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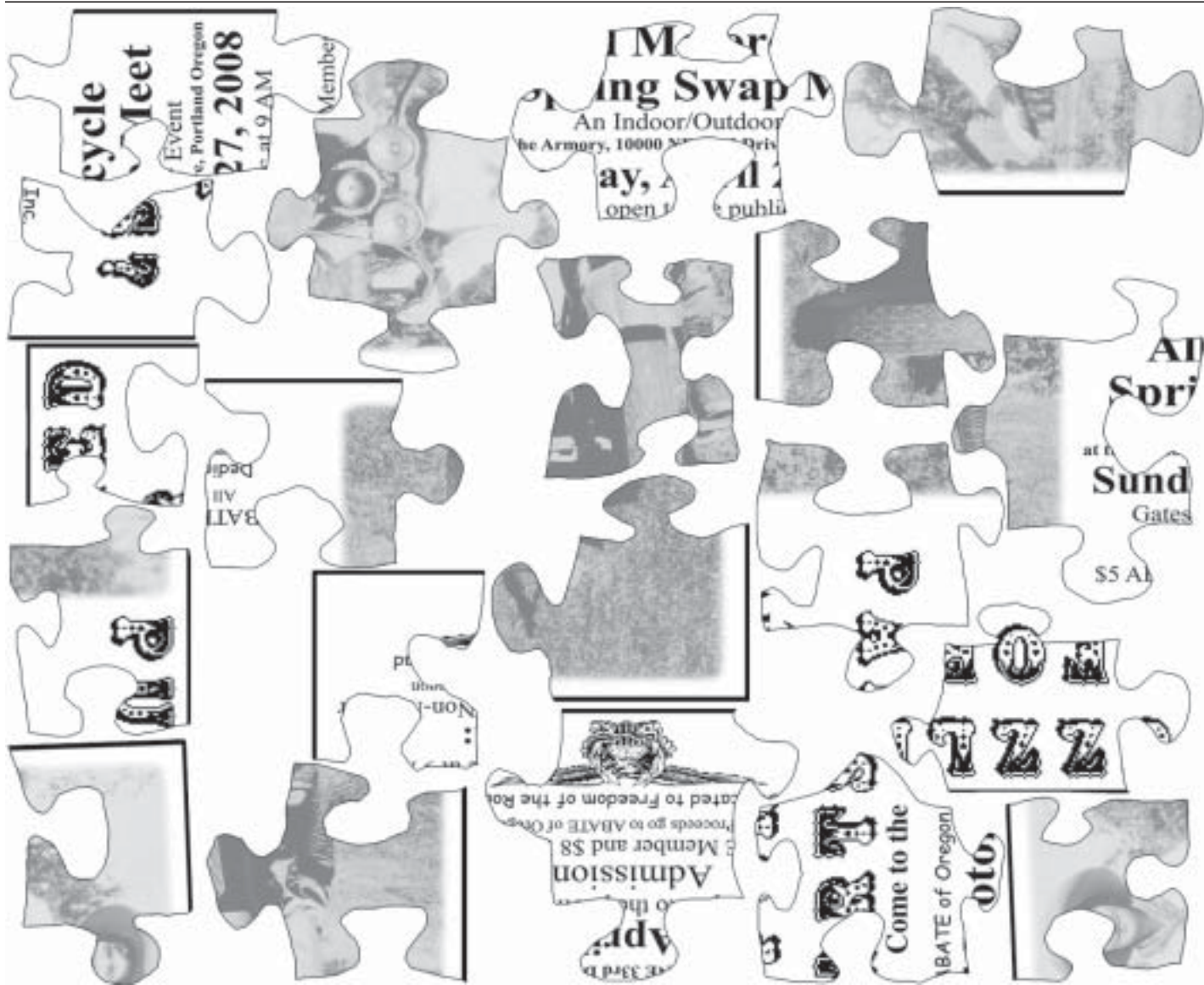


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# Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

## What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

So scan through our 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  
Matt Price  
state coordinator  
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Oregon, Inc.

“Unity , n., 3. a whole or totality as combining all its parts into one. 4. the state or fact of being united or combined into one, as of the parts of a whole.” (*Webster*)

Save the drama for your mama.  
(street lingo)

Since December 8th, a lot has happened, a lot of questions have been asked, and perhaps the answers weren't always what we wanted to hear. The result has brought disharmony, frustration, and anger to members and chapters.

There is a specified grievance procedure included in the by-laws.

This starts with each person who feels grieved or even one who routinely questions the methods or purposes of another going to that person and asking “what, why and how?”

No one who belongs to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* must ever feel that any chapter or state officer is beyond their reach.

It is a fact that America runs on coffee.

Sit down.

Order a cup.

Express yourself.

You don't need to be eloquent.

When Ricky was confused, he said “S'plain it at me, Lucy!” While he may have looked dazed and confused at the answer, he listened to it to the end. And, there are precious few ditzzy red-heads around this organization. Thankfully!

With the clear understanding that we are the most diversely individual

persons who will ever gather anywhere at any time, let us never forget why we come together in the first place. The reasons are printed on the masthead, just one page back from here.

Don't surrender your liberty.

Work for awareness, education, and safety.

Be certain that the legislature knows that

***only*** we who ride should decide!

See you down the road.

KSU

Let's ride.



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

The weather's warming up and the bikes are starting to become a familiar sight on the road over here in the high desert of central Oregon. The rides are becoming more frequent and longer, much to the delight of the people who have been having to drive their cars everywhere they go.

The meetings are going well with the new officers. The last couple of meetings we have had since I wrote last were a big success. A lot has been discussed and things are in the mix for the summer. It has been a great group effort.

The first thing to come up is our annual roadside clean up and meeting on the 10th of May. We will start gathering around 9:30 a.m. at the Cloverdale fire department, as in years past. We will clean up the three miles of road we have in our name and when that is done we will have our meeting at the park in Sisters, and then we will have the picnic.

In past years the clean up has lasted anywhere from as little as one hour to four hour. It all depends on how many people show up to get the job done.

In years past the things that have been found on his little adventure have been a little on the neat side. Last year, for example, we found and

returned a purse that has been lost for a while to one of our member's daughter. (Much to demise of the little critters that called it home.) The weird thing was that all the personal stuff was still in the purse. A little chewed on, but still there. It was how they found out who it belonged to.

The nice thing about the clean up is the renewed friendships and the fact that everyone shows up, and with little whining, we get the job done and leave the our little piece of the world cleaner.

What a lot of people do not realize is the fact that the road does not get picked up by magic. It is real life people picking up the trash that magically appears on the road side. I think that (for the lack of a better term that can't be printed) the subhumans who toss their trash out of their moving vehicle, don't realize that it all adds up and makes a hell of a mess. It is a great thing that our chapter does by being the parents (of these subhumans) and helping keep the planet a cleaner place to live.

It just hit me. By the time you are done reading this, you will have time to put it on your calendar and come help. The more the better, and it is a great workout with little effort. And we are going to have a great picnic

afterwards. So come on over and help if you can. We would love to see ya and you will meet some really neat people.

On to other things.

I did say that we are thinking about other rides and they are still in the planning stages. After the roadside clean up we will getting ready for our *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run* to support the *M.R.F.* and state *A.B.A.T.E.* The run will be on June 21, 2008. I will get more out on this when it gets closer.

The other thing to keep in the back of your head is the *Teddy Bear Run*, which will be on the 4th of October.

Don't forget about the *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* in the state capitol on the 3rd of May.

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**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)  
*Black Horse Saloon*  
Bend, Oregon

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

# Douglas County



Hello out there *Douglas County* and friends,

We are off to a good start at our new meeting location. *Willie D's* on Jackson Street in downtown Roseburg. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. We look forward to everyone getting back into the meetings. Bring your friends too.

We are planning a number of activities in the coming months.

Starting the third Friday of April and running through the summer we will have *Bike Night*.

Our first event will be at *Pete's Drive-In* on Harvard in Roseburg.

The plan is to meet on the third Friday evening of each month at a different location for a little ride, a little food, and lots of fun.

So watch for the locations as the weeks move on.

Also *Thundering Water Poker Run*, our annual event, is scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd. Watch for the posters to come out soon!

We are planning a second poker run for mid-August too. We have so many beautiful highways here in the southern part of the state. Let's enjoy them.

Janie Curtis, our longtime membership secretary, has taken on being our state representative and legislative director. Thanks to Janie for stepping

up and taking over these important responsibilities.

Annette Murray has become state vice coordinator—south and thanks to her too.

We are very happy to have great representation from *Douglas County* at the state level. Both Janie and Annette have been very involved in the activities here in the south.

It's that kind of involvement that makes our organization a success. Without active members, we will at worst cease to exist. At best we would simply be ineffective.

The swap meet is coming and the sun is shining today. It's good all around.

Happy spring!

Here's to the great riding days ahead.

Becky Garino  
secretary



**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

# Hub City



Happy spring time from *Hub City*!

I hope you all have enjoyed these few nice days we've had. Just enough to tease an old biker, like a dog pullin' at the end of the chain, ya know.

I'll take a minute here to remind everyone to check their tires, lights, and brakes before pushing it too hard out on the road. A few minutes of care before can save a lot of heartache later. Those tires will lose more than you'd think, so top 'em off before you get out on the wet spring roads.

The new *Hub City* officers are falling right into place. We have a fine bunch of leaders who really set the tone for the *A.B.A.T.E.* experience. Many thanks for all your time!

I hear of plans for our poker run to be held May 31, the Saturday after *Fossil*. Official notice to come out soon. Adults only, lots of fun, great route, nothing short of the usual.

*Hub City* also will be holding its mall show in late October. That's always a big hit and quite a good public relations event. *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.* was specifically asked back by the new management of the mall, so the cooperative spirit is alive and well! Details to be arranged.

Please be sure to support the businesses that support us. In this day and age, we all need to put our money where our mouth is.

Mention the places by name, such as our proud sponsor, Tim. *Ciddici's Pizza* is the best in town! Stop by and check it out at 133 5th street, in old town Albany. Park right out front on the patio and enjoy the historic *Oregon Electric Railway* station. (Now



known as *Ciddici's Pizza*.)

*Bogey's Bar & Grill*, 129 1st Ave in Albany, is another place owned and operated by bikers who actively support the fight for our rights. The service, food, and beverages are top notch too. There's always a bike on display just as you walk in the door. Kinda makes a statement, ya know?

Everyone thinking about *Motorcycle Awareness Month*?

We better be, just to help everyone else do it.

It's May rally is at the capitol on May 3. Be there by 10 a.m. to enter the bike show. Speakers start at noon. Get up there to hear your legislators speak and show our unity. Politicians notice large crowds, especially ones dressed in black. See

<http://www.bikepac.com> for details.

Everyone better be tuning up for *Fossil*, too. They've made a hell of an effort to accommodate all the folks that bitched about the open ground of that ranch north of town. The new (old) site will get a good breakin' in this year, I'm sure. Folks better show up to let Howie and all his bunch

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### HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)  
*Ciddici's Pizza*  
133 Fifth Street  
Albany

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

# Josephine County



S.T.E.A.M. was great. Three of us traveled up from southern Oregon to attend. I got a better feeling of what A.B.A.T.E. is all about and got to meet a lot of members from all over the state. Kudos to everyone who worked so hard to put on a great event.

The state board has been after us to put on a swap meet in southern Oregon for quite a while. Well, the opportunity got dropped into our laps last week. For the last eight years Mike Horn has been putting on the *Southern Oregon Bikers Swap Meet* out at *Touvelle Lodge* in Central Point. Due to health issues, Mike has asked *JoCo Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.* to take over.

So, on May 10-11 we will be hosting the *9th Annual Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap Meet*. Food, music, cold and hot drinks, door prizes, raffle prizes, and of course, lots of vendors. Entry fee \$4, kids under 12 free. Vendor spaces are available.

For information, please call Pat Wine at (541)-643-7333.

Other events we have planned for this year include:

- Sunday, May 4th: local chapter poker run.
- Saturday, August: *Second Annual Run to the Coast*.
- Sunday, September: *Seventh Annual Last Chance Poker Run and Bar-B-Que*.
- Sunday, October: *Fifth Annual Toy Run* at the fair grounds.

For more info about these or any other activities in Southern Oregon, call Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.

The board works hard to put on interesting runs and lively meetings. We hope to see more members coming out this year.

If you missed our March meeting, you missed a great potluck. We always have a good turnout when we have food.

Spanky and other members of have

been working with the *U.B.S.O. (United Bikers of Southern Oregon)* to bring all the clubs and groups in the area together and coordinate efforts to have one master calendar of events to spread the word of all the events going on and to cut down on duplications of events on the same day.

Many members of other groups have promised to come out to the next A.B.A.T.E. meeting to see what

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Lincoln County

The weather could be better on the coast. Cold, damp, windy and gray is not what I'd call riding weather.

*Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.* is about to become another year older. It seems hard to believe that we have been a group here for 26 years. What a wonderful feeling knowing that other groups have come and gone. That is the sad part, losing people who have the same interests that we do.

The *May Awareness Rally* in Salem is again on the same day as our *Loyalty Days Parade*, which is a day that we honor those that have served in our military. We also honor those that did not survive. On Friday night the names of those lost in conflict are read at the *Viet Nam Memorial* in Newport. Only names of those that are from Oregon are read.

We are planning a *Long John Poker Run* with our anniversary party this year. Breakfast will be served at the *American Legion* hall at 9 a.m. for a very reasonable cost. Biscuits and gravy and eggs are prepared per your request. Saturday evening will be a spaghetti dinner, also at a very reasonable cost. The *American Legion* is very good to us by allowing us to use their facilities.

I just stepped out on our porch to see daffodils blooming, the camellia bush has a couple of blooms, the Japanese maple is getting some foliage started, and my magnolia tree has buds. I guess spring is coming after all.

We are hoping that here will be several people will be attending *Fossil* this year. Hopefully more people will



be attending events as they happen. It seems that we get busy working on *Beaver Creek* and all else is secondary.

Thanks to our crusty ol' editor I am able to get an article off to him. Old minds seem to get forgetful.

Hope all is well around the organization and people are keeping statements positive. Negativity causes apathy and that can quickly quell any headway that has been made.

Keep the wind at your back and enjoy your riding,

Millie

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

GET YER  
FOSSIL  
TICKETS  
NOW

**LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-  
ING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900  
( 7 pm )

*American Legion* Hall Post 116  
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Newport

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

# North Coast



Our February meeting was a pleasant surprise. Chapter attendance was high and visiting state officers made a quality meeting. Matt and his wife, Joye and Robert gave our chapter a sense that we belong to a bigger picture.

With May being *Motorcycle Awareness Month*, *North Coast Chapter* is doing it's part. Chapter education director, Al Jaques, is working on an ad in the local newspaper. We are also planning our ride to the capital. This has always been a good outing.

Good Don has been working hard at run coordinating. Our *Around Saddle Mountain* run flyer is done and out and he has resurrected the Sunday chapter runs which will be the 3rd Sunday of the month starting in March.

Jim Hutchison, our host at the *Moose*, reported about a raffle of a bike being built by four women and being donated to benefit *Mooseheart* and *Moosehaven*.

*North Coast* is also looking into setting up a *Down Rider Fund*. Since there are legal matters in using chapter funds we thought this would be a good alternative. We also came up with \$250 for the new *Team*

*Oregon* sight.

Since the 4th Sunday meeting lands on easter, we have moved the meeting to a week later, March 30th.

Take a look at our new picture. There are a lot of new faces. If Neil Christenson's picture had been there he would have been \$150 richer!

Get your bike tuned up!  
Summers coming!!

Howie



**NORTH COAST MEETING**  
**TIME and PLACE**  
4<sup>th</sup> 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****River City****February 19, 2008**

We had a long meeting tonight. It was a little rowdy, but fun. We started early with a run committee meeting where we tentatively chose a route and got volunteers for some important jobs.

In the regular meeting we renewed our *M.R.F.* membership and reimbursed a member for taking a *Team Oregon* class. We had quite a discussion about several board of directors meeting items. Next we talked about a new fundraising project we would like to do: a bike banner.

We ran late and so did not hold any drawings tonight.

— Brian

**Regular Meeting**

Called to order by Rick at 7 p.m. Twelve people present, one arrived later.

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

Correspondence: Bank statement, renewal letter from *M.R.F.*, solicitation from inmate Shawn Fox

Treasury report \$131.62 in checking and \$1535.31 savings.

Bills submitted: Brian for board

of directors meeting; \$75 class reimbursement to Krisa Gorsuch; \$100 to *M.R.F.* (blah, blah, blah)

Membership report: 75 remarkable peoples.

State board report: Brian reported the board of directors meeting. Brian, Debra, and Teresa reported on S.T.E.A.M.

Legislative report: Brian reported the two current topics for future legislation as helmet law modification and vehicular assault, discussion will follow at a later meeting.

Ways and means report: Patch proof and price list. (Brian to find original for comparison.) Fundraiser: *Flower Power*. Steve moved we do not sell flowers at any time, passed. Committee meeting held tonight . People signed up for jobs.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Several Sunday rides, some astounding wind in the gorge.

Banner project: Sample to go through channels.

New Business

No drawings tonight.

The featured bike on tonight's

agenda was a 1948 *Indian Chief*.  
Meeting adjourned 8:37 p.m.

**March 4, 2008**

We had a very lively meeting tonight with two new members: Judy Miller and Richard Misener. Welcome.

We started with a run committee meeting and announced the new location for the run. We caught up on progress of the banner project and talked about state organization matters. We also pledged \$200 to the Fossil city park bathroom project and challenge all other chapters to match or beat that.

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**RIVER CITY MEETING****TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7pm )  
*Roadstop Restaurant*  
2nd Street -- The Dalles

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

# Salem



Nicer weather is coming our way and more motorcycles are out and about.

At the *Salem A.B.A.T.E.* chapter meeting, we talked about the upcoming Quigley case. The head of the federal *D.O.T.*, Mary Peters, has written to the president of the senate, Dick Cheney, and speaker of the house, Nancy Pelosi, in favor of using motorcycle awareness, education, and training funds to encourage helmet use. Again, another bureaucrat going against the congress and the will of the citizens of this country.

So who is running this nation of ours?

S.T.E.A.M. rocked!

Wendy Moon put on an outstanding presentation.

Troy Costales from *O.D.O.T.* presented some grim facts about motorcycle deaths in Oregon. 37% of fatals here can be attributed to alcohol and the average B.A.C. was 1.7. That is a brutal statistic.

Hats off to both of these fine speakers.

The *Governors Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* will hold meetings around the state this year and is seeking your input. Please

attend these and voice your concerns. The word "mandatory" kept on coming up at the one in Salem.

May is *Motorcycle Awareness Month*. The annual rally at the state capitol in Salem begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 3rd with the bike show. The guest speakers start at noon.

If Salem is too far for you, then gather at your local county courthouse. We have to make the powers that be aware that we are still here.

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon All Motorcycle Swap Meet* Sunday April 27th. Starts at 9 a.m.

*Fossil Campout*, May 23-26. Buy a ticket even if you cannot attend to support the state.

With respect,

Quiet

G.J.M.C.



**SALEM MEETING**

**TIME and PLACE**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
*Almost Home Restaurant*  
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports

# Southeast Portland



Food drive fund raiser had the following entertainment: *J.R. Sims and the Texas Special, Kerry Stickler and Marquee, Jim Warren* and members of Southbound.

*Linda Meyers and the Blues Priority* were scheduled to play but due to an unforeseen complication were unable to play. We thank Linda and the band for their time as they all showed up even though they were unable to play.

Our hats off to the excellent musical talent who volunteered their time and awesome job by everyone. The drive collected a total of \$895.56. (Geoff White contributed \$100 and Stephan Baton brought in a year's worth of change totaling \$192.56 at the event which is included in the total.)

Our 50/50 was \$119 was won by Kerry Stickler of *Marquee* and donated back to the event! Thanks Kerry!

Our very own Stephan Baton went to his H.O.G. club and they donated \$180 putting us at a total of \$1,075.56.

The goal was \$600 to get to \$2,000.

We will be spending about \$2,400 at *CostCo* and delivering all of the goods to the families in need at the *Harbor Light Mission* in downtown Portland 15 March 2008.

Everyone has made a difference! Thanks.

Mike Gill has been elected as our new legislative director as Ginny Henderson was unable to continue. We thank Ginny and welcome Mike. He did his first report 02 March 2008 and did an excellent job.

The *Southeast Portland Anniversary Party* will have come and gone by the time your read this. Hope you all had a great time. Much thanks to our entertainment, *Idle Hands!* They do such an excellent rendition of *Pink Cadillac*.



**S.E. Portland MEETING**  
**TIMES and PLACE**  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200  
 (noon)  
*M/M Restaurant & Lounge*  
 137 N. Main -- Gresham  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Twin Rivers

## Twin Rivers Chapter Welcomes You



### Murder Trail Update

Brothers and sisters of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*,

As you may be aware, one of our brothers, Bob Pfeifer (the membership secretary for the old *Northeast Portland Chapter*), lost his son, Robert "Robby" C. Pfeifer, on the early morning of Tuesday, 26 December 2006 at 1:30 a.m.

Robby was the victim of a fatal shooting which occurred at: *The Wetlands Bar & Grill and Restaurant*, 160th avenue and Stark street in Gresham.

The murder trial has already taken place and the shooter was found guilty of two charges.

The reason for this call to action is to request your assistance.

Details are as follows:

**What:** Sentencing hearing:

**When:** Friday, 11 April 2008 at 3:00 p.m. (15:00)

**Where:** Multnomah county court house

1021 SW 4th avenue (by

Main street)

(downtown Portland)

department: 12

Court room number: 508

(floor 5)

**Judge:** Janice R Wilson's court room

**Side note.** If you do attend, please arrive at the court house no later than 2:00 p.m. (14:00) due to security screening procedure upon entry into the court house.

**Reminder:**

**Absolutely no weapons permitted inside the building!**

Lets show up (wearing our leathers) and support a fellow *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* brother and his family as they attend the sentencing hearing at which time we, as a whole, will hear from the judge how much time the person who killed Robby (again, not Robby's father) gets to spend behind bars.

If you ride or drive and end up having to park in downtown

Portland, please remember it is your responsibility to be sure to have enough money to feed the parking meters.

For any updated information, please contact me, "Wheels".

Hope to see you all then.

"Wheels"

recording secretary

*Twin Rivers Chapter*

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TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1300  
(1 pm)

*The Spare Room*

4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland  
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**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**

# Washington County



Well February went extremely fast, but pretty darn good weather for being February.

But we're rolling into March and hoping for even nicer weather to ride, as time permits! And how time flies when you're having fun!

I was not able to attend the S.T.E.A.M. conference, but from what I've heard we had a pretty darn good turnout amongst our chapter, whom were very vocal and well represented! But we still need everyone's support, so please contact your state representatives via e-mail, or mail to voice your opinions.

WaCo is working hard at planning our birthday party on April 5th, so get your tickets early at the pre-sale price, make your hotel reservations and don't forget your donations for the baskets to be auctioned off. Bring your smiles, appetite, and bling, bling! Also, please express your appreciation to those whom are coordinating/running their events because they are working really hard to make this party memorable!

The *Fossil Run* is coming up soon and we are having an art contest for the t-shirts this year again, so get your art submissions in as soon as possible! Also, our chapter will be directing the bike games in which Jim Henderson has volunteered to be the facilitator.

Other 2008 upcoming events include road clean up April 12th, *Roll-N-Ride* June 8th, poker run July 26th, *E.O.S. (End of Summer Run)* September 19-21, road clean up October 11th, and of course the toy run November 15th.

The coordinators are diligently planning their events, always looking for new ideas and volunteers. (Even if it's an hour or two makes a huge difference.)

So ride, always look twice, and be safe in your journeys ahead!

Sharon Mize  
recording  
secretary  
WaCo



**WASHINGTON COUNTY ABATE**

invites you to attend our *Birthday Party* to celebrate our

**25th Anniversary**

\*Admission is \$10 per person or \$17 per couple\*  
(Call Wendy for discount pre-sale tickets 503-310-5338)

Where: Hillsboro Elks  
21865 NW Quatama Rd.  
When: April 5th, 2008 @ 7:00PM

**All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner - \$7.50 per person starts at 6:00pm**

**Live Music by "MARQUEE" 4:00pm - 6:00pm**  
Street Auction/Live Auction with Auctioneer at 6:00pm

**Bar/BBQ Food Door Prizes \$5-\$8**

**\$2.00 from each admission will go to Meadowood Camp for Kids, a Hillsboro Elks Charity.**

For more information call Wendy Vaughn 503-310-5338

WASHINGTON COUNTY  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930  
( 7:30pm )  
*Prime Time Restaurant*  
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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Cornelius, OR 97113



**A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports****Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.**

February was a bad month for the southern *Willamette Valley*. We lost two of our own and not to motorcycling, both on the same day. Leroy and Rick will both be remembered and missed in the biker community.

- Leroy Hecker, owner / operator of the *America Iron Motorcycle Shop* on west 11th in Eugene, was involved in the early days of setting up *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, was one of the original *Team Oregon* mobile rider instructors, a *Free Soul*, and a supporter of *A.B.A.T.E.* A number of our chapter members attended the memorial that took place on the 15th along with some 250 bikes. More than 400 people were in attendance.

- Richard "Rick" Hanson, member and supporter of *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* Rick was one of those quiet guys who attended many of our runs. He was always willing to help where he could. Rick served in the Air Force for 20 years, including service in Germany. He retired in 2000 as an F-15 aircraft crew chief. We attended a celebration of life at Rick's home on the 17th. It was well attended by family and friends.

- We made donations to both families from our *Downed Rider Fund*, but were very surprised when Hanson's family donated it back to us for our *Downed Riders Fund* in Rick's name.

The February meeting had a rather small gathering with only 14 members.

Jeff tried like \$%#@ to keep it short and sweet. It didn't happen. Jeff opened the meeting with a moment of silence for those who had passed

on.

It's been a hard start for us this past month. Discussed those that have passed on. We all need to live life while you can. You never know when your number may be up.

As you can see, both these guys had a great life, each in their own way.

### Meeting Highpoints

State board meeting report from Rod

- Discussed the idea to have an *A.B.A.T.E.* booth at the *Oregon State Fair*. Much discussion took place. It was decided that this was a rather frivolous use of *A.B.A.T.E.* funds.

- Rod also brought up the idea from the state board of possible making the sanctioning position into a sanctioning committee. We all felt that would be a great step forward.

Rick passed around his latest legislative updates and talked about several very important issues.

- HR-1076 and S-616 that will correct the discriminatory loopholes in the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*. (H.I.P.A.A.)

- U.S. transportation secretary Mary Peters wants to use our motorcycle safety and education funds for her own endeavors, *Helmet Laws in all States*.

- HR-2694, the *Right to Repair Act*. Our own Peter DeFazio is even one of the co-sponsors.

*Casino Night* and *Rhody Run* events are still getting pulled together. All is

coming together great.

- Wendy's working us and our local merchants for door prizes/auction items for *Casino Night*, 15 March 2008.

- If you haven't locked down a camp spot or room in Florence for the *Rhody Run* as yet, you might be out of luck.

- Jeff and Rod are working on us to do a group ride to *Fossil* this year. He wants *Willamette Valley Chapter* to get more involved with helping out at *Fossil*. Rod even has *Fossil* tickets

Meeting closed with our normal drawings.

- Debra Lowell's name was drawn for our membership drawing for \$60, but she wasn't there. She usually is, but not this time. Sorry, Deb. Next

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WILAMETTE VALLEY  
MEETING TIME and PLACE  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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

08 March 2008 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, coordinator, at 12:15 p.m. with 11 of 12 chapters represented. All chapters were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

Moment of silence for downed brothers/sisters and service men/women

Guests and first time attendees: Steve from *Southeast Portland Chapter*.

Motion made by Brain Stovall of *River City Chapter* to accept minutes from February 9th state board meeting as printed in the newsmagazine. Howie Long of *North Coast Chapter* seconded. Motion passed

**Coordinator comments:** Matt Price reported that there has been a lot of factioning going on in *A.B.A.T.E.* and that we all need to pull together. Matt said that his only purpose and goal is to see us improve and to make us a recognized force and power for our cause. He welcomes all ideas and asked that if anyone has an idea to bring it in. Asked all members to leave their personal problems at home and not bring them to *A.B.A.T.E.* We must improve our communication between all levels of *A.B.A.T.E.* and with others.

**Correspondence:** Nic reported that we have a lot of out-of-state newsletters for anyone interested. Nic reported on the resignations of two officers: Deb Ross and Mary Burnett, and read the resignation letter submitted from Mary Burnett,

former state historian. These officers will be missed. Discussion then took place regarding finding replacements for these fine officers.

**Vice coordinator–north:** Heidi Disrude – No report.

**Vice coordinator–south:** Annette Murray will be visiting the local chapters very soon. *Josephine County* visit will be at their meeting on the 19th and will try to get to *Willamette Valley's* meeting next.

**Vice coordinator–east:** Gene Mortimore reported that he has rallied the business sector of Fossil and they all chipped in about \$15 each and are going to run a large ad in the newspaper regarding all the events in the Fossil area through the summer. This includes our *Fossil Run*. Fossil, Oregon has applied for a 2080 grant for a public restroom in the downtown area. Asked if *A.B.A.T.E.* wanted to pledge some money for this, stating that if the grant doesn't go through then the pledges would never be collected upon.

*River City Chapter* pledged \$100 and put out a "match it or beat it" challenge to all chapters.

**Treasurer:** Joye "Grace" Howell reported that during our books justifications it was discovered that Rotten Roger had an outstanding balance due back to *A.B.A.T.E.* Upon learning of this, Rotten Roger has returned the funds in the amount of approximately \$22 from last year.

We currently have \$565.77 in checking and \$30,135.22 in savings. This brings our total to \$30,700.99.

Reported on the lack of receipts or



Nic Oliver  
state recording secretary

cash returned from our swap meet coordinator, Willie Sanders. A call was made to Willie about three weeks ago and there has been no response from Willie on the \$500 cash advance given to him last year.

Reported that due to the resignation of Deb Ross, it is going to be harder to get everything together. It was suggested that we ask for an extension this year for filing our tax statement. A call is to be put out to all members for a volunteer to fill the vacancy left by Deb. This is a much needed but unglorified position.

Contact information is still needed for *Central Oregon Chapter*.

The bad e-mail for *Douglas County Chapter* has been taken care of.

*Southeast Portland, North Coast, and Willamette Valley* chapters need to contact the state treasurer as soon as possible.

Storage fees are going up when we need to renew them in February. There will be no more yearly paid in advance breaks. This will increase the cost significantly, referred all questions and more information to the quartermaster to give in his report.

We will be using *A.B.A.T.E. Bucks* with some of the vendors we use for functions.

So far, all the bills for the upcoming *Fossil Run* are paid.

The April swap meet has two paid vendors so far.

A call for help at the gate in *Fossil*

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has now been put out. Contact Grace for more information. (Written report handed in and is on file.)

**Membership secretary:** (Linda Henderson) We currently have 1,897 members due to 48 memberships expiring.

Brian Stovall of *River City Chapter* suggested that we utilize electronic lists for the membership.

**Sanctioning officer:** (Matt Price and committee) Matt reported that the insurance certificates will be sent by e-mail and a copy by regular mail.

Also reported that at this time there is no problem with our getting our insurance renewed and without a large cost increase.

Newly sanctioned Runs are: 15 March – *Willamette Valley Casino Night*; 15 March – *Southeast Portland Run*; 25 July – *Run 21*; 15-16 August – *Summer Run*.

**State auditor:** >>> VACANT <<<

**Newsmagazine editor:** Rot Path thanked everyone for getting their reports in. They are due by the 10th. Thanks again to everyone getting their reports in early. We have had great success at getting the newsmagazine out early.

A suggestion arose about forwarding the newsmagazine to other people utilizing the prepaid postal stamp already on the magazine and just adding a stick-on label. It was pointed out that this stamp is on the publisher's dime and it could cause him to lose his postal stamp if this were to be abused. Therefore, we cannot do this unless we put the magazine in an envelope and send them that way.

**Legislative director:** (Quiet Mike) The special session of the Oregon

legislature is now done.

Reported that he had no further information on Mary Peters actions at the federal level. Brian Stovall read the latest *M.R.F.* report regarding the admonition to Mary Peters to stop her personal agenda of helmet requirements.

The issues that are being considered to be the focus for the next session are the helmet modification issue and the vehicular manslaughter issue. It was decided that the helmet modification issue must stay on the forefront at all times but concentration on a maximum of two other issues, in addition to the helmet one, are all that can be handled at a time. But, only two issues total can be really be focused upon at a time. Any ideas, bring them to the next *BikePAC* meeting on April 5th at noon at the *Eagles Lodge* in Albany.

Discussion on the Quigley case in California stated that it is now going forward and our tabled motion to contribute to the legal fund.

The helmet issue that started in North Carolina was discussed on its impact on everyone.

Matt Price pointed out that there is a growing focus on exhaust systems and "loud pipes". There is a growing faction of people that do not like loud noises in any form and they are trying to ban loud noises such as exhaust pipes, church bells, etc. Brian added that this is a boon for the original equipment manufacturers and how this will really benefit only them.

**Sergeant at arms–north:** Randy Phipps (Absent.)

**Sergeant at arms–south:** Bill Foster reported that he will have an e-mail

by the end of the month. He also noted that the road list is very sparse in the southern section of the state and asked that more people from the south need to get on the list.

**Sergeant at arms–east:** Art Schultz (Absent.)

**Products director:** Dave Meeker reported on \$40 income from S.T.E.A.M.

Has pins for the *May Awareness Rally*. These pins that have sold enough in the past have finally paid for themselves and we still have 168 left. We also have year bars available.

The 2008, *31st Annual Fossil Run* t-shirt design contest is now going on. Prospective designs can be turned in to Howie or to Dave and will be voted on at the April meeting.

If anyone wants a different color than black for their t-shirt, they need to let Dave know. There are many styles and designs available but special orders need to be pre ordered.

Brian Stovall showed a new banner that his chapter had purchased that works great on a windshield. These can be purchased for about \$20 and they can be made to fit other chapters if they want them. Larger sizes are available for a reasonable cost. Contact Brian for more details.

**Education director:** Patricia Carner (Excused, teaching a class.) Reported via e-mail, read by Nic. A big thanks to all who presented and attended S.T.E.A.M. this year. The two guest speakers were wonderful.

If your chapter has pledged any money to *Team Oregon* or now has the ability to contribute, please submit the money to Joye in the next

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two weeks. Do not send the funds to O.S.U. as the process is cumbersome.

Report included that Troy Constales gave a seminar on drivers education and explained how mandatory training for all under 18 may soon become reality.

Also, driving schools are now seeking our *Awareness Program*. (Full report in file.)

**Education director II:** Geoff White (Absent.)

**Public relations director:** Debra Lutje reported that the swap meet and *Fossil* postcards are going out next week.

The media P.S.A.'s (public service announcement) will follow to the radio and regular media.

Has found an ad that the *O.P.N.A.* offers ads that can be put in a very large number of papers. (Weekly and daily.) This advertisement would cost \$650 for a 2" by 2" ad that would run one time in every paper that subscribes to this offer. (Eleven daily papers and four weekly.) Stated that we need solid and repetitive advertising.

Brian asked if there was some way to track the effectiveness of this advertisement and the suggestion of whether or not a button could be added to the web site for this. This will be looked into.

Discussion also ensued regarding the need for official stationary and envelopes and what should be put on the stationary. No decision was reached on this matter.

**State run coordinator (*Fossil*):** Howie Long reported that the *Fossil Run* games will be held at the fairgrounds and that the media has been notified.

Some bands have been secured but there are still some gaps to be filled.

There will be a *Fossil* work party on April 19-20. Contact Howie to get more information and volunteer.

Bill Foster (sgt at arms-south) is working on the security issues.

The voting for the t-shirt design will be at the next meeting.

We do need some help getting a setup for sound and for lighting.

All tickets for the *Fossil Run* must be turned in by the May state board meeting.

All chapters please step up and help us get this run taken care of by volunteering to help in some manner.

**State run coordinator II:** Jeff Schuaer reported that he will be going to *Douglas County Chapter* to try and fix the problems with the *Fossil Run*. Also stated that there are other colors available for the t-shirts for *Fossil*.

**State swap meet coordinator:** William Sanders (Absent.)

**Historian:** >>> VACANT <<<

**Web page editor:** Trace Ceccacci (Excused.) Report given by Linda Henderson. Linda read from a report submitted by Trace regarding the laptop purchase issue that is currently under investigation. The full report is in the file. The options presented included cost variables and software desired and it was quite a technical report.

**Quartermaster:** Robert Hale reported that he will be cutting back on the projects due to our money constraints.

Put forth the idea of us possibly building or buying a trailer to store our stuff in. The trailer would cost less to store than renting a storeroom

and it could be made to fit our needs. E-mail Robert with any ideas. Many ideas on the trailer were discussed on how to make this work.

Reported that he may need to buy new batteries for our radios and we need to get a new *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* banner.

**A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC Representative:** Randy Phipps (Absent.) Mel reported that the February meeting was canceled due to weather and that there wasn't a quorum at the March meeting.

The next meeting for BikePAC is at noon on April 5th at the Albany *Eagles Lodge*. Everyone is welcome and we need ideas regarding issues that need attention.

Mel gave a reported that the *Silver Creek Conference* focused on the need for motorcycle headlights. Only motorcycles can be punished for non-use and yet they are pushing for all vehicles to have lights on in the daytime. This is standard on some vehicles but it then detracts from the motorcycle safety concerns if all vehicles use them all the time. Mel stated that he is going to his representative personally, and as a private citizen, to try and get equity on this issue and stop the penalty.

Reported on a study done in the past that showed that a light draws your attention to it and therefore you steer your vehicle to the light. This action increases crashes, does not prevent them.

**Confederation of Clubs Representative:** Pat Williams had no official report due to the meeting being tomorrow at the *Round Table Pizza* in Portland. All are welcome to attend.

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Reported that Ray cannot afford to pay for his attendance at the *N.C.O.M.* conference and it was pointed out that Ray could get his fees paid up front. Linda then stated that *A.B.A.T.E.* has a debit card that could be used to cover his airfare and fees. Pat will talk with Ray about this and his going to the conference.

Reported on "Kodiak" regarding his hospitalization for triple by-pass surgery. If you want to visit him, you must use his name, Russ Wilson, as they may not know who "Kodiak" is. If you want, you can call his room at (360)-514-6562. (Washington)

**Confederation of Clubs Representative II:** Ray DeMelo(Excused.)

### Unfinished Business

- 2008 vacancies in officer positions were opened for nominations. No volunteers or nominations came forward at this time.

- Planning session recommendations/review: Matt Price reported that in this area he needs some help making sure that things are being done. Rod Hatter of *Willamette Valley Chapter* volunteered to help.

### New Business

#### Motions

#### Tabled motions:

1. Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Bob (*Lincoln County Chapter*): *A.B.A.T.E.* to purchase a laptop computer for the recording secretary and membership secretary with appropriate programming. An amendment was made to include one for the treasurer. Approximate cost of \$899 each. This motion was tabled from January for further review and study. More discussion and Trace Ciccacci will do

some research into the viability of making such a purchase. Nic pointed out the reasoning for this is not only need for the future but continued use and passing the equipment over the next officer would be so much easier than handing over a complete computer system and monitor. As well as being able to have information instantly available as the unit would be readily portable and officers could possibly keep theirs with them at functions. Trace will bring more information next meeting.

Vote to continue to table passed.

2. Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*): *A.B.A.T.E.* change its bylaws, article VI, section 2, subsection F, #3 to read: "Ninety (90) days, action will be taken that could include revocation of the noncompliant chapter's charter." Voting to be held at April board of director's meeting. No discussion was held on this issue. Discussion ensued regarding leaving the "teeth" in the bylaws, reasoning is that there are enough chances for a non-compliant chapter to get things started or fixed before this article is utilized. Voting took place.

Motion failed.

3. Made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) and seconded by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*): That we (*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*) send \$2,500 to the *California Judicial Fund*. This was in response to an e-mail call-to-arms from other state organizations and a challenge made by *A.B.A.T.E. of Delaware*. After much discussion and the news of the "Quigley Bill" going forward to trial and the impact this

would have on Oregon, it was called for the question.

Motion passed

4. Made by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley Chapter*) and seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*): Create officer training at November state board meeting so new officers voted into office in October get early S.T.E.A.M. training. This was discussed as the new officers take office in January and have no real training until February. This would keep S.T.E.A.M. as it is and have an additional training in November before the mentoring is done and the need for officers to really be prepared for their duties of office. Comments included that we consider how chapter officers would be affected and to have the chapter representatives take this to their chapters for vote in April.

Passed 10-2.

Tabled for voting in April. Table to continue until April.

### New Motions

1. Made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) and seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*): To accept the verbal and written resignation from *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* of Lee Austin. After discussion of circumstances that vote was called.

Motion passed.

2. Made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*), seconded by Robert Hale (*Twin Rivers Chapter*): Submit an *O.P.N.A.* ad for the month of May at a cost of \$650. This was discussed as a considerable break in the normal cost for an ad and for the number of people that could be reached.

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Motion passed

3. Made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) and seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*): To pledge \$200 to the Fossil city park bathroom grant from *A.B.A.T.E.*

Motion passed.

4. Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Jordan Kelly (*Washington County Chapter*): Due to circumstances and actions by Willie Sanders, *A.B.A.T.E.* revoke all authority to conduct *A.B.A.T.E.* business in any manner from Willie. Nic spoke on his motion that it was made in response to actions perpetrated by Willie Sanders that has reflected badly on *A.B.A.T.E.* and the officers of the organization. Accusations of sexual harassment have been brought forth that have involved the executive board into taking action in the form of a formal investigation to the validity of the accusations. Much discussion ensued on this matter. Nic requested that the motion not be voted on at this time but that it was time for the board of directors to be made aware of the full scope of the problem

Vote to table took place and passed. More on this next meeting.

### Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: April 12th, 2008, *Eagles Lodge* on Broadalbin in Albany, Oregon, at noon.

- 15 March – *Willamette Valley Spring Casino Night. Spirits Bar* in Springfield, Oregon.

- 15 March – *Southeast Portland Chapter* run.

- 16 March – Bike blessing at Stewart Park in Roseburg.

- 29-30 March – *Resurrection of the Bike Show* at the Clark county event center – Ridgefield, Washington. For more information go to <http://www.myspace.com/motorcycleevents> or call (503)-254-8041.

- 05 April – *Washington County Anniversary Party, Hillsboro Elks Lodge* at 21865 NW Quatama road at 7 p.m.

- 11 April – Sentencing for the murderer of Bob Pfeiffer's son, Robby, at the Multnomah county courthouse, 1021 SW 4th Ave. (4th and Main), department 12, room 508 at 3 p.m.

- 26 April – *River City Mystery Ride* at the *7th Annual Cherry Festival*. Sign in at the old closed *Shop & Kart* in The Dalles. Last Rider out by 12:30 p.m. It seems that *BiMart* overreacted to a complaint that the motorcycles obstructed a customer's access to the parking lot. (There were a lot of bikes that day and the customer couldn't move as they wanted to.) If you have anything to say to *BiMart*, the corporate office in Eugene is where the matter should be addressed.

- 27 April – *A.B.A.T.E.* swap meet at the armory in Portland.

- 03 May – *Motorcycle Awareness Month Rally* at the capital steps. Noon to 2 p.m. with a bike show and prizes to precede the speakers. This free event is a great way to start the year and hear some great speeches and see some great bikes.

- 23-26 May – *Fossil Run* at Fossil, Oregon. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* biggest run for 2008.

- 25-27 July – *Run 21.*

- 15-16 August – *Summer Run.* Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m.

# Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety



**Iris Yeager**  
member  
*GACMS*

The *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* is having its monthly meetings in a variety of locations this year. The goal is to make it easier for citizens from around the state to attend our meetings and present his or her input. We want to hear from you.

The forum held in Salem in February had a few motorcyclists attend and present their concerns such as road conditions, lack of respect by other vehicle drivers, dislike of mandatory regulations for matters that only involves the rider himself.

These forums are useful in deciding issues to present to our legislature.

Please be involved.

The *O.D.O.T.* safety web site is:

<http://www.oregon.gov/odot/ts>







# Fossil Report

Imagine an image of Howie's face here.  
(Try not to be scared.)

**Howie Long**  
head dinosaur of Fossil Campout



Are you getting excited about *Fossil*. I am?

I've been getting a lot of positive response from vendors to past attendees. The reason?

Bear Hollow.

Now we need to deliver a good product. The way to do this is volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. We need help on all areas.

People have stepped up to lead the work areas, the last being the games.

*Washington County Chapter* took the challenge, with Jim Henderson taking the reigns. Along with the bike show and rodeo on Saturday, we're adding mud wrestling on Sunday.

The top areas that will be needing help will be the gate, security,

information booth, set-up and teardown. Our state representatives will be bringing sign-up sheets back to the chapters. If you plan on attending *Fossil*, please sign up.

Again, space is a big concern. We will allow one support vehicle per chapter, within reason. This is a motorcycle campout.

This year, as in the past, we are having our t-shirt design contest. The design chosen will receive free tickets and t-shirts plus your design on bikers' chests all over. Deadline for designs is April state board meeting, so get them to your chapter representatives. Make sure

the year 2008 and 31st Annual Fossil Run A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. are included.

As stated before whether you are attending *Fossil* or not, **buy a ticket**. This is your *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* fundraiser. Help support bikers' rights and freedom.

See ya there,

Howie



## Best Of The West: Close To Home

by Ted Tracy

An amazing opportunity awaits *A.B.A.T.E.* members in June.

This year, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, along with the *Washington Road Riders Association (W.R.R.A.)*, is hosting the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Best of the West* convention.

*Best of the West (B.O.T.W)* will be held at the *Inn at the Quay* in Vancouver, Washington on June 13th through the 15th.

Many *A.B.A.T.E.* members have traveled to Elko, Boise, Spokane, and Denver to attend this fantastic conference, and now this year it is in our own backyard!

The cost is extremely affordable, as your entire chapter can register for a mere \$100. (Unlimited attendees!) Rooms are also reasonable at \$90 a night for up to four people, and the Saturday

banquet for \$35 per person. There will also be secured bike parking available.

*B.O.T.W.* is a fantastic motorcyclists rights conference. Riders from all over the western United States will be there to share what is and what is not working in their states concerning many issues that are important to us.

The conference gets underway Friday evening with a *Meet the officers of the M.R.F. A.B.A.T.E. and W.R.R.A.* will then open the hospitality suite that will feature food and drink from both Oregon and Washington.

Saturday kicks off with an open forum and then there will be "break-out" sessions so you can select something that interests you from the variety of motorcycling topics.

Saturday ends with a lavish banquet featuring guest speakers, a live and silent



**Ted Tracy**  
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auction featuring items from around the country. A great time is always had by all.

Please plan to attend this conference. We would like to be a part of the largest *B.O.T.W.* ever!

All it takes to get in on the fun is to make a motion at your next chapter meeting to cover the chapter registration cost of \$100. Names must be submitted to the *M.R.F.* by May 21st. Hotel reservations should be made before May 12th.

If you are interested in helping at the great conference, give me a call. I can't wait to see you there!

**Central Oregon**

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Also the *Fossil Run*. Buy those tickets even if you don't go. The state needs the monies.

I would like everyone to keep coming to the meetings for they are full of information and we could always use your input.

The last meeting in March was a good one. Mike C. was there and gave us some really good updates on our club, as well as info on how the *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run* got started. Thanks Mike.

Well, that is probably a little more than I needed to write, but it just goes that way sometimes. Sorry if the punctuation and spelling are off. It's been a while since I have had to write or type anything.

Just for a fun homework assignment.

Look on page 17 of the Oregon *Motorcycle and Moped Manual* and read the speed limit for passing in the state of Oregon. It's an eye opener.

Feathers getting tired and I need to fly.

Thanks for taking the time to read.

JayBird

coordinator

Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.



**Hub City**

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know there's still support in A.B.A.T.E. Volunteers always needed, you know!

Get in with a great bunch of folks who are always ready for adventure: *Hub City!*

Come to our next meeting: Third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., *Ciddici's Pizza*, 5th and Lyons, -- Albany, Oregon.

If you want to know ahead of time what's going on with *Hub City* events, come to Dan's meetings!

Next run committee meeting: [ day? ], 6 p.m., *J.P.'s Restaurant*, 220 SW 2nd, Albany, Oregon.

Old Dog

**RiverCity**

( continued from page 10 )

Rod Runyon won the 50/50 at \$6/\$5 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Rod.

We planned a highway cleanup for April 6.

The tasty bike on the agenda was a 1977 *Electra Glide*, correctly identified by Debra.

— Brian

**Regular Meeting**

Called to order by Rick at 7 p.m. Fourteen people present.

Guests and new members: Glenn Boisvert, Judy Miller, Richard Misener.

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

Correspondence: *M.R.F.* sustaining certificate; flyer; chamber newsletter.

**RiverCity**

( continued )

Treasury report: \$206.62 in checking and \$1235.31 savings.

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 78 fine folks.

Board report: None.

Legislative report: None.

Ways and means report: The run has changed to a new location at the old *Shop'N Kart* store.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

**Old Business**

Group riding protocols: Rod and Bob rode out to Fossil and all around. The *Rhino Liner* has arrived.

Planned rides: Sunday, 09 March, 8 a.m. P.S.T. to Longview swapmeet.

Banner project: In production at \$15.

Highway cleanup: Sunday, 06 April, 9 a.m. from the *Roadstop*.

Bathroom grant pledge for Fossil city park: Moved by Rod to donate \$200 and challenge other chapters to match or beat.

**New Business**

50/50 was won by Rod at \$6/\$5, which he donated back to the chapter. Thanks, Rod.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1977 *Electra Glide*, correctly identified by Debra.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

**Upcoming meetings**

April 01, 2008

April 15, 2008







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From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK

First thing on my mind is the upcoming *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* convention in Houston this coming May, just around the corner from now. I can't think of a better way to spend your time and money than to learn ways to communicate with our elected officials or how to use the justice system to our advantage. When those things fall into place we benefit not only ourselves but the public around us as well. And, it's a great place to network with fellow freedom-fighter bikers from around the U.S.

As always, things convene during the week prior to Mother's Day and end with the awards banquet on the preceding Saturday night, so you can get your tail home the next morning to honor that mother who brought you into this world. A very special lady. If you're lucky and she's still part of your life, take her out to a nice lunch or just spend the day with her. She will appreciate it.

Back to the convention: *N.C.O.M.* is just one of the many important biker get-to-gathers that occur around the country every year. We should all attend every one we can get to, but the annual *N.C.O.M.* national is the biggie. This year we'll be in Houston, Texas at the *Sheraton North Houston Hotel* from May 8-11, 2008. It's (281)-442-5100 for reservations and be sure to mention the *N.C.O.M.* rate. Hopefully there are rooms still available. If not I'm sure they will suggest a nearby hotel that will accommodate you. The *A.I.M.* chief of staff meeting will take place May 7 at the same place, just

ahead of the *N.C.O.M.* conference. For you *A.I.M.* C.o.S.'s and *A.I.M.* representatives, this is an important meeting geared to help you in your work getting the word out to prospective *A.I.M.* card carriers.

*A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* of course is where *N.C.O.M.* gets its support for the whole shebang. That being the portion of attorney fees that are dedicated to helping the motorcycle community not only legislatively but judicially as well.

The seminars and sessions there will enlighten you in many ways as to how you can be influential in your state legislature and also bring back to your organizations the pointers and techniques you'll learn at the many workshops during these intense few days. Doesn't mean we don't do some partying and hanging out, but we're there to learn from each other and the hours are long and packed with information. The time and money spent is absolutely some of the best investments we can make in our future. If we don't do it we won't necessarily have all the tools we need to insure we have a future as bikers. In at least one country there are efforts to outlaw motorcycles altogether. We can't let that happen here.

### Norway

#### Ban Motorcycles, Safety Expert Says

Motorbikes should be banned as part of a plan to eliminate road deaths, a safety expert says here. The idea of stopping deaths on the highways is not new. In several European countries, its called *Vision*



Gunny  
chief of staff  
*Oregon A.I.M.*

*Zero.* And yeah, who wants to die on the road?

But take away my bike for it?

I don't think so.

A hell of a lot more people die in cars. Are they gonna outlaw them, too? I bet not.

This Norwegian safety expert, Rune Elvik, says that to lower or eliminate highway deaths, policy makers should consider the radical step of banning motorbikes.

That this sort of thinking even exists is terrifying to me. There are people who think that way here in the U.S., too. Keep your eyes peeled for 'em.

***Beverly Hills, California:*** Tom Cruise was the first on the list to get *Ducati's* newest motorcycle. Get this: A \$72,500 superbike with titanium, magnesium, and carbon fiber technology that can scoot up to 200 mph. It must be nice to have the means to be able to order a machine like that. Enjoy it, Tom

***Leaky Old Bikers:*** We've seen the articles in the biker press, including right here in the *Gunny's Sack*, about how more and more of us over 50 are riding motorcycles. Here's more proof of the trend: Our *Sack* reporter, *A.I.M.* attorney and ever-vigilant media junkie Sam Hochberg, saw a TV commercial with a silver-haired grandma happily riding on the back of a bike. The product they're advertising? Adult diapers, *Depends!*

Your *Gunny* isn't there yet, but who knows, I might be gettin' close.

***April Showers:*** It don't take hours.

## GUNNY'S SACK ( continued )

If warmer weather is getting you out on your scoot again, don't forget to do a thorough safety check first. Tires are the first thing to check, since you can lose air pressure if you haven't ridden in a few months. You can't always tell just by eyeballing the tires, either. Use your gauge. Check all your belts, chains and cables, too. You want your bike on the road, not your body.

**Durham, North Carolina:** An off-duty officer of the law was stopped here for traveling at 84 miles an hour in a 45 mile an hour zone on his motorcycle. Although the officer making the stop detected the smell of alcohol on the breath, there was no ticket issued.

Whoops!

After the media started to ask some pointed questions it was decided that maybe an investigation was warranted. The trooper involved is now under review for his activities that night. If that had been you or me on that night we would have been arrested and very likely the bike would have been impounded. How much justice can we stand?

**Australia:** Police vs. biker war looming.

New laws in south Australia are causing some concern in every community involved. You may have read in the

*Sack* or elsewhere that they're outlawing motorcycle clubs there. Wearing local club colors might get you arrested. The Aussie bikers as well as social analysts are fearing confrontations. It's unfortunate that there are those in society who are so intolerant of folks who think and live

their lives differently. It's a sad state of affairs when your mode of transportation, the clothing you wear, and the folks you choose to associate with can brand you as a criminal element and in some cases as a terrorist.

**Marysville, Ohio:** *Honda of America Manufacturing Inc.* will stop making motorcycles in Ohio in spring 2009. However, there will be no layoffs. The bike builders will go to the *Honda* auto plants and not lose their jobs. Motorcycle employees comprise three percent of *Honda's* Ohio work force of about 15,000 employees.

Last year, *Honda* in Ohio made 44,000 motorcycles: *Gold Wing* touring and *VTX* cruiser bikes. By comparison, the company made 701,317 cars and light trucks last year at its two Ohio assembly plants. I personally worry what this will do to the *Gold Wing* and *VTX* bike values. The company will still build them, but it will be in Japan.

### Gunny Again

Remember the *A.I.M.* attorneys all over this country are there for us, they ride with us and know who we are. Why in the world would you want anyone else to work for you if you have an crash or a run-in with the law? Call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney any time you have a legal problem, and in particular injury claims. If the *A.I.M.* lawyer can't help you he will try to send you to someone who can.

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## Retro Review

## Motorcycle Movies



--RP

## An Awfully Big Adventure

( 1998 )

Who is Alan Rickman?



As they prepare to stage Peter Pan, their leading man is injured and the call goes out for Alan Rickman's character, freshly returned from war and a stint in the Royal Navy.

He is shown riding through the streets sans helmet wearing goggles astride a vintage British bike. (Possibly a Norton or Triumph. It's hard to tell with compressed video. And the bike doesn't get nearly enough screen time.)



He's probably best known for playing apparent bad guy, Servius Snape, in the *Harry Potter* movies. Others may recall him from *Galaxy Quest*, a spoof of the old *Star Trek* series, fans, and conventions.

But before all that, he was in a little 1998 movie with Hugh Grant called *An Awfully Big Adventure*. And not only does he ride a vintage motorcycle, but like all good bikers he gets the girl. (Which turns out to be his undoing.)

Set in post-world war two Britain, the movie is primarily the coming-of-age story of a young girl who, for reasons passing comprehension, is allowed to travel around ravaged London alone while working with a theatre troupe.



For the first four minutes after his arrival at the theatre, his character does what Rickman does best – not talk. (Good actors can always say more with an arched eyebrow than lesser actors can with dozens of words.)

There is a certain amount of tension between Rickman and Grant's characters because, let's face it, Hugh usually gets the girl. (Instead, he gets something else in the end.)

There are several scenes of

Rickman riding the bike around the docks and industrial areas of the city, pondering with growing unease his own past. (Nothing like a bit of motorcycle therapy.)

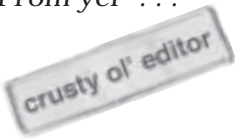
Look for this flick on late night television or in used DVD stores.

There is some nudity, so be forewarned. (We all know how prissy bikers can be.)





From yer . . .



## Life Outside The Cities

*roads are not video games*

c.o.e. – 75

People who reside in cities and towns often have trouble realizing that there are any other ways to live. They are so used to driving their cars or SUVs on freeways and curb-to-curb pavement with sidewalks that they forget that other road conditions exist.

Yet if you were to go a few miles above our state and look down, you would see that it is mostly rural.

Trouble is, those who make the rules tend to congregate in cities and towns.

How does this affect motorcyclists?

When conscientious elected officials consider legislation, if specific information is not provided to them, they often visualize what they know from personal experience or mass media. (Newspaper reports, television programs, movies, internet research.) Without people reminding them about how other folks live and their concerns, decisions may be made based on stereotypes and myths rather than real conditions and truth.

That's where motorcycle riders come in.

We're the ones who tap legislators and officials on their shoulders and remind them that "Hey, not everyone drives cars on city streets."

We are responsible for educating rule-makers, their staffs, and the general public about the problems unique to motorcycles that are often overlooked by uninformed legislators. No one is going to do it for us.

Education, like road maintenance, is an ongoing process. It is never

completed nor does it ever end. But it is sure worth the effort when you ride on smooth roads or visualize the little cartoony light bulb going on over peoples' heads.

*April and August share  
the same sun position*

A few weeks ago yer crusty ol' editor had his first encounter with one of those sportbike show-offs that he'd been reading and hearing about for the last couple of years. As he was grinding up a curvy second-gear hill southwest of Salem in his cage, suddenly a woundup sportbike was popping a wheelie as it zipped passed him going uphill on a curve in a double-yellow line section of road.

There could be no more elegant definition of stupid riding than what c.o.e. had just witnessed.

Trouble is, people with disposable income (whatever that is) and who have been raised on video games tend to behave as if driving or riding is just one big game, something without responsibility or consequences.

But when the sign flashes "Game Over" in real life, it really is. And the terror, destruction, suffering they cause for others is far too real.

We in the organized motorcycling community need to make the effort to reach out to these idiots and educate them about the larger picture of life and the harm they do to our legislative efforts by riding only for themselves, without due regard for other road users.



by  
**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor



Who's the woman motorcycle rider? That's Martha H. Hill, an ancestor of yer crusty ol' editor. (Just goes to show that rindin' **can** be in the blood.)  
Now what kind of bike is that?

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Flying pigs ain't something ya see everyday. But Chick-a-Dees come a close feathered second.

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27 April	<b>Spring Swap Meet</b> – Oregon ABATE	<b>Portland</b>	<b>(503)-249-8791</b>
03 May	Motorcycle Awareness Rally – BikePAC	Salem	
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10 May	Steak Dinner-Ty benefit	Portland	
17 May	Rhody Poker Run		
23–26 May	<b>Fossil Campout</b> – Oregon ABATE	<b>Fossil</b>	<b>(503)-325-4376</b>
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28 June	<b>Around Saddle Mountain</b> –North Coast	Astoria/Seaside	(503)-325-3566
13-15 June	Best Of The West – MRF	Vancouver, WA	(202)-546-0983.
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events . . .

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( spring )

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Lincoln County 1900 ( 7 pm ) <hr/> River City 1900 ( 7 pm )  <i>April fools' day</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  new moon <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Washington County Anniversary Party</b>                      Hillsboro                 </div>
<b>6</b> Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  2nd quarter moon <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b>                      Albany Eagles                      1200 (12 p.m.)                      Run Committee                      1100 (11 a.m.)                 </div>
<b>13</b> Central Oregon 1400 ( 2 pm ) <hr/> Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	<b>14</b> Washington Co. 1930 ( 7:30 pm )	<b>15</b> Lincoln County 1900 ( 7 pm ) <hr/> River City 1900 ( 7 pm )  <i>willow tree of the month begins</i>	<b>16</b> Josephine County 1900 ( 7 pm )	<b>17</b> Douglas County 1900 ( 7 pm ) <hr/> Hub City 1900 ( 7 pm ) <hr/> Willamette Valley 1900 ( 7 pm )	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  wind moon Southeast Portland noon	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Salem 1900 ( 7 pm )  <i>earth day</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>River City Poker Run</b>                      The Dalles                 </div>
<b>27</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Oregon ABATE Swap Meet</b>                      Portland                 </div> North Coast 1000 ( 10 am ) <hr/> Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm)	<b>28</b>  4th quarter moon Washington Co. 1930 ( 7:30 pm )	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			



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All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

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Enter your motorcycle in one of the following categories:

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Contest entry forms can be obtained from the ABATE website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org) or from any of the sponsor's locations and mailed to ABATE. Entry deadline is March 31, 2008. Setup will be the night before and the morning of the event.

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# All Motorcycle Spring Swap Meet

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## Sunday, April 27, 2008

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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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# 7th Annual Cherry Festival

# Poker Run

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ALL RIDERS  
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## Sat. April 26 2008

SIGN IN AT NEW LOCATION

Shop 'n' Kart

behind Arby's Restaurant  
2630 W 6th Street

after the Teddy Bear Parade

Last rider out by 12:30 PM

Last call for prizes 1:30 PM

\$15 Donation Includes One Polar Hand

Extra Hand \$5

Cash Prizes High & Low Hands

Door Prizes

FOR INFORMATION: Call 541-298-9303 or  
Email - [enoch@abateoforegon.net](mailto:enoch@abateoforegon.net) or write to:  
River City ABATE, PO Box 1422, The Dalles, OR 97058

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# May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

In the interest of public safety,  
BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.  
invites you and your organization to

## Ride to the Oregon State Capitol Building Front Steps

for a public event dedicated to  
cutting the number of  
accidents/deaths among  
Oregon motorcyclists



A great idea from ABATE of Pennsylvania

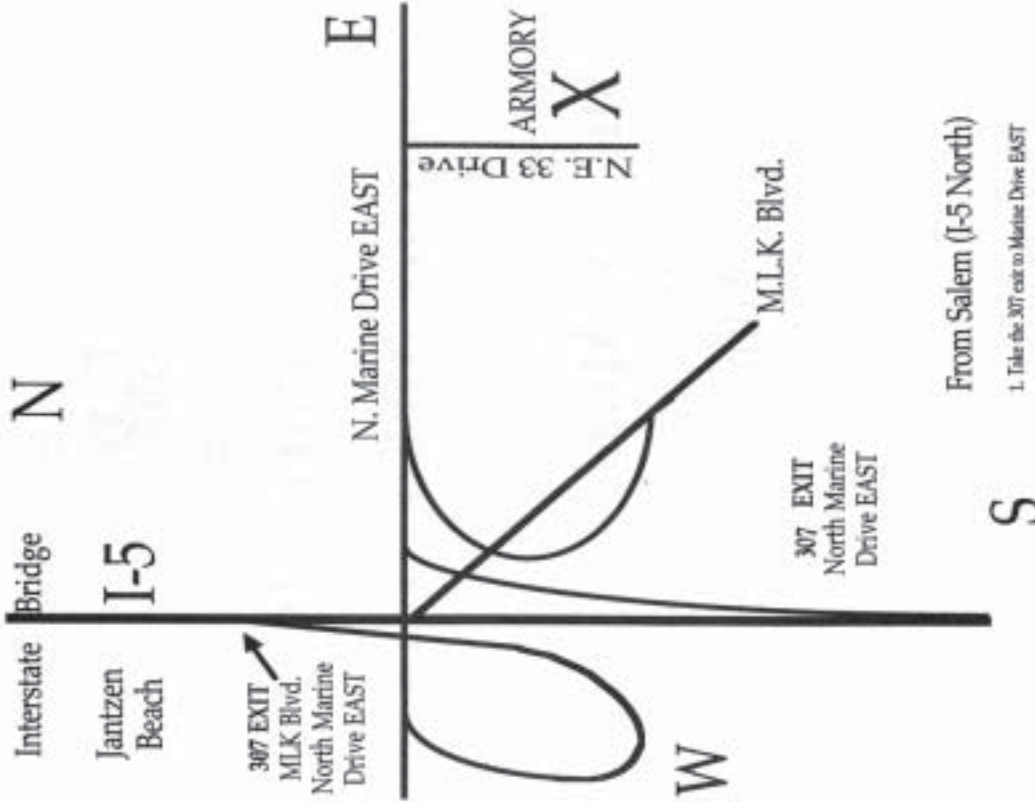
**May 3, 2008  
Noon to 2:00 PM  
Salem, Oregon**

Several guests have been invited to speak on the matter of motorcycle safety-related and legislative issues.

### ***A Fun Bike Show & Prizes Before the Speeches!!***

Participation is invited from the general public as well as from those who ride motorcycles.  
There is no charge for attending this event.

For more information about this event—email [yoasgerm@aol.com](mailto:yoasgerm@aol.com). Use "rally" as the subject matter.  
BikePAC of Oregon, PO Box 5612, Salem, Or. 97304 PAC #00019



#### From Seattle (I-5 South)

1. Take the 307 exit to Marine Drive EAST. (After going over the I-5 overpass, Marine Drive EAST goes under M. L. King Blvd. and follow the signs.)
2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
3. First building on the left.

#### From Salem (I-5 North)

1. Take the 307 exit to Marine Drive EAST
  2. Turn right off of Marine Drive EAST to N.E. 33rd Drive.
  3. First building on the left.
- #### From I-84
1. Take Marine Drive east and go until you come to N.E. 33rd Drive and make a left turn.
  2. First building on the left.



Josephine County Chapter



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Southern Oregon

# Motorcycle Swap Meet

(Formerly Southern Oregon Bikers Swap Meet)

May 10-11 2008  
Opens 9:00 am  
Touvelle Lodge  
9367 Table Rock Rd  
Central Point, Oregon

Great Food, Live Music, Cold  
& Hot Drinks, Door Prizes,  
Lots of vendors, Raffle prizes

Entry Fee:  
\$4.00  
Children under 12 free

**VENDOR SPOTS OPEN**  
Please call Pat Wine 541-643-7333  
For vendor information

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

Allies of Oregon promotes responsible recreation, education, safety and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. All proceeds from this event will go to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Josephine County Chapter.

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# Poker Run

Everyone Invited

Sunday, May 4, 2008  
Sign in Starts at 9:30 am  
Last Rider Out by 11:00 am  
Last Hand in by 2:00 pm

Prizes:  
Best Poker Hand \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Best Hand \$50  
Worst Hand Dinner for Two

Entry Fee:  
\$10 First Hand  
\$5 Additional Hands

Run Start: Full Throttle Custom Cycle  
849 Rogue River Hwy  
Grants Pass, OR 97527



All Riders/All Bikers

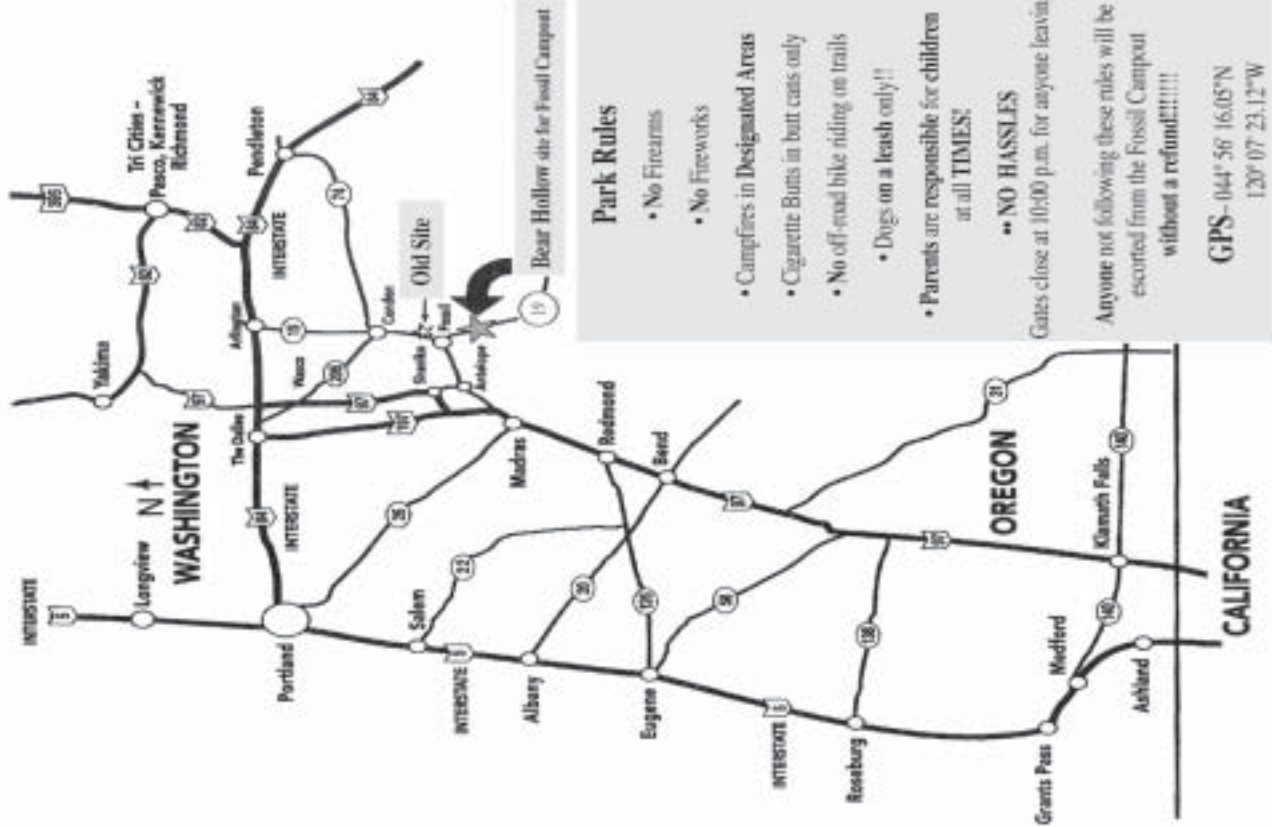
Poker Run to benefit Chapter activities  
And various local charities

50/50 Raffle - need not be present to win  
Raffle prizes - early drawing, no waiting around

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# HOW TO GET TO FOSSIL CAMPOUT

23-26 MAY 2008



### Park Rules

- No Firearms
- No Fireworks
- Campfires in Designated Areas
- 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!!!!!!

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**A 100% Payout Poker Run**

Advance Tickets: Members \$25, Non-members \$30

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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Vancouver, Washington June 13-15, 2008

Hosted By: Washington Motorcyclists Association and ABATE of Oregon

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 Call 360-694-6341 for room reservations. Payment: \$90 US single or double.  
 Rooms must be reserved by May 12, 2008. Amenities include: coffee maker, ironing board, microwave, refrigerator, outdoor grill, and sport shade.

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 Senior Card: before May 21, 2008; MFJ members \$65, Non-MFJ members \$70,  
 (after May 21, 2008) MFJ members \$70 US, Non-MFJ members \$80  
 Chapter Group Rates: \$100 (w/ per chapter) (unlimited alcohol)

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 Names must be submitted by May 21, 2008. Chapter rate does not include driver  
 (this number paid separately - \$35 per person)  
 For chapter registration please contact [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org)

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 Registration is also accepted through the MFJ website at [www.mfj.org](http://www.mfj.org). Visa, MasterCard, AmEx and Discover accepted. MFJ registration fee to MFJ, 236 Massachusetts Ave NE, Suite 310, Washington, DC 20002. Guestlist? Call the MFJ at 202-346-0860.

Photo courtesy of Chapter Abate.

# Roll-N-Ride



Presented by ABATE of Oregon  
"Washington County" Chapter



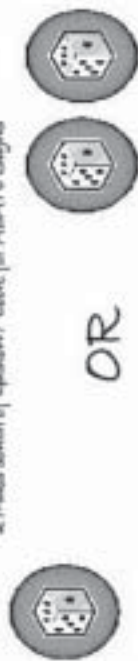
June 8th, 2008

Sign in @ 10:00 am --- Depart @ 11:00 am

Depart from: Beaverton Honda-Yamaha  
10380 SW Cascade Blvd Tigard Or

**DOOR PRIZES** **50/50**  
Arrive at: Adera Wine Company  
26421 Hwy 47 Gaston Or

2 Miles south of Gaston / Look for ABATE signs



OR

One Hand = \$10      Two Hands = \$15  
CASH FOR HIGH AND LOW ROLLER

**FREE FAMILY PICNIC TO FOLLOW!!**

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# Contacting Oregon's Elected Federal Officials

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 Peter DeFazio ( D – 4th district )  
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 Darlene Hooley ( D – 5th district )  
 (202)-225-5711

**I have no qualms about hard work so long as someone else is actually doing it.**

-- Rot Path

## Josephine County

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we are all about. We are really working hard to increase our membership and spread the word of all the good work A.B.A.T.E. is doing.

Another project we are currently working on is with Michele O'Leary, O.D.O.T Transportation Safety Division to host a meeting in Medford or Grants Pass that will be open to anyone interested in motorcycle safety. Hopefully we will have full details before the next issue of the newsletter.

Well, that's about it for this month,

Karen Tolle  
chapter secretary



**NORTH COAST CHAPTER  
 ABATE OF OREGON, INC.**

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
 AROUND SADDLE MOUNTAIN  
 POKER RUN**

**Saturday June 28, 2008**

**1<sup>st</sup> Poker Hand \$15,000**

**Each Extra Hand \$5,000**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 AM AT THE RELIEF PITCHER IN SEASIDE**

**RUN DEPARTS AT 10:00 AM**

**ALL BIKES & RIDERS WELCOME**

**START AT ANY POINT ON THE RUN 50-50 PRIZES-RAFFLE**

4th Card Draw: Winkler's Tavern, 281 W. Main St., Astoria  
 5th Card Draw: Colby's Pub & Grill, 175 N. Main, Clatskanie  
 6th Card Draw: Luan's Den, 304 1/2 St., Astoria  
 7th Card Draw: Okey's Restaurant & Bar, Hwy 26, Elsie  
 8th Card Draw: Relief Pitcher, Hwy 101, Seaside

**Many Thanks to Our Supporters!**

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For more information including map and raffle - Contact: Joe Wieg @ 503 328 0800



rights.

News &amp; Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

U.S. transportation secretary Mary Peters is urging congress to allow states to divert federal money now used for motorcycle training and awareness to instead promote the use of motorcycle helmets.

Peters sent letters to house and senate leaders in February asking for the change.

The *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.), and many others, expressed concern that diverting federal motorcycle safety funds to promote helmet use could harm rider training courses and motorcycle awareness programs that are already underfunded in many states.

A.M.A. also expressed concern that Peters' proposal could contradict sections of transportation bills passed in 1998 and 2005 that ban the use of federal motorcycle safety funds to lobby state legislatures in favor of mandatory helmet laws and could effectively reverse those bans.

The A.M.A. strongly advocates the voluntary use of helmets by adults, along with other appropriate safety gear, and does not oppose laws requiring helmet use by minors. But the association believes adults should be allowed to make their own decisions about when to wear a helmet.

Rhode Island public buildings would be required to provide one designated motorcycle parking space for each thirty automobile parking spaces. Senate bill 2017, sponsored by senator John J. Tassoni (D-

Smithfield), would also require motorcycle designated parking spaces to be located adjacent to, or within the sight, of the building.

Virginia house bill 460, introduced by delegate Donald Merricks (R-Danville), would restrict riders between the ages of 12 and 16 to dirt bikes that don't exceed 90cc displacement. Youngsters under 12 would be restricted to machines displacing 70cc or less. The bill has been referred to the *House Committee on Transportation*.

Washington House bill 2919 and its companion bill senate bill 6643 would allow a motorcyclist to proceed through a "stuck" intersection turn arrow after waiting for a full cycle of the light. The bills are being supported by the A.M.A. and the *Washington Road Riders Association*. (W.R.R.A.) See W.R.R.A.'s web site:

<http://www.roadriders.org/>  
for the latest on these bills.

West Virginia house bill 2834, sponsored by delegate Kenneth Tucker (D-Moundsville), would permit motorcycle helmet choice for adults who have a motorcycle license or endorsement for at least two years. The legislation would also increase the motorcycle safety and education committee to eight members.

The *Tulsa Trail Riders* have opened new trails in Scipio, Oklahoma near

McAlister. The *Scipio Recreational Trail Area* is open to the public and is Oklahoma's newest multiuse off-road recreational riding and hiking area. The trail area consists of 1,720 acres of varying terrain with about 300 feet of elevation changes over the whole property. There are 25 miles of established trails. Daily or annual riding permits are available from the Scipio grocery store, located 1/2 mile south of the Scipio baptist church.

For further information see:

<http://www.scipiotrails.com/>

Illinois SB-2801 was introduced so that a person may not transport a child under 16 years of age as a passenger on a motorcycle, motor driven cycle, or motorized pedalcycle unless: the child is wearing protective headgear and the chin strap is properly fastened; or the person is the child's parent or legal guardian and the person is carrying a child passenger permit. Provides that a parent or legal guardian of a child under 16 years of age may apply to the secretary of state for a child passenger permit to allow the child named in the child passenger permit to be a passenger of that parent or legal guardian on a motorcycle without wearing protective headgear. The price of the permit is \$100 per child.

A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois and the *American Motorcyclist Association* opposes this bill which has been sent to the senate rules committee for

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## News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

further action.

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*American Trails 19th National Trails Symposium* will be in Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15-18, 2008. The theme for the 2008 Symposium is *Innovative Trails: Transforming the American Way of Life*.

To help develop an exciting and motivating program for the symposium, *American Trails* invites you to submit ideas for presentations in support of the symposium's theme. They expect to offer 40 concurrent sessions, each lasting 75 minutes.

The program committee is particularly seeking presentations that introduce new ideas, convey useful strategies, identify lessons learned, and strengthen participants' existing skills and knowledge in the spirit of the symposium theme.

For additional information about the program, contact the program committee co-chair, Rory Robinson (outdoor recreation planner, *National Park Service* rivers, trails and conservation assistance) via phone (330)-657-2951 or fax (330)-657-2955; or e-mail: [rory\\_robinson@nps.gov](mailto:rory_robinson@nps.gov)

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 Indiana legislation regarding motorcycle registration fees is on the move. In 2007 a \$10 spinal cord and brain injury trust fund fee that was added to Hoosier riders' motorcycle registration. Legislation to repeal that \$10 fee is moving through the Indiana general assembly and could use your help.

Glendale, Arizona motorcycle riders wrote more than 70 letters to Cactus district council member Phil Lieberman saying they would like to see the city implement a motorcycle safety awareness sign campaign.

During a recent council workshop, transportation director Jamsheed Mehta said that the fatality rate of motorcycle crashes continued to rise for the ninth year in a row.

Information presented to council stated that studies by the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* attribute these alarming statistics to several factors including an all-time high number of registered motorcycles, lack of rider experience or training, lax helmet laws in several states including Arizona, more congested roadways, high blood-alcohol content among a vast majority of riders involved in crashes and inexperienced and inattentive motorists.

They went on to recognize that the single highest cause of motorcycle related crashes is the inattentive motor vehicle driver and that nearly two-thirds of all vehicle-motorcycle crashes are caused by the vehicle driver.

A request will now be given to the Glendale *Citizen's Transportation Oversight Committee (C.T.O.C.)* for their consideration on funding and placement of the new signs.

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 Citing an effort to hold down costs, health insurance giant *Blue Cross* wants doctors in California to report conditions it could use to

cancel new patients' medical coverage.

The state's largest for-profit health insurer is sending physicians copies of health insurance applications filled out by new patients, along with a letter advising them that the company has a right to drop members who fail to disclose "material medical history," the *Los Angeles Times* reported on its web site.

*WellPoint Inc.*, the Indianapolis-based company that operates *Blue Cross of California*, said it was sending out the letters in an effort to keep costs at a minimum.

This type of arbitrary discrimination is exactly what the *A.M.A.* and others are fighting through the introduction of the *H.I.P.A.A. Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act (HR-1076)*.

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 The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* has released a report on *Effects of Alcohol on Motorcycle Riding Skills*. It has been posted to *N.H.T.S.A.'s* web site at:

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/portal/site/>

[nhtsa/menuitem.3d62007aac5298598fcb6010dba046a0/](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/portal/site/nhtsa/menuitem.3d62007aac5298598fcb6010dba046a0/)

The report is located under the category *Pedestrians/Bicycles/Motorcycles*. Printed versions of the report will be available in about two months.

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*A.M.A. Rapid Response Center*  
<http://www.amadirectlink.com/>



## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# Attention Motorcycle Helmet Manufacturers



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) has learned that last week the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) announced a request for comments from all motorcycle helmet manufacturers. You may be thinking, "Here we go again." However, this time *N.H.T.S.A.* isn't really on a witch hunt for a helmet requirement.

This request for comment is purely a legal obligation under "get this".

According to the *Paperwork Reduction Act* of 1995, any time the federal government requires a motor vehicle industry manufacturer to display a label of any kind, the feds are then required to inquire every three years into any financial hardships the manufacturers may have incurred by the requirement to include the label.

What does that have to do with motorcycle helmets?

Well, you know that little oval *D.O.T.* sticker on the back of *F.M.V.S.S.-218* compliant helmets? That's the label required by regulation and therefore falling into this odd category usually reserved for large auto and commercial vehicle manufacturers.

Essentially the request for comment goes out to the audience of approximately 45 helmet manufacturers in existence today. Of course anyone can comment on the required request, but unless you are producing helmets for sale in the United States, there really is no need to comment on this issue. The request for

comment can found by searching the internet for *N.H.T.S.A.* docket number *N.H.T.S.A.-2008-0023*.

### **A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio**

I recently had the privilege to represent the *M.R.F.* by attending *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio's* annual winter legislative seminar. The event, held in the "Buckeye State"'s capitol city, was by all accounts, a successful and fun weekend. The event was widely attended by some of the most passionate biker activists around. Speakers from all over the country presented loads of useful information. Thanks to everyone at *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio* for putting up with this lobbyist for the weekend.

### **Presidential Politics**

By now it is safe to say that just about everyone in the country is well informed about the heated presidential race this November. This race is significant for a number of reasons, including the fact that it's the first time a woman and a minority are in the race and they are not the same person. It's also the first race in over 50 years in which neither a sitting president nor vice president is in the race. In addition, the top three candidates are sitting senators, and we haven't elected a sitting senator to the oval office since John Kennedy in 1961.

Although this race is stacked with differences between the top candidates, giving pretty much everyone out there a reason to vote and a candidate to vote for, there is

one sparkling similarity between all of the top candidates. When the United States senate passed the last highway bill in 2005, an attempt was made by senator F. Lautenberg to attach a national helmet requirement onto that must-pass legislation. The *M.R.F.*, with the help of state motorcyclists' rights organizations (*S.M.R.O.s*) and motorcyclists nationwide, was able to help stop that amendment from passing, and it's to the praise of senators like McCain, Clinton, and Obama who all voted against the national helmet requirement.

So whatever side of the political pasture you are sitting in, know this: all of these senators have gone on record opposing national helmet requirements and standing in defense of states' rights to govern themselves. That's an otherwise bright spot in a presidential race that's sure to get much more ugly before it's over.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is taking action in light of what appears to be an alarming trend with high-level government agency and cabinet-level appointees of president George W. Bush.

President Bush campaigned for the presidency on a platform of "compassionate conservatism." During his campaign he often spoke of his desire to reign in big government and his commitment to personal freedoms.

His message resonated with many in the motorcycling community and

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## Motorcycle Riders Foundation ( continued )

with the leadership of the *M.R.F.* at that time.

While the president continues to speak of his conservative approach to public policy and respect for the rights of the states during this election cycle, the practices of a growing number of his appointees seem to be in marked contrast with his rhetoric. Both Mark Rosenker, chairman of the *National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.)* and Mary Peters, secretary of the *Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)* have embarked on a course that at first glance would seem out of place in a conservative republican administration.

Mr. Rosenker appears to be enamored with 1960's era "Great Society" style programs. He is using his agency and his position to pressure every state in the union to adopt mandatory helmet requirements for all motorcycle riders.

Ms. Peters must have a battalion of Philadelphia lawyers on her staff watching over her as she walks on the edge of federal regulations. The *D.O.T.* secretary is on a budget-busting spending spree that would make a "New Dealer" blush. She is not content to just spend the *D.O.T.*'s budget on social engineering, she is crafting ways to legally skirt the letter and the intent of *S.A.F.E.T.Y.-L.U.* (the highway funding act passed by the 109th congress) to scoop up whatever moneys she can to advance her personal mission, even if such funds are a meager amount dedicated to aiding motorcycle rider education.

The *M.R.F.* finds this to be rather peculiar behavior in an administration that bills itself as

"compassionately conservative." Perhaps even more peculiar is the fact that the president appears to be comfortable with his appointees' actions. The *M.R.F.* is certainly not comfortable as we watch these presidential appointees lining up against us.

Our level of discomfort increases as we recall other issues with appointees of the president.

An unpleasant tussle with the *Environmental Protection Agency* set the tone early on in this administration, followed by Dr. Runge at the *National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration* referring to motorcyclists as the scourge of the highways.

While the *M.R.F.* will aggressively fight any negative legislation that may be introduced at the behest of these presidential appointees, we will not waste time wrestling with the current lame duck administration that has historically low approval ratings with the American public. We are looking to the future.

The *M.R.F.* is calling on the leadership of the republican party to explain to us and to six million motorcycle-riding Americans if this is the type of public policy that we can expect in the future should a republican be elected president in November. We will be writing a formal letter to Mike Duncan, chairman of the republican national committee, expressing our displeasure over the course that the current administration has taken and asking for assurances that this is not the direction that his party is going to follow. A copy of that letter will be forwarded to senate minority

leader Mitch McConnell and house republican leader John Boehner.

We will also be asking for a meeting with Mr. Duncan, and will present him with a questionnaire on motorcycle-related issues. We will ask that our questionnaire be forwarded to the presidential nominee of his party.

The *M.R.F.* will be making a similar request to Howard Dean, the chairman of the democratic national committee. When the questionnaires are completed they will be posted on the *M.R.F.* web site and published in the *M.R.F. Reports* without editorial comment or any endorsement from the *M.R.F.*

Michael Kerr  
*M.R.F.* vice president

### ----- **Washington D.C. Update**

Winter on its way out of town here in Washington can only mean one thing. No, not cherry blossoms, but the other springtime spectacle - biker lobby season. The past month has brought motorcyclists from all over the country to D.C. A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado, A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio, A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa, and A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin have all been to D.C. so far this year to meet with their federal delegations, as did the St. Croix Valley Riders who did double time and represented both Minnesota and Wisconsin. All of the groups that sent folks to D.C. should be proud of the teams they sent and of the work they accomplished.

The issues being discussed in one-on-one meetings with members of congress, senators and their staffs included closing the H.I.P.A.A.

# Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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loophole, D.O.T. secretary Mary Peters' proposed legislation, the right to repair bill, and the highway bill which will begin to take shape next year.

Of importance to note is the widespread, uniformly negative response coming from individual members of congress and senators to Mary Peters' proposed legislation to gut the 2010 grant program language and trump the funding for rider ed and awareness campaigns in favor of helmet use promotion.

Most members of congress are content to leave the program intact and continue to fund only education and awareness campaigns through the life of the program.

Mary Peters, however, is standing by her desire to push for helmet use and helmet laws, as evidenced by her testimony in a senate committee hearing on March 6. Combating proposed legislation through a call to action can be confusing to capitol hill, which is why it's best to handle proposals like this one through face-to-face conversations with your elected officials.

So if you really want to be effective in stopping her proposal, plan now to visit with your federal elected officials either in Washington D.C. or back in your home state.

It's also not too late to plan that trip to D.C. to meet with your legislators on capitol hill. Contact the M.R.F. office if you need any assistance planning such a trip.



### M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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( Portland )

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## Willamette Valley

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meeting it will worth \$70.

• Lonny Cokeley won the 50/50 drawing of \$22.50, which he promptly donated to our *Downed Rider Fund*. Thanks, Lonny.

Next state board meeting is March 8th.

Next chapter meeting is March 20th.

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Rick Maish

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chapter secretary

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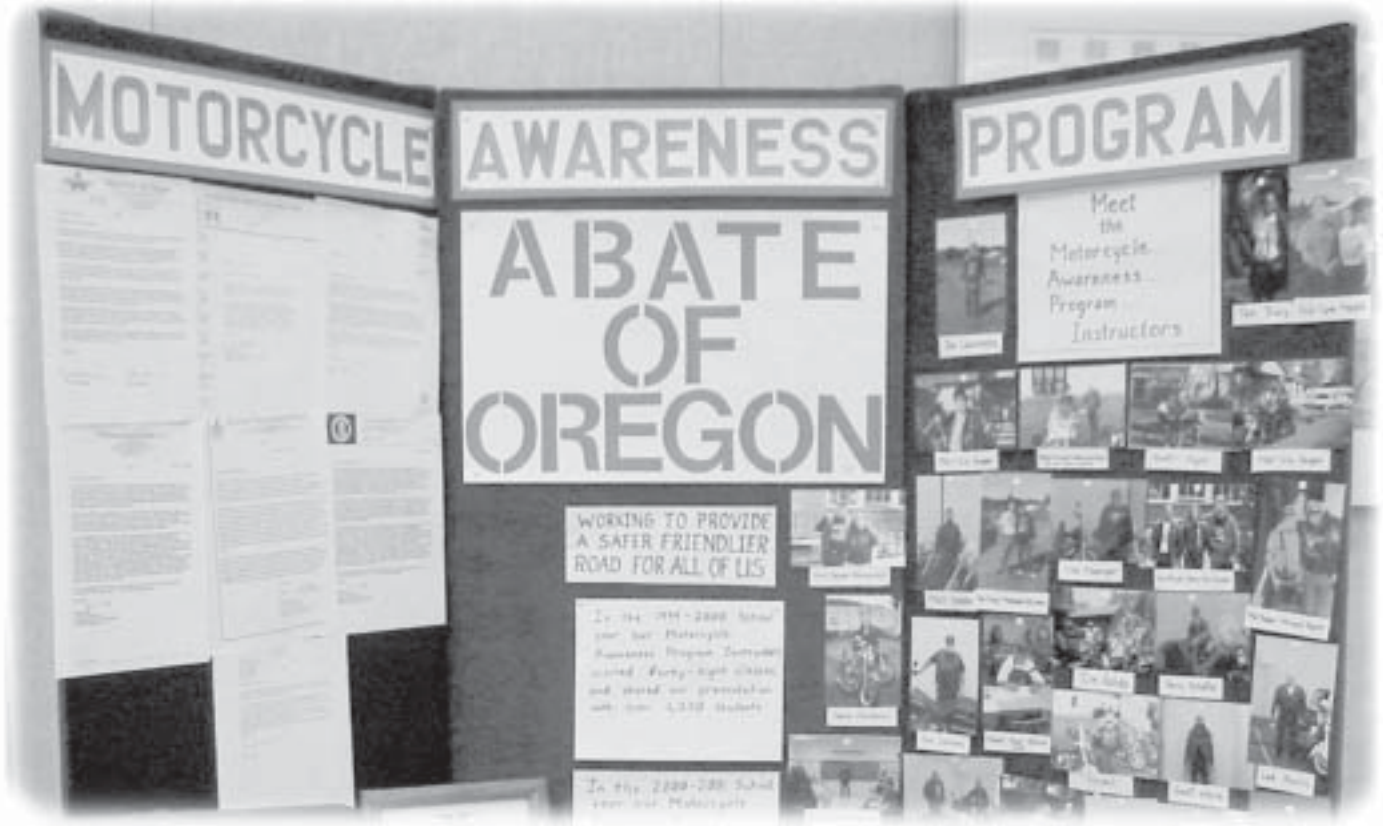
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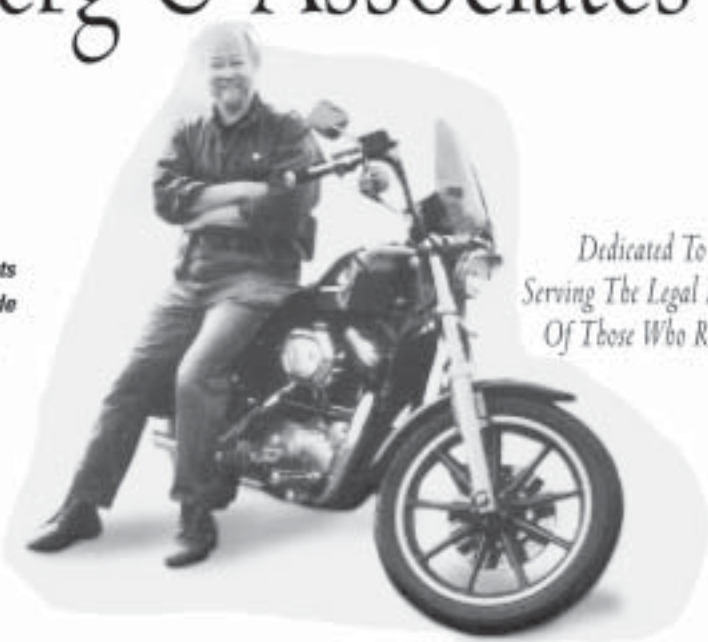
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Please keep your information up-to-date.  
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name: phone number: location:

## Central Oregon area

John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X	X	X	X								
Bigfoot Powerlift	(541)-617-1691	Bend	X	X	X	X								
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X				X						
Steve ChakAr	(541)-410-0389		X	X	X	X	X							
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X							
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond			X	X	X	X				X		
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X								

## Lincoln County area (updated September 2007)

Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X							
Norm	(541)-563-4653	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hilda	(541)-265-9376	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X									X		
Dan the Wizard (?)	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X					
Brenden Kane (?)	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X					
Randy and Deb Becker (?)	(541)-563-7191	central coast	X	X	X	X	X				X			

## North Coast area

Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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## Salem area

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X									
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X				X			
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X									
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X									
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence						X	X					
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## South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point									X			
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay									X			
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X						
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X	X					
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
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# A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

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<b>South Coast area (continued)</b>							
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Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X
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<b>Portland area</b>							
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Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X
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Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X
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Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X
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Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X
<b>Willamette Valley area</b>							
Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X



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## Willamette Valley area ( continued )

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Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X X X	X X X X			
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Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X X X X X X
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CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance date: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_

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

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

2000 *Harley-Davidson Road King*, black with hard leather bags, crash bar, factory tach, removable windshield, 20,600 miles. Ready to ride! **\$12,000**. Jim (503)-750-6047 (May 2008)

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. Powder-coated custom *Kraftech* frame with 34 degree rake and 2-inch stretch. 80 inch black and chrome *Evo*-style motor with updates to carburetor, powder-coated heat resistant black modified *Screaming Eagle* dual exhaust. Black and chrome *Harley* 5-speed transmission. Powder-coated flat track style handlebars and wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. **\$12,500** or best offer. Pictures available on *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site in classified ads. Call (503)-257-7390

(Apr 2008)



**For Sale**

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(Apr 2008)

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**Wanted**

**WANTED**

**Person willing to work with attractive figures.**

We need a wonderful person to step forward for the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* state auditor position.

This is your chance to take a deep breath, screw your courage to the sticking place, and do your part to help the motorcyclists of Oregon.

(Ability to add and subtract considered a plus.)

**Wanted**

**ALSO WANTED**

Is living in the past a lot more pleasant for you than facing the present?

Have we got a deal for you!

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* needs someone to step forward to take over the historian job at the state level. It's a great way to meet folks and play detective, tracking down photos and information. If Rot Path wasn't the crusty ol' editor of this rag, this is the job he'd want to do.

( Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 43 )

## Lirpa Cryptogram

“AND ‘I’ VYLE FO MUU ZDLK VDUU  
MO MS DPQUMFGMAFY S HYFSA,  
CBA FA FO YI ZDLK  
UFAAUD BOD MO M QYGGM.”

— CDS DUAYS’O GYANDL

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Annual Rates:</b>	
___ Individual membership	\$25
___ Couple membership	\$30
___ Family membership	\$35
___ Lifetime membership	\$250

Total number of members: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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DATED MATERIAL**

Fool is not something that April is,  
You'll find that out if you ride with her,  
She looks out for cages,  
(See them drive with cell phones.)  
Who'll tell them they're driving disabled?

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(This month the rhyme is at the beginning of each sentence.)

**NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:**

**Saturday, 12 April 2008 at noon**

*Eagles Lodge – Albany, Oregon*

**RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100**

**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	1400 (2 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Willie D's</i> ; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1000 (10 <sup>am</sup> )	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&amp;M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	1300 (1 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	1930 (7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard;	(541)-688-4268