develop a tentative budget for conferences.

Rot Path asked if he could go to a conference given by the post office regarding the postal rate increase on March 22. *A.B.A.T.E.* was invited to attend and Rot Path wants to go as he has to stay abreast of this information for his budget in getting out the newsmagazine. He was told to go and put it on his expense sheet.

Mel reported on *N.C.O.M.* putting together a network of doctors who treat motorcyclist's injuries who would be willing to testify on the behalf of motorcyclists. Dave Ganslein was the one who suggested this. Do we support the idea? Motion made. (See following motion list.)

Motion 1: Withdrawn at request of Rot Path.

Motion 2: Motion made by Rod Hatter of *Willamette Valley Chapter* and seconded by Mike Durkee regarding what can *A.B.A.T.E.* do to assist *Team Oregon* during this lawsuit by the *M.S.F.*? Discussion ensued. Motion to table was made by Randy and seconded by Mel. Vote was 12 to 1 to table this matter.

Motion 3: Motion was made by Jordan Kelley and seconded by Randy and Pat that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* co-sponsor with the *Washington Road Riders Association*, the *Best of the West M.R.F.* convention for 2008. Discussion included the approximately \$1,500 cost and the

manpower needs. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 4: Motion was made by Mel Yeager and seconded by Randy that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* go on record in support of the idea of asking *N.C.O.M.* to assist in establishing a nationwide network of doctors who deal with motorcycle injuries. Similar to *N.C.O.M.*'s program [for lawyers]. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

- The next state board meeting will be April 14th. The meeting will be at the *Pizza Hut* on the corner of 14th and Clay, in the *Heritage Mall* area, Albany, at noon.

- Rot Path suggested that if we get the chance to go and see two [currently showing] movies: *Ghost Rider* and *Wild Hogs*. Said that they were very good.

- Sunny Major won the artwork for *Fossil*. **Congratulations !!**

- *Josephine County Chapter's* sponsored girl, Kimberlee Meyers, has more plays coming up at the *Hult Center*. Anyone wanting to attend should contact *Josephine County Chapter* for more information.

- There are flyers available for *Fossil* and for the swap meet.

- *Southeast Portland Chapter* has a food drive and an anniversary party on March 17th. All welcome.

- **Washington County Chapter** is having their anniversary party on April 7th at the *Elks* in Hillsboro.

Called for motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Nic Oliver

state recording secretary

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Spring is on the way, even if it isn't in the air just yet where you are. I'm starting to look forward to the start of runs and get-to-gathers around the state of Oregon. The beginning is the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Takes place the 10th through the 13th of May 2007.

I'm telling ya folks, this conference is going to be the best ever. In all the years I've attended these gatherings, they just get bigger and better every year. We learn more and thereby enable our home organizations to function at ever higher levels. If you ever needed a reason to get fired up to work on the behalf of your brothers and sisters in preserving our freedoms in this country, these *N.C.O.M.* conventions are an absolute must for you to attend. I'll tell ya up front: When you go, be ready to put in a few days of intensive work, soaking up the information provided at the many seminars.

Every state motorcyclist rights organization (S.M.R.O.) across this country should send at least two people to represent their interests and many already do. The various *Confederations of Clubs (C.O.C.)* will each have two or more representatives there. If you bring two, you can cover most of the sessions during the busy days. You will meet and talk with people from all over the country, all in the same struggle as the rest of us, for the right to make our own decisions on the many issues we face, and struggling for laws to forbid discrimination against riders in

health insurance and public accommodations.

I won't say we don't party some at these gatherings. Sometimes, that's where you get the most information for your folks at home, by just hanging with some of the masters. Just be able to get up the next day for the daily activities. The types of discrimination we face are several. There's the problem when we travel and are refused ordinary courtesies in public accommodations. And the law still allows it in Oregon.

We face issues on medical insurance discrimination (see below), and we've had seminars on how the *U.S.A.P.A. T.R.I.O. T. Act** can and has been used against bikers. Come to the *N.C.O.M.* convention, and get some ammunition to bring home to fight with.

Make your reservations now so you don't miss out on a single part of this important aspect of our fight for freedom. The convention will be at the *Hilton Charlotte University Place Hotel* in Charlotte, North Carolina, but the hotel is already full. Nearby, the overflow hotels are the *Holiday Inn Charlotte University*, at 1-(704)-547-0999, and *Country Inn*, at 1-(704)-549-8770. Full registration is \$75, which includes the *Silver Spoke* awards banquet. This is some of the best money your organization can invest in their fight for liberty. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Newsbit-N-Pieces

Honolulu and Oklahoma: We have talked often enough about watching out for big brother, but don't forget big sister.



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

Representative Barbara Marumoto, R-Waialae, has decided Hawaii riders need to be protected from themselves. She introduced HB-57, a new mandatory helmet law for that state.

This is just one of the attempts all over the U.S.A. to take freedom of choice away from people that have the God-given intelligence to make their own safety and clothing decisions.

Now, big kudos to Oklahoma's bikers, who got busy and stopped the attempt to put a mandatory helmet law on 'em there!

This from *N.C.O.M.*'s own Tiger Mike, reporting in to the *Sack* for his state.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: *Harley-Davidson's* workers approved a deal and ended the strike at the York, Pennsylvania bike factory. They've been shut down for three weeks now. Maybe the wait won't be too long now to take delivery on a new ride!

Washington, D.C: The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* says that bipartisan bills have been re-introduced in both the house and senate that would end healthcare discrimination against motorcyclists and anyone else in any other legal recreational activity, at least in federally-controlled health plans, like most union plans, for example. Like some predecessor bills, this would prevent health insurance discrimination against citizens who take part in legal, recreational

activities, like riding our bikes; at least to the extent the fed controls your type of insurance. Well, things are getting better, folks, with all these people in the new congress on our side. But the battle is not won yet! All riders should send letters of support on this bill to your members of congress, or call their offices in Washington D.C. or locally, but let 'em know.

The same fight is playing out here in Oregon: *BikePAC of Oregon* supports SB-356, which would prevent Oregon-authorized general health carriers (that's those health plans *not* governed by federal laws, such as "ERISA"), from excluding health benefits for injuries while riding. Our Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer, m'boss Sam Hochberg, has jumped into the fray, along with a lot of other dedicated bikers at the capitol. Sam drove down to Salem and testified at a committee hearing on SB-356. He came at it a little differently this time, and appeared officially on behalf of our state's *Trial Lawyers' Association, O.T.L.A.*, which supports this bill. He also made sure the committee knew he was also testifying as a rider, and as a lawyer who does motorcycle law.

So, Oregon bikers: join us in Salem and help out on this bill and on all the other biker bills.

To coordinate your effort most effectively, contact *BikePAC of Oregon*. They're online at <http://www.bikepac.com> Get advice on the particulars before you go. If you're not online, Call *BikePAC's* legislative director and longtime Oregon biker activist, Brian Stovall, at (541)-340-9442. Talk to them and get yourself dialed in to help, up front and in person.

Massachusetts: New motorcycle

awareness signs are available by way of a \$15,000 grant from *Plymouth Rock Insurance Company*, according to the *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association. (M.M.A.)* They're trying to bring motorcycle awareness to the forefront, before the springtime rush of riders, and has decided to use their grant money to create and put up signs all around the state, to remind drivers to keep motorcyclists in mind. I can't believe there's any opposition to placing these signs around the state but there is just that from some officials. They say they're afraid other groups will want the same privileges.

I think I've mentioned in the past in one of these *Sacks*, something about the use of frontal lobotomies by some folks, once they're elected.

More Oregon: [c.o.e. note – *The bill mentioned in this section was withdrawn after massive protests from the A.T.V. community. This Sack was written and sent before the bill was defeated.*]

Riders take heed of SB-49, which would outlaw A.T.V. and motorcycle riding for all kids under age 12, even on your private property, and limit riders under 16 to vehicles 90 cc's or less. The full text is at <http://www.leg.state.or.us> This bill for a new law was proposed without any consultation with the Oregon riding community. We have to weigh in on this legislation. Go see your legislators, and contact *BikePAC of Oregon* first, to get a bead on what you're doing, on any biker-related bill. If you can't take the time to visit, next best thing is your phone call to your own legislator. Be sure to let other riders know about this important issue. I'm gettin' real tired of big brother.

New Jersey: Assembly bill 3701 was introduced by assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose (R-Sparta), and it would establish a lane splitting task force to focus on whether to allow motorcycles to ride between lanes of vehicle traffic during times of congestion.

Gunny Again

If ya need more info on the *N.C.O.M.* convention, get in touch with *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* at 1-(800)-531-2424 and they will send you all you need.

See you in May.

In the meantime, keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

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The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* announced that bipartisan bills have been introduced in both the U.S. house of representatives and U.S. senate that would end healthcare discrimination against motorcyclists, A.T.V. enthusiasts, and participants in other legal recreational activities.

U.S. representatives Michael C. Burgess (R-Texas) and Bart Stupak (D-Michigan) introduced HR-1076, the *H.I.P.A.A. Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act*. On the same day, senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Russ Feingold (D-Wisconsin) introduced identical companion legislation, S-616.

The bills seek to bar employers from discriminating against those who take part in activities such as motorcycling, A.T.V. riding, skiing, snowmobiling or horseback riding in the health-insurance programs they offer their workers.

H.I.P.A.A. originally prohibited employers from denying healthcare coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal activities, such as motorcycling. But later federal bureaucrats reversed the law, writing rules to allow health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists and others who engage in legal activities like A.T.V. riding, or horseback riding. Employees were guaranteed the right to healthcare coverage, but not guaranteed any benefits under those plans.

Motorcyclists were outraged when federal bureaucrats went against the

will of congress, and the *A.M.A.* immediately lobbied legislators to right this wrong. Others involved in the effort include the *All-Terrain Vehicle Association*, the *American Council of Snowmobile Associations*, the *American Horse Council*, the *Blue Ribbon Coalition*, the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, and the *National Ski Areas Association*.

Enthusiasts can send letters of support to members of congress through the *A.M.A.* rapid response center at

<http://www.AMADirectlink.com>

Bakersfield *A.M.A.* life member Steve Montgomery is working toward getting more motorcycle parking spots marked off around this California town. Montgomery discussed the proposal with city officials during a regular session of the planning and development committee.

Montgomery's request for designated motorcycle parking is apparently the first such formal one the city has received, officials said.

While the idea was greeted with relatively positive comments, two roadblocks popped up.

- First, the parking spots would require sign, something that likely won't be popular with downtown business owners.

- Second, the signs would cost roughly \$150 to \$200 a piece, planning staffers estimated.

The three-member committee voted unanimously to postpone a

vote until the next committee meeting April 5. In the meantime, Montgomery will meet with downtown business owners. City staffers will draw up a more precise inventory of possible spots.

Arizona house bill HB-2051 to remove the \$150,000 cap from the *Motorcycle Safety Fund (M.S.F.)* passed the appropriations committee about three weeks ago and the rules committee on 27 February 2007. It was immediately put on the schedule for *Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.)* during house floor session, where amendments could be voted on. As soon as it passes *C.O.W.*, it will go for a floor vote of all house members and then on to the senate for the same process.

For more information on this legislation contact Arizona motorcyclist/lobbyist Bobbi Hartman at bobbij2@earthlink.net

A Colorado bill that would require kids under 18 to wear helmets is working its way through the legislature. House bill HB-1117 passed on an initial vote through the house. Proposed penalties would be steep with fines of \$125, including \$10 for the *Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund*, plus three points on a driver's license.

A.M.A. community council – treasure coast (Florida) president Frank Walsh has personally been ensuring that all stop lights in his area will recognize motorcycles.



News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

Like anyone who has sat in the piezoelectrically operated box of a stop light on a motorcycle, for seemingly endless amounts of time, Walsh got fed up with going nowhere, decided to work with the surrounding municipalities and the county to re-calibrate all stoplights to recognize motorcycles. Walsh, who is a retired municipal worker from New York, spent countless hours volunteering his motorcycle for the calibration work.

Several states have recently enacted legislation that would provide for a positive defense should a motorcycle run these lights, as long as certain conditions are met. For more information on this type of legislation contact A.M.A. legislative affairs specialist Imre Szauter at isauter@ama-cycle.org For information on recalibrating the nuisance stoplight on your regular route contact the traffic authority in your area.

Several Massachusetts communities including Plymouth, Duxbury, Rochester, Mattapoissett, Pembroke, and now Carver are working to keep motorcycle drivers safe on the roads in their communities thanks to efforts from the *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association*. (M.M.A.)

M.M.A. has been instrumental in raising awareness of motorcyclists through its *Motorcycle Safety Project*. The group was able to help enact a bill in 2002, which led to governor Mitt Romney signing a proclamation in 2005 annually declaring the last

week of March through the last week of April as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period*.

In November of 2006 M.M.A. requested a grant from the *Auto Insurer's Bureau* to help fund the erection of motorcycle awareness signs in Massachusetts communities. *Plymouth Rock Assurance Corporation* awarded a \$15,000 grant to the M.M.A. to purchase and install 500 2-by-8-foot signs, which read ***Check twice - Save a life, MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!!!!***

The signs are constructed of *Coroplast*, a strong plastic material, in highly visible yellow with black lettering.

Representatives of M.M.A., and now assisted by the A.M.A., are seeking permission to install at least one sign per community. Massachusetts is one of the few states where motorcycle registrations have gone up and deaths have gone down. For more information or to get the signs placed in your favorite Massachusetts town contact the M.M.A. at Claimscote@aol.com

Traffic deaths dropped substantially in 16 states last year, in many cases reflecting stepped-up enforcement and education campaigns, according to a *U.S.A. Today* analysis of statistics reported by the states. Highway fatalities fell by at least 5% in those 16 states. In nine other states, deaths rose by at least that much. Texas and Georgia reported preliminary declines of more than 5%, but traffic safety

agencies in those states expect the final totals to rise significantly.

While the fatality numbers are preliminary and unofficial, they show startling drops in some states. Safety officials attribute the declines in part to coordinated programs aimed at careless or reckless driving.

Among other factors cited in states that had drops in traffic fatalities: stiffer drunken-driving laws, police checkpoints aimed at aggressive driving, improved highway design, and graduated license programs and other safety efforts targeting young drivers.

Several states are still collecting data from county and local law enforcement agencies and say their 2006 fatality figures could rise.

States report their highway death numbers to the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (N.H.T.S.A.), which analyzes the figures before issuing a preliminary national fatality total. The 2006 total is not likely to show major changes from 2005. Since 1995, the annual total has ranged between 41,000 and 43,000.

In states where fatalities rose substantially, agencies cited increases in pedestrian deaths, aggressive driving, drunken driving and speeding as factors.



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Legislative Officer report

March 2007



Mel Yeager
state legislative director
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Several things have happened during the last month. *BikePAC* has issued three alerts to our list of riders willing to respond to a call to write letters, call legislators, or to visit the capitol in behalf of our biker issues. We depend on those contacts to spread the word to their fellows.

When the call went out, the response was overwhelming to our legislators. We have been asked to pass on a message to our members to hold up the mailings and contacts until we again need the response. The delay is to give us a chance to meet personally with legislators who are reluctant to vote in our behalf.

Everybody who took the time to write e-mails, make phone calls, or to write letters are to be thanked for their efforts. Brian Stovall, legislative director of *BikePAC* has been keeping track of the many, many contacts that were made.

There was a hearing on S-356 (our insurance issue) wherein Wayne Schumacher and Sam Hochberg presented testimony in behalf of motorcyclists. Representatives from the insurance industry also testified and stated that there are no instances of any person involved in a motorcycle wreck in Oregon being denied the benefits that were due.

Following the testimony, chair Monnes-Anderson then stated she would hold the bill until *BikePAC* could provide names and states where actual instances have occurred.

A call was immediately sent out to everybody on our mailing list, and

nationally as well, asking for that information. Sam Hochberg was asked to contact *N.C.O.M.*, Wayne was asked to contact *A.M.A.* and Mel Yeager was asked to contact *M.R.F.* to find out if there are instances of denial of benefits, anywhere. Lets all keep our eyes and ears open for any mention of injured riders having benefits denied. Lets also take a close look at the fine print of your personal health insurance to see if there is such a clause.

I note that in Washington D.C. The movement is afoot to correct the previous ruling that insurance companies providing group health coverage to businesses, etc. would also have to pay benefits as appropriate if someone is injured while operating a motorcycle. Previous language required that insurance companies would have to provide coverage but would not have to pay benefits.

All riders in Oregon must have the cooperation and mutual support of each other to accomplish our efforts this session. Let's all respond when the call is made and get done what we set out to do this time.

HB-2399 (our right to choose issue) is still being held in limbo. First we were told that we had to have a majority of yes votes from all legislators before HB-2399 would be brought up for consideration in committee. After the e-mail and letter writing blitz, along with the personal visits from bikers we feel we have a good chance to pass the issue of the house floor.

Now another problem has reared its biased head. One member of the committee has taken a stand that although he is in favor of the right to choose, it doesn't apply to bikers and their right to choose their gear or apparel. This is the main reason the halt on contacting legislators has been issued. It is to give our leaders a chance to meet with and brainstorm with our legislators who are reluctant to see things our way. We hope to convince them that a biker's right to choose is as important as any other choice people have to make in their lives.

I would ask for everyone check their e-mail twice daily. Once in the morning and again late at night. When the call goes out for response, there will be a very limited time to do so. Be ready to ride, make that couple of phone calls, or write that e-mail as needed. *BikePAC* is there to set the table, but we need everyone to come to the banquet.

Ted's *Fossil* Report April, 2007



Ted Tracy
Fossil run coordinator

Hello all,

I am extremely excited about this year's *Fossil Campout*.

This year we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first time a bunch of hardy souls got together for the state's only run.

Fossil has grown quite a bit since that first year. There is even a permanent display in the *Wheeler County Museum* in the town about our run.

There will be lots of activity in town on Memorial Day weekend. The main street will be closed Saturday morning for the bike show, and after that the *Salem Chapter* is excited to be hosting the bike rodeo at the fairgrounds.

The town merchants are looking forward to greeting us with smiles. The café and mercantile will be well stocked, and I imagine the hardware store / liquor store will also be well supplied.

A visit to town isn't complete until you stop in at the *Shamrock*. Sign your name on the wall and look for old friends. Step back into time with the outdoor patio/beer garden and enjoy a cold one.

I am also excited to announce that the local car dealer, "*Wright Chevrolet*, has donated a brand new 2007 *Chevy Cobalt* to the *Fossil School District*. The tickets are tax-deductible, and they are only selling 600 of them. Please help this great fundraiser and buy a ticket. I have them available and at only \$50 each.

Back at camp, things will really be hoppin'.

Gather around the bonfire Friday night to listen to one of the best rock-and-roll bands in the northwest, *Twisted Cactus*. (Formerly the *Vagabonds*.) If you haven't heard them before, you are in for a treat.

After returning to camp Saturday from the bike show and rodeo, things will really, really heat up. After a few contests at the stage, *Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers* will take the stage. Their manager, Art West, has arranged for Dave Workman and Wendy DeWitt to fly in from San Francisco as special guest artists. Dave Workman has opened for B.B. King, Muddy Waters, and James Cotton. He has backed up Chuck Berry, Junior Wells, and Albert King!

Wendy DeWitt has appeared with Charlie Musselwhite, Otis Rush, and Jimmy Thackery.

Locally known saxophonist, Bradley Ulrich, will also perform.

This will be a concert to remember.

Francine's sweet voice, Wendy on keyboards, Dave with his hot licks, and Bradley blowing the sax.

It just doesn't get any better than that.

It doesn't end there!

Sunday starts out with our famous 100% pay-out poker run. Take a ride or drive through the Blue Mountains, the Painted Hills, and the John Day river canyon.

More music Sunday night, another bonfire and some more surprises are in store for you.

It will be a weekend to remember. See you there!

Note From Iris

This past week I had a conversation with a fellow about motorcycling. This gentleman will always feel sadness when motorcycles are a part of things, even in conversation.

Why?

Because many years ago (I think he said 40) he was at a stop, and even though he had a right turn signal going, a motorcycle pulled up on his right side just as the car driver was beginning to make his right turn.

Well, it all happened so fast!

The motorcyclist was killed and the car driver knows it was not his fault, but he still has difficulties with the memory.

Soooo, the thing is, it is the responsibility of the motorcyclist to ride sensibly.

Team Oregon has rider courses for experienced riders as well as basic rider instruction.

It could be wise to remind each other about the lifesaving steps to remember while riding.

Always remember to make sure other drivers around you know you and your fellow riders are there before moving into the path of some other vehicle.

Have a great riding season,

Iris Yeager





Sprocket Holes

a motorcycle film review series

by Rot Path (c.o.f.r.)



There's been a dearth of motorcycle flicks lately. Now we suddenly have two.

Yer crusty ol' film reviewer (c.o.f.r.) just got back from viewin' *Wild Hogs*.

With Tim Allen as one of the main characters, c.o.f.r. was expectin' this flick to be to motorcyclists what *Galaxy Quest* was to the science fiction community. Unlike *Galaxy Quest*, this was an enjoyable one-watch-wonder, in this reviewer's not-so-humble opinion. In other words, Rot Path enjoyed the movie fer what it was but won't be buying it when it comes out on DVD because it's not the caliber of film to be viewed repeatedly.

That said, *Wild Hogs* is still worth seeing once, especially if you have any riding experience.

Without giving away the entire story, the basic premise of this movie is about finding what it means to be a biker by getting out on the road.

Four older school buddies of various successes are in the weekly habit of riding their *Harleys* down to the local.

Apparently they've been doing this fer almost twenty years.

Mid-life crises time.

The answer is a motorcycle road trip to the west coast. (Hollywood just can't get over its addiction to stereotypes.) Of course, when any scriptwriter types "west coast", they mean sunny Los Angeles, not anything cold and cloudy and rainy to the north.

There's a fair amount of slapstick, some of it involving bikes getting out of control, that lacks the aplomb of earlier masters of visual humor. And every time a riderless bike went tumbling to a crashing halt, yer c.o.f.r. cringed.

One character quotes unhelmeted injury statistics just before they set out. Nothing was offered up in the way of balance such as the fact that helmets don't prevent crashes. (Or how their statistical data was derived.) The supreme irony is

that for the remainder of the flick, the group was filmed riding with and without helmets as they crossed various southwest states. (It's that thousand word thing.)

Perhaps the high point of the movie is where a rider (recognizable from a classic biker film) appears briefly to make the point that real bikers aren't found on shiny new bikes in new leathers at a latte house or with old bikes and leathers in a club house. Real bikers are found out on the road. That's where the real freedom lies.

The road belongs to them what rides it.

Some words of caution: Don't leave the theater before the credits start to roll. There is a wonderful parody of what happens to the movie's motorcycle gang clubhouse site.

Ghost Rider is based on an earlier *Marvel* comics series which in turn was derived from an old west legend. (Perhaps you remember the Johnny Cash song, *Ghost Riders In The Sky*?)

This movie is diversion and entertainment, pure and simple. Don't expect an insightful story line or deep probings of the human condition. This film is about visual impact and assaulting yer senses. (So don't sit too close to the front of the theater because a lot of the action fills the screen and you won't be able to take it all in.)

That said, should you go see it?

You betcha.

Even anti-satanists can enjoy this flick because the devil looses. (Oops, there goes the ending. Ah well, it's more about *how* he looses anyway.)

The price of the matinee alone is worth seeing an already sweet Panhead chopper morph into a flaming bone bike. (Was the logging chain front fork design inspired by Indian Larry's last bike?)

And there is some fancy trick riding and incredible jumps that would awe even Evil.

Our life long biker buddy, Peter Fonda

of *Easy Rider* fame is there, though he doesn't get any ridin' time this time.

Yer crusty ol' film reviewer was surprised to find Nicolas Cage cast as lead in a motorcycle movie. He does a credible job and it's a harsh reviewer indeed who claims the flaming skull exhibited more character and acting skill.

Normally Rot Path would classify a movie like *Ghost Rider* as a one shot wonder: "Seen it once, know how it ends, don't need to see it again." But there are so many incredible visual effects that yer c.o.f.r. is going to have to go see it again and sit further back so it can all be taken in.

The image of two ghost riders, one on flaming horse, the other on flaming bike, are going to become favorite icons of bikers worldwide.

Will there be sequels?

The film makers definitely left that option open.

Trouble is, so much was put into this film that the question becomes, how can they top it with a sequel? Is there anywhere to go with another film?

And where's the closest store that sells *Marvel* comics?

With two movies out just now involving motorcycles, putting together a ride to go see them both would be a great weekend activity for any group of bikers. They may still be playing in places by the time this issue plops through yer letter box. If you decide you want to see it, go as a group and ride yer bikes to the movie house.

You'll all enjoy the experience and if you can park yer scoots in front of the theater, you might be able to recruit more folks to *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* when you start talkin' with folks who show an interest in yer bikes. (They'll be especially interested to talk and get a closer look after the movie, so don't leave right away.)

From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

Flyin', Drivin', Ridin'

Borrowing From Other Modes

c.o.e. - 63

by
Rot Path

Earlier *Cessna*, *Volkswagen*, and *Harley's*.

What could they possibly have in common?

Air-cooled engines.

With warmer weather easing its way back into our lives, it's a good idea to familiarize ourselves with the unique properties of the air-cooled engine, particularly as it applies to motorcycles.

Air-cooled engines don't have a lot of what could be called "thermal inertia" the way liquid-cooled do. That means that their temperature can vary quickly and widely depending on load, air circulation, and air temperature/humidity. (Internal combustion engines are continually exploding a very flammable liquid that generates a lot of heat which has to go somewhere.)

When an engine has a radiator and a gallon or two of antifreeze/water circulating through the engine block, the overall engine temperature tends to stay more even because it takes a lot more energy to raise or lower the temperature of the liquid than it does of air. (Oceans do the same sort of thing for the earth's temperature, keeping it from fluctuating widely between night and day, summer and winter. The moon and mars have wildly varying temperatures simply because they have no liquid mass to regulate temperature.)

To see how this works, find two mugs that are as close to identical as your household allows. Fill them both with hot water and let them sit for about thirty seconds, then empty one of them out.

Now go away for five minutes. (If yer in a serious long-term relationship you can have intimate relations and a 4-1/2 minute nap.)

When you feel the mugs a few minutes later, the empty one (representing an air-cooled engine) will most likely be very close to room temperature while the one with water in it (yer smart enough to figure out which engine that represents) is still going to be pretty warm to the touch.

Of course yer air-cooled engine *does* have some liquid mass in it, doesn't it?

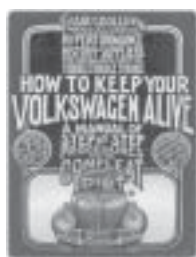
Oil.

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"Texas T" and all that other *BH* nonsense.

Part of the cooling that takes place in an air-cooled engine is due to the circulation of oil. The cooler the oil, the cooler-running the engine. (Better lubrication, less friction, more heat dissipation.) Which is why you see little radiators hooked up to so many air-cooled bike's oil supplies - they are external oil coolers and they work a treat.

A really good source of information and outright laughter about keeping air-cooled engines running cool is a book by John Muir (the *VW* mechanic, not the nature photographer) called *How To Keep Your Volkswagen Alive - A Manual Of Step-By-Step- Procedures For The Complete Idiot*. (ISBN 1-56691-310-1)



This book predates all the "dummy" books out there and is miles ahead of them in wit and wisdom.

Although it is written for *VW* owners, it's pretty obvious to yer c.o.e. that many of the ideas and principles can be applied to air-cooled bike engines. (See the *Rap On Oil* piece in the maintenance section.)

Most public libraries and many used

book stores have well-thumbed copies in their automotive repair sections. It's still in print and fresh copies have been found in major book stores. (But as always, check out yer local independent books stores first so yer hard-earned money stays in your community.)

One problem pilots with air-cooled engines have is when letting down from higher altitudes. They pull the engine power back towards idle in order to descend. (As it is in aircraft, so it is with bikes - power equals altitude.) The engine cools quickly and if they are descending through air with higher humidity, the engine intake manifold can actually begin to form layers of frost or ice, starving the engine for air or actually making it shut off.

Motorcyclists (and air-cooled *VW* drivers) can experience similar symptoms when coasting down mountains or hills.

Pilots get around the problem by periodically revving the engine up a bit to warm it up and melt any frost that might be forming in the intake area.

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2007 RUN LISTINGS

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

32 March	Fool's Ride--Frog Lake Chapter (snorkel bikes)	Daplace	
07 April	Birthday Party-WaCo	Hillsboro	(503)-628-5445
07 April	Ice Breaker-O.C.V.A.	Lincoln City	(5410-994-6442
28 April	Mystery Ride-River City	The Dalles	(541)-298-1317
29 April	Oregon ABATE Swap Meet	Portland	(503)-249-8791
05 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally and Freedom Rally -State Capitol	Salem	(503)-347-0524
12 May	Rose City 500	Portland	
13 May	Lil' Biker Day--Salem Chapter	Salem	(503)-390-4292
18-20 May	Rhody Fest--Willamette Valley	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
25-28 May	Oregon ABATE FOSSIL Campout	Fossil (Eastern Oregon)	(503)-628-5445
27 May	50/50 Run--Josephine County		(541)-471-6049
02 June	Poker Run--Hub City	Albany	(541)-967-7802
08-10 June	Redwood Run	California	
10 June	Roll-N-Ride--Washington County	Hillsboro	(503)-628-5445
15-17 June	Spring Opener	Washington	
16 June	Rocks, Lakes, Bridges Run-Central Oregon		(541)-389-2167
June	Angie's Run--Columbia River	Portland area	(503)-282-4604
22-24 June	Best Of The West--MRF		
23 June	Poker run--Southeast Portland	Gresham	(503)-853-4595
24 June	Around Saddle Mountain--North Coast		(503)-325-4376
08 July	Poker run--Salem HOG	Salem	(503)-390-4292
20-22 July	Cow Chip Boogie	Cowlitz County, Washington	
27-29 July	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	Birkenfeld	(503)-853-4595
28 July	Mid-Summer Run--WaCo		(503)-628-5445
29 July	Latus Motors		
04 August	One Night Stand--Hub City	Albany	(541)-967-7802
04-05 August	Coast Run--Josephine Co		(541)-471-6049
10-12 August	Beaver Creek--Lincoln County	Newport	(541)-265-6850
17-19 August	Summer Run--CR, NE, SE Portland	Estacada	(503)-760-9015
17 August	Hog Run-CMA		
23-26 August	Harley Drags--AHDRA	Woodburn	
25 August	Freedom Run	Washington	
08 September	Dancing Bikers--Salem Chapter		(503)-390-4292
09 September	Swap Meet--Monroe, Washington		
09 September	Sunset Poker Run		
September	Last Chance Run--JoCo		(541)-471-6049
14-16 Sept	End of Summer Run--WaCo		(503)-628-5445
15 September	Swashbuckling Bar--Willamette		(541)-471-6049
20-23 Sept	Meeting of the Minds--MRF	Iowa	
22 Sept	Chapters Picnic--NE, SE		(503)-777-5121
29 Sept	Teddy Bear Run--CentOr		(541)-389-2167
30 Sept	ABATE of Oregon Swap Meet		(503)-249-8791










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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events

April 2007 spring

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) <i>(yesterday)</i> Frog Lake Underwater Run <i>(you missed it!)</i>	2  full moon (wind moon)	3 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	4 Northeast Portland 1900 (7:00 pm)	5	6	7 WaCo BirthDay Party Hillsboro 
8 Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	9 Washington Co. 1900 (7:00 pm)	10  4th quarter moon	11	12	13	14 STATE BOARD MEETING Albany <i>Pizza Hut</i> 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee 1100 (11 a.m.)
15 Southeast Portland noon willow tree of the month be-	16	17  new moon Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	18 Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Northeast Portland 1900 (7:00 pm)	19 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	20	21
22 North Coast 1000 (10:00 am) earth day	23 Washington Co. 1900 (7:00 pm)	24  2nd quarter moon Salem 1900 (7:00 pm)	25	26	27	28 River City Mystery Ride The Dalles 
29 Oregon ABATE Swap Meet Portland 	30					

Washington County ABATE

INVITES YOU TO OUR

3RD ANNUAL

BIRTHDAY PARTY

WHERE: HILLSBORO ELKS
21865 NW GUATAMA RD
WHEN: SAT APRIL 7TH 7PM
\$10 PER PERSON OR
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LIVE MUSIC BY SINNERS CLUB

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LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION

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Southwest Chapter

Presents

1st Annual

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April 14, 2007 at 9:00am

Clark County Fair Grounds. Exit 9 off I-5

Vancouver, USA
Sponsored By:



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& Loves Leathers



All are encouraged and welcome to come. Want to be a contestant? Enter your motorcycle in one of the following categories:

Sportster, Bobber's, Chopper, Custom, Rat, Antique, Metric, Sport Bike, and British.

These categories as well as the custom builder's contest are to be judged by the general public.

Contestant entry forms can be obtained from the ABATE website (www.swwabate.com) or any of our sponsor's locations and then mailed to ABATE. Entry deadline is March 31, 2007. Set up will be the night before and the morning of the event.

Contestant entry fee: \$35.00 (covers everything)

Custom builder's entry fee: \$100 dollars

Public entry fee: \$5.00 (15 - Adult) 14 and under 2 cans of food

Car Parking: \$5.00 (set by fair ground staff)

For more information contact Jay Jackson via email at jay12jackson@comcast.net



**ATTENTION
ALL
MOTORCYCLISTS**



**J.J.'S
16TH ANNUAL " BENEFIT " POKER RUN
&
" PIGOUT "**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007

**COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON: INCLUDES:
YEAR BAR & BAR-B-QUE
(AFTER THE RUN)**

EXTRA HANDS ARE AVAILABLE!!!

SIGN UP: NICK'S WEST

DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH: 9AM-10AM

*TROPHIES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & WORST HAND.
THE RUN WILL COVER APPROXIMATELY 135 MILES OF
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY ALONG THE COLUMBIA RIVER,
INCLUDING A GREAT CROSSING OF THE COLUMBIA BY
" JERSEY BOAT "*

*T-SHIRTS: WILL BE AVAILABLE:
(FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS)*

FOR INFORMATION CALL:

JAMYE @ (360) 665-6513

OR

LENNY @ (360) 484 7226

THIS YEARS PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT RACE

NOTE:

**DUE TO INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE
A PRE-REGISTRATION CALL TO
JAMYE OR LENNY WOULD
BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**



6th Annual Cherry Festival

Mystery Ride

Sponsored by River City Chapter, ABATE of Oregon, Inc



**ALL RIDERS
WELCOME**

*What are we
doing? Where are we
going? It's a secret. We won't
tell you till you get here. Even
then we might not tell
you everything!*

**Sat. April 28
2007**



Sign in at

Spooky's Pizza

3320 W 6th Street
The Dalles, OR



after the Teddy Bear Parade

Last rider out by 12:30 PM

Last call for prizes 3:30 PM

Donation Requested

Door Prizes

Pre-registration is encouraged.

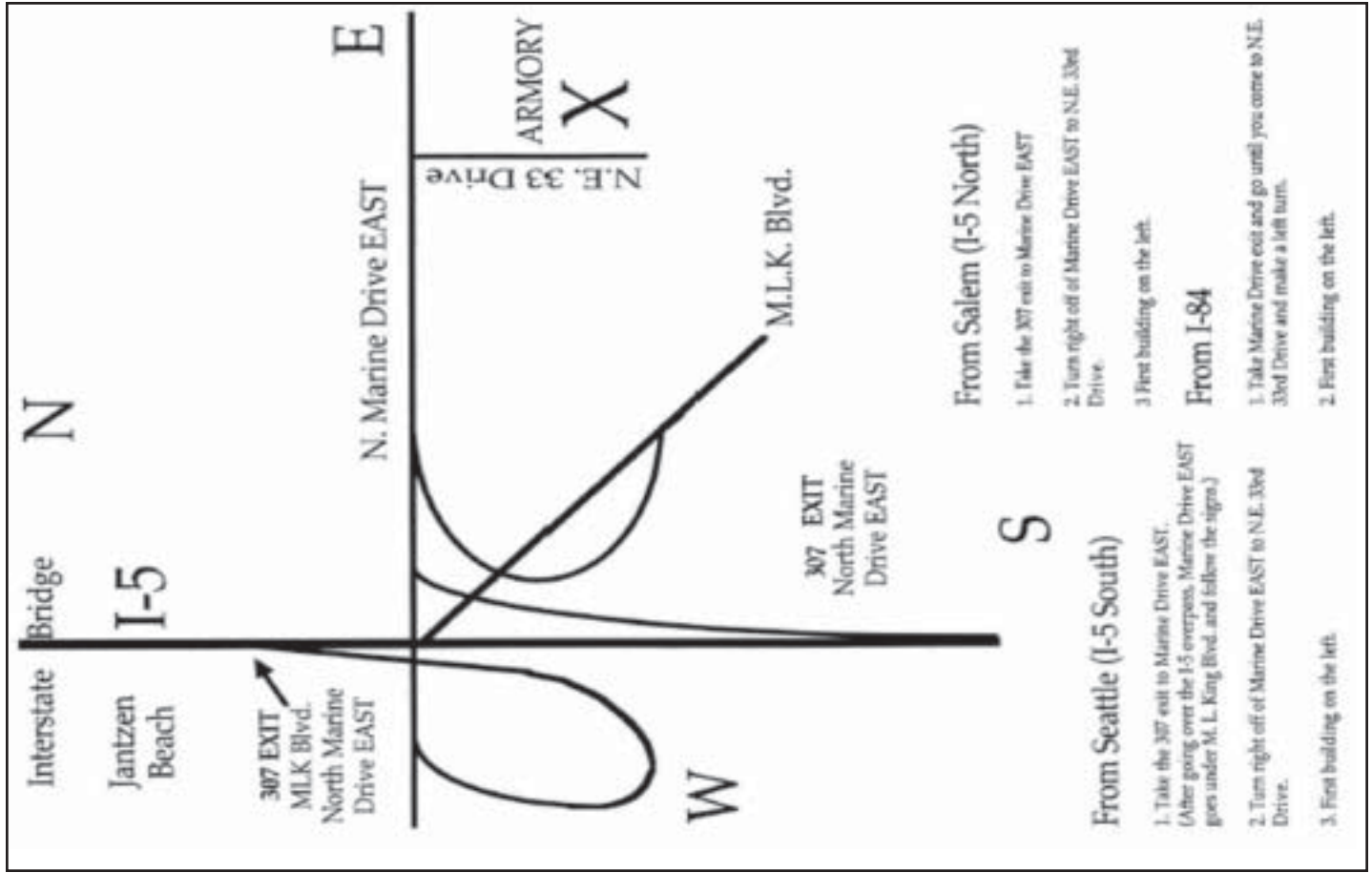
Call 541-296-9303 or

Email - kadbiker@gomg.net or mail a check to:

River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

This event is sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon, Inc. Contributions or gifts to ABATE of Oregon are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

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



Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

Map on the back!

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event
at the Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland Oregon

Sunday, April 29, 2007

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member
Rotten Roger will be helping out.

*Stewart Leathers Gift Certificate Prize to be given away at 4 PM * Worth \$300*

** Must be present to win * Many other door prizes given throughout the day.*

Swap Meet parking available on site
Bike parking in front of building

Parking in designated areas only NO pets of any kind allowed

For Swap Meet Vender Information Call Willie 503-249-8791

All proceeds go to ABATE of Oregon which promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

Thanks to all of the people who help make this function a success. It is the cooperation and generosity of individuals that contribute to motorcycling and our community.

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<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

JUNK-AUCTION

SAT. MAY 12

DAY BEFORE MOTHERS DAY. DON'T FORGET THAT DAY EITHER!
DONATED ITEMS TO BENEFIT:

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

U.C.A.N.

ROSEBURG RESCUE MISSION

SALVATION ARMY

"SPRING CLEAN" DONATE YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION!
"CLEAN YOUR CUPBOARDS" DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOODS TO U.C.A.N.
"CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS" DONATE CLOTHES TO ROSEBURG RESCUE MISSION.
LEFT OVER AUCTION ITEMS DONATED TO SALVATION ARMY.
AUCTION AND ENTRY FUNDS GO TO STATE A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Inc.

**A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Inc. PROMOTES MOTORCYCLE
AWARENESS, EDUCATION, SAFETY AND LIBERTY
THROUGH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION.**

\$ 3 ENTRY FEE.

INDIAN CREEK FREE ENTRY SHOW CARD

FREE ENTRY WITH JOIN A.B.A.T.E. ANY CHAPTER \$ 20.

WHERE:

**B.L.M. LAND ABOVE BRIT NICHOLS PARK ON TOP OF THE CALLAHANS
(UP DORNER ROAD PAST MELROSE WEST OF ROSEBURG)**

WHEN:

DONATE AND VIEW ITEMS FROM 10 AM TILL NOON (SHOW EARLY AND HELP).
BID ON ITEMS FROM NOON TILL 2 PM.

ORGANIZE DONATIONS FOR DELIVERY AND CLEAN SITE FROM 2 TO 3 PM.

LEAVE SITE TO DELIVER DONATIONS AT 3 PM.

BRING YOUR FOOD AND WATER. PORTA POTTY RESERVED FOR SITE.

PAVED STEEP GRADE WITH SWITCHBACKS! USE LOW GEAR GOING BACK DOWN.

CONTACT PHONE: (541) 673-0686 INDIAN CREEK MEMBER.

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May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
And time for the 17th annual

Motorcycle Awareness & You

Saturday May 5th 2007

Front Steps Oregon Capitol in Salem

Sponsored by BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

10:00 Ride-in Bike Show

Noon An update on what is happening with
motorcycling, motorcycle training and
Motorcyclist Rights in Oregon. Leaders of ABATE,
BikePAC, clubs and groups all around the state
will speak. All are welcome!! State Legislators
will be invited there to meet with you.

For more information contact:

Mel Yeager 541.967.1286

Ken Ray 503.351.8193

BikePAC of Oregon promotes the
interests of motorcyclists through
education and legislative advocacy



BikePAC of Oregon, P.O. Box 5612, Salem, Or. 97304

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SANCTIONED

2007 RHODY POKER RUN

**ALL BIKES & ALL
RIDERS WELCOME**

Saturday, May 19

Yuleen Jacks

Noti Pub

*Greg Coen Motor Co.
8:00 am to 10:00 am
151 Main St., Springfield*

*9:00am to 11:00am 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
4th & Broadway, Veneta Hwy 126, Noti*

Frank's Place

*11:00 am to 1:00 pm
10788 Hwy 126, Mapleton*

Beachcomber

*12 Noon to 2 pm
1355 Bay Street, Florence*

**Start At Any Point
In The Ride**



**NUMBER OF HANDS
PLAYED ARE UNLIMITED**

\$5 FOR EACH HAND

**PAYING HIGH & LOW
50/50 & RAFFLE PRIZES**

\$1/TICKET OR

6 TICKETS FOR \$5

Awards & Drawings

A.B.A.T.E., Booth

BJ's Ice Cream Parlor

1441 Bay Street

Florence, OR

3:30 pm

For More Information Contact:

Anne: 541-461-2038

Ruth: 541-935-6261

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Roll-N-Ride

PRESENTED BY ABATE OF OREGON
WASHINGTON COUNTY



CHAPTER



JUNE 10TH, 2007

ONE HAND \$10

TWO HANDS \$15

Sign in: 10am

Depart: 11am

CASH FOR HIGH & LOW ROLLER

GOOD FOOD, Beaverton Honda-Yamaha FUN FOR ALL

10380 SW Cascade Blvd Tigard Ore

DOOR PRIZES

CASH PRIZES

50/50 DRAWING



FREE FAMILY PICNIC TO FOLLOW

3377 SW WEST SHORE DR

GASTON ORE



NEAR HAGG LAKE IN SCOGGINS VALLEY

Look for ABATE sign

Need more info?

Call Ted Tracy (503) 628-5445

www.wvabate.info



80% (see page 4) goes to benefit "Motorist's Voice", women's shelter and get a nice article (10/07)

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

Fossil Campout 25-28 May 2007

HOW TO GET THERE

HERE FOSSIL

PARK RULES

- No Firearms
- No Fireworks
- NO CAMPFIRES
- NO ROCK CLIMBING
- Cigarette Butts in butt cans only
- No off-road bike riding on trails
- Dogs on a leash only!!
- Parents are responsible for children at all times!!
- NO HASSLES

Gates close at 10:00 p.m. for anyone leaving

Anyone not following these rules will be escorted from the Fossil Campout without a refund!!

A.B.A.T.E OF OREGON PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE 30TH ANNUAL Fossil Campout

MAY 25, 26, 27, 28, 2007

FRANCINE WEST AND THE HIGH SPEED WOBLERS

WITH GUEST ARTISTS FROM SAN FRANCISCO: FAMED GUITARIST, DAVE WORKMAN AND THE QUEEN OF BOOGIE-WOOGIE, WENDY DEWITT! AND FEATURING BRADLEY JURICH ON THE SAXOPHONE!
FRIDAY NIGHT ROCK 'N ROLL EXTRAVAGANZA WITH TWISTED CACTUS (FORMERLY THE VAGABONDS)

tons of activities including Vendors, Bike Rodeo, Bike Show, Tattoo Contest, Beer belly Contest, Strongman Contest

Door prizes, Adult entertainment, kid's games and everyone's favorite:
a 100% payout poker run!

Advance Tickets: members \$25, Non-members \$30
At the gate: Members \$30, non-members \$35

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TED TRACY (503) 628-SWS
FOR VENDOR INFORMATION CONTACT SUE MILLS (503) 791-0681**

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www.abateoforegon.net, www.fossilcampout.com

Follow signs for Cole Palisade's State Park - keep going **BACK SIDE OF HAYSTACK**

SMITH ROCK STATE PARK

329 SW 6th, Redmond P-541-548-3731

MRF SUPPORT RUN

DESTINATION	DICE	WITNESS	ROLL	TOTAL
Start: Redmond - City Slickers Saloon & Eatery			+	
Smith Rock State Park			+	
Haystack Reservoir			+	
Lake Chisnook Village - backside Lake Billy Chisnook			+	
Coyote Creek Restaurant Go through Sisters on Cascade Ave/Highway 28, turn Rt at Ray's Shopping Center. Entrance onto McLean/Highway 43s has changed as please to ABAATE!			+	

Route of the Hands

Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Dedicated to Let Those Who Ride Decide!
Federation of the Riders' Rights Decides!

LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE

Central Oregon Chapter

5th Annual "Rocks, Bridges & Lakes Run"

Sat. June 16, 2007

Profits will be split between ABATE of Oregon and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Working for your motorcycle rights

50/50 Raffle • \$10.00 Dice Rolls Available
High Dice Roll \$100.00 winner.
Donations are encouraged.

Meet at City Slickers Saloon & Eatery, 329 SW 6th, Redmond. Will open 8:30 a.m. for breakfast, first rider out at 9:30 a.m., last rider out 11:00 a.m.

Triple Shot Band beginning at 1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. call for 50/50 and High Dice Roll Coyote Creek, Sisters
For information contact John, 541-382-6146, Kevin 541-389-2167, or Ed 541-923-5503.

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!! ALL RIDERS & MOTORCYCLES ARE WELCOME!!

**Grants Pass Suzuki
& The Grants Pass Merchants Association**
Presents

June 30th at Riverside Park
9:00 am to 9:30 pm

Motorcycle Show, Poker Run, Vendors

“Saturday Concerts in Riverside Park”

Benefiting Local Boy Scout Troops and
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Come join us for a full day of Food, Fun and Music
All makes and models welcome

For information, call
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<http://www.grantspassmotorcycleshow.org>

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102.7 THE DRIVE POKER RUN**

North Coast Chapter ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

12th Annual

Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run

Saturday, June 23, 2007



1st Poker
Hand
\$15.00
includes
meal

Each
extra hand
\$5.00

Registration begins at 9:00am at the Relief Pitcher in Seaside

Run Departs at 10:00am

All Bikes & Start at Any Point on the Run 50-50

Riders Welcome Prizes - Raffle

- First Card Draw Wunker's Tavern, 281 W. Marine Dr., Astoria
- Second Card Draw Cobbin's Pub & Grill, 135 Nehalem, Clatskanie
- Third Card Draw Lion's Den, Bridge St., Vernonia
- Fourth Card Draw Oney's Restaurant & Bar, Hwy 26, Elsie
- Fifth Card & Party Time Relief Pitcher, Hwy 101, Seaside

Many Thanks to our Supporters!

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For more information including lodging or camping - Contact Howie @503-325-4576 or Chris @ 503-325-3448

North Coast

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of the two meetings and get them signed up. There is strength in numbers (we all know that one) and our chapter needs to increase its numbers. Talk to your friends and neighbors who ride (full sized bikes, street bikes, ATV's and now bicycles – did you know that there is a proposal floating around to require all recreational/transportation vehicles to wear helmets?) and get them to come to our meetings. Howie, our state representative, will fill them in on all the crap that the state wants to cram down our throats. (For our own good, that is.)

Okay, on to our mission statement business, HB-2399. Our helmet reform bill is proceeding. It is out of hearing and has gone on to committee. This means it is time to get off our duffs and let our legislators know how we feel about the *right to decide*.

Given the preference, I personally would probably still wear a helmet. But there are times in the heat of summer or out on the wide-open roads of this state that I would opt not to wear one. Geeze, what if I want to ride in a parade or something. I still have to wear a helmet!!! Somehow that just doesn't seem right. I'm sure that many of you readers can think of other instances of when it is nice to not have to wear a helmet and instances when we should. I think certain restrictions are applicable, such as riders with very little experience or dirt bikers who crash frequently and under age passengers. They all should have a skid lid on.

This is the time to make those contacts. If we don't, we are screwed.

If you don't know whom to contact, get a hold of BikePAC representative, Randy Phipps, neportabate@yahoo.com He'll help you out.

More on mission business.

Motorcycle Awareness Day is closing in on May 5th. Last year riders from all over the state gathered in Salem at the capitol, some 700+ strong, and sent a very potent message about bikers as a voting block. This year we need to up that number to 1,000. Set aside the time on May 5th to get you and your bike to Salem. There will be a flyer in this newsmagazine with the time and a map. I just can't stress enough how important this event is to the cause of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* Just think what an impression 1,000 bikes and their riders would make on our legislators, the non-riding populace of Oregon, and this whole country. Because you know 1,000 bikes would rate national media coverage!!!

Don Kelly would have won \$105 if he had been present for the membership drawing! Sorry Don, but you can have a second chance at the next main meeting when the pot goes up to \$110.

Time for me to close. Have a heck of a lot of fun this riding season, but remember there some folks out there who are not watching for you or paying attention out on the road, so be safe too.

Livin' the good life,

— Rachel

Salem Chapter

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children's games and there will be a few door prizes available for winning. Last year we raffled off a motorcycle lift. Can't wait to see what comes our way this time.

Oregon Veteran's Motorcycle Association—North Valley Chapter, is having a *Veteran's Spring Opener* on April 21, 2007 at 10 a.m. Call Ken at (503)-930-4322 for more information.

Willamette Valley Riders Group disperses information for the *Salem Chapter* throughout their group both verbally and by web. Just wanted to say *thank you* for doing this. We can use all the public relations help that is given.

United Freedom Riders, give me a jingle. I have some biker night pictures to e-mail you from the one in Stayton.

And Skylar (*Hub City*), I have a couple of you from the biker night in Jefferson.

Everyone, remember you are not traveling through this world alone. Grab a hand, give a hand, or just hand that load off to someone else.

Love, peace and happiness.

Kindest regards,

Michelle J. FitzHenry
(a.k.a. the goddess)

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

salemchapterabate@earthlink.net
(503)-390-4292

River City

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4 p.m. meeting with a legislator in Salem, so Teresa reported the status of our bills and efforts. If you have a health insurance policy please check it to see if there are any restrictions or exclusions for injuries due to riding a motorcycle or bicycle.

Ways and means report: Raffle tickets available.

Run committee met before the meeting. Wrong date went out on some of our materials. The correct date [for the Mystery Ride] is April 28.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Brian rode this Sunday along with Lenny

and his wife.

Planned rides: *Easyriders Show* is actually, March 24. There is a local web site: <http://www.gorgemotorcycling.com> You might want to check out.

New Business

Debra mentioned an article in the newsmagazine about the *A.M.A.'s* project to help fund a new nationwide study of motorcycle crashes. She moved that the chapter donate \$100 to *Fuel the Fund*. Seconded by Teresa, passed.

Tim and Johnna bought the *Pine Grove Grocery*. Stop in when you go by.

We discussed some of the businesses that advertise in the newsmagazine.

Gorgeous Auto Detail has opened in The Dalles. Wife of one of our members is the owner.

Coordinator's comments: More bikes are on the road and people aren't watching as closely as we'd like. There's still gravel, too, but Delbert is working hard at sweeping it up.

The membership drawing for \$5 would have been Delbert, if he had been there.

Larry Loop won the 50/50, gave his \$5 back to the chapter. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

Upcoming meetings

April 03, 2007

April 17, 2007

run committee at 6 p.m.

regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Douglas County

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November 2005, right after Katrina and Rita hit, and gas prices were less there than they were here in Oregon. I know there is logic in there somewhere. When someone smarter than me finds it, how about sharing some of it with the rest of us. I know I'm not the only one pondering these issues.

Well, enough of my mindless rambling.

Looking forward to a great season ahead. Come on sunshine! In the mean time, get those rides tuned up, safety checked, make sure your tires are still round and let's get ready to ride.

Becky Garino

secretary

Douglas County Chapter

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That's a trick that bikers can use as well if an idling engine starts sounding a little rough.

Another problem that can crop up with carbonated air-cooled engines is when they are being run at a constant speed under certain conditions of temperature and humidity for an extended amount of time. Air speeding up through the throat of the carb cools down and gives up its moisture. If the carb gets cold enough, ice begins building up in the carb throat and get thick enough to choke off air to the engine. This can happen even when the air temperature is well above freezing.

This is called "carburetor icing" and is deadly to aircraft. It's an interesting inconvenience to bikers and VW cage drivers.

Aircraft get around the problem by

varying their throttle settings periodically or using what's called "carburetor heat". (Ducting around the hot exhaust manifold collects warm air and can be routed into the carburetor.) Carb heat reduces milage but it's far better than an "unintentional off-field landing". (*i.e.* Crashing.)

Yer crusty ol' editor has experienced carb ice with both his carbed motorcycle in the Willamette Valley and his over-carbed VW bus in California.

Telltale evidence of carb icing is frost on the body of the carburetor and a rough-running engine. (Because the air is so lean.)

Cures include varying throttle settings or pulling over and shutting down the engine long enough to let

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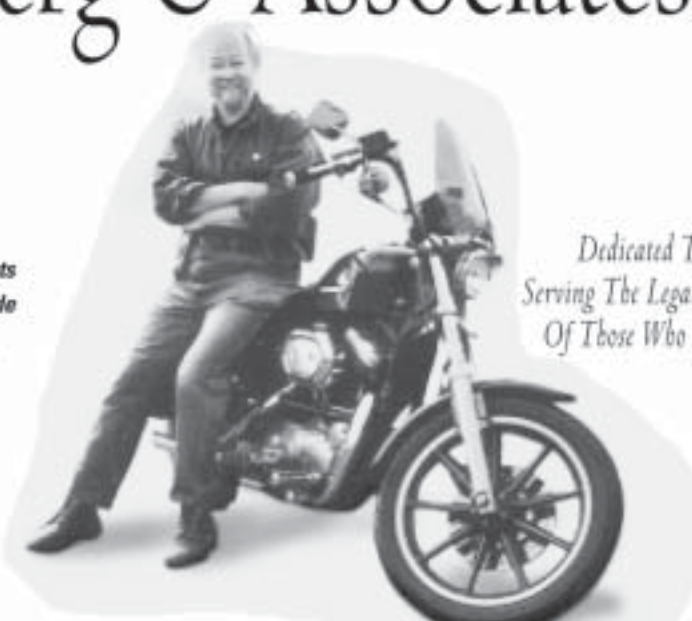
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the carbs warm up. (No doubt some clever rider is already figuring out how to produce carb heat for bike engines.)

One last note on cooling:

One way any engine gets rid of heat is by radiating it into the surrounding air. (Too much heat in an engine can turn it into a lump of scrap metal.)

Many engines have cooling fins on the cylinders and heads.

And what do a lot of folks do when they're trying to make their bike look more showy? They polish or chrome the engine cooling fins.

Guess what?

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has to be good for yer engine. And more engine manufacturers are catching on to this fact. Even *Harley* has been having black crinkle paint on its engines recently.

Okay, there were two last notes on engine cooling.

If you can get a chance to get to one of the various aviation museums around the state, take a close look at how aircraft air-cooled engines are set

up for routing cooling air around the cylinders, especially where cylinders are stacked behind each other. Note the metal shrouds that deflect air through the engine so that all parts have a pretty equal chance of staying cooling. (Yer crusty ol' editor has been concerned with how much hotter the rear cylinder of a "V-twin" must run because its access to the air stream is blocked by the front cylinder.)

There's a lot we can learn from other modes of transportation that can make our riding experience even better. We just have to stay open to the possibilities.

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_____	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Hats	15.00	_____
_____	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____
_____	Long sleeve T-shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	ABATE Sweatshirts	25.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	Polo shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Ladies V-neck shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Ladies crew neck shirts	20.00	_____



YEAR PIN



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

ABATE PINS



MISCELLANEOUS


ABATE T-SHIRTS

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



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.

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL		
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00			
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	3.00			
	(out of stock)	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00			
		ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00		STICKERS	
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00			
		Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50			
		"Kill A Biker, Go To Jail" sticker	3.00			
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	free			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	free			
		UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	5.00			
		Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00			SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00			
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00			
		Eagle Pin	5.00			
		Chapter Coordinator	5.00		OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)	
		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)				
		Sub Total				
		Shipping & Handling Charges			Thank you for your order ;-)	
			Under \$25.00 = \$6.50			
			\$25.01-\$100.00 = \$8.50			
		T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping		\$8.00		
		TOTAL				
		mail order to: A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS				
		att. Products Director	PHONE: (503)-985-0233			
		P.O. Box 4504 Portland, ORegon 97208	E-MAIL:			
		Date _____				
		Prepaid _____				
		Name _____	Phone Number (_____) - _____			
		Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____				
		City _____	State _____	ZIP code _____		



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Chapter orders require chapter check or state representative purchase at state board meeting.

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

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: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO)

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO)

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

For Sale

Wanted

New motorcycle. 2005 custom built softail, flat black paint with special graphics and pin-stripe, fat bob style gas tanks, blackened out spoked 21 inch front wheel with bright red ring on outer edge. Custom 18 inch stainless steel rear wheel with stainless steel diamond style spokes with 170 series Avon tire. All powdercoating done by *Brooker Enterprises*, very professional. Powdercoated custom *Kraftech* frame with 34" rake and 2-inch stretch. Many other parts powdercoated. 80 inch black and chrome *Evo*-style motor with updates to carburetor, powdercoated heat resistant black modified *Screaming Eagle* dual exhaust. Black and chrome *Harley* 5-speed transmission. Powdercoated flat track style handlebars with powdercoated wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. A real sweet bike to ride. Just barely broke in. A lot of fun. All new just for you. **\$15,000** or best offer. Must see to believe. Call **(503)-257-7390**
(May 2007)

1994 *Harley-Davidson 1200 Sportster* trike, black, Lehmen conversion. One owner. Excellent mechanical condition, always garaged, won numerous awards. **\$20,000** or best offer. All offers considered. **(541)-382-2275** (Bend)
(April 2007)

1982 *Yamaha 650 Special*, 1984 *Yamaha XJ550*. **\$500** each or **\$900** for both.

Rick **(541)-673-4371**
(April 2007)

Four *Cooper Discover* studded tires, 265R16. Good shape. **\$40** takes all.

Robert. **(503)-788-6411**
(April 2007)

S&S G carb Ten hours of running time. Carb, manifold, and heat spacer for Shovelhead engine. **\$200** Call **(541)-472-0924** (southern Oregon)
(May 2007)

1983 *Honda 750 Shadow*. 19,000 miles. New tires, black factory paint. Looks and runs excellent. Many extras. **\$2,300**. 1983 *Honda Shadow*. 24,000 miles, needs tender loving care. **\$400**.

Phone **(541)-480-3607** after 4 p.m. weekdays, anytime weekends.

(June 2007)

Got Something To Sell?
Your *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* membership lets you reach over 2,000 potential buyers for three months. That's right, member classified ads are one more perk of belong with *A.B.A.T.E.*
(Not for business ads, please.)

Wanted – Early *Honda* pushrod motorcycles. Basket cases or complete, with title if possible. Also want 1980's 70cc *Passport* with title.

Rotten Roger **(503)-285-4329**
(May 2007)

Seeking Parts? Or That Special Bike?
Reach over 2,000 folks with their own little personal treasure troves who may be willing to part with them if you cross their palms with silver. (Or paper or plastic.) Wanted ads are another one of your perks as a member of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* Aren't you glad you joined us?
(No business ads, please. This is personal.)

April Cryptogram

ZHAPYZJ BUZ LEOGUYT UJUZZXA APO
LHVOE HR ZOJUAYHZ, XBHEZ, UZI GYEJYZ
OZOEJD HR LEYIO APUA UEYXO YZ APO
POUEA HR UZ UKCYAYHSX DHSZJ KUZ
VPH PUX ZHA DOA IHZO UZDAPYZJ.
— LUST GUTOED

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.

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.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play. 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

STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2007

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
COORDINATOR	1-(800)-xxx-xxxx (state-wide)		
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	vaughned699@msn.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Rich Colwell			
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Jim Jones	(541)-680-5501		
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY			
Linda Henderson	(503)-615-3101	jimandlinda802@verizen.net	
SECRETARY			
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	chippawop@netscate.com	
TREASURER			
Sue Mills	(503)-791-0681	treasurer@abateoforegon.net	
STATE AUDITOR			
Debbie Ross			
NEWSMAGAZINE EDITOR			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	(503)-838-6893
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR			
Mel Yeager	(541)-967-1286	mel_yeager@hotmail.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS NORTH			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	neportabate@yahoo.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH			
Bill Foster	(541)-359-9375 (c)		
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
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PRODUCTS DIRECTOR			
Dave Meeker	(503)-985-0233		
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1			
Patricia Carner	(503)-671-0124	patriciahdgal@msn.com	
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Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
PUBLIC RELATIONS			
Joan McCarty	(503)-249-7125	fanwrite@comcast.net	
FOSSIL COORDINATOR			
Ted Tracy	(503)-628-5445		
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Willie Sanders	(503)-249-8791		
RUN COORDINATOR-2			
Howie Long	(503)-325-4376	hll@pacifier.com	
HISTORIAN			
Mary Burnett	(541)-		
RUN SANCTIONING			
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	la44@qcsn.com	(503)-761-1872
WEB PAGE EDITOR			
Marty Soehrman	(503) 824-2924	webmaster@abateoforegon.net	(503)-239-0556
QUARTERMASTER			
Robert Hale	(503)-314-2518		
BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	neportabate@yahoo.com	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1			
Pat Williams	(503)-901-6976	PatWilliams55@aol.com	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
Bobby Schneidert			

(Return address on reverse side)

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
att. MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____

NEW ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ (tape bottom edge)

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) - ____ - ____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership \$25

___ Couple membership \$30

___ Family membership \$35

Total number of members: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Date paid: _____

Chapter: _____	
New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	_____
Patch Received ?	Membership #
Yes _____	
No _____	

Please send completed application to:

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

97208

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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, ORegon 97208

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID**

PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

April had heard about fairy wine,
And figured a nip would be just fine,
But her freedom went "zip",
After a single sip,
Now she's trapped because of her inbibe.

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**CHANGE !
CHANGE !
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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:
Saturday, 14 April 2007 at noon
Pizza Hut – 14th and Clay – Albany, Oregon
RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

**CHANGE !
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-807-1606
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg	(541)-459-7652
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-6850
North Coast	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland	(503)-777-5121
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>C.C.'s Pizzeria</i> , 4200 River Road north, Keizer	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene	(541)-688-4268