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### A.B.A.T.E. exists to make riding safer for ALL motorcyclists

### A.B.A.T.E. **Spring Swap Meet Coming** 29 April

(see flier on page 14)



Need parts? Got parts? You can find 'em or sell 'em at the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. spring swap meet on 29 April.

### **Event Flyers**

Over the years being a state run coordinator, I've observed many events. One common factor of a successful event is the timing of the event flyers.

I feel we've lost our way.

Social media has helped the organization. E-mail, Facebook, or Twitter all have become a common everyday tools.

What we fail to see is how simple a paper flyer in a paperless world, is another bite at the

Our flyers should be on bulletin boards, shop counters, and at motorcycle events. Members should get organized to pass event flyers out. (When we're not on-line, when we're really being social.)

Fossil and state swap meet flyers should be

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ready and published in the January newspaper. Flyers should be ordered for print in January and ready at the February board meeting, for state-wide distribution.

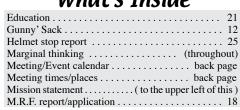
Don't forget the membership booth at the various motorcycle events. Our event flyers and legislative information have been an effective way to build membership. Get our messages and causes out in the community spotlight.

Members, please follow though when you volunteer to be on a committee. Be a team

A.B.A. T.E. belongs to all of us. Get involved, make a difference,

Rotten Roger

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the Huns Motorcycle Club in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart Mckinney, to introduce HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Rasor of the American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), Ron Roloff of the M.M.A. of California, and Ed Armstrong from A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

So, there you have it.

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

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### **U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations**

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

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

#### BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

#### Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

#### Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

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

### Motorcycle Riders Foundation

(M.R.F.) national/international

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

### American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

#### National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the Confederation of Clubs, a legal rights organization.

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Single entity.

#### В **BROTHERHOOD**

The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association

#### **AGAINST**

In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

#### T

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

#### E **ENACTMENTS**

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

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### State Coordinator

Holy cow its April already ( no foolin ) and you know what? I am excited! I'm excited not only because I know riding season is just around the corner. So close I can almost smell the bugs in my mustache again. What, with our state swap meet, the may awareness rally, and fossil coming up its hard not to be anxious. & nbsp;I think that what I am the most excited about is all the great things happening in our state at the chapter levels. I am hearing ideas about membership drives, one chapter is going out to dealerships and asking them to sponsor memberships. I am hearing ideas about motorcycle awareness like billboards and commercials at movie theatres. I am even hearing about a campout for the May MOTORCYCLE awareness rally.

These are great things and it tells me that ABATE is still alive and breathing. We are even discussing things at the state board level with open minds and ideas to move forward. </div><div dir="ltr"> </div><div dir="ltr">I am also noticing a sense of pride again. We have a great organization and I am proud to be a part of it. I have no doubt that once we put our minds to it, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish. So keep the ideas flowing and and keep up the fantastic work everyone. This year has the potential of being great, but we must remember to keep working as a team so that we cannot only bring more people into our family, we can make sure that our family is well represented in Salem and Washington D.C. </div><div dir="ltr">&nbsp;</ div><div dir="ltr">Now I think it is time that I get out and polish up



The following reports are unedited, as received.

### Allan **Nichols**

state coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

the bike and do a little maintenance to make sure she is ready to go so that when the time comes, I can get back out on the road and enjoy the wind in my face again. </div><div dir="ltr">&nbsp;</ div><div dir="ltr">Ride free, ride safe, ride with a friend, but at the very least.... enjoy the freedom to choose to ride or not.</div><div dir="ltr"> </div><div dir="ltr">See ya on the road ! </div><div dir="ltr">&nbsp;</ div><div dir="ltr">&nbsp;</ div><div dir="ltr">&nbsp;</ div><div dir="ltr">Respectfully <br/>
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Allan Nichols<br/><br>State Coordinator A.B.A.T.E. of

Oregon <br/>
<br/>br>Motorcycle Riders Foundation representative for Oregon<br><br><font style="background-color: rgb(0, 0, 0);"><font style="backgroundcolor: rgb(255, 255, 255);"> <br>&nbsp; "My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results <br>from too much government. ' ----- Thomas Jefferson



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

### Central Oregon

Greetings from sunny Central MEETING ON SUNDAY MAY Oregon. We have been alternating between snow in the mornings and sixty plus degree days. I have managed to put in a few miles on the bike and I hope you have been able to as well. Just watch out for the gravel in the corners.

We have gone back to the Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges format for our M.R.F. benefit poker run. Please join us June 16th for a ride through the beautiful Central Oregon countryside. A copy of the flier should be in this copy of the newspaper with the other run fliers. If you would like more information feel free to contact me.

We have our roadside cleanup May 12th. We will meet at the Cloverdale Fire Station on Geo. Cyrus rd. right off hwy. 126 just east of Sisters at 9:30 am. We will have our chapter meeting and a barbeque lunch after the cleanup. WE WILL NOT BE

13TH.

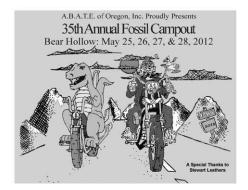
his years legislative session has ended with no bills directly affecting us as motorcyclists, but that does not mean our work in the legislative arena is done. Our task has just begun. With so many seats coming up for election we need to stack the deck, so to speak, to make sure next year we have the votes in the house and senate to get our bills passed.

Remember that no matter what someone rides or who they ride with we are all brothers and sisters in the motorcycling community. If we quarrel among ourselves we will never get anything positive accomplished. United we stand, divided we fall.

Until next month remember to keep your eye on the prize.

Bob Terrill Coordinator Central Oregon Chapter





#### CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.) Northside Bar & Grill 62860 Boyd Acres road Bend, Oregon

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

### Douglas County

During February's meeting Doug a representative from Douglas C.A.R.E.S., spoke to the chapter about an important event that was being held on February 25th at the River Forks Park. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Penguin Plunge is a fundraising event that helps "Save a Child" in Douglas County. The chapter believes in giving back to the community and Douglas C.A.R.E.S. is a wonderful organization that helps save kids from horrible, abusive lives and homes. Doug challenged members to jump with him and others into the Umpqua River, but not too many members were keen about going for a swim this time of year so the group decided to make a donation instead. Doug was very grateful for the donations made by the chapter but also for the personal donations made by Dan of Hogg Brothers and "Country". Of course



on the day of the jump it snowed in Roseburg so this truly was a "Penguin Jump". All in all, the kids won this day and pray that more are saved because of the efforts of Douglas C.A.R.E.S.

For all of us who are patiently waiting for spring and the wonderful riding weather that it brings, here is some upcoming events to put on your calendar;

Bike Nights —
April 13<sup>th</sup> — Black & Gold Clubhouse in Roseburg

May 11<sup>th</sup> — Splitz at Ten Down bowling alley

June — 8<sup>th</sup> — Ranch Restaurant —
Rice Hill

August 10<sup>th</sup> – Point 9 – Canyonville

September 14th – La Pinata – Drain

October 12th - Oakland Tavern

July 13<sup>th</sup> – The Narrows

Father's Day Run will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> with the starting point being at Big River Cycles on Stephens. Route to be determined but there will be a BBQ at the end of the run so bring your family, the proceeds will benefit Casa de Belin.

Thundering Water run will be July 28<sup>th</sup> and S.O.S., August 17, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Should be an excellent year

See you at the meetings – Enjoy the journey.....Enjoy the ride!

Chris Secretary Douglas County Chapter

### Douglas County MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 pm) M's Restaurant 443 S.E. Jackson street Roseburg (541)–672–5966

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# A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek** (members at large)

Spring has sprung, and in evennumbered years that means elections are just around the corner. So it's time to dust off the cobwebs and take a ride on the campaign trail again!

The Indian Creek flows where the Internet goes, so first I surfed the halls of various government websites. Looks like the 2012 campaign season has officially gotten underway. The Secretary of State just posted all the candidates who'll be running for state representative and state senator on their website. You can find any and all by using the Candidate Filing Search page at <a href="https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CFSearchPage.do">https://secure.sos.state.or.us/orestar/CFSearchPage.do</a>.

On another election subject, most people know that Oregon doesn't have term limits ... at least not in the legal sense, anyway. But nature has its own kind of term limits, regardless of what the law says. So with that in mind, I surfed around looking for the birthdays of all our state legislators. I was surprised to find out that four of them were born in the 1930's, and one as early as 1931. Just a hunch, but I think there might be a few retirements in the works.

If you need any help finding out information about who's running, just let me know. The Indian Creek runs swift, but I'm pretty good at paddling. See you downstream!

Douglas Findlay <mailto:RepealMachine@gmail. com>RepealMachine@gmail.com





Spring Swap Meet sunday, April 29, 2012 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Portland Armory 10000 NE 33rd drive Portland, Oregon

\$8 A.B.A.T.E. members \$10 non-members



### Indian Creek MEETING TIME and PLACE

( when and where ever )

POINT of CONTACT
( state newspaper )

### **CHAPTER ADDRESS:**

(anywhere in Oregon)

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

Sniff,,,,snifff,,,,,snifff.....No it's time well spent. Hub City had 8 not a stench, I swear, it's,,,, yes it is... I really can. I can smell Spring!! The daffodils and crocuses have been n bloom for awhile, tulips are budding and blooming; lilacs are budding. Yup, It's Spring alright. Lawns are being mowed, Daylight Savings has come and we have more time in the evenings for whatever turns our cranks. Let's do the Sun Dance for warmer weather and some evening spurts on the bikes. Soon we will be doing dinner rides and making Run plans. The riding season (though sporadic yet) is here!!!

A ride to consider April 28th will be another Hub City Biker Night at Riley's in downtown Albany (2nd and Broadalbin). We had so much fun in February that we're gonna do it again. Our annual Poker Run, will be on Saturday, June 2nd. Another funtastic event that gives us all a chance to ride, mingle, see friends and shake off the Winter doldrums.

STEAM though not largely attended was a good one and attendees: Al and Mo Sims, Rich Metz (who won 2 tickets to Fossil), RotPath, Mary Burnett, Dave Ezell, Paula Leslie and Don Mason rounded out the attendees from HC. Lots of topics were discussed during andbetween seminars; one being May MOTORCYCLE Awareness Month and the activities at the Capitol. Please make plans to attend the Rally. Also in May, in the Albany area, look for our new billboard. Hopefully we will have a few boards up in the surrounding area with some of the more photogenic folks from our group that braved the windy day. We spent a recent Sunday afternoon taking lots of shots and have selected what we hope is another awesome support of ABATE and ABATE's missions.

Don't forget Fossil, We need another Sun Dance for that weekend too! I can feel the sun's rays, can you?

Hope all are safe and well,



Come on SPRING!

Mo Sims



### **Hub City MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Ciddici's Pizza 133 SW Fifth Street - Albany

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

Jackson County report:

As you may or may not have noticed it's back to the way weather used to be around here this time of year. Snow-sun-rain-sun-sleet-ducksun-goose-lather-rain-repeat! That's in your first hour's ride...

Everyone down here seeems to be hanging on thru good & bad---I've had so many courses of antibiotics now I've lost track. Health is a great concern for a bunch of people, so give 'em a prayer when you got a spare.

I know we had a great time at our first-ever fund-raiser out at Touvelle Lodge on Feb 11tth at our Valentine's Dance. "Contagious" rocked the house and we had some great prizes given out. A brand spankin' new leather jacket from L.P., a nice assortment of jewelry from "The Goldsmith's", "D & S Harley-Davidson" kicked in some

'MotorClothes' and other goodies, "Epic Ink Tattoo"; wow, and did I mention we had tons of hot pink & red goodies given away by: Mary, Kevin, Gypsy, Mona, Cherie, Pam, Sarah, Eric, Ava, Debbie, Sue, Deborah, Donna, Bethanie, Toni, Tammy; and Sherry B. and the crew tricked it all out really nicely for Valentine's Day.

Seems we juss 'bout broke even on that party so it could have been worse or better, but it sho was fun...

Still some room for a few more Vendors/Sponsors for the 13th Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet & Bike Show brought to you by the Josephine/Jackson County Chapters of A.B.A.T.E. This will be the Tenth year it's been held at Dave's Touvelle Lodge, so if'n ya cain't find it, crawl outta yer cave. It's the 5th & 6th of May, with set-up on the 4th.

Rubber down, chrome up, and be brutally aware of the terminally



unaware.

Hang in there-

Mikey & the Jackson County Chapter

### Jackson County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm) D & S Harley-Davidson 3846 S. Pacific highway Medford (541)-

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

### Josephine County

Wow! There has actually been some pretty nice riding weather lately. My husband has been out for some nice rides with a few of our friends.

There isn't much else to report except the coming events in this area. I'll be brief since these events were also mentioned in last months Newsletter.

They are:

Swap meet sponsored by the Josephine and Jackson County Chapters at Touvelle Lodge - May 5th and 6th.

Run to the coast – Aug. 4th.

S.O.S. Campout at Wolf Creek sponsored by the Douglas and Josephine County Chapters - Aug. 18th and 19th.

Grants Pass Toy Run – Oct. 6th.

Our monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of the month at the Fruitdale Grange in Grants Pass. Come on by for a visit.

That's all for now. Ride safe.

Karen Headley







#### Josephine County **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3rd Wednesdays at 1830

(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive **Grants Pass** 

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### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Lower** Columbia

Hello <o:p></o:p><p class= MsoNormal> &nbsp ; &n bsp; It's been a Standard February, with one day sunny but freezing, the next day rain or snow. I notice the roads up here in the northwestern part of the state are not in very good shape, lots of pot holes, so beware. <o:p></o:p></ p> & nbsp; &nbs p; & nbsp; &nb sp; About the only things to report on are our Spring Run coming up May 12<sup>th</sup>, watch for our flyers. We are setting up now for our scholarships for the kids who will be receiving free swim lessons. & nbsp; This will be the third year. We will be sponsoring 30 kids this spring and summer.

This is something that we are very proud to be a part of. It also looks like we will be able to provide College Scholarships for 2 graduating seniors of the Clatskanie High School again this year. Thank all of you that participated in our fund raisers making it possible for us to fund the programs in our community<o:p></o:p> class=MsoNormal><0:p>&nbsp;</ o:p><pclass=MsoNormal>Dave Bridges<o:p></o:p><pclass=MsoNormal>Coordinator LoCo<0:p></o:p> class=MsoNormal><o:p>&nbsp;</ o:p></div></body></html> </x-html>



### LOCo's Annual **Snring Poker Run**

Date: May 12, 2012 @ 10:00

Begins @ Colvin's Pub & Grill in Clatskanie @ Twisted Fish & Steak House in Seaside



### Lower Columbia **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1st Sundays at 1900 ( 7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon (near where highway 47 joins 30)

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### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County

Lincoln County has not frozen solid, washed away or baked. We are still struggling with weather on the coast. Wish it would make up its mind. We look out and think, hmmm maybe go for a ride. By the time gear is on, bikes are being backed out, here comes the rain. At least we've had practice and have accomplished getting the bike checked out and making sure it is ready and safe to ride. They get checked before every attempt.

Things are progressing along for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in April. It has been sanctioned and insurance paid. We've not seen the flyer in the paper yet but Matt said he would send it on to Rot Path. We are still waiting. The Long John Poker Run is being worked out for the day. Breakfast will be served on Saturday Morning and then in the evening will be a Pizza dinner with an assortment of salads, drawing items and hopefully live music. If

you are so inclined come on over and join us. Participation from other chapters is almost non existent at our Anniversary Parties. By the way, our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party is April 28<sup>th</sup>. You can give us a call at 541-265-7586 for more information.

Starting in April we will be going back to meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at the American Legion Hall.

We are looking at Beaver Creek and waiting for weather breaks so we can see what needs to be done. It's going to seem strange not selling beer. OLCC has forced us to stop. Their rules and all are getting very restrictive. I'm sure you all have felt this impact from them. We just do an adjustment to comply with the new rules.

I do hope that this gets to Rot Path in time for printing.



Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am and get back to Newport and another meeting at 1pm. No wonder it's so hard to tell if I'm coming or going. I'm sure I'm not the only person in this predicament. To many irons in the fire and need to take a look to see what is the least important and drop a few of them.

Keep the Rubber Side Down Adjust for Road Conditions Enjoy life

Millie

### Lincoln County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm) *American Legion Hall*, post 116 424 W. Olive Street Newport

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### A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- North Coast

Greetings from the North Coast,

On Saturday March 10th our Chapter had an Informational Booth at the 20th Annual Lower Columbia Classics Car Club Swap Meet at the County fairgrounds. Many folks stopped our booth chatted with us and picked a variety of flyers and information we had on our tables, we were well received by all. To top it off we picked up 7 new Chapter members to bring our total to 86 members, it was a good day and a "beautiful thing" to quote one of our members...Thanks to the many Chapter members who helped to support this event, it was yet another way to get the word out about the organization and what we do in the area year round.

Our 2nd Annual Spring Fever Run is coming up on April 14th. This is a family friendly run, kids are more than welcome to ride with their parents, grand-parents or friends. The run last year was enjoyed by all, our stop at the Tillamook Cheese Factory provided some great memories of bikers in leather wandering through the facility eating squeaky cheese and enjoying the fine ice

cream served up by Tillamook Cheese. Consider joining us this year, the run begins at the Buoy 9 Inn in Hammond Oregon, signup at 9 AM, kickstands up at 10, it's a scenic ride down the Coast, run ends at Dundee's Bar & Grill in Seaside..and yes, children are welcome at Dundee's as well, hope you can make it, please see the run flyer in this publication for more information.

Our good friends across the Columbia river the Pacific County Chapter of ABATE of Washington will host its Pigout Charity Run on Saturday April 21st, the run starts at the Chinook Inn in Chinook, WA. Sign up between 9-10 AM, with the run leaving at 10 AM, \$10 per person which includes a BBQ at the end of the run at the Chinook Inn, for more information contact Lenny 360.484.7226 or Bear 360.465.2791. Hope to see you there!!

A reminder about the upcoming May **MOTORCYCLE** Awareness Rally on the steps of the State Capitol in Salem on Saturday May 5th, our Chapter will



as always have a group of riders headed down to take part of this important event don't wish it folks, the more the merrier. See the flyer in this publication for more information.

All the best from the North Coast Chapter, please be safe out there..

Al Jaques

Chapter Coordinator



### North Coast MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)

Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome

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

February 21, 2012

Most of our meeting time tonight was spent discussing two issues from the BOD. We will continue our discussions at subsequent meetings.

Shelley won the 50/50 Game at \$6/\$7 and donated her share back to the Chapter. Thanks. Shelley.

The 50/50 was won by Shelley at \$6/\$7. She donated her share back to the Chapter, thanks Shelley. The Chapter membership game would have been won by Gena Arthur, if she had been present, it will be \$60 next meeting.

March 6, 2012

Upcoming meetings

February 21, 2012 March 6, 2012

We had some serious discussion tonight on several matters referred by the BOD. Discussion was lengthy and will be represented at the BOD meeting by our Chapter Representative. We approved buying new Quicken to keep up with our Treasurer. The rest of our meeting was about our Poker Run on April 28. That is a day before the Swapmeet, so it makes a great weekend doing both.

Brian won the 50/50 and donated his share back to the Chapter. Thanks, Brian.





### River City MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 p.m. ) *Shiloh Inn* The Dalles

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



This has really been a crazy year so far. Just as soon as we can get the bikes out for a great ride one day, it's time to put them back in the garage for the winter, again. We can't wait to get a break. The Anniversary Party was a great time. Special Thanks goes to Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers. If you missed them you can catch them again when they do the Third Annual Musicians Toy Run Benefit at the M&M Lounge in Gresham on Sat. April 21st from 3-9 PM. This benefits the kids at Shiners' Hospital so come out, have some fun and raise some money for the kids.

Some other things to mark your calendars for, the Spring Swap meet is being help April 29th at the

Portland Armory. Come on out and get the items you need to get that bike finished (or started). Also don't forget the May MOTORCYCLE Awareness Rally. We all need to get out there and raise awareness for issues that are important to all of us. Randy Phipps has been in the hospital and we all want to wish Randy a speedy recovery and hope to see you VERY SOON! Ride safe Deb "Honey Buns" Ross

### Southeast Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

 $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

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

Relocation OF Meeting

After members visiting the hitching post there is allot of different opinions on wither it would work as a proper meeting place or not however due to the fact it would be a great place to meet and greet other bikers and get the word of A.B.A.T.E out the decision to hold a bike night next Monday 2/13/12 @7pm at the Hitching Post was decided.

Motioned to stay at the Almost Home Restaurant until May or April and then discuss the relocation of the meeting again.

Discussed Bob motioned

Rich Seconded

Tabled

Passed

Discuss at the April Meeting

Black Wednesday

Lynn opened the discussion by asking how many members attended the meet at the capitol building. There were very few that attended so he explained that those that attended talked to legislature about the stimulus with the helmet law and urged all members to get the word out and continue talking to people to help get this law passed. Explain to people that we will be happy to post pictures of those who are for it and of those that are against it so they too can have publicity.

Discussed

Not

Discussed MC Clubs

Lynn explained to all who attended to get the word out to all MC Clubs that they can now join A.B.A.T.E for one family rate instead of individual rates.

Discussed

Discussed

Getting information out

Tina – Suggested having tri-folds at every A.B.A.T.E meeting so that member could hand them out.

Decided that Tri-Folds would be made available at

Discussed



Lynn made Tri-folds available

1.5

#### May MOTORCYCLE Awareness

The single most important event all year A.B.A.T.E urges all to attend.

There will be a three day camp out in Lebanon Oregon the weekend of May **MOTORCYCLE** awareness with a run to the capitol in Salem Oregon for all that plans to attend.

Discussed

Became New business 2.0 New Business

### May MOTORCYCLE Awareness

Rally campout- we feel it would be best to have it all occur in one place as a campout with a run to the capitol ensuring more turn out and publicity.

Discussed

Visitor to ABATE

Ashley Pendergraft came to visit us today in the wheelchair purchased buy ABATE. Due to the donation she is able to be more dependant and live a better quality of life. Her and her family came to show there gratefulness and thank us all. We thanked them for coming and explained it was an honor for them to visit us

Discussed

3.0 New Business / Rounds

Recruiting

We will continue to recruit by asking other Riders' to attend meetings and speaking of ABATES Mission,

Discussed NMRMA

Tina Brought to the table a group that is seeking support in making a difference and needing help. The NMRMA- National Motorcycle Riders Memorial Association is dedicated to providing a place where people can memorialize their friends, family and loved ones who had a passion for riding motorcycles. This place will be free from discrimination of race, religion, politics, group membership, organization, or club affiliation. Supporting our right to be memorialized in the manner us and our loves ones wish.

Matt-moves to motion that the chapter as a group support and endorse the NMRM

Bob second the motion

All favored Aye

ABATE Picture

Panhead Rick Moves to remove the ABATE picture on the website

Bob- seconded the motion

All favored

Aye

4.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting

April 3rd 2012 at Almost Home restaurant 7pm Facilitator: Minutes: Tina Larsen

Members: Following February's meeting we currently have 72 members in the Salem chapter A.B.A.T.E

Attendees: Lynn DeSpain (coordinator), Rick Hoffman (Vice Coordinator), Bob Wiro (Sergeant of

arms), Matt Price (Treasurer), Tina Larsen (Secretary), Teressa Price, Mike Klassen, Vern Miller, Doug Ault Sr., Doug Ault Jr., Panhead Rick, Dan Flammang Sr., Robert Sickels.

15 members attended February's meeting. We send great thanks out to all that came and appreciate your support. We strongly urge the other 57 members to make a meeting and support your rights to ride.

Remember 1 person can make a difference but a group can change the world.

#### Salem

#### **MEETING TIME and PLACE**

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Almost Home Restaurant 3310 Market Street, Salem

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

ABATE of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness

Are we doing all we can to promote motorcycle awareness? I still run across people who think of ABATE members as those antihelmet Harley snobs. It seems like an uphill battle sometimes to overcome the stereotypes in some people's minds. But a lot of people don't seem to associate us with promoting awareness, education, and safety.

In the last couple of years I've come across info about memorial rides in this area for riders who were killed by drivers who turned in front of them. In both cases, the rides had a purpose of remembrance, and of motorcycle awareness. Also, the person promoting the events said they were doing this because no one else was doing anything for motorcycle awareness in this area. Both times that I read that I wondered how they have missed

our message. We've presented our program in the schools. We've put info in local shops. We've gotten good press coverage for our Toy Run that included everything we stand for. We've taken our message to some local car events. It seems like we have been doing a lot. But if other riders aren't getting our message, how many cage drivers aren't hearing us?

One of my goals for our chapter for this year is to look for new ways to promote motorcycle awareness. If you have an idea, please come to a meeting and share it with the chapter. Or you can contact me at coordinator@wacoabate.info and I will pass the word along. I'm tired of hearing about innocent lives being taken by someone who didn't bother to look for motorcycles.

Our next chapter event will be the Adopt a Road clean up on April 28, starting at 10 AM. I will try to arrange parking at the blueberry farm



where we parked last time. When confirmed, I will announce it at the next meeting, and we will put out an ABATE sign along Roy Rogers Road at the exact location that morning. Hope to see you all there!

For more info on upcoming events, check out our website at www.wacoabate.info

Ride hard, ride safe,

Roger Yarnell

### Washington County MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930 (7:30 p.m.)

Grape Vine Restaurant 11525 SW Barnes – Portland

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### Our Officers at Work

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

10 March 2012

Ciddici's Pizza— Albany, Oregon



Call to Order / Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols, Coordinator, at 12:03 pm with 11 of 12 chapters represented. All Chapters present eligible to vote.

Not Present: Lower Columbia - Excused

Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence: For Downed Brothers/Sisters and Service Men/Women.

Guests and First Time Attendees: Bridgett Hamrick, SE Portland; Passion, Lincoln County

Reading / Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Matt, Salem Chapter, to adopt minutes as printed in the State Newspaper; Seconded by Bob Nichols, Douglas County. Motion passed.

(X) Coordinator's Comments: Allan Nichols – Opened by stating that he would appreciate it if people would keep their comments and reports short and succinct. Reported on an email from Sam Hochberg that he would furnish the room, conference fees and banquet fees for one person from ABATE to attend the NCOM conference. All we would need to pay is for travel and meal per Diem (other than the Banquet).

(X) Secretary Report & Correspondence: Nic Oliver – Reported that all we have are some newsletters/papers/whatevers from other State MROs. If no one wants them, Linda will take them to Randy Phipps in the hospital.

\*\*\*\*\*\* Officer's Reports\*\*\*\*\*\*

(X) Vice-Coord North: Al Simms – Spoke on a handout, "Nuts and Bolts" that he put in each Representative's packet. He said that this was to be taken to each Chapter and it is to help them think about the game that we are in together. What it is that we are doing as ABATE members and working together to achieve those goals.

(X) Vice-Coord South: Pat "Spanky" Allen – Spoke on members/potential members and what they think of us. Reported that he has got a Southern Oregon Sport Bike group (that is what they called themselves "Sport Bikers") and Star riders to join the Southern Oregon Chapters. About 224 new members so far and believes we will be able to reach 1,000 members in Southern Oregon soon. He is working on Medford right now. He stated that the more members we get, the more willing to work we get and that mean less work for all involved.

(X) Vice-Coord East: Robert Terrill – Reported that Eastern Oregon has had a lot of great weather. Watch for sand on the roads, especially in corners where ODOT in Eastern Oregon seem to feel the sand is needed. Not the rest of the road, only the corners. Reported that they are reviving the old Rock, Lakes and Bridges MRF Benefit Run this year, in June. (Check the Calendar of events.)

(X)Treasurer: Kay Sipple – Report turned in. Kay also reported that our balances are: checking - \$5,058.16, savings - \$20,009.95, Paypal - \$300.15. Also reported that Fossil tickets can be purchased on Paypal.

(X)Membership Secretary: Linda Henderson – We currently have 1599 members. Also reported that she has tri-folds and some membership packets available, for those that requested them.

Linda stated that this is the last year she will be serving in this position. Someone should really step up as soon as possible because this job has a lot of work involved and it will take time to train a replacement.

(X)Sanctioning Officer: Matt Price – Reported that he has just sent out 4 sanctions and had 2 on his desk. Everything else is up to date and we are good to go.

State Auditor: Connie Ceccacci – Report handed in. Reported that things are really looking good with only Central Oregon having a problem with software but it is being worked out. Almost all green on the report.

Newspaper Editor: Rot Path – Thanked everyone for attending. Reminded that today is the 10th and reports are due today. Only 4 in when he left this morning to come to this meeting. The ones in are Hub City, Josephine County, River City, SE Portland.

Legislative Director: Don Mason – Reported that he is always looking for combatants (people willing to fight for their liberties). These people must be willing to call, write, email, phone and/or even meet with their legislator.

The first mandated Annual Session is now over. There were no motorcycle related issues on the docket this year but we watched them anyway to be sure. Two bills that BikePAC had sent out FYI Alerts for were gun related, SB1594 and HB 4045, both of which went the way we had hoped. They could be considered wins in two ways. The way we wanted and they showed their colors. Don made the comparison of the "Whack a Mole" game. By their votes, the legislators showed which ones believed in personal liberty issues and which ones wanted your liberties taken away.

Also, filing for candidate positions is also closed. This means that very soon we will be able to get a complete list of who is running for office in Oregon and put those names with those that support liberty and those that don't and those that we don't know about. This will make it much easier to know who supports us and who doesn't.

Don stressed the need to "vote your heart". If you have a candidate in your area that you feel is the best one and supports your causes the best, then vote for that person. Even if they don't support ABATE's issues. The choice is always yours. We just give you options and say that if it doesn't matter to you



Nic Oliver

acting state recording secretary

which one wins, pick the one that supports personal liberty issues.

Noted that Facebook is working. Shemia is running in the SE Portland area and will be attending a local ABATE meeting to try to get support. Invite candidates to your local Chapters to speak. They will come, they want your vote. Good place to try to convince them to support us if they have shown to be against us. J. Smith was against us and is now running for Mayor, which means that his State position is now open, Senate District 1. Reminded everyone that Hub City got Representative Andy Olson, our staunchest supporter, by putting up lawn signs on one weekend.

Nebraska and Tennessee had helmet modification bills up this year and Don is studying their hearing for clues that could help us.

Allan reported that it is Adrianna Canos vs Shawn Lindsey in WaCo.

Sergeant-At-Arms North: Randy Phipps – Excused. Medical. Randy is doing better and is in Rehabilitation in Vancouver.

Sergeant-At-Arms South: "One-Eyed Bob" Nichols – No report at this time.

Sergeant-At-Arms East: VACANT

Products Director: Dave Meeker – Absent

Education Director: Geoff White – Thanked everyone that attended STEAM. It was smaller than anticipated. Looking into alternative ways to make it draw more people in. Reported that Team Oregon may reopen the Range Aide program. That would give us a chance to help them and to help us in the process. We have been having problems getting the

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### A.B.A. T.E. State Board Meeting - 10 March 2012 (continued)

information out about ABATE due to Team Oregon's stance on outside promotions.

Geoff handed out Motorcycle Awareness Program Instructor Certificates to the Chapter Representatives to take to their Chapter for distribution. Geoff noted that 5 of the 7 certificates were for members of Hub City Chapter. The recipients were: Dave Ezell, Hub City; Steve Gerki, Hub City; Paula Leslie, Hub City; Mary Burnett, Hub City; Rick Metz, Hub City; and didn't say which Chapter the other two were from but they were; Bill Varozza and Kevin Hickam. Congratulations to each one.

Public Relations Director: Robert "One-eyed Bob" Nichols -Reported that he had submitted the Fossil information to the Thunder Press. Watch for it in the next issue. Bob said that he couldn't find his contact list, another one is being sent to him. Bob also stated that the new Facebook site is up and running. It officially called "ABATE Oregon", the "of" is left out. Going to leave the old site up for a bit longer.

Fossil Coordinator: Howie Long – Excused - The following message is forwarded from Howie Long, State Run Coordinator -Fossil. There is no Run Committee meeting at this month's BOD. Also, a reminder to all Chapter Reps that unsold Fossil Tickets need to be returned at the May meeting. Also, Howie is still needing raffle prizes and t-shirts for the drawings at Fossil. Howie is going to be at the Washington State ABATE Swap meet spreading the word on Fossil, so he will not be at the BOD.

Allan also stated that Fossil always needs prizes.

Fall/Spring Swap Meet Coordinator: John "Wheel" Betts - Excused. Allan reported that in order to do the job of security properly, there is a need for 48 people to cover everything well. Reported that the vender situation is doing well. Linda reported that she and Connie have sent out over 60 vender applications. There is need for people from each Chapter to come and serve at the door, in



security, and at the information booth. There is no date set for the Fall Swap Meet.

Historian: Jennifer Brackman - Excused. Congratulations to the new Mommy!

WEB Page Editor: Trace Ceccacci – Stated that other than he is trying to get caught up, there is no report.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba - Excused. Congratulations to the new Daddy! It was reported that most of the storage items have been moved. Dwayne will get the rest

Bike PAC Representative: Nic Oliver – Reported that the openings in BikePAC include Executive Director, Secretary/Treasurer and Legislative Director. The new Officers will be announced at the May **MOTORCYCLE** Awareness Rally. A special presentation will be made at the MOTORCYCLE Awareness Rally this year. Nic wouldn't say who is getting the presentation as he wants it to remain secret.

Most of his report was given by Don. If anyone has need for the new Economic Impact Bucks should contact him well before your function so that there is time for you to get them. Also, May Awareness Posters are available. Already had the 500 flyers that were made taken to be handed out. Was hoping the next batch of 500 would be at the BOD today but since they are not, they will be next month.

Nic spoke on the "Call to Action" notices that are sent out by BikePAC are items that need action taken by all. The "For Your Information" FYI's alerts sent out are due to requests by the membership and the only time action is needed is if you want to. No action is called for, only information about an issue is given.

MRF Representative:

Allan Nichols - Reported that Washington DC is working on the Highway bill. It looks like they may extend the old bill, without the helmet language, again. It has been extended twice already. Senator Sensenbrenner is fighting the ethanol use bill. SB 1813 is the new highway bill without helmet language. There are problems with the highway bill and there are other ideas floating around on how to handle them. One idea is to split the bill into three individual bills. Nothing is decided as yet.

CoC Representative North: David Hickerson - Reported on a poll taken of the membership as to what is most important to them legislatively. #1. Ethanol, #2. Lane Sharing, #3. 2nd Amendment, #4. Helmet.

Unfinished Business: Sergeant-At-Arms East – No

nominations.

The issue of Information Alerts being sent out by BikePAC that was sent back to the Chapters for their input and was discussed at this time. It was pointed out, again, that BikePAC sends out two types of information. The first type is the CTA or Call to Action. This is informing the membership that action is needed on a specific issue. The other type is the "FYI" or Information Alert. This pertains to items that are not directly related to motorcycles but of great interest to the membership of BikePAC and information was asked to be forwarded out. There was a lot of discussion regarding where do we draw the line? What criteria do we decide what we want sent out to everyone?

Don Mason pointed out that he can separate by Chapter for emails if needed but cannot do it for individual emails.

It was decided by Allan taking

a poll of the present Chapters. The choices were 1: To forward all CTA's and FYIs sent out by BikePAC or 2. To forward only CTAs. The vote was 7 Chapters want ALL information sent out and 3 Chapters wanted only CTAs. Allan, ABATE Coordinator, decided that the vote shows that ABATE will forward ALL information alerts and CTAs sent out by BikePAC and each member decides for themselves if they want to do anything or not on an information only alert.

Don Mason, Legislative Director, stated how proud he is to work with an organization like this that can take a subject like this and work together to reach a decision and accept it. It makes his job that much easier.

#### New Business:

1: Motion made by Bob Nichols, Douglas County; seconded by Bridget Hamrick, SE Portland: "To send Bob Nichols to NCOM as ABATE of Oregon Representative in conjunction with Sam Hochberg's offer of support. Amended to include: approximate cost of \$500 for Travel and per diem. Vote: Yea – 6, Nay – 3, Abstention – 1. Motion Passed

2: Motion made by Brian Stovall, River City; seconded by Nic Oliver, Hub City: "Deny Sanctioning for any other event at the same time as the May Rally." Not much said about this one. Vote: To table for Chapter input.

Announcements:

Next State Board of Directors Meeting: April 14, at Ciddici's Pizza, Albany, Oregon.

Rick "Mongo" Mendenhall of Silverton, is in the Salem Hospital, Rm 524, after undergoing major heart surgery. Is not doing well and could use all the prayers, good thoughts or whatever way you want to wish him well.

Upcoming events:

31 Mar 2012 Biker Night at the Vine by WaCo. More info at www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter.

28 Apr 2012 Adopt-A-Road Clean-up. More info at www. facebook.com/WaCoChapter.

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From The ...

### **GUNNY'S SACK**

This winter here in Oregon has been a crazy set of events. Ma nature seems to be confused as to what she wants. We have had almost every kind of weather that could be. At least it hasn't been a cold winter like last year.

By press time for most of you, it will be better weather in Oregon. It's important that we check our rides over for hidden problems waiting to surface. Most of us have been riding all winter and the idea of maintenance has been on the back burner. Now is the time to take care of the scoot so it doesn't jump up and bite ya in the keester.

Do the right thing and check it over thoroughly. Ya might be due for tires or an oil change. Check for leaks here and there. A good bath for the bike more than likely wouldn't hurt either. Treat the leathers with a cleaner and moisturizer. Makes them soft and easy to wear and they will last longer, too.

**NEWSBITS N PIECES:** 

2012 NCOM CONVENTION Will Honor Another Oregonian: This year is again special for Oregon. Gene Mortimer from Fossil, Oregon was chosen for the NCOM SILVER SPOKE AWARD for his work in advancing the image of motorcycling. He has been a tireless worker at the Oregon's ABATE Spring opener on Memorial Day weekend at the small town of Fossil, Oregon. A huge honor for him and a very much-deserved recognition of a humble man that works hard for ABATE of Oregon. The work to make it happen is mostly done by Gene, as he lives right there so is handy to make sure the camping area at Bear Hollow is groomed to perfection for us every year. He never seems to stop the entire weekend and beyond, cleaning up the mess left behind. He has help of course, but he is the driving force in my mind. Congratulations Gene, and thank you for you dedication!

Past Silver Spoke winners from Oregon are numerous, and I think I may be forgetting some, but here goes: AIM Lawyer Sam Hochberg, Butch Harbaugh, Tim & Bonnie King (for www.Salem-News.com), Rotten Roger Hendricks, and even your Gunny. Now I'm gonna catch a raft of you-know-what for NOT mentioning other past Oregon recipients. TELL me, at AIMGunny@aol.com, and we'll have a complete list in a future Sack!

For this year, I'd love to see a bit Oregon turnout to support Gene in this tribute. will be several DAYS of terrific workshops and seminars on many aspects of motorcyclists rights. The 27th Annual National NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) Conference will be held in Indianapolis, May 10-13, at the J.W. Marriot hotel. Call 800-266-9432, and mention NCOM for the \$99 rate. You can download a registration form at the AIM/NCOM website, http:// www.aimncom.com/ncom/ncom\_ convention.htm See you there!!

FORD BOSS: Autopilot cars could be on the road in the next decade. Bill Ford, the boss of Ford Motors, has predicted motorists will no longer have to drive for themselves in the future with the rise of the autonomous car. What about motorcycles? Are they included in this scenario? I sure don't want any autopilot motorcycle.

MINNESOTA Guarding: There is good news from this part of the world. Not one but two bills passed here that allow motorcycle road guards to direct traffic during motorcycle parades and events that use the roadways.

There is a way to go yet before this becomes law, but details are being worked out. The road guards would have to be certified by the state and carry documentation with them when they are working an event. I'd like to see laws like this for ANY pack ride, not just parades. For more information, contact Todd Rib at toddriba@gmail.com. Full Article URL: http://www.abatemn.org/news/good-news-road-guarding-bills

NHTSA Recalls: Here's a scary one: 2011 and 2012 Ducati models are being recalled by NHTSA because they may have or develop a fuel line crack. Don't dilly-dally on that one! If ya own one get it to your dealer quickly. I suggest you trailer it just this one time. Check this one out too, Could be a real problem if not taken care of KAWASAKI 2008-2012 REGULATOR/RECTIFIER is on the fritz. The 2012 model has a circlip breakage problem that needs looking into as well. Apparently this creature could cause ya some problems. Get to your dealer for a free fix.

CALIFORNIA: DNA every day. A Federal appeals court has ruled that California law enforcement CAN take DNA samples from anyone arrested on felony charges. In their ruling, the court compared it to fingerprinting suspects, a legal practice many decades old. A

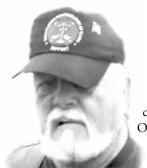
challenge to the practice was filed by a group of Californians arrested but never convicted of alleged felonies. Sounds like more profiling.

SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS Oregon Campus Gun Ban DefeatedSenate Bill 1594, the last-minute campus gun ban introduced by state Senate President Peter Courtney was defeated by a 15 to 14 vote.

Another defeated bill would have created a new prohibition, a Class C felony, for possessing "a firearm or other instrument used as a dangerous weapon, while on school grounds." The definition of "school grounds" would have included colleges and universities.

That bill was introduced in response to last year's Oregon Court of Appeals decision which ruled that colleges and universities do not have the authority to ban Concealed Handgun License (CHL) holders from carrying on campus grounds. The defeat of this bill is a strong victory for gun owners.

Gun owners here in Oregon should also be pleased that the state Senate passed House Bill 4045, Concealed Handgun License (CHL) confidentiality legislation, sponsored by state Representative



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

Kim Thatcher. This new law will keep CHL holders information private, except for special circumstances or court order.

GUNNY AGAIN: As always I remind ya'll that our AIM attorneys across North America are here to serve us and protect us from the nasty jaws of the insurance companies that weasel out of paying us fair money for damages and repairs to our rigs and our bodies when we find ourselves in an accident. Don't even talk to these adjusters, they'll get their hooks in ya before ya know it. Our AIM attorneys work every day with these unsavory folks, and make sure we are taken care of properly. If you have an accident or any other legal problem get in touch with your AIM attorney and they will at the very least advise you. These folks devote untold hours of their time pro bono (free) to assist us in making sure we have the correct advice and service to survive. Call you AIM attorney and get properly taken care of. The nationwide line is 1-800-531-2424 or 1-800-On-A-Bike. Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is at 503-224-1106 He's online at SamBikeLaw@aol.com. And, don't forget to check out all the info and video at the AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) and NCOM website, at www.aimncom.com.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny, Oregon's AIM Chief of Staff

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### **MOTORCYCLE** Awareness?

### no stinkin' editing

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We often complain of motorcycle riders being invisible to cage drivers.

But what about when we become invisible to ourselves?

Why are so many of our own folk referring to our 05 May event as the "May Awareness Rally"?

Awareness of what?

MOTORCYCLES, dammit!

The title of our upcoming major event is May MOTORCYCLE Awareness Rally.

How can we expect legislators and the mass media to take us seriously when we don't even name ourselves?

Stop being lazy typists and start taking pride in what we ride.

(Yer poor crusty ol' editor had to add the word "motorcycle" to virtually every mention of our May rally in this edition. That's slightly shameful of us.)

### S.T.E.A.M.ing Up the Windows

During the course of S. T.E.A.M. this year in late February, we saw virtually every type of weather available to Oregonians short of tornados, which may help explain the rather low attendance. Some folks had to turn back due to snow in passes or icy roads. Others came over a day early to stay in motels and make a little weekend away mini-vacation, thereby missing Saturday's odd weather.

Regardless of the weather and

attendance figures, those who managed to slog their way over to Oregon's capitol city got to meet state officers directly, discuss their concerns, and participate in a day of seminars designed to inform, educate, and clarify what we do as an organization. Plus it's just plain fun to be able to talk with folks from other parts of the state, exchanging ideas on how to help chapters work better and expand membership.

What proved interesting in holding the event at Chemeketa Community College is the number of students and professors who stopped to talk with us, especially Dave Meeker who manned the products booth in the chilly hallway. We may have gained future members and changed minds about who we are and what we do.

At one point, a couple of students were talking with several of us, one of whom related how he'd been riding for a number of years, but hadn't taken a Team Oregon class. (We strongly encouraged he and his mate to take classes.) He also wasn't aware of A.B.A. T.E. and what we do for motorcyclists such as himself.

Then there was the person who may have been a professor (rolling case and handle for class materials) who engaged us in conversation. What was most interesting was her body language. Initially she was leaning away, as though pausing in mid stride to ask a question. But the more we talked with her, the more relaxed her posture became. By the time she continued on her way, the light bulb (or CFL) had come on over her head and we could see a potential ally

who had a better understanding of what we are about and what we do for all road users. Even Brian was impressed.

A little background:

The title is appropriate to the purpose: Seminars To Educate And Motivate. S. T.E.A.M. was initiated in the early 1990s to train new officers, provide education for all members, and to get our folks fired up about who we are and what we do. Many of the seminars are taught by experienced present or past officers. Often an outside motivational speaker is brought in to start off the day and teach seminars.

This year the membership of A.B.A.T.E. may be taking a look at S. T.E.A.M. to see if it is still doing what we want it to. We'll need to decide if changes are needed in content, date, or location. No doubt this will become an action item at our annual planning session in October, so keep it in mind throughout the upcoming riding season.

### Time Please, **Ladies and Gentlemen**

The entire country has moved an hour closer to the mother country from which we were in active rebellion two hundred and fifty years

Locally, yer crusty ol' editor's vehicles, kitchen, and half the bedroom remain on good ol' standard time while the living room, bathroom, and the other half of the bedroom have jumped several

Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 25



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

hundred miles east, chronologically.

Yer c.o.e. experiences continual jetlag walking through the house, which may help explain why he's so out of it this time of year. (Doesn't explain the rest of the year.) He is firmly against so-called daylight savings and wants it done away with, figuring that an election year such as this is a good time to ping on politicians for what he wants. (Also a good time for A.B.A.T.E. to get what it wants.)

#### Lirpa

Be aware that this month, starting as it does with April Fools Day, no editing is performed on most submitted materials. So if you didn't bother to spallcheck, ran wordsorsentences into each other, or gives a toss about grammar, then it's all out there for the world to see. (Or at least the small part of it that reads this rag.)

Consider it an editor's holiday. (And perhaps members will begin to appreciate all the hard work performed in the background by A.B.A. T.E. officers and volunteers at all levels that goes unseen but which keeps this organization ticking over.)

Oddly enough, this column doesn't need additional editing because it is superbly written in the first place due to all those years of editing experience that goes into the rest of this rag . . . er, fine publication. (And yes, c.o.e. was being facetious there.)

#### **Rumors**

Don't speculate — investigate.

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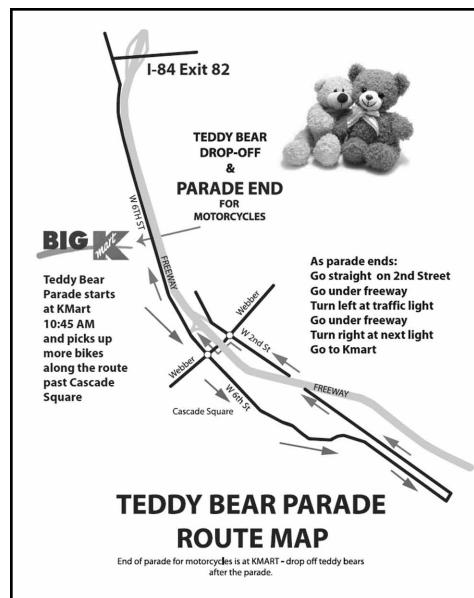
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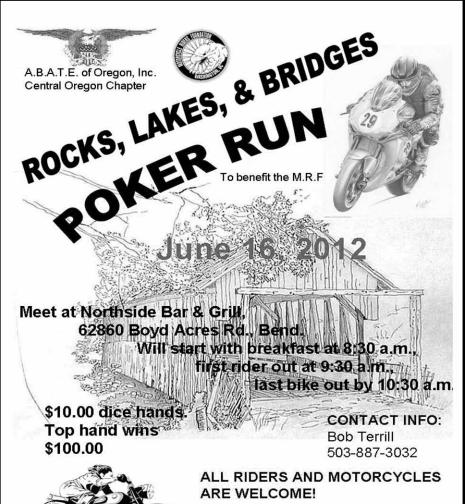
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American Motorcyclist Association

Volunteering your time helps promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling. The best part about volunteering with the AMA is that you get to choose what you want to do, and when you do it! The more you do, the better for all of us. If we all pitch in, a little effort on everyone's part will go a long way toward preserving our right to ride.

There are many ways you can help secure the future of motorcycling. For some ideas, follow the link below.

AMA Ice Race Grand Championships crown first champions of 2012

The AMA recognized its first champions of 2012 with the AMA Ice Race Grand Championships, Feb. 11-12 in Cadillac, Mich. The amateur championship event took place at the William Mitchell State Park.

In addition to 30 championships in classes featuring riders of all ages

competing on bikes ranging from lightly modified off-road machines to full-on, purpose-built ice racers, the AMA also recognized two riders for outstanding performances. Kyle Johnson, from Twin Lake, Mich., won the 2012 AMA Ice Racer of the Year Award and Nathan Gross from Clio, Mich., won the 2012 AMA Youth Ice Racer of the Year Award.

Read more at American Motorcyclist. com

U.S. House panel backs more study of ethanol-gasoline fuels

A key U.S. House committee has approved a bill that would require an independent scientific study of the effects of ethanol-gasoline blends on engines.

By a 19-7 vote on Feb. 7, the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology approved H.R. 3199 to require the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to seek an independent scientific analysis of the effects of E15 -- a new gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume -- on engines.

Tyler Bowers wins back-toback AMA Arenacross titles

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is pleased to recognized the first AMA National Championship Series champion of 2012: Arenacross racer Tyler Bowers from Danville, Ky.

"As one of the most exciting racing formats in motorsports, AMA Arenacross always provides a great show," said AMA Director of Racing Joe Bromley. "In this sport, you can't let up for a second, and Tyler's relentless, hammer-down style once again put him on top. We Tyler Bowers for putting together another great season and coming out on top against some of the best stadium racers in the country."

Significant insurance rate reductions for AMA riding and racing events

The AMA has announced lower negotiated insurance cost savings of up to 18 percent for AMA event organizers. The new lower rates are geared to make riding and racing more affordable for AMA members everywhere.

Offered by Lockton Affinity, the preferred insurance provider of the AMA, the new program takes effect on March 1, 2012. The current reduction is the second insurance rate drop in six months. On Sept. 29, Lockton Affinity offered rates that were 10 percent lower than previous rates.

AMA Western Checkpoint Enduro Series features multiple competition formats

The AMA welcomes West Coast off-road racers who enjoy all forms of enduro competition -- including the tradition and challenge of time-keeping enduros -- to participate in a new AMA Featured Series for 2012.

"Enduro racing is part of the heritage of motorcycling competition in this country," said AMA Director of Racing Joe Bromley. "We welcome the efforts of these longtime AMA partners to elevate enduro competition on the West Coast. I'm sure these events will

not only satisfy current riders eager for more enduro competition, they will also introduce many more riders to this exciting sport."

Ricky Carmichael Daytona Amateur Supercross Championship returns to Bike Week

Ricky Carmichael, one of the greatest American motorcycle racers of all time, will bring his unique blend of stadium-style motocross to the hallowed grounds of the Daytona International Speedway on Sunday and Monday, March 11-12, at the Ricky Carmichael Daytona Amateur Supercross Championship.

Sanctioned by the AMA, and in partnership with MX Sports, the third annual event features two days of amateur racing at the same track that will showcase the best AMA Supercross racers in the world at the March 10 Daytona Supercross by Honda, which is the 10th round of the 2012 AMA Supercross Championship.

Steward Baylor wins second AMA National Enduro

Steward Baylor claimed his second win in a row with an impressive performance at this weekend's Cherokee National Enduro, round two of the AMA Rekluse National Enduro Series in Greensboro, Ga.

After taking a surprise win in the sand at the series opener in South Carolina, the Fly/RidePG/WP Racing USA/Leatt/KTM-sponsored Baylor backed it up with a solid performance in the Georgia mud, finishing nearly two minutes clear of second place finisher Cory Buttrick in an event that went from challenging to treacherous after heavy rains the night before the race turned the local farmland to slime.

2012 Women's Conference AMA members can book now and save big on attending the AMA International Women & Motorcycling Conference in Carson City, Nev., on July 26-27, 2012. Early registration of \$125 is available now exclusively for AMA members at. After April 30, 2012, registration will increase to \$175 for AMA members and be available to non-AMA members for \$235.

You also can call (800) 262-5646 to register.

### **Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

MRF Testifies Before Maryland State Senate

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) was asked to testify before the Maryland State Senate Committee on Judicial Proceedings on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. The bill is SB 488, which would modernize the current Maryland mandatory motorcycle helmet bill. The bill is sponsored by Senator John Astle, a fellow rider.

Drafted by ABATE of MD, SB 488 would change the mandatory helmet requirement to allow for adult choice. According to the bill, Marylanders would be able to choose to wear a helmet as long as they met the age requirement of 21 and carry at least \$10,000.00 in health insurance.

Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs, stood before the committee and urged passage of the legislation. "Maryland repealed their mandatory helmet bill in 1979, but with the threat from DC that they would lose federal money if they didn't have one, the General Assembly voted it back in place in 1992, just three years before that federal blackmail practice was ended."

"It was an honor to stand with the ABATE leadership and membership and deliver a unified message" Hennie said.

The bill faces an uphill battle on the way to becoming law, but ABATE has a good bill with a great bill sponsor who has a long history of working with both sides of the aisle in Annapolis. A vote has not yet been scheduled.

How's the Federal Highway Bill?

It's been a tumultuous few weeks, with Washington focusing all of its attention on the federal highway bill. The mammoth piece of legislation that paves new roads and fixes crumbling bridges has been a ghost for the past three years, when the old law expired. Since 2009, the bill has lurched from temporary extension to temporary extension, and the most recent expires at the end of this month. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) believes that another extension is a foregone conclusion at this point. The only question is how long will it be. Here is a quick rundown of where we are and where we have been.

The Senate passed a bill (S 1813) out of committee back in December. That bill is awaiting consideration by the full Senate, but it failed a cloture motion earlier this week. A vote against cloture is a vote to keep debating the bill and not begin voting on the bill. Failing a cloture vote is oftentimes the beginning of the end. Not always though, as we may see with this bill. Sources close to the MRF are saying that a deal has been reached between Senate Democrats and Republicans, and votes on amendments may wrap up next week. The Senate bill spends \$109 billion over two years and has no anti-motorcycle language or helmet language of any kind.

Meanwhile, over on the House side, their version (HR 7) of the highway bill has an even more bizarre story. The House bill would spend \$260 billion over five years. This bill also has zero anti-motorcycle language. It does have the language from HR 904 rolled into it, banning motorcycleonly checkpoints. Although the annual cost is actually less with the House bill, the overall cost proved to be too much for some Republicans in Congress, and they planned a revolt. The threat of the revolt was enough to force Speaker Boehner to divide the bill into three smaller bills; an odd choice of strategy. None of those bills have been brought to the floor. Supposedly there is so much rancor that the House may now take up the smaller Senate bill as a supplement, as it's more likely to get signed into law before the end of the month. But even that is long shot.

In other news, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell signed into law a piece of legislation that bans law enforcement agencies from conducting motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. The ban takes effect July 1, 2012.

The MRF will keep you updated on the progress of the federal highway bill, and all federal motorcycling issues.

Register Now for MRF'S BEAST of the

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) BEAST of the East Conference in Atlanta, Georgia is coming sooner than you think. But it's not too late to pre-register for the conference or book your hotel room at the conference rate.

You can register online through the MRF website at http://www.mrf.org/events. php. The Westin Atlanta Airport has also



agreed to extend the deadline for booking your room at the conference rate of \$89 per night. You can reserve your room by calling 1-888-627-7211 or 404-762-7676. Be sure to mention that you are attending the Motorcycle Riders Foundation BEAST of the East conference to get the conference rate.

You can find the complete conference agenda including workshop presenters, as well as the conference poster and printable registration form, by visiting the MRF website at http://www.mrf.org/events.php.

We're looking forward to a very informative and exciting BEAST of the East conference in Atlanta, April 13-15!

Hope to see you there!



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M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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CONGRESS MOVES TO ABOLISH MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

Motorcycle-only checkpoints have revved up concern in Congress, and wording was recently inserted into the House highway bill that would bar the U.S. Department of Transportation from providing grants to local or state governments for such discriminatory inspections.

The action arose over motorcycle-exclusive roadblocks set up in Georgia and New York under federal safety grants that single out motorcycles from four-wheeled traffic for police to check the bike and rider for proper paperwork, helmet, exhaust and equipment violations.

Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), who sponsored H.R. 904 to ban federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints, applauded the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for including his bill's wording in their Feb. 1st mark-up of the transportation measure, saying; "It is encouraging to see that the transportation reauthorization bill will encourage more efficient use of taxpayer dollars and smart motorcycle safety policy."

"Motorcycle riders are right to be outraged at being singled out for safety inspections," added Rep Tom Petri (R-WI). "Nobody is suggesting flagging cars down for unscheduled inspections, and there's no good reason why motorcycles should be treated differently. It's unnecessarily intrusive, and not a smart way to use limited police resources.

Section 5007 of H.R. 7, the American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012reads:

PROHIBITION ON FUNDS TO CHECK HELMET USAGE OR CREATE CHECKPOINTS FOR A MOTORCYCLE DRIVER OR PASSENGER.

The Secretary may not provide a grant or otherwise make available funding to a State, Indian tribe, county, municipality, or other local government to be used for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for a motorcycle driver or passenger.

The House bill, which also provides federal funding for state motorcycle safety programs and funds for motorized trails, will now go to the full House floor before going over to the Senate for consideration. The Senate will consider their own version of the highway bill, and a final version will be ironed out in a conference committee.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SEEKS FURTHER STUDY OF ETHANOL-BLENDED GAS

The House Committee on Science, Space and Technology passed H.R. 3199 by a 19-7 vote on Feb. 7th to require a comprehensive study of the implications of ethanol-blended gasoline. Although the Environmental Protection Agency approved E-15 (15% ethanol fuel) in October 2010 for use in most cars, it is not approved for any motorcycles or ATVs and the hotter-burning formulation can cause premature wear and could void manufacturers' warranties.

The bill, introduced by committee Vice Chairman Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), would require the EPA to seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of E15 gasoline on engines.

The measure now heads for consideration on the House floor, then if approved will move to the Senate.

Earlier, Rep. Sensenbrenner introduced H.R. 748 to prohibit the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol, which is deemed safe for use in motorcycles, ATVs, boats, lawnmowers and other small engines.

VIRGINIA MAY LEGALIZE TWO-ABREAST RIDING

The Virginia General Assembly is considering

the repeal of a 40-plus year-old law that makes it against the law for two motorcyclists to ride side-by-side in the same lane. Virginia and Vermont are the only two states in the U.S. with such a law on the books, while 48 other states either don't ban the practice or have specific laws allowing it. There's no indication those states have more crashes or problems related to two-abreast riding, according to the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists.

The proposal, sponsored by 26th District Delegate Tony Wilt and 18th District Delegate Michael Webert, sailed through the transportation committee and, overwhelmingly, through the House.

The law is an old one, possibly sparked by the menacing image of motorcycle gangs of the 60s. But since the law was passed over four decades ago, motorcycle registrations have shot up and charitable motorcyclists now ride in large groups for fund-raisers or to raise awareness, when riding two-deep is common.

Two-thirds of multi-vehicle motorcycle crashes are caused by people in cars who don't see the riders. Two abreast may enhance visibility. And since motorcycles generally have one headlight, riding together can help illuminate dark roads.

INDIANA LAWMAKERS CONSIDER ALLOWING SUNDAY CYCLE SALES

After four years of trying, State Senator Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso) recently won committee approval for legislation allowing the sale of motorcycles on Sundays. The Senate Commerce and Economic Development Committee voted 7-0 to forward Senate Bill 192 to the full Senate.

Sen. Charbonneau says motorcycle sales have increased in New Jersey and Pennsylvania after those states passed laws allowing motorcycle sales on the Sabbath.

The legislation distinguishes motorcycle sales from motor vehicle sales which would remain prohibited on Sundays. Thirteen states don't allow cars to be sold on Sunday, including Indiana.

Charbonneau said many motorcycle dealerships are already open Sundays, selling merchandise or servicing motorcycles, and they should be able to sell motorcycles too.

FLORIDA SEEKS STIFFER PENALTIES FOR NEGLIGENT DRIVERS

ABATE Florida members from around the state were out in full force at the state capitol on Monday, Feb. 13th asking lawmakers for safer roads and to support legislation for stricter penalties for drivers who kill bikers on the road.

Kill a motorcyclist they get an \$82 fine, that's all they get; failure to yield. You do that in a car, hit somebody else in a car, you get vehicular manslaughter, said James Doc Reichenbach, ABATE President.

Reichenbach, who also serves as Chairman of the Board for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), testified on behalf of ABATE's Stiffer Penalties Bill, S.B. 1754, which passed the Senate Transportation Committee on Jan. 27th by a vote of 7-0, and now goes to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

During the rally in Tallahassee, the names of bikers killed in wrecks last year were read aloud. Fifty-six bell chimes were sounded; one for each lost life. The bikers spent the rest of the day talking to lawmakers, then headed home hoping when they return next year, there are fewer bells to ring and fewer bikers lost.

MYRTLE BEACH RALLY DATE CONFUSION PROMPTS ABATE BOYCOTT

Myrtle Beach Harley-Davidson has moved the dates of its official spring rally into late



May, effectively adding 10 more days of Harleyrelated events on the Grand Strand and sparking confusion among bikers, businesses and rally promoters over when the rally will take place.

They just don't seem to want to play by whatever rules we set, said Councilman Gary Loftus in calling on council members to revoke all May vendor permits for biker events. They keep wanting to push and push and push well they've just pushed too hard this time."

Horry County (S.C.) ABATE has decided to stage a boycott, not of the spring bike rally, but of the local Harley dealerships involved in rescheduling the Cruisin' the Coast rally to May 18-28, carrying it over into Memorial Weekend when sportbikers traditionally begin arriving for Atlantic Beach Bike Fest aka Black Bike Week.

The dust just got settled with Horry County, and now this has upset the county council all over again, said Gary Balcom, ABATE chapter coordinator, recalling that in 2008 Myrtle Beach passed a litany of laws aimed at ending the rallies altogether, including a city-wide helmet law that was later ruled unconstitutional. It's a bad idea and was not discussed with anyone else, said Balcom.

But there are other concerns, too, Balcom said. The large crowd would overwhelm local law enforcement resources, he wrote in an ABATE statement. The last thing we want to see is any event getting out of hand, Balcom wrote.

The statement calls the date change a slap in the face to the county council and encourages bikers to boycott the two dealerships in Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach and we hope that the biker community as a whole will come together with us on this boycott until such time as they retract their plan of overlapping dates.

MOTORCYCLE SALES HOLD STEADY FOR 2011

The 2011 motorcycle sales estimates from the Motorcycle Industry Council are in, with annual unit sales holding steady at 440,000. The good news: motorcycle sales haven't declined from 2010. The bad news: they haven't gone up either. The MIC reports 440,899 total motorcycle sales for 2011, up 0.3% from 2010's unit tally.

The motorcycle market shows gains and losses within the various segments, reports www. motorcycle-usa.com, noting that the largest sector, on-highway motorcycles, recorded a 1.8% increase over last year at 312,124 units. The boom and bust scooter market benefited with an 11.8% gain at 31,850 units. The biggest winner, however, was the dual segment which jumped 14.2% for the year, gaining 3337 units.

Off-Highway motorcycle sales dropped 13.5% on the year, losing 10,905 units from the 2010 tally of 80,962. Combined with the ATV market, which continued a downward sales trend, more than 45K OHV unit sales were lost on the year.

WORLD-FIRST STUDY ON CAUSE OF SERIOUS MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

A world-first study will examine the cause of serious motorbike crashes. Motorcyclists will be part of a \$1.3 million Australian study aimed at slashing the number of motorcycle accidents. The ground-breaking inquiry will compare the experiences of riders injured in crashes at specific sites with riders who have travelled through the same site safely.

Transport Minister Terry Mulder described the new research as one of the most comprehensive motorbike studies attempted globally. "By comparing the two groups, we hope to learn not only what went wrong for those involved in



crashes, but also what went right for those who negotiated a particular crash site safely," Mulder said

More than 1100 riders - half of whom have survived crashes - will be recruited over the next 18 months. The research is being funded by the State Government and headed by the Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC). Experts, five of whom are motorcyclists themselves, will analyze factors such as speed, experience and the physical environment in accidents.

Experienced and active riders have contributed to the questionnaire design to ensure relevance and improve study outcomes.

Results are expected towards the end of 2013. WEIRD NEWS: HELMETED BRIT BIKER REFUSED SERVICE

Motorcyclists in England are being victimized by gas stations that enforce a Remove Helmets rule, as evidenced by an incident in Coventry when staff refused to serve a rider even though his full-face visor was up.

Barry Hadley, 63, told the Coventry Telegraph: I stood there for a couple of minutes and thought there was something wrong with the pump. Then a message came over the loudspeaker saying I had to remove my helmet, even though I always flip up the front. Why should I be classed as a thief because others are thieves?

The manager said it was company policy, and in a letter to Hadley the station said: Legally we are required to be able to validate the minimum age for dispensing fuel and this can not be assessed adequately if riders keep their helmets

QUOTABLE QUOTE: He who has a Why can endure any How.

Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher (1844-1900)

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### Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC and LARRY SCHALK, Plaintiffs.

VS.
LERON R. HOWLAND,
Superintendent of the
Oregon State Police, and
John Doe 1 through 100.

Civil No. 96-957 JE DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT

### S.T.E.A.M. - 2012

( Seminars To Educate And Motivate )



Brave members from all over the state braved February's odd assortment of weather to learn more about A.B.A.T.E. and to socialize while increasing their savy, savy?



Dave Meeker peddled products while talking to potential members who wandered by while the weather behind him ran from sunshine to snow flurries to rain to hail and back to sun.



25 February 2012 Chemeketa Community College Salem, Oregon



State coordinator Allan Nichols pauses long enough to provide an inspiring photo angle.



Geoff White and Connie Ceccacci plot how to take over the world . . . er . . . manage S.T.E.A.M.

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IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS John Jelderks United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by Spencer M. Neal of Attorneys for Plaintiff

# **Unsung Members**

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's goal is to work together as a team and define objectives, responsibilities, assignments, and the role each member can play.

Many A.B.A.T.E. members may not be able to attend chapter or state board meetings. They do a lot of great work. That may not get reported or acknowledged. Members who get involved can make a difference.

Small deeds can be powerful!

Rotten Roger

our state officers at work

### **Education Report**

Greetings from Geoff White and your A.B.A.T.E. Education Department,</br/>
div>

Welcome to another season of riding and enjoying your motorcycling world. We hope</div>

<div> that you have many
opportunities to participate in the
events and offerings that A.B.A.T.E./
div>

<div> provides. There will be events and activities that will help to strengthen our organization as well as provide entertainment and recreation for our membership and our friends. We must</div>

<div> dedicate our energies to produce programs that will lead to our success and provide a positive influence for the people around us and the various organizations that we do business</di>

<div> with. Our chances of success are directly related to the amount of effort and enthusiasm that we are willing to commit to. Remember that modest services provided by many individuals</di>

<div> will usually be more effective than a small group of people attempting to perform gargantuan

<div> operations. There is a lot of work to do, but we have a terrific organization full of people that can share the load and produce the results. The rewards will that much sweeter when we know that we all did our part to achieve the goals. I am proud of our organization, and the</div>

<div> people who put out
the effort to enable our success truly
give A.B.A.T.E. a reputation to</div>

On February 25th. we had another offering of our Seminar To Educate And Motivate</di>

<div> (S.T.E.A.M.). We provided some quality workshops and sessions designed to help the A.B.A.T.E. membership to carrry out our business and obtain the results that we seek in our</div>

<div> activities and functions.
The tools to be effective in our work here at A.B.A.T.E. are provided and enhanced by the people who strive to keep us operating at a high level of efficiency and productivity. In this organization it&#39;s important to not just do the work, but to excel and</div>

<div> upgrade our operating models to ensure our effectiveness. We have a lot at stake here, and</div>

<div> the S.T.E.A.M . conference
is one of our best methods to ensure

that we are using our valuable resources (people) in the most effective manner. I would personally like to thank all of the </div>

<div> people who volunteered their time to bring us the materials and knowledge that will enable usto become a more vibrant and productive organization. There was a wealth of knowledge that</di>

<div> we must take advantage of whenever we get the opportunity.
A.B.A.T.E. receives many new</div>

<div> members each year, so I believe that the S.T.E.A.M. conference is a very important function to provide the training for these members. The conference also provides a way to motivate </div>

<div> our membership for the important work that must be done. I always feel more charged up after I hear some of our members speak on our issues, and our abilities. We have a lot of</div>

<div> passion in our organization,
and the S.T.E.A.M. conference is
the perfect forum to build on our
motivation and strength. Come to
S.T.E.A.M., and I guarantee that you
will come</div>

<div> away feeling more prepared and inspired to get into the action. I would also like to thank all of the people who made the effort to attend the conference this year. I truly believe that the</di>

<div> people who come to S.T.E.A.M. bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise with them. These people also bring enthusiasm and inspiration that we all can benefit from. It is important for </div>

<div> us to share our success
stories as well as our learning
experiences. We grow and become </di>

<div> a more powerful organization using the energy that you bring to this conference. Thank you to Steve Garretts of Team Oregon for spending some time with us this year. Your informative </div>

<div> presentation will always
help us to see the importance of
motorcycle rider training and </div>

<div> education. It is also very important I feel for us to know how we can be of assistance to the Team Oregon program. We must always continue to emphasize to the public how</div>

<div> important it is to have the proper training and attitude for safer motorcycle operation. As we all know,



**Geoff White** 

state education coordinator

there aren't a lot of second chances when poor decisions or mistakes are made</div>

<div> while operating a motorcycle. Team Oregon will provide the skills and tools to help new and experienced riders keep sharp at the controls. S.T.E.A.M. was a success this year,</div>

<div> and I do highly recommend
that you take advantage of this program
in the future.</div>

I would like to congratulate and thank seven people this year for becoming the most recent members of our motorcycle awareness instructor staff. Welcome Kevin Hickam, Bill Varozza, Dave Ezell, Rich Metz, Mary Burnett, Paula Leslie, and Steve Gerke to the</di>

<div> staff of A.B.A.T.E. Certified Motorcycle Awareness Instructors. You will be the people who will help us to spread the word to the driving public on sharing the road and creating a safer,
/ div>

<div> more friendly motoring
experience. Motorcyclists will be a
little bit safer out there because</div>

<div> you are helping to create
an attitude of watching out for us.
Thank you and welcome again.</div>

Everyone have a safe and happy spring with lots of two - wheeled, three - wheeled, and four - wheeled enjoyment. I hope to see you at some of our events. A.B.A.T.E. will work</di>

<div> hard to provide you with entertaining as well as productive and important functions. Invite a friend or two to come and share our experiences. They are all welcome in the world that we have really

<div> grown to enjoy.
Don&#39;t forget about the May
Motorcycle Awareness Rally in
Salem on the first Saturday in May.
Have a great spring and &quot;Spread
The Awareness&quot;. Take care
ya&#39;ll./div>

Geoff White State Education Director

# A.B.A.T.E. State Board

### Meeting

10 March 2012 (continued)

29 Apr. 2012 Spring Swap Meet/ABATE State. Portland Armory, 10000 NE 33rd Dr, Portland

5 May 2012 May Motorcycle Awareness Rally, Capital steps in Salem, OR. More info Nic Oliver 541-223-3827

4-6 May 2012 Southern Oregon Motorcycle Swap and Bike Show. Central Point, Oregon. More info Spanky 541-69-8715 or Kevin 541-324-0866

5 May 2012 May Motorcycle Awareness Rally, Salem, OR. More info at bikepac.com

11-13 May '12 NCOM 25-28 May '12 35th Annual Fossil Run. More information call Howie (503) 791-2862. Vendor

Information contact Rick (541) 980-4230.

10 Jun 2012 Roll 'N Ride by WaCo. More info at www.facebook. com/WaCoChapter.

16 June 2012 Rocks, Lakes, Bridges MRF Benefit Run, Central Oregon Chapter. Reviving a scenic run in the area. Meet at the Northside Bar and Grill. More info Bob 503-887-3032

15-17 June '12 Best of the West

14-17 Jun '12 Party in the Woods by ABATE of Washington. General Info - lacoy@live.com.

21 July 2012 Mid-Summer Run by WaCo. More info at www. facebook.com/WaCoChapter.

17-19 Aug '12 SOS Run, Wolf Creek, Oregon. More info at Douglas County, Jim & Jamie 541-733-4069 or 541-637-5286; Josephine County, Spanky at 541-471-6049.

24-26 Aug '12 End of Summer Run by WaCo. More info at www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter.

15 Sept 2012 Adopt-A-Road Clean-Up b Waco. More info at www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter.

20-23 Sept '12 Meeting of the Minds Conference, Durham, North Carolina. Reservations at 800-325-3535

17 Nov 2012 Toy Run by WaCo. More info at www.facebook. com/WaCoChapter.

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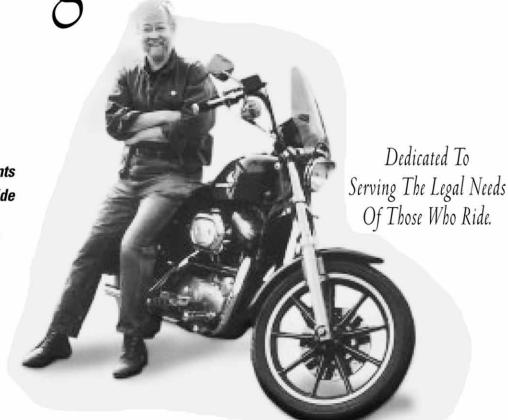
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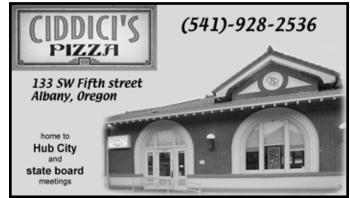


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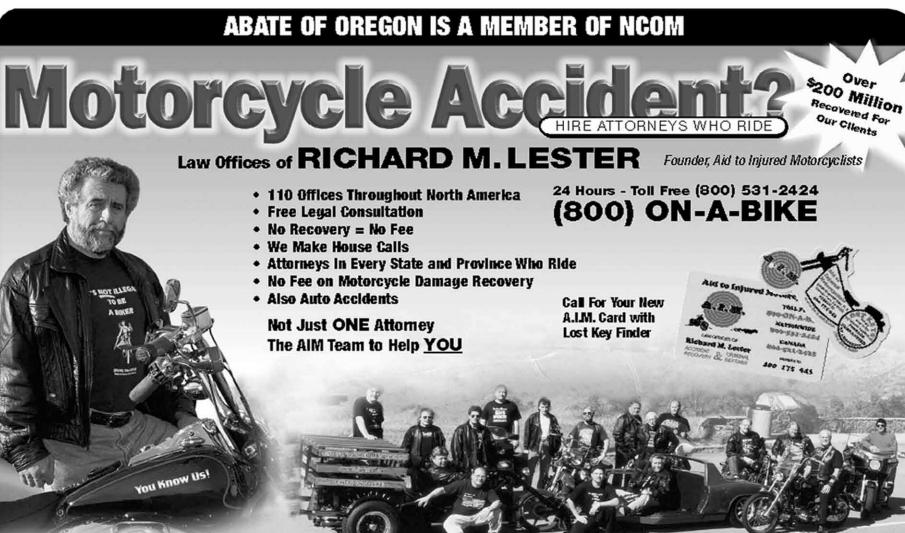
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2002 Bar Fly 2000 bar stool racer. Powder coated frame with aluminum racing wheels and Bridgestone racing tires. Powered by 3-1/2 horsepower Briggs motor. Disc brake and lowered seat height with bar stool seat replaced with large motorcycle seat for those cross country trips. \$850 or best offer. (503)-257-7390.

Call to arrange viewing appointment.

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Phone/FAX your ad to: (503)-838-6893

E-mail to: news@abateoforegon.net

Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling,

Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.

Arthur West

(503)-351-5054

Teamster driver looking for union driving

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### Answer to APRIL Cryptogram

Man is an imitative animal.

This quality is the germ of all education in him. From his cradle to his grave he is learning

to do what he sees others do. - Thomas Jefferson l

Lost

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When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES

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

statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net

Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V)

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Portland, Oregon 97208

Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

. . . my sense of humor.

Found

... that April Fool's Day didn't help.

### HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please send to: Sam Hochberg,	A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW	Washington, Portland, OR 9	7205 ATTN: Gunny	,	
	at: http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stop				
NAME:		PHONE: work		home	
ADDRESS:	CITY:			STATE:	ZIP:
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME	FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (Y WHAT HAPPEI	'ES) (NO) NED WHEN YOU WERE			
DATE STOPPED:	TIME STOPPE	D: a m / pm			
LOCATION:		-			
OFFICER NAME:	ID ID	NO:	POLICE AGENCY		
PRIMARY REASON FOR ST	OP: HELMET / OTHER (specify)		_		
CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF	SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify)				
CITE#	SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) 1st appearance date:		TIME:	am	n/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / co	unty:				•
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISS	unty: UED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST:			<del></del>	
IF THERE WERE ANY CRIM	INAL CHARGES (not infractions), SPE	CIFY:			
	obtain LEGAL ADVICE if you were ch				
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If no explain:		-,			
	I respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no expl	ain:			
Was your helmet confiscated	? YES / NO Explain:				
Were you given an explanati	on on legal or illegal helmets? (YES)	(NO) If YES was the ex	planation? WRIT	TEN VE	RBAL BOTH
			•		
	WHA	T HAPPENED IN COUR	Γ?		
Have you gone to court? NO:	: When is court Date? YES: How did	you plead?	If you pl	ed guilty what v	vas the fine? \$
If you pled NOT GUILTY, hav	e you gone to trial? (YES) (NO)	If no when is your coul	t date?		
YES: What was the verdict?	GUILTY NOT GUÎLTY ` `	•			
If quilty, what was the senten	ce?				
FINE:\$	ASSESSMENT: STATE \$	COUNTY \$		CITY \$	
WORK TIME LOSS HRS:	LOST WAGES: \$			· ·	
	you presented at your trial (or include				
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		HE HELMET YOU WERE	WEARING		
BRAND:	MODEL:				

NO

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P.O. Box 4504
Portland, ORegon

How did you hear about A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lower Columbia  1900 (7 pm)  Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)  April Fool's Day (no it's not)	2	3 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm) Salem 1900 (7 pm)	4	5	6 wind moon	BikePAC Board Meeting noon-Salem library
Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm)	<b>9</b> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	10	11	12	4th quarter moon  Thomas Jefferson's birth day	North Coast Spring Fever Run Hammond  ABATE B.O.D. Albany – 1200 ( noon )  swap, & Fossil committees 1100 ( 11 a.m.)
25 Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	16	Jackson County 1830 ( 6:30 pm)  Lincoln County 1900 ( 7 pm)  North Coast 1730 (5:30 pm)  River City 1900 ( 7 pm)	Josephine County 1830 ( 6:30 pm)	Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 (7 pm)	20	21 new moon
<b>22</b> Earth Day  (yes it is)	23 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	24	25	26	27	Lincoln County Long John PR Newport River City Poker Run The Dalles
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### **STATE BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, 09 April 2012 1200 ( noon )

OR code for Oregon

A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:

A.B.A.T.E.

Ciddici's Pizza 133 SW Fifth Street Albany, Oregon Swap meet / Fossil run meetings 1100 (11 a.m.)

"No fool me," thought a well-lubed rider, Diluting her booze with some water, The cops pulled her over, Saw she wasn't sober, No one was killed before they caught her. ©2012 Rot Path

#### BN = Biker Night( boldface indicates state-sanctioned Oregon A.B.A.T.E. events )

event / chapter or sponsor: contact number: location: >>> 2012 <<< **Have A Smart Phone?** 14 Apr 2012 Spring Fever Run | North Coast (503)-440-1114 Hammond 28 Apr 2012 Long John PR / Lincoln County 28 Apr 2012 Poker Run / River City The Dalles (541)-965-2701 29 Apr 2012 Spring Swap Meet / ABATE Portland (971)-285-6523 04-06 May 2012 Southern Oregon Swap Meet **Central Point** (541-659-8715 05 May 2012 Motorcycle Awareness Rally / BikePAC Salem (541)-223-3827 25-28May2012 35th Fossil Campout | ABATE **Bear Hollow** 10 Jun 2012 Roll-N-Ride / Washington County 14–17Jun2012 Party In Woods / WA-ABATE Easton, Washington lacoy@live.com 15-17Jun2012 Best Of The West / MRF Las Vegas, Nevada 21 Jul 2012 Mid-Summer Run / WaCo 17-19 Aug 2012 S.O.S. Run / DC & JoCo Wolf Creek (541)-733-4069 24-26Aug2012 End Of Summer Run / WaCo

CHAPTER MEETINGS – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. >> Location <<										
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:						
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889						
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	M's Restaurant; 443 S.E. Jackson street; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966						
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536						
Indian Creek (IC)	6th Friday	2359 (11:59 pm)	( anywhere we feel like it )							
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	D & S Harley-Davidson; 3846 S. Pacific highway; Medford	(541)–						
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553						
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017						
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122						
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881						
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502						
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100						
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626						
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)–597–0300						