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

What We're About

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

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

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

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

- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride on.

We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working on are important to their community.

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

-- Rot Path

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

As the rights movement grew, Don Pittsley, a member of the *Huns Motorcycle Club* in Connecticut convinced his congressman, representative Stewart McKinney, to introduce H.R.3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet laws.

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

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

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

As a result of our newfound political clout, motorcyclists have successfully approached congress twice over the past few years, first to grant federal protections against insurance discrimination based on mode of transportation because many companies were denying medical benefits to employees injured in motorcycle accidents.

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

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish
Executive Coordinator,
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A.B.A.T.E. of California

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Coordinator's Comments

Hello everyone,

Best of the West, the western region workshop and conference for motorcyclist rights sponsored by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* took place in Aurora, Colorado, on June 20-22. Nine of us, including Ken Ray, our *M.R.F.* board representative, attended from Oregon *A.B.A.T.E.* and nearly all of us were fortunate enough to have ridden there. As is always the case, the workshops were interesting and informative and were presented by the most knowledgeable motorcyclists in these areas of interest. A standout presentation was that of Slider Gilmore entitled "Two Wheel Trauma". Slider, a 1997 Motorcycle Hall of Fame Inductee, has been riding since the mid '60s and is an advanced E.M.T. Instructor. Many graphic photos and detailed discussions of motorcycle crashes and his care of the victims underscored the importance of quick and appropriate response in care during the "Golden Hour", that first hour after an accident, which can determine whether the rider lives or dies. We were reminded that two things we as *A.B.A.T.E.* members need in our riding groups is a cellular telephone and some among us who have taken the C.P.R. and Lifesaving courses offered by the *American Red Cross*.

As I mentioned, most of us rode to Aurora, which is a little outside of Denver or about 1,250 miles from home. The first group of riders included Ted and Jill Tracy, Julian and Becky Ramirez of *Washington County* chapter and Mary Cruz and Rick Grout of *Douglas County* chapter. These folks took a week each way and took in the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and Death Valley and many other interesting places during their adventure.

Ed Vaughn, *Confederation of Clubs* representative for *A.B.A.T.E.* state, and coordinator for *Washington County* chapter and I made up the other group. Our trip was a little less leisurely, and at the end of the first day both of us were qualified as "Iron Butts" with Ed traveling 1,080 miles from Beaverton to Rawlins, Wyoming while I managed 1,142 from Roseburg. Ed led the convoy through high winds, beautiful vistas, and quick gas stops, smiling patiently at the occasional Suzuki fly-by.

The best story coming out of this two days to, two days from, trip had to do with our return and the climb up the Rockies from Denver to Steamboat Springs. As we climbed helmetless in beautiful weather and on perfect roads, Ed and I were passed by three sport bikes in racing replica paint ridden by matching sport bike riders in racing replica leather and racing replica full-face helmets riding in the approved knee dragging fashion. After a moment to consider whether safety or education was the more important element of our mission statement, I chose education and kicked the Hayabusa down two gears, rolled hard and hung on through three straights and four corners, passing the replicas who noted my casual disregard of the sport bike dress and paint code, by refusing to return the obligatory biker wave to a guy on a jet black crotch rocket dressed in denim pants and jacket sporting a "Davey Crockett" coonskin cap and oversized snow boarder goggles. Much pleased with myself, I pulled over and was immediately passed by a guy on a yellow Ducati cornering hard through a right-hander while looking over his right shoulder. Two heartbeats later, here came Ed on his *Harley* bagger, laid over hard and pulling like a freight-train accompanied by sparks and the screech of dragging pipes in hot pursuit of the Duck. Clearly, he too favors education.

Next year's *Best of the West* will take place in Casper, Wyoming, so make plans to attend.

The *All Harley Drags* are scheduled for September 5, 6, and 7 in Woodburn this year with top national riders competing. If you are hoping to attend but are wondering where to stay, I have a solution. Eight miles south of Woodburn, at Brooks, is the *Antique Powerland Museum*. Old trucks, tractors, and engines are featured but Bud Wright who manages the museum would like to add a motorcycle museum on site. Bud, a lifelong motorcyclist who owns eight antique motorcycles including a 1937 Indian Four, and has access to dozens more is inviting *A.B.A.T.E.* members to stay at the museum campground that weekend for \$15, \$5 of which will be used to establish the motorcycle museum. The campground has shower and restroom facilities and according to Bud has "all kinds of room" for tent campers. The



by Joe Laurance

Antique Powerland Museum is conveniently located near I-5. Take exit 263; go west one mile to Brooklake Road and look for the museum sign.

With 2,000 proud and independent members,

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon has some of the internal conflict inevitable with any organization. Opposing views are expected and encouraged, and only by considering all available alternatives will the correct path be chosen. Please don't let your differing opinion become the basis of personal conflict which would serve to cripple *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and impede its mission of promoting motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. Our strength is our unity. We are a brotherhood!

May the Lord grant you peace and protection from all dangers,

Joseph Laurance

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

Central Oregon Chapter

We had a pretty good turnout at our last meeting. We worked at fine tuning our *Rocks, Bridges and Lakes Run* which will be a done deal by the time you read this. I will let you know how it turned out next month, if you could not attend. We also held nominations for officers and will hold elections in July, which will also be done by now. I will keep you posted.

Our booth at the *Benefit for Aaron*, put on by the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition* at the *Black Horse Saloon*, was a little slow. We talked to a few people, passed out some literature and re-signed up some members. This event could not have been such a success without the effort of many people and groups.

To name a few: Scott and Deanna and Chopper Dave from the *Coalition*, *Brother Speed*, Larry and Lisa from the *Black Horse Saloon*, the *Central Oregon H.O.G.* chapter, *The Weasles*, *South Central Oregon Outreach Toy Run, Inc.*, Preacher Bob, *Veteran's Club*, the *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* chapter, *Independents*, and the central Oregon community.

It was great to see so many of our members participating and attending this event. It was well worth the effort.

We are in the process of planning our *Teddy Bear Run*, so come down to the meetings to put your two cents in. This is a very good run. It is a group ride to Bend, Redmond, Madras and Prineville emergency rooms, and Warm Springs E.M.T.s. We deliver stuffed animals for children in a time of need, and make it a poker ride also. Last year we had about 55 motorcycles riding in a group. Good times, good people and good fun. It will be held October 4, 2003. Hope to see you there.

Remember, "United We Stand" and you know the rest of that sentence.

Later,
John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Columbia River Chapter

The chapter met at the *U&I Lounge* on North Interstate on July 13th. Congratulations were given to all of those who helped set up the barbeque for *Angie's Run*, especially DC, Robert and Sharon and kudos to El Road Kapitan, Shag, for organizing and operating the poker run.

We all should thank Kornfed who has brought diversity to a completely new level at her place of employment: the Internal Revenue Service. In the latest I.R.S. newsletter on page 2 there was a photograph of the various "diverse" types who are employed at the IRS. Prominently displayed among them was our own Kornfed in her biker outfit. We are keeping a copy of that newsletter in our chapter album.

As usual there was a great deal of discussion arising from our state board representative's report of the state board of directors meeting. Larry Brown told us that is a level of controversy about the participation of club members at *Fossil*.

Chapter members indicated their and others' unhappiness about the perceived lack of respect paid to us by club members at the *Fossil* around the fire and at the mud wrestling. We also discussed the issue of giving club members a discounted group rate at our events since it is was not thought that the same discount was given to us when we attend club events. Larry was asked to take the issue back to the state board for further discussion and for referral of the issue to the *Confederation of Clubs*. Our chapter also expressed concern about the failure of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s representatives to the *Confederation* to make the past

three board meetings.

By the way, we have had our voting rights restored due to the heroic efforts of our chapter treasurer, DC, to get our books back in order. Now that we have done so, I will be interested in seeing a copy of the state's tax return that I have heard so much about.

It was also mentioned that the *Summer Run* is the same weekend as the *Harley* event in downtown Portland. As usual, outside groups do not consult with us or even consider our events when they schedule theirs; their lack of consideration for us is duly noted. I hope that *A.B.A.T.E.* members will give first priority to their support for *A.B.A.T.E.* events.

We are making a special effort to have more kid games for the *Summer Run* like we did last year which brought a good response from the kids and their families. This year Brandy from our chapter has stepped forward to work on that part of the run. We need others to help her with it and I am still looking for those tricycles for the kid games.

A Letter From Bev

I want to thank my *A.B.A.T.E.* family *Columbia River, Northeast* and *Southeast* chapters for all your help, both financial and emotional, since my accident.

Again, thank you,

Bev
Columbia River Chapter member

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Columbia River, Northeast and Southeast Portland Chapters

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COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Douglas County Chapter

Hey all,

Well its July, and a lot has been going on, and thanks to everyone for taken the time to come to our meetings. (I know summer for a lot of us can be very busy.)

I would also like to welcome our newest members: Tom and Diane Bowdon, who are also going to be our *Douglas County* medics. So if you get a boo-boo you know were to go. ; -) Thanks you two.

Also, Ivan Carlson who was a previous member of *Douglas County*. Welcome back, bro.

Well as most of you Rock-on Orth of our *Douglas County* chapter, had a accident before *Fossil*. He has been working real hard to get back on his feet. (Rock-on would like everyone to know the road shows no mercy.) Please help people be aware you and you of them. Please be road conscience. Don't let this be you. Rock-on would also like to thank all of the people who came to see him, and sent cards and flowers. But most of all your prayers.

Joe Brumbuh has mapped out our first *Douglas County* campout at Thompson Reservoir. I will be the first to say its been a long time coming.

Thanks Joe.

If you didn't know, July 12, 2003 was *Relay For Life*. If you were there, thank you for supporting your community. (It has been said that our contributions have been considerable.) Thanks for coming out to help make a difference.

Well, Debbie Malone has been doing a remarkable job getting us ready for *S.O.S*. Remember, we need volunteers to help with the gate, games and security. So if you haven't signed up, get a hold of Debbie or myself, or repot to the gate to let us know what you want to do.

Okay, the next meeting is August 1, 2003 at *Round Table*.

Be cool.

Your newsletter lady/secretary
public relations representative,

Tonia Judd



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

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

Hub City Chapter



Happy Second Birthday, *Hub City*

...and *Hub City* is *still* having fun! Last month was our big event – our annual poker run, but we’re still out there in the wind having fun. Lets see... what to tell you first...

Hub City had our highway cleanup before the state board meeting and we picked up a *lot* of *stuff* off the side of Highway 34 between Corvallis and Albany. There were fifteen of us and we had fun even though it was hot. We even found two snakes – live ones! Made the highway look good and keeps our name up there for all to see.

We had a most wonderful “member appreciation” night at *Cidicci’s* on Lyon Street in Albany on June 26th. About 60 people attended and a great time was had by all. *Hub City* paid for the pizza and soft drinks. (Wow – you guys can sure *eat*!!) This was an opportunity to check out the large meeting room at *Cidicci’s* and we will vote on moving our regular meetings from *Los Dos Amigos* to *Cidicci’s* next month.

We have loved being at *Los Dos*. The folks there have been great. However, with about 50% of our membership

showing up each and every meeting, it is just too small. Now don’t get me wrong, I don’t think 50% turnout is a problem. I think it’s *great*!!! Love that *Hub City* enthusiasm

Our run committee met a couple weeks ago and they have another run in the works. This would be a “family” run. Stay tuned for more on that!

Last but not least, we will be holding our annual elections in August. Any members out there who want to be nominated for an office *please* notify Debbie McCalley at (541)-926-8363 or at lorider@earthlink.net or come to the next meeting (July 17). We took some nominations at our last meeting; will take more at the July meeting and we will be voting in August. All you *Hub City* members please plan on being there!

Well, keep the rubber side down, the shiny side up and the bugs in your teeth! See ya out there in the wind!

Deb

**HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE**

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Los Dos Amigos
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Albany

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

North Coast Chapter

Greetings from *North Coast*,

Our 8th annual *Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run* is now behind us, and what a fantastic run it was. We were blessed with sunny skies and very warm temperatures. We had approximately 120 bikes on the run (a new record for this run), and what a sight it was to see this many scoots headed down the road. So many folks along the run greeted us with smiles, waves and thumbs-up.

I can't thank the many local police departments enough for their support and assistance with traffic control. They went above and beyond this year. We were provided with a police escort through Seaside, supported by the various police departments to use our road guards (many thanks for their help) to block intersections and traffic lights and the great work provided by the Astoria police department to shutdown the new Astoria turnaround and all of the traffic lights leading through Astoria.

Our road captain maintained a great pace during the entire run that allowed for a safe run without incident and provided some of our newer riders with a comfort level for riding in a staggered pack run in the future.

Thanks Chuck. Greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to our new run truck couple: Judy and Milt did an outstanding job. They had such a good time they have decided to join our chapter. Welcome aboard.

At the end of the run at the *Relief Pitcher* in Seaside, we were greeted by a fantastic feed prepared by Mike the owner. We raffled off close to 100 great prizes. Amelia (chapter secretary) and Sue (membership and products officer) handcrafted a very cool Saddle Mountain quilt that was raffled off separately and was won by a couple from Hillsboro. The 50/50 pot total was \$452 and Rob the owner of *Rob's Restaurant* in Seaside (which is our run's starting point) was the happy recipient of \$226.

Plaques were awarded for the best and worst poker hands and this year we awarded a plaque to the longest traveled rider. Al Sims from Albany was the proud recipient. We were very pleased to have folks from the *WaCo* and *Hub City* chapters come to the coast and support our run. My apologies to any other chapters that I have neglected to mention.

The *North Coast* chapter wishes to thank everyone who participated and supported the run. We look forward to seeing you all again next year !!!!

We had our first meeting in our new location (*Astoria Moose Lodge*) in June and we were very pleased with the meeting attendance and this new venue. This meeting time allowed some of our current members who had previous meeting day/time conflicts to attend the meetings once again. Great to see them and have their participation. The folks at the lodge are very supportive of our efforts in the region and this venue will provide a great location for our future spaghetti feed and other fund raising events. Many thanks for their support and hospitality.

On the 4th of July many of our members assembled at Jeff (past *North Coast* coordinator) and Christina's home to prepare our coffee trailer for the upcoming *Cow Chip Boogie* run and other future events.

Several of us rode in Warrenton's annual parade. We were as always greeted by the crowds with lots of thumbs-up and smiles. Of course the candy we always toss to the kids is greatly appreciated. Following the parade, we all enjoyed a great potluck barbecue with Jeff doing all the grilling. Many thanks to Jeff and Christina for hosting the event and thanks to everyone who pitched in to clean the trailer. Good times were had by

all.

Just another reminder: our chapter members are working hard during July and August to recruit new members and encourage past members to renew their membership. In fact we approved a chapter recruiting incentive: our current members will receive one month of their annual membership paid by the chapter for each new member they recruit. We've already seen the outcome of this recruiting challenge during the *Around Saddle Mountain Run*. We anticipate picking up at least five new members as a result of the challenge and the great times that were enjoyed by new folks on this run.

Keep up the great work chapter members.

Membership drawing news: Don Smack would have won \$80 if he had been present at our regular June meeting. Sorry Don. Better luck next time.

For you folks we haven't seen at our meetings lately, remember ya can't win the \$\$\$\$ if you don't attend. We hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Remember: Astoria Moose Lodge at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Enjoy the sun, keep the rubber side down, best to all,

Al Jaques

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NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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River City Chapter

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July 15, 2003

Small meeting with 14 members and two guests. Brian talked about B.O.D. [board of directors] members and officers not understanding that he does represent the chapter.

After lengthy discussion a vote of confidence was taken and passed 12 yes, 1 abstention (Stovall), and 1 not voting. One of the newer members asked if he could come to the B.O.D. meeting and was told certainly. He suggested that people could visit a B.O.D. meeting to show support.

We talked about the upcoming *Diabetes Run* on 26 July and several other events in the near future.

Alice Wilbur would have won the membership drawing for \$10 if she had been present. It will increase to \$15 next meeting. Shelley won the 50/50 for the second time at \$7/\$7.

We all adjourned to the parking lot for informal fun in the beautiful evening light.

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:13 pm. 16 people present + 1.

Pledge of allegiance. Led by Lee
Guests: Tom and Veretta Mott.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Mike because they were presented in written form.

Treasury Report is \$451.42.
Bills submitted . none
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Board Report: Brian gave a report including beginning with asking for a review of his position by the chapter. He explained the circumstances of that request, citing a conversation with Ken Ray and a subsequent

conversation with Joe Lawrance, leading to his resignation from the *BikePAC* representative position. He gave the report of the meeting of 12 July including officer reports, motions, and the status of the questions that the chapter has asked the officers to answer about *Fossil*.

Legislative Report: Lots of talk about other states around the country.

Ways and Means Report: Shirts here, new Lee's jacket product soon.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: Short and long rides took place.

Planned Rides: nothing to report, Diabetes day at HR, 7/26

New Business

Three Flags Classic, Labor Day weekend need checkpoint help here, contact Teresa for details.

Klickitat County Fair parking project
We need volunteers.

Review of Brian's position: vote of confidence called for by Don Cael. 12 yes, 1 abstention (Stovall, conflict of interest), 1 not voting

Coordinator's Comments

Announcements: Flyers for swap meets and runs

Membership Drawing for \$10 would have been won by Alice Wilbur if she had been present. It will be \$15 next time.

50/50 was won by Shelley at \$7/\$7.
Adjourned 8:23 pm

Upcoming meetings

August 5, 2003

August 19, 2003

7:00 PM

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

Northeast Portland Chapter

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 2, at 7:30 pm. We meet at *Roundtable Pizza* on 122nd between I-84 and Sandy Blvd. Most meetings run around an hour and half. We will be planning for the upcoming summer's runs: *Nehalem River Run*, *Summer Run* and our poker run. We will also be talking about the *Pony Express Ride for Breast Cancer* on July 25th and riding in the *Welcome Home Parade* for 6th Engineering Battalion returning from Iraq on July 19. Please join us and don't forget that you can have dinner at *Roundtable*. They have a salad bar, pizza, sodas and beer.

Roundtable is a nonsmoking restaurant, so all of our meetings are smoke-free with a smoke break outside about halfway through. Pop is provided free of charge by *Roundtable*.

This is the first meeting for all of our new officers. Come on out and support those people who support you.

By the way, for the first time in a long time, we have a full complement of officers instead of just the minimum required by the state. Those of you who have been officers in the past, come on down to give the new people some guidance. We need all the help we can get.

See ya,
Fred

A Letter From Bev

I want to thank my *A.B.A.T.E.* family *Columbia River*, *Northeast* and *Southeast* chapters for all your help, both financial and emotional, since my accident.

Again, thank you,
Bev

Columbia River Chapter member

Anyone who missing *Northeast Portland's Nehalem River Run* missed a good time.

Paucho had the cannons going and we shook the world. Those bad boys do make some noise. Combine good ole American black powder fun with great weather (Okay, well, at least we had cover when it rained), all the beer you can drink, some of the best scenery on the coast and great people and you will have a good time.

The *Cow Chip Boogie*, *Run 21* and the *Pony Express Relay for Breast Cancer* will be history by the time this gets into the mail. I hope you had a chance to hear the *Freyed Brothers* boogie down. Too much fun in too little time.

August is full. The *Coos River Run* on August 1st, then *Beaver Creek* on August 8th, then *Summer Run* on August 15th, *Wolf Creek* on the 22 and the *Northeast Portland Safety Awareness Poker Run* on August 30th.

And that's just the *A.B.A.T.E.* stuff. *H.O.G.* has stuff going on. The *Washington Road Riders* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* have stuff going on. The *Gold Wings* have their stuff. If I could clone myself (now *that's* a scary thought), I would still have too much fun for the sun.

Be careful this summer as you go down the road to the events. We don't need to bury anymore brothers and sisters just to protect our right to [ride] stupid. Pay attention! It only takes a second to change the rest of your life. And leave that last one at the bar instead of taking it with you down the road.

So come to a *Northeast Portland* meeting. The evenings are perfect for

a ride and you might learn something that could help you later. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the *Roundtable Pizza* on 122nd, just south of Sandy Blvd in Portland. The soft drinks are free and we have a non-smoking meeting. And while you're there, have dinner at the *Roundtable* while you hear about all of the stuff going on in Salem and around the country.

Soul free, sets my soul free
To watch the sun slowly go out
And the stars ..., there really are stars,
And they're making a movie just for me.

Crow



N.E. PORTLAND MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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

River City Chapter

June 17, 2003

Lee has returned to lead us once again. He was hail and hearty and is mending fast.

The state quartermaster, Steve Baton, visited our meeting tonight to bring us *Toy Run* raffle tickets. Thanks, Steve, for coming out to our neck of the woods. Also visiting tonight was a prospective new member brought in by Del, Ron Colegrove. Welcome, Ron, and please come back.

We heard a little about the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Acts and other stuff from the board of director meeting. We talked about recent rides and several local accidents and all warned each other about safety.

Mike Farmer won the membership drawing at \$10, so it will start over at \$5 next meeting. Shelley won the 50/50 at \$8/\$8. Lee thanked everyone for their support. We adjourned to the parking lot for some bike talk and admiring.

We have a great group of people who appreciate each other's choices of bikes.

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:01 pm. 19 people present., 1 arrived later.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lee

Guests or new members: Steve Baton, state quartermaster; Ron Colegrove.

Minutes were waived on a motion by Debra because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: B.O.A. statement and two flyers from the *Central Oregon* chapter.

Treasury Report is \$678.42.

Bills submitted . Toy Run advance tickets \$250, already approved.

Membership Report 83

Board Report: Brian reported on the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act literature from *N.C.O.M.*, the discussions about *Fossil* issues, the quartermaster report and a motion to spend more money on legal counsel.

Legislative Report: Brian reported and answered questions about details of our bill's lack of success.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: We rode to Shaniko last Sunday and Glenwood and over to see Lee the week before.

Planned Rides: Nothing to report.

Hollister — July 3-6, 2003

New Business

Steve suggests starting rides earlier, like 8:00 am

Coordinator's Comments: Lee expressed his appreciation of all the support he has had since the accident.

Announcements: Wiebalk barbecue and slumber party August 16. Bring a side dish.

Membership Drawing for \$10 was won by Mike Farmer. It will be \$5 next time.

50/50 was won by Shelley at \$8/\$8.

Adjourned 8:05 pm

July 1, 2003

We had a big, lively meeting tonight. Lee continues to improve and told us tonight that he asked about his lucky *M.R.F.* coin that I had sold him and nobody could find it. He finally did. It was on his dresser where he left it. He says it was the first time since he got it that he rode without it. But I'm not superstitious.

We talked a bunch about the P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act and about repressive ideas from government. The subject will come up some more.

Several of our members took a really long ride two weekends ago — about 500 miles to the coast and back. They had a great time and got out of the heat for a while. Oregon is a wonderful place to ride with as many good destinations as you have time and opportunity, so get out there.

We are gearing up for the annual *Summit to Surf Bicycle Run*. We help load the bikes for return to the start. Mike Friend helped get us started on this project some years ago and we really like doing it and appreciate his getting it going. It is a great party at the Port of Hood River on July 26.

Come help if you want to, this year or next.

Lee won the 50/50 at \$10/\$11 and donated \$9 back to the chapter. Thanks Lee.

Joy Nicholson would have won the membership drawing at \$5 if she had been present. It will be \$10 next meeting.

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:02 pm. 20 people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Lee

Guests: Tom and Veretta Mott.

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

Treasury Report: \$434.42. (Reported, mistaken, corrected, and corrected yet again. Thanks. Lynne.)

Membership Report 84

Legislative Report: P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act.

Historian Report: The book is here.

Old Business

Group Riding Protocols: *Hagar's* was closed. Several groups went several different directions

Planned Rides: Nothing to report. Hollister, July 3-6, 2003

New Business

Membership Drawing for \$5 would have been won by Joy Nicholson if she had been present. It will be \$10 next time.

50/50 was won by Lee at \$10/\$11, he donated \$9 back to the chapter. Thanks Lee.

Adjourned 7:55 pm

Upcoming meetings

August 5, 2003

7:00 PM

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RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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

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

Salem Chapter

Fossil - the most fun you can have and still be legal.

The town's people were appreciative and I have received a postcard from the Wheeler Girls' Basketball Team (the Roo Crew). They are in Australia and send their *thanks* for your donations and the can recycling that you pitched in to help on. If you haven't been to *Fossil*, give it a try next year. There is lots to do, good food and even espresso. The people who work the info booth are glad to help no matter what.

I would like to send a personal thank you to all who worked the event. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Tried out a new meeting area this month (June) at *Denny's* on Market Street. It was much quieter than *Pietro's* and quite a change being waited on. The July was at *J.C.'s Pizzeria* in Keizer. The address is on *Salem Chapter's* webpage at:

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

~crowlady

plus you may find fliers that interest you there.

There are now 118 members in the *Salem Chapter*. Hopefully by the time

we are mentored in the games at *Fossil*, all these members will want to chip in. (Hint, hint.)

While at this chapter meeting, I heard a rumor that someone has two tattoo's on their rumpus and doesn't know who did them. (Hmmm . . .)

Our instructors who are trained in the Motorcycle Awareness Program are hoping to join Mel and Iris when they teach a class in our area or in Jefferson, Albany, Stayton, etc. This way we can sit in and get our feet wet.

To the kind people I work with at the state level who think I do too much, there are currently two people I am cajoling into taking the secretary and historian positions that I now hold. Plus one of the other public relations people, Rot Path, is going to do the report at the next meeting. [c.o.e note: I am?!]

See? I know how to delegate.

Be well, happy and love yourself,

Michelle (aka Crow Lady)
Chapter Goddess

Events coming up:

August 16, 2003

Mint Festival in Jefferson
September 27, 2003

Lime Ride - MidValley Motorcycles - Hubbard

October 17, 2003

Biker night - *Poor John's Bottle Factory*

November 22, 2003

Biker night - *Wooden Nickel*

SALEM MEETING TIME
and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
J.C.'s Pizza
4200 River Road N., Keizer

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports South Coast Chapter

June was a busy month for most of the folks around the south coast. This was evident by the number of people (11) who managed to find enough spare time to attend our June meeting. Many of our members were at the local *Christmas in June* camp-over, a local event to raise money for the annual toy run.

The *Fourth of July* weekend was a busy one with lots of motorcycles out and about in this area. Many of our chapter members spent this holiday at a camp-over in Port Orford.

Comments from one of the Port Orford attendees, Mike Richards:

There were about 10 bikes in Finch's backyard camping over, with about 15 *A.B.A.T.E.* members. Cindy and Abe from *Douglas County* made it over the hill to partake in the festivities.

Finch's Art Gallery had its open house the weekend of the 4th with wine and food in the back of the store. There was so much food that my eyes were watering from the glut: salmon, tri-tip steak, tube steak, elk steak, salad, desert. Then there was the fireworks, the best on the coast. Then off to the *Port & Starboard Lounge* for a night of dancing. Saturday came with some fat heads, so a few of us hit the road to get some wind and head home. The 4th can't get here fast enough for next year.

We have two major events coming up in August: the *Coos River Run* being held August 1, 2, and 3 and *S.O.S. (Southern Oregon Summer)* which is being held August 23, 24, and 25. Everyone is invited to attend, and

don't forget to bring all your friends and make some new ones too.

More information on these events is available on our website at:

<http://www.southcoastabate.org/Events.html>

A lot of work goes into the planning and arranging for these events, and our coordinator, Charlie Hill, deserves a lot of credit for all her effort as well as all those volunteers who help out.

Janet Jinkner

South Coast A.B.A.T.E. secretary



SOUTH COAST MEETING
TIME and PLACE
3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)
Gino's Pizza
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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

Southeast Portland Chapter

Hey good people,

Well, here we are again waiting for info from runs. Hope you all got to attend *Run 21* and had a kick of a time.

Summer Run for the Portland chapters will be a great one too. Lee won the t-shirt and pin designs.

The picnic is going great and we hope with the new location more of you can make it.

Our chapter volunteers for the education program have been busy with the new summer school program for David Douglas.

We have a very special thank you here: Greg Perry of the support services of the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue presented Wyoming with *three pallets of new toys* and *stocking stuffers* for the *state toy run*. You all *rock*.

Later,

Tami

A Letter From Bev

I want to thank my *A.B.A.T.E.* family *Columbia River, Northeast* and *Southeast* chapters for all your help, both financial and emotional, since my accident.

Again, thank you,

Bev

Columbia River Chapter member

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A
FAMILY PICNIC

Feel Free to invite your family and friends

Place: Hoger's at Viking Park, 20111 SE Stark, Troutdale, OR
Date: September 27, 2003 (SATURDAY)
Time: Start at 10:00 am and we'll go till??

This is a Family Picnic!! We'll have BBQ, games, songs, volleyball, outdoor exercises, fishing (bring your own license, tackle and bait), swimming (with supervision), a Play Ground, and Camping (near water)

The Chapter will provide: Our Famous Hoger's Hot Dog's, Fries & Ice Cream. Everything else is for sale or bring your family supplies.

Directions to site

I-84 East, take exit 38, turn left onto Columbia River Scenic Hwy, to Stark St., at right across bridge. Or for those of you who might want a longer ride: I-84 East, to Corbett exit, right on Columbia River Scenic highway to Stark St., across bridge.

For more info contact: Fred Woodruff at 503-760-7903
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S.E. Portland MEETING**TIMES and PLACE**

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)
M/M Restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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

Southern Oregon Chapter

Hello to all,

We have been having some hot weather here in southern Oregon;. Hope you all have been out riding a lot.

Robert Mumby has taken over the position of membership secretary. Kent Nelson has been busy with building a house and moving and felt he just didn't have the time to the job effectively so he resigned. Congratulations to Robert for his energy and willingness to help support the Southern Oregon Chapter.

Norm Schiller joined at the last meeting and is in high spirits about getting the chapter growing and is out recruiting new members. Norm was elected to the sgt-at-arms position #2.

Pat Allen has returned to the chapter with renewed enthusiasm.

We are working on the poker run and barbecue for September or October.

Our chapter needs a replacement of treasure do to the absence of Cathy King. She was also our historian. We need your help.

Then new business will be build up our chapter.

Herb Sweeten



SOUTHERN OREGON
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 1st Sunday at 1100 (11 am)
 Big Daddy's Pizza
 (formely Oregono's) -- Gold Hill

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

Washington County Chapter

June was another busy month for *WaCo*. [*Washington County Chapter*]

We had our *Roll-n-Ride* and *Family Picnic*. The route was long and scenic, the weather was great! Thank you to all who attended and especially to the Stocker family for once again allowing us to take over their home for the afternoon. There was still food when I got there and the band played until after I left. It is always enjoyable to spend time with people we see at these events and to meet new members and people who are just checking us out. Thank you also to *D&S Cycle* for opening up on Sunday, arranging for coffee and donuts, and just being the swell people they are. *We appreciate you.*

A group of *WaCo* riders met up to attend the *North Coast Run Around Saddle Mountain*. We met up at North Plains and rode for about an hour, had breakfast, then joined in the fun. There was quite a large group for this ride and it was impressive to see the long line of bikes snaking its way through the coastal mountain roads from one point to the next. Once again, the weather was great, but the sun got to a lot of us. After having a good lunch at the *Relief Pitcher* and winning a couple of door prizes, we set off for the hour ride home. Some members of the valley contingent had to head back sooner, so they missed out on a lot of the fun, but it was a good time and we enjoyed it. Thank you, *North Coast*, for putting on a good ride.

Our July *First Sunday Ride* was attended by seven riders, including young Kendra who took her first long ride on the back of her dad's bike. She enjoyed herself, but it was a long ride. She held up well, nonetheless. I think we can look forward to seeing her on other rides in the future. We rode out toward the coast, then over to Vernonia, then Scappoose and St. Helens.

WaCo recently adopted a road for clean-

up in Washington County. On Saturday, July 12, 13 members got together and walked a stretch almost two miles long of Roy Rogers Road. (Wetzel Road.) from Scholls Ferry to Beef Bend. The clean-up took about five hours - -more than most of us anticipated. We all got sunburned and were tired at the end of the day. Some discussion amongst the group had us thinking that the time to do this would be in May and October - rather than July. Thank you to Indian Ken for doing all the legwork on this project and picking up and dropping off the equipment. I know I feel better about the project now that it is done. When the sunburn heals, and my hand stops hurting from the constant action of the grabber tool, I will feel even better about it. It's amazing what you can find along the side of the road. Chances are that the vertebrae that Sharon found along the road were not human, but it was interesting to speculate. Having done it now, we can start thinking of ways to improve the process.

While August does not hold any really big events for the chapter, our *First Sunday Ride* will be a poker run and pig roast rather than the traditional drawing a route out of a helmet. Plans are already underway for the route, the hole is being dug for the pig and everyone is getting excited about the event.

We have also been working on *E.O.S.* (*End of Summer Run*). There will be a new t-shirt design, submitted by Luke Stocker. Look for that at the event. Things are coming together, vendors are starting to sign up. And yes, there will be mud wrestling. Who knew that this event would become a staple at these campouts?!

I have been remiss in my duty to inform members of the membership drawing, so I will go back a couple of months to review the people who missed out on a *big* wad of cash — over \$250!! A review

of the record shows that no one has won this year. The list of people who did not make it to the meeting on the nights their names were called include: Ed Garrison, Gary Whiting, Terry Chaney, Richard VanDerBorg, and Helen VanGrunsven. We are sorry you guys did not make it. It just makes it more interesting as the pot grows.

Well, I have no words of wisdom this month, just a reminder to get out there and ride, be ever watchful of the actions that will ruin your day — whether it is Mother Nature, bad karma, or some idiot out there.

As I always say, watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells, *WaCo* secretary

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

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

Willamette Valley Chapter



Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. has secured a new site for our monthly meetings: Veteran's Memorial Building at 1626 Willamette Street, Eugene. There is parking, food, drinks and lots of social interaction with all of us motorcycle enthusiasts. So, don't forget to join us on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm.

Membership chair, Peggy Schneider, reports that as of June 18th, our chapter has surpassed the 200 mark with 205 members. May's membership meeting at Papa's Pizza had 46 in attendance but June's meeting reported a smaller group, with 33 members attending.

Since the chapter no longer meets at Foxfire, several members stated that they did not know where the meetings were being held. It is very important that all of you that are on the "phone tree" to call your assigned members to remind them of the monthly meeting and future Willamette Valley events. The strength of our membership depends on all of us being "strong" in following through with our assigned tasks.

Donna Miller sent flowers on our chapter's behalf to the graveside services for Dennis Prociw, a rider who went down on his Harley, in Creswell, Oregon. Please keep Donna informed of down riders so that she can contact them and/or their families, letting them know that their motorcycle family is thinking of them, during their time of need.

Several events have taken place since the 1st of June with many more still to come for all of those a need a cure for the "summer time blues". Our chapter was well represented at Hub City's Poker Run in Albany on June 7th with around 18 members attending. Hats off to Hub City for pulling off such a fun event. As road captain for this ride, Buster Tegge would like to thank all those members who joined him for the event.

Remember, by supporting other chapter's events, they become more willing to support

ours. Several members also participated in Black Jack's annual Poker Run for Cancer on June 8th.

It looks like Iron Horse, June 20-22, was a sell out, with a reported (but unconfirmed) attendance of over 5,000. We arrived around noon on Thursday to find the park over half full. Our chapter had over 30 members attending. While we did not win the chapter challenge this year, we did come in second. The weather was great but a little cool in the evening.

Lots of vendors and activities, with a wedding Saturday afternoon. The exchange of vows recited by the minister, for the bride, included, "To wash and polish, his bike, 'till death do us part". To which the bride's reply was, "Maybe".

A big thank you to Ruth and Michael Johnston for all the extra time they gave in organizing and working on our Independence Day Social. Ruth and Michael were the first ones at the park to set up and the last ones to leave. Not only did they bring the food, tables, games and speakers, they also made sure that the litter was picked up, along with the park gate being locked.

While the turnout was not as large as anticipated, those who came did have a good time. Each child, attending, received a door prize of their choice.

One of the best moments came when the kids played, "Digging for Treasures". The kids had to sort through a bale of hay where assorted candies and toys were hidden to find. There were six kids furiously throwing hay all over themselves and nearby parents. What a kick to watch.

A piece of advise to all of you: Do not get on Ruth's bad side. She has wicked aim with a water balloon and if you don't believe me just ask Buster.

Tune in to the September newsletter as there will be reports from our members who will be taking in a variety of July bike events.

On July 12th, there is a local campout event over in Blueriver, just off the McKenzie Highway, known as the Bittersweet Run, where several plan on going over to rock and roll with Repeat Offender.

How many of you out there are going to the Redwoods Run or S.C.O.O.T.R.'s Summer Eruption in Fort Rock? Both events are happening July 18-20. There are a few members who are planning to attend

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WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Wednesday at 1900 (7pm)
 Veteran's Memorial Building;
 1626 Willamette Street
 Eugene

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Our Officers at Work

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

12 July 2003



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by State Coordinator, Joe Laurance at 12:10 with 11 of the 14 chapters represented, all present were eligible to vote with the exception of South Coast.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the June 14, 2003. Motion made by Jill Tracy, seconded by Randy Phipps to adopt the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Coordinators Comments

After this meeting we will be going to Roseburg for an officers meeting. Joe also thanked Rick for submitting his reports in writing, knowing that his is one of the most important offices.

***** Officers Reports *****

Legislative Director: Rick Maish — In the packets is his report. Rick touched on the Pennsylvania helmet law as they were able to get it passed with the stipulation that operators that are 21 years of age or older with two years of riding experience or who have successfully passed the Motorcycle Safety Program will be allowed to ride helmet less. American Insurance Association is trying to get the governor to veto it.

A.M.A. and *M.R.F.* are working together on the motorcycle noise issue. Rick reminds everyone that if bikers don't take action on this issue, no one will.

States with totally free choice of helmet are Colorado, Iowa, Illinois and New Hampshire. There are 26 states with partial or modified helmet laws, (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.) Two of those states, Texas and Louisiana have special attachments. Most states have noise decibel levels, so if you have loud pipes and go into other states, be aware of this.

Rick also has information on the raids on the *Hell's Angeles* in Arizona. Randy noted he has an article that the *Hell's Angeles* are not invited to the *Los Angeles Fair*.

Rick also pointed out in his report that governor Ted Kulongoski had some comments regarding the boating incident off the Oregon Coast.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Brian Stovall turned in his resignation as *BikePAC* representative and has also resigned as *BikePAC* editor. Brian wanted all to know that when he has spoken at the meetings, he was speaking on behalf of his chapter and not as his personal opinions. He will also bring it up to his chapter about his officer position as state representative.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Ed Vaughan reported there had been no meetings.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Bob Earl is excused from being here.

Education director: Geoff White reported lots of classes this summer. Mel and Iris have been doing a lot of classes. Went to Rogue and they got packets so the southern Oregon area will be doing some classes. Thanks to Matt Hobbs who has been taking classes for Geoff when he was unable to due to work. He appreciated Matt's help very much.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy reports that for the third month in a row, our membership is over 2,000. Jill said she has had requests from the membership secretaries to have their reports e-mailed but she does not have the capabilities to do that at this time. She is going to look into the possibility of updating the program that she uses to something newer.

Newsletter editor: Rot Path was excused from being here. Joe said that they have been looking into adding eight pages of color to the state newsletter at a cost of around \$350.

Products: Michelle Hobbs has new long sleeve t-shirts and "Free America" long sleeve t-shirts available.

Public Relations: Melinda McCrossen was excused.

State run coordinator: Rotten Roger was excused.

State run coordinator II: Michelle Lipchitz reported that she has fliers for the state representatives to take back with them on the upcoming swap meets. She also received a

post card from the Wheeler County (Fossil) girl's basketball team who sent her the card from Australia.

Treasurer: Wendy Vaughan reported she has not reconciled *Fossil* yet. In checking there is \$31,768.71, savings \$27,410.16, bulk mail \$5,217.45 and advertising income in the amount of \$690. She said that Brian's chapter wants the head count on the *Jokers* and the income amount.

State Auditor: Nancy Curran reports that 2002 tax information is almost ready. They are waiting on one chapter. Only four chapters reported this month: *Washington County, Lincoln County, River City* and *Salem*. Nancy is willing to work with anyone if they make the effort to submit their reports and she is even willing to travel to that chapter's treasurer's location and personally train. Wendy said that she and Ed have two computers available for any chapter's treasurer [who] needs one to be compliant with the need of using *Quicken*. Jill Tracy said she too has one. Nancy said she will be on vacation next month.

Historian: Iris Yeager thanked those who bring pictures for the history book. She also reminds us to "Let us work together to keep our future history positive." It is her belief that if we are friendly and kind to others, we will be known as a "neat guy, gal, or couple." More care will be taken around all motorcycles on the road by people with a positive attitude toward motorcycles. We will help each other make a great history.

Web page editor: Mad Dog was not present.

Vice coordinator, north: Matt was excused.

Vice coordinator, south: Tim Rohde told Brian that he will be missed, and appreciated all the work he has done. *BikePAC* is very important.

Tim pointed out who in the room was dressed appropriately for riding and who wasn't and that people see that and make an opinion (as if your riding in shorts or in proper attire long pants, sleeves etc.)

Vice coordinator, east: Bob Hadley was excused.

Sergeant-at-arms, north: Matt Hobbs

excused.

Sergeant-at-arms, south: Cole Hembree was not excused.

Sergeant-at-arms, east: Keith Odoms excused.

Sanctioning officer: Ron Bloker was excused.

Quartermaster: Steve Baton said he is still looking for a storage place between Salem and Eugene.

He still has *Toy Run* tickets available.

Committee Reports

1. Run committee: Nothing more to report.

Unfinished Business

M.R.F. board meeting: Ken Ray reported Melinda noted to him since we sponsor his trip to the *M.R.F.* board meeting, he needed to make a report. Ken reports there have three board meetings throughout the year across the nation. Several people represented Oregon at this last meeting. In February it was held at the same hotel where *Meeting of the Minds* is held. The June meeting is held right before *Best of the West* to combine both.

The meeting started on Thursday. Karen Bolin is the new president. She did not expect this. Buck was expected to rein for the next two years but Ken reports that Karen has the skills necessary to do the job and even gave up her regular job to do this. Chuck was and is the vice chair but didn't have the time to devote as chair. Karen will follow Buck's guidelines. Deb from Arizona stepped into the secretary position. *M.R.O.* representative was filled by Wayne Thomas out of Washington/Idaho. The *Sound Summit* had lots of good discussion, not only on bikes but leaf blowers, schools, etc. We don't want to tell people what to do but we need to police ourselves. If handled wrong this could be a big problem.

The events are coordinated by Carole who did a great job. People at the hotel were great, it was a four-star hotel.

Best of the West next year will be in Casper, Wyoming June 11, 2004. *Beast of the East* will be in New York. The 20th annual *Meeting of the Minds* will be in St. Louis September 24-26, 2004.

The treasury component was *M.R.F.* has cut expenses, phone, health insurance and are moving the office due to a zoning issue. In 1999 the company that was doing the *M.R.F.* taxes didn't do them, therefore, *M.R.F.* had a huge fine.

Thanks to *A.B.A.T.E.*, Ken didn't have to charge many expenses to *M.R.F.* Ken also reported the *A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana* is doing better and now financially can pay *M.R.F.* the pledge which they couldn't do before.

Individual memberships are important. Ted Tracy has done a good job getting those in our area. They are also contemplating a southeastern conference in the future, not to make money, but to get information out.

Ken also reported that rider education is in need of a new study on crash reports.

Everyone that was a member as of April got an invitation to their business meeting. The next meeting will be October.

They plan to look at the legislation session to get a better perspective. Ken said he knows Lyle, Iris, and Michelle did an excellent job. They worked five bills this session. All bills got caught at different times. The assault bill didn't have enough behind it, but we plan to see what we could have done better.

BikePAC presented the *Guardian Freedom Award* to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* Ken also reported that they didn't spend all of the \$10,000 that *A.B.A.T.E.* had given them this last year and Mel presented *A.B.A.T.E.* with a refund check in the amount of \$355.84 which is the unused money.

2. **Best of the West:** Joe reported this was a great conference. Many from Oregon rode there: Jill, Ted, a couple of their friends from *WaCo*, Rick and Mary and Joe from *Douglas County*, and Ed and Wendy.

3. The box/semi truck issue will be postpone until Roger gets back as he has some concerns on that.

4. Ted has requested that the membership secretary order 100 more of the color membership posters. (No one objected to this)

New Business

It was noted that in the newsletter there is a flier for *O.V.M.A./Chinook Winds Casino* which is in competition with the *S.O.S.* event. It was mentioned that we shouldn't be advertising for others when in competition with an *A.B.A.T.E.* function. This will be brought to Ron and Rot's attention.

M.R.F. has a run the same weekend as *Run 21*. This too needs to be brought to the Sanctioning officer's attention. Ken Ray said it would be a good idea for Ron to attend the *M.R.F.* planning session November 1st so he would know their dates too.

1. Motion made by Mel Yeager, seconded by Brian Stovall that

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon make a donation based on \$2.00 per member rounded up to the next \$100. Donation to be \$4,200. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Randy Phipps that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* spend \$2,000 for 15,000 bumper stickers. (5,000 of each, "Save a Life", "Legalize Freedom" and "Let Those Who Ride Decide") Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Mel Yeager that *A.B.A.T.E.* fund up to four people to attend the *A.C.T.S. Oregon O.D.O.T. Safety Conference* to be held October 15-17, 2003. This cost would be \$7,17.27 (Which is \$380 for four persons conference fee, and two rooms for a cost of \$337.27) Motion carried unanimously.

4. Motion made by Stephan Baton, seconded by Brian Stovall to pay [?] of first aid course if a member is current and works at least (1) four hour shift as an emergency first aid at the state run. An amendment was added that is must be successful completion of. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Motion made by Ted Tracy, seconded by Mel Yeager to purchase for \$150, a banner 33" tall by 6' wide, white with black letters with the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement to be used at events such as runs, swap meets, *May Awareness* and available for all chapters use. Motion carried unanimously. Stephan said he would look into the size of one needed to put in front of the state stage.

Announcements

1. Gary "Sarge" Martin and Diesel Dave are in Texas.

2. Joe said if you use the *Brooks Truck and Tractor Museum* at Brooks, Oregon and with our help in attending their campground during the *All-Harley Drags*, they will be able to add a motorcycle museum.

3. *Cow Chip Boogie* coming up.

4. 13 July 2003: *Salem Poker Run*.

5. 27 September: *Lime Ride*.

6. Take some swap meet fliers and get them out.

7. Next state board meeting will be at Newport Hospital, due to the *Beaver Creek Run*.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



Geoff

Education Directors

by Geoff White



Nora

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

Summer is in full throttle, and our Motorcycle Awareness Program is going strong.

Many of the schools have had to offer driver's education classes as a summer school program these days due to a budget issue. The classes are very full, and the schools seem to have a need to run the summer program just to have the ability to cover the demand. This is a good thing for us in the education field of A.B.A.T.E., as it provides us with an opportunity to share our presentation to a large group of students on a single day. It also creates a demand for certified instructors that may have some time off work in the daytime. If you feel that you would like to spread our important message of safety and awareness to a very appreciative classroom of new drivers, please see your chapter education directors or certified instructors to get the details on our program.

We at *A.B.A.T.E.* believe that our program plays a valuable role in the reduction of automobile / motorcycle accidents, and the lives of many motorcyclists are protected by the efforts of our instructors.

We at *A.B.A.T.E.* will always have a need for you, the members of the motorcycling community to become involved in the delivery of the Motorcycle Awareness message. I have felt a great deal of satisfaction in being able to travel to the various classes and speaking to the students. The effort

is more than justified by the belief that some of the motorists out there will keep an eye out for motorcycle riders and lives will be preserved. There is also a pleasure in sharing a little piece of the motorcyclist's world with the students and people that receive our presentations. Some of these people will eventually decide to make motorcycling a part of their lives. A few of these motorcyclists will become active members and participants in our organizations. Motorcycling and the lifestyles that we have come to enjoy will be enhanced by their efforts.

Motorcycle Awareness Programs are an introduction to our world for many new drivers. I enjoy the fact that I am possibly playing a role in the preservation of our activity by saving some lives and influencing some people in the decision to ride someday. Many motorcyclists and I have been dedicated to the process of delivering the message for quite some time now.

Obligations, employment requirements, lifestyles, and other matters may limit us at times in the ability to fulfill all the needs of the Motorcycle Awareness Program. A few people have done so very much for motorcycling.

I would like to send out a request or invitation to become involved in the Motorcycle Awareness Program as an instructor. With enough people working on the presentations, we will be able to answer all the requests that the schools and organizations send to

us. The work spread out over a larger number of available people will help to ease the burden on a few hard working individuals. The requests will all be handled, and each person would have a manageable, easy to schedule operation. The Motorcycle Awareness Program is very important to me, and I'll continue to attend as many presentations as I am able, but we are in need of your help.

Remember that a rather large process or operation spread out over a good number of people means that no one person will become overburdened. I do not ever wish to call a school to inform them that we are unable to fulfill their requests for our visits. One person may only have so much vacation time, but many people might have a day to spare once in a while. *A.B.A.T.E.* and the motorcycling world may need your help soon. Will it possibly be worth an hour here or there to you? Please consider this invitation to join and participate in a very valuable program. Thank you.

There has been some great news from Nora Rhode in the southern Oregon area regarding our Motorcycle Awareness Program. A little while back I traveled down to the Grants Pass / Medford area to visit some schools with Nora to deliver information to the teaching and administration staff of various driver's education classes about our program. *Rogue Community College* apparently is interested in our presentation, and Nora is now "a lady

Education Directors

with a mission!" Way to go Nora!

I would like to encourage as many members as possible in the southern area look into becoming a certified instructor and lending a hand to Nora in this excellent effort. Nora will have a good number of classes, and remember that a larger group of instructors means that no one will have to try to attend every presentation. Thank you to Jim Jones of the *Douglas County Chapter* for offering to help Nora fulfill the requests. Jim is an outstanding presenter, and he will be very appreciated in this new setting. Motorcycle awareness is alive in southern Oregon.

Actually, the Gold Beach area Motorcycle Awareness Program has been in effect for quite a few years already. Good luck Nora and team!

I would personally like to thank Matt Hobbs, Jud Witcher, Vicki Messinger, and Kathy Sanchez (Juliet) for taking the last few daytime classes at *Reynolds High School* and *David Douglas High School*. I was unable to attend these classes due to work schedules, and they really came through on these. Matt had the students up making motorcycle noises apparently at one of his classes. We need instructors who know how to get and keep the students interests and attention. Very resourceful, Matt.

Mel Yeager, Iris Yeager, and Cliff McCalley have been very busy in the *Hub City* area with summer driver's education classes and our Motorcycle Awareness Program. Driver's education really seems to pick up in the summer for some of the schools there. Thank you Mel, Iris, and Cliff.

It's definitely a strong summer for our Motorcycle Awareness Program.

Have a terrific August. I hope to see some of you at some of our events. I'm pretty sure that I'll be at the *Beavercreek Run* and the *Summer Run*. Unfortunately, I haven't had a lot of time off due to my new employment.

Be very careful on the road, and always keep an eye out for those who aren't. Motorcycle Awareness is a job that we all share. Any time you ride, you are a visual illustration of motorcycling.

Paint the best picture that you can, and.....spread the awareness, y'all.

Take care.

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News From The Iraq Front



I appreciate you putting Greg's letter in our newsletter. It's nice to know he's getting some support from here.

Greg's been over there since early September on last year and every time we think he's coming home they extend his unit once again. He's was in some pretty heavy combat in the taking of Baghdad and he wrote us a letter about it.

Also, in case anyone wants it, his address is

Sgt. Lewis, Gregory
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Anyway, thanks again for all you done.

Wade

Want to get disconnected?

I've got enough stomach to turn yours.

(No wonder they use young slender women in adverts.)

Legislative Director

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by Rick Maish

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Oregon *BikePAC* Reports are out.

Cost of conducting business this year came to \$9,644 for the three lobbyists and for the other expenses according to Mel Yeager. He also thanked all who participated in the legislative process this year. *But*, we still need to come up with more operating funds for *BikePAC* for the next Oregon legislative session. With more funds we could improve and accomplish more.

National *Ride to Work Day*, July 16th — third Wednesday [in July] of each year.

For many people, riding is a socially responsible form of personal transportation that saves energy, reduces traffic congestion, adds parking spaces, helps the environment and provides a broad range of other public benefit. Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, work in all occupations, and range in age from teenagers to grandparents.

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100 Lawmakers Support Call to end Biker Health Insurance Bias

July 11 — The *M.R.F.*'s and *A.M.A.*'s efforts, along with those of several other organizations, have resulted in more than 100 U.S. house members backing legislation that would ban health-insurance discrimination against motorcyclists, all-terrain vehicle riders and others.

The legislators have expressed their support for HR 1749 *The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act of 2003* which would bar health-care discrimination against those who take part in legal transportation and recreational activities such as motorcycling, A.T.V. riding, snowmobiling, skiing or horseback riding.

States and Helmet Laws

Four totally free choice states (Colorado, Iowa, Illinois, New Hampshire).

Twenty-six States with partial or modified helmet laws, (Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North & South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming).

Twenty-one states still have mandatory helmets for all riders.

Two states require special medical insurance coverage. (Texas and

Louisiana).

Washington: Helmet is a helmet, same as Oregon.

Maximum sound level: Max A-weighted sound level as measured at 50 feet (W.A.C. 173-62-030): 1) 78dba at 45mph or less; 2) 82dba over 45mph. Stationary 20 inch standard: Models before 1986—99dba.

State insurance requirements: Financial responsibility required. Minimum Limits(25/50/10).

Handlebar height: Maximum of 30" above seat

California: Maximum sound level: Maximum allowable A-weighted sound levels based on measurements taken at a distance of 50 ft from center lane of travel: 1) Pre-1970..92dba; 2) After 1969, and before 1973...88dba; 3) After 1972, and before 1975...86dba; 4) After 1974, and before 1986...83dba; 5) After 1985...80dba (27201-27202. Motorcycle limits).

State insurance requirements: Compulsory liability (minimum limits) (15/30/5). Financial responsibility required. A driver involved in an accident who fails to prove existence of financial responsibility at time of accident shall have driver's license suspended for one year.

Handlebar height: Handgrips below shoulder height

Idaho: Maximum sound level: Maximum allowable A-weighted sound level measured at 20 feet is

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92dba. Exceeding this constitutes "excessive" or "unusual noise" (Title 49, Sec. 49-106).

State insurance requirements:
Compulsory liability (minimum limits) (25/50/15)

Handlebar height: No restrictions.

Nevada: Maximum sound level:
Max A-weighted sound level as measured at 50 feet: 1) 82dba less than 35mph; 2) 86dba more than 35mph.

State insurance requirements:
Compulsory liability (minimum limits) (15/30/10)

Handlebar height: Handgrips below shoulder height

"Just some food for thought"

Rick Maish

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state legislative director

Southeast Portland's Run 21, July 25-27.

These are just the ones that I have heard members talking about attending, so if any of you are going to these or other runs not listed, please come to the August membership meeting and share your summer's run experiences.

The next event that will be happening, at the same time this newsletter goes out, will be *Willamette Valley's* annual chapter run. This year the *Coos River Run* was selected as the 2003 chapter run. It will take place August 1-3, West Fork Millicoma Allegany just 15 miles outside of Coos Bay. Hopefully, we will see many of you members there.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the third annual *Southern Oregon Summer S.O.S. Run*, down at Wolf Creek, August 22-24. This is a big event for our chapter so come join us for good music, good food and a really good time. Sign up with Wendy to help out during the weekend with booth coverage or assist with security. Buster will be riding his bike but I will be driving the truck/trailer. If anyone going needs something hauled, just give us a call at (541)-344-0344.

Don't forget to fill out and turn in the membership questionnaire that was included with the July/August

Willamette Valley newsletter. As you know our chapter is working on pulling together a membership directory, listing members, their addresses, telephone numbers, what kind of "scoot" they ride and other items of interest. Mail yours back in or bring it to the next membership meeting.

I appreciate the opportunity to share bits and pieces of the chapter's doings for this newsletter. If any member is interested in writing our monthly article for the state newsletter, please contact our coordinator, Hal Fletcher.

Remember, *A.B.A.T.E.* is for everyone who rides or has an interest in motorcycles. It does not matter if you ride only for fun or that riding is a very big part of your life. What does matter, is that by being active in *A.B.A.T.E.* you are participating in an organization whose only political platform is to protect your rights to ride.

'Till we see you again, ride safe and have fun "scoot'n".

Respectfully submitted by,

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From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK



I'm just getting over moving an entire three bedroom house a distance of nearly 200 miles, and it isn't as easy now as it was a few years ago. Next time my wife says we should move, I burn everything and start from scratch at the new place. Anyhow, it's *done* now and we are entrenched in the new digs. Now maybe I can concentrate on things that have been laid aside for several weeks.

The run schedule here in Oregon gets really on the move through the month of August and into September. I'll be at runs the rest of the summer, virtually every weekend until the end of September, so please *stop by* and see me, at the *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* booth!

Enough of the Gunny and his whimpering for this month. Let's get on to important stuff. By the way, I'm happy to be back in home country even though we had a wonderful trip to the *N.C.O.M. Conference* in Milwaukee, and then to West Virginia and back to Oregon. And, the new grandchild came home from the hospital July 12th after doubling her birth weight and doing better than grammaw.

Pennsylvania is free, I say again *free*. Their governor signed into law the right for adults to ride *sans* helmet, if you either have two years of endorsed riding experience, or if you took an approved rider ed course. Another huge victory for the motorcycle community! I really feel the day will come in my lifetime that we in all states will be free again. Check the *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* website or call *A.I.M. (1-800-On-A-Bike)* for reference to more detailed info if you're going.

Special credit for those who worked so hard to make this momentous event take place, especially *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania*, and the *Sons of Liberty Riders*, who have all spent years making this happen with support from the *M.R.F.* and *N.C.O.M.*. Every motorcycle

rider who values freedom of choice and *liberty* in this country should raise a glass to Pennsylvania. We also must thank governor Ed Rendell for being a man who keeps his promises! He said if it passed, he'd sign it, and he sure did. So many of our elected officials think promises are just for elections. Thank you sir from the entire motorcycle community for being a forward-thinking person.

Remember, we are *still* always concerned about safety and I for one will never condemn anyone who wears a hat because that's the way they feel. It's freedom to exercise the right of choice, and that, my friends is individual liberty, the way it should be in this country.

Gresham, Oregon — We all thought that Eugene was the harassment capitol of Oregon, but it looks like this little town and suburb just east of Portland is in the running now. The *Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club* had their strip poker run here. About half were not club riders. The idea was to stop at girly bars here and there to get your next poker card and go on to the next stop.

The Gresham police decided that they didn't want motorcycle clubs in their town — and they even *said* so. They pulled the oldest stunt in the world. They waited 'til a small pack went through a green light and some of the last in line *may* have squeezed the yellow or red a little so they pulled the whole pack over. Oh, and with the help of about *twenty* police cars.

As if that isn't bad enough, they had *people on their bellies on the ground, handcuffed* for over an hour on a 95-degree day. For an alleged traffic infraction!

One biker needed an ambulance from the heat.

While they had them down and cuffed, these cowboy cops brandished guns in their faces, and apparently threatened and

swore at folks. Said they didn't want bikers in their town and they best get out. Nearly *all* were cited for running a red light, even though only a few *might* have. You don't get to ticket *everybody* just because a few *might* have committed an infraction! Several were even cited for *felony* attempt to elude. The whole thing is bogus and stinks to high heaven.

Sam Hochberg, our Oregon *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorney, and his associate and *A.I.M.* criminal defense and civil rights attorney Bill Redden are working the case and defending a whole slew of folks; for *free*, by the way.

This sort of conduct by police anywhere is at best unprofessional, and is an abomination. I'll keep you posted on the outcome of it all, especially if there is a *civil* suit as well.

Oh, and by the way, Gresham, Oregon is the home of the current Miss America., (Katy Harmon, I believe she is.) A little ironic. *Real Americans*, aren't they, the Gresham police? What a travesty.

Portland, Oregon — In August, *Harley-Davidson* has Portland as one of the "kick-off" points for their 100-year anniversary ride. A word to the wise who intend to participate: I hear that there will be lots of police protection — hopefully without reinforcements from Gresham — and many of them will have noise monitor machines. This smacks of harassment to me so if you are part of the celebration just be aware.

Woman Plans To Climb Mt. Everest On A Motorcycle

A lady by the name of Annie Seel plans to ride her *Enduro* motorcycle to Mount Everest's base camp as a member of the Danish/Swedish climbing team in August this year. Base camp is at 16,732 feet. Seel will make the round trip from Kathmandu. Gonna be a pretty good climb but the lady is an experienced Enduro racer, so she should be able to pull this stunt off. Hey, more power to her.

Tennessee — Beginning in July, riders in this great state can proceed through red lights if they stop and give the light a chance to change first. If after waiting an appropriate period of time and if nothing happens, they can advance through the light with all due caution.

Many times all over this country stop lights aren't triggered by motorcycles. I have many times sat through several lights waiting for them to change. Guess the bike isn't heavy enough or bulky enough for the road equipment to see it as a vehicle. After a wait I carefully advance even though it's still red. This mainly occurs at left turn intersections for me.

This very past session, in Oregon, our friend Clark Brooker, an officer in the *Oregon Confederation of Clubs*, introduced just such a bill, all on his own! Unfortunately, it didn't make it out of committee. Maybe next session!

Washington, D.C. — Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell has gone to bat for us again in our nations capitol. He has urged the director of the *E.P.A.* to modify the proposed emissions standards for bikes. He says *E.P.A.* is too stringent in their proposals. Don't we all agree about that? I sure do and thank the senator for his valuable help. We all want to be able to *keep* our old scoots, and keep fixing them with *new* parts. Gotta stop that *E.P.A.*

South Carolina — This is an item I'm seeing far to much of lately. Governor Mark Sanford may have eliminated South Carolina's motorcycle safety training with a veto. He vetoed \$119,000 dollars in state funding for rider training. This is not a place to save money — our education is saving lives.

Here in Oregon the training is funded by motorcyclists themselves by paying more for their motorcycle endorsements.

The present climate of shortfall budgets in many of our states is going to cause major cuts in many programs and motorcycle programs will be the first to go if the money for training isn't dedicated and funded by bikers in some foolproof way to safeguard it from theft by bureaucrats. If you don't, they will use our money to rectify their poor spending habits. It's thievery at its best, folks.

Gunny Again

Just a small thought about the recent *N.C.O.M.* convention in Milwaukee. I crow about the work our *A.I.M.* attorneys do for us all the time when we are in trouble but don't mention the work they do in other ways.

While we were at the convention, many of the seminars were presented but just these people. Our own Sam Hochberg gave two talks and the one I attended was about the stealing of motorcycles by police in Eugene, Oregon.

They impound bikes on whatever excuse and then refuse to release them when they find nothing illegal about them.

Sam Hochberg and Bill Redden have filed suit on these issues as well, as we've referenced in the *Sack*. The case is still early, so no news there for now.

In one case I'm familiar with, the bike was impounded February 2002, and the owner *still* hasn't had his scoot returned. It was an assembled bike. It was inspected by, and had a title issued by the state of Oregon. Not good enough in Eugene.

Hopefully, through the courts we will eventually get justice.

Anyway there is more to our *A.I.M.* attorneys than many of us ever see and we really appreciate what these good folks do for us, many times without cost to us. If you ever have questions about *your* rights as a biker — or, god forbid if you go down on your bike or wreck your car, these guys are *also* experts in representing people in *personal injury cases*. That's how they make a living, and get to have the time to ride, and to help *us* out, in these *pro bono* harassment cases. They're always available, "24-7" as they say now, at **1-800-On-A-Bike**, or [www.onabike.com!](http://www.onabike.com)

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Gunny,
Oregon

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NEWS and NOTES



Tennessee motorcyclists faced with traffic-actuated signals that do not recognize their motorcycles at certain intersections have some relief now that governor Bredesen signed Senate Bill 1200 into law effective July 1, 2003.

SB-1200, sponsored by William C. Clabough (R-Maryville), states that motorcyclists, after "exercising due care as provided by law, may proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so." *C.M.T./A.B.A.T.E. of Tennessee* campaigned extensively in support of SB-1200.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* has a new deputy administrator, Otis G. Cox. In his position, Mr. Cox will have direct oversight of *N.H.T.S.A.*'s dealings with motorcycles.

Mr. Cox served as secretary of the West Virginia *Department of Public Safety* from 1997-2001, following a 25-year career in the *F.B.I.* Since 2001, Mr. Cox has been on the faculty and public safety coordinator at *West Virginia University*. He has considerable experience in reorganizing agencies, implementing large *Intelligent Transportation System (I.T.S.)* projects, and working closely with field offices.

U.S. congressman Mike Simpson (R-Idaho-2) has reintroduced legislation calling for more congressional and public input before a president declares a national monument. The *National Monument Fairness Act* (HR 2114) amends the *Antiquities Act of 1906* to require the president to solicit public participation

and comment, and to consult with the governor and congressional delegation of the state at least 60 days prior to any national monument proclamation. Congress must also approve any monument designation or expansion that is larger than 50,000 acres within two years of creation. Should congress fail to do so, the land reverts back to its prior designation. The new guidelines would only apply to monuments created after the bill becomes law.

HR 2114 preserves the president's ability to protect areas of historical or scientific interest that are less than 50,000 acres and deserving of monument designation, while providing congress the power to conduct oversight over declarations involving greater expanses of land.

Davidson County, North Carolina members of *Retreads Motorcycle Club, MILES of N.C., A.M.A.,* and *Davidson County A.B.A.T.E./C.B.A.* recently attended a Lexington city council meeting to thank council members and the police chief for passing an ordinance permitting two motorcycles in a space to be parked at an angle to the curb; previously, two motorcycles in a space had to be parked parallel to the curb.

Massachusetts state legislators recently heard testimony from the *A.M.A.-chartered New England Trail Riders Association (N.E.T.R.A.)*. Five *N.E.T.R.A.* directors testified before the joint committee on natural resources and agriculture in support of *N.E.T.R.A.-endorsed House Bill*

971.

HB 971, sponsored by representatives Michael Rodrigues (D-Bristol) and Douglas Petersen (D-Essex), is based on Vermont's snowmobile program. The bill would require an assessment sticker on O.H.V.s ridden on state forest trails and any other trails that *N.E.T.R.A.* incorporates into its trail system, with the fees being used for trail maintenance. It directs the *Department of Environmental Management (D.E.M.)* to consider opening O.H.V. trails in additional state forests and to open these trails except when weather or trail conditions warrant closure. It would also add trail user representation to the *Board of Environmental Management.*

Legislators also heard *N.E.T.R.A.* testimony in support of Senate Bill 1223 a similar snowmobile proposal, House Bill 290 which would forbid municipalities from prohibiting motorcycles, House Bill 2848 which would authorize a study of multi-use trails in Massachusetts, Senate Bill 1224 which would also add trail user representation to the *D.E.M.*, and in opposition to House Bill 1909 which would prohibit the sale of 2-stroke motorcycles in the commonwealth.

The *Roadless Conservation Act*, with bipartisan support, was introduced in both houses of congress on June 5, 2003. If passed into law, the measure will codify the Clinton-era *Roadless Area Conservation Rule*, which closes 58.5 million acres of national forests from road construction and could sharply curtail O.H.V. recreation

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opportunities.

Senators John Warner, a Virginia Republican, and Maria Cantwell, a Washington Democrat, introduced the bill in the senate, and representatives Sherwood Boehlert, a New York Republican, and Jay Inslee, a Washington Democrat, introduced the act in the house.

To the satisfaction of O.H.V. recreation enthusiasts, the Bush administration has blocked the rule, which was put in place only during the last weeks of Clinton's presidency, by court challenges and executive action.

New York legislators have approved a bill that will include motorcycles under the state's lemon law (A-5218, S-4500). Governor George Pataki has indicated he will sign it.

A-5218 and S-4500 were championed by volunteer lobbyists Larry Schwartz, *A.M.A.* community council – capitol area founder and president of *A.M.A.* District 3, *A.B.A.T.E. of New York's* Bob "Prospector" Boellner, Larry Moyer *A.M.A.* activist and assistant sergeant-at-arms of the assembly, and assemblywoman Audrey I. Pheffer, chair of the assembly consumer affairs and protection committee.

The *Bureau of Land Management* (*B.L.M.*), Moab, Utah field office, is considering amending an existing planning document and will prepare two Environmental Assessments (*E.A.s*) to consider expanding sustainable Off Highway Vehicle (*O.H.V.*) and mountain bike opportunities in the Utah Rims and

Cameo Cliffs areas.

Comments should be sent to the:

B.L.M. Moab field office
82 East Dogwood Avenue
Moab, Utah 84532.

Go to:

<http://www.ut.blm.gov/>
for further information.

The U.S. congress is set to begin debate on legislation that funds the Recreational Trails Program (*R.T.P.*). Literally millions of Americans have benefited from the recreational trails that have been developed and maintained in every state through this program. And, it is important to note that these trails are both motorized and non-motorized.

For those of us who enjoy trail-based recreation, be it on hiking, biking, *A.T.V.*, off-highway motorcycles, snowmobile, equestrian, cross-county skiing or any other type of trail, this is one of the most crucial issues that congress will act upon this year which directly affects you!

Tell your members of congress that you support funding for the *R.T.P.* To send a letter now, just visit the *A.M.A.* Rapid Response Center on:

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

Let your representatives know that you support investing money from taxes on gasoline being used in off-highway vehicles to improve the safety, construction and maintenance of recreational trails through the *R.T.P.*

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation



One of the *M.R.F.*'s Best Best!

What a wonderful time and a valuable experience for everyone at the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Best of the West* conference in Denver, Colorado the weekend of June 20-22, thanks in large part to our hosts, *A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado!* Mother Nature treated those who rode in from other areas of the country to a few bike washes, but those of us from Colorado welcomed the rain.

The *M.R.F.* is proud to announce that a record-setting 167 people from 17 states participated in the *Best of the West* conference this year, including representatives from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming. There were many first-time attendees, and all of the participants were excited about the information they gathered, workshops they attended, and new contacts and friends they made. As the group was rolling out on Sunday morning, the goodbyes definitely took longer than Friday's hellos.

After a break for lunch we reconvened for several breakout sessions, followed by Slider Gilmore's presentation of his *Two-Wheeled Trauma* seminar. Slider's presentation is always a valuable reminder that we need to do all we can to educate not only new riders, but experienced riders as well. Colorado state representative Lois Tochtrop was the guest speaker at the banquet Saturday evening, and gave an inspired, entertaining speech that was well received by all.

Best was an awesome experience, and what I believe is just a prelude to this year's *Meeting of the Minds*, which will be held September 18-21 (note the dates, it is the *third* weekend of September this year) at the *Regency Suites Hotel* in Green

Bay, Wisconsin. Pre-registration must be received no later than August 18, so *register today* if you have not already done so! Hotel reservations must also be made by August 18 to get the *M.R.F.* group rate. Complete conference information, including registration, can be found on our website at www.mrf.org.

A Joint Statement from the *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.*

The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* share a common goal of protecting the best interests of American motorcyclists and have a long history of working together toward that goal.

At the National Summit on Motorcycle Sound, held May 16-18 in Worthington, Ohio, the *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.* joined others from the motorcycling community, including representatives from rider groups, motorcycle manufacturers, aftermarket companies, event organizers, law enforcement, municipal government, research institutions and regulatory agencies, in candid and open discussions on issues related to motor-vehicle noise.

The *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.*, along with others present at the conference, agreed that excessive motorcycle noise is a serious issue in some communities, that it may become an issue in many more, and that the potential exists for it to affect motorcyclists' rights nationwide.

Based on discussions at that conference, the *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.* have agreed to work together, with the support of other organizations and individuals within the motorcycling community, to seek solutions to this problem in the best interests of American motorcyclists. The *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.* ask for the support

of their members, and of all motorcyclists, in this effort.

Congress Questions *E.P.A.* On Motorcycle Emissions Rulemaking

Forty-four members of congress joined U.S. representatives John Shimkus (R-IL) and Ted Strickland (D-OH) in asking the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* the last questions the agency may have to field before it finalizes a rule on street motorcycle emissions. The rulemaking will have profound consequences on motorcycling in America.

In a letter sent to the *E.P.A.*, these members of congress ask for more background, rationale and data on the critical issues of the safety of catalytic converters on highway motorcycles, the impact of the rulemaking on small motorcycle businesses and the degree to which the *E.P.A.* adhered to statutes and executive orders intended to breathe flexibility and fairness into the regulatory process.

"I would like to thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Ohio* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* for their work with congressmen John Shimkus and Ted Strickland to originate this letter," said *M.R.F.* President Karen Bolin. "I would also like to acknowledge and thank all the S.M.R.O.s who are responsible for an impressive list of sponsors, and the many motorcyclists nationwide who contacted their representatives."

"In this effort to ensure that the voices of riders are heard, if not heeded, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (S.M.R.O.s) are the stars," observed Tom Wyld, vice president of government relations for the *M.R.F.* "Brilliant grassroots performances by those who visited Washington, D.C. this year to

lobby their legislators led to the lion's share of those states' Congressional delegations appearing on the Shimkus-Strickland letter. Every name on this letter is a unique grassroots success story for S.M.R.O.s from California to New Hampshire that underscores the importance of full engagement in the democratic process, from letter writing and attendance at town meetings to full-blown S.M.R.O. lobbying trips to Washington, D.C."

Kathleen was incisive, brilliant, feisty and immensely supportive of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. Tom Wyld, *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations, often described Kathleen in his speeches as a delight to speak to, listen to and just be around. "Kathleen was a true champion of motorcyclists' rights and safety, a dear personal friend of mine, and genuinely one of the leaders that comes to my mind when I use the expression 'Ride With The Leaders,'" said Wyld, adding, "Her loss is incalculable, and we will miss her deeply."

Motorcyclists Mourn Loss of Kathleen Hunt Wolf

The motorcyclists' rights community lost another outstanding leader when Kathleen Hunt Wolf passed away from injuries resulting from an automobile accident in Italy earlier this week. Many *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* members had the distinct pleasure of meeting Kathleen when she participated in an *E.P.A.* panel discussion at the *M.R.F.'s Meeting of the Minds Conference* in September, 2001. An expert on environmental policy, Kathleen was one of the key people who was instrumental in helping shape the *M.R.F.'s* stance on the *E.P.A.* issue, and she provided a steady stream of information and support for the *M.R.F.* thereafter.

Memorial services for Kathleen Hunt Wolf were held on Saturday, July 5, 2003 at 10:00 a.m., St. Joseph's Church, 280 County Road, Demarest, New Jersey 07627 and on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at 11:00 a.m., Cable Airport, Foothill Aircraft, 1749 W. 13th Street, Upland, California 91786. In lieu of flowers, Kathleen would have liked to know that a small donation had been made to either of the following: Mark Madden Memorial Fund, *E.A.A.* Chapter 448, 1749 W. 13th Street, Upland, CA 91786 or Kathleen H. Wolf Memorial Fund, Shoreham Elementary School, c/o: Elizabeth Christensen, P.O. Box 187, Shoreham, VT 05770.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

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Pennsylvania Helmet Freedom!

Congratulations to *A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania* and Keystone State motorcyclists, who scored a monumental victory over the Independence Day Weekend when governor Edward G. Rendell signed a helmet law repeal on July 6, 2003, making Pennsylvania the 31st state to allow adult freedom of choice.

Effective September 4, 2003, riders 21 and older who have had a motorcycle license endorsement for at least two years, or have completed a motorcycle safety course, will have the freedom to decide when and where to wear a helmet. Passengers must wear a helmet if the operator is required to wear one.

"This was a classic example of grass roots activism," said an exuberant Charles Umbenhauer, *A.B.A.T.E.*'s lobbyist. "We've been working at this for more than two decades, and it proves that patience and persistence pays off."

Earlier this year, on June 16, the state senate approved senator John Wozniak's helmet law modification bill, SB 259, by a vote of 29-20. Then, on July 1, the house of representatives passed the measure by a vote of 118-79, sending the bill to the governor's desk.

Governor Rendell promised to sign the bill if it got to his desk, and he kept his word to the state's 700,000 motorcycle riders.

"This governor knows how to keep a promise," said Umbenhauer, referring to former governor Tom Ridge, now secretary of homeland

security, who vetoed a similar bill over a technicality in 1998, after publicly supporting *A.B.A.T.E.*'s efforts to repeal the law.

A.B.A.T.E. is planning a celebratory ride on Saturday, September 6, 2003, forming on Commonwealth Avenue behind the state capitol in Harrisburg. Governor Rendell has been invited to do a ceremonial signing of the bill before the "Ride to Gettysburg," which will be the state's first helmets-optional ride in 35 years!

Pittsburgh Police Prompt Helmet Replacement

Pittsburgh police supervisors recently ordered all motorcycle officers off the streets and bought new helmets after mistakenly believing their helmets failed government safety tests. And they are standing by the decision, claiming enough questions were raised about the old helmets to warrant replacement.

Assistant Chief Nathan Harper sidelined the 22-member squad after Sgt. Reyne Kacsuta told Harper she was concerned about the *Bell Pro* police helmet model SD600V, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported on March 10.

The problem began when an officer saw one of the helmets for sale at a police uniform store without a department of transportation sticker and began searching the internet. The officer found a web site run by the Massachusetts branch of the *Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education*, a group opposed to mandatory helmet

laws. The site contains a list of helmets that failed *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* testing, including the 1998 *Bell Pro* police SD600V.

Helmet makers test helmets themselves to ensure they comply with D.O.T. standards, and the government may do its own testing. In 1998, the government tested four of the *Bell* models in question.

"There was one test result that didn't match up. That happens a lot," said Tim Hurd, a spokesman for the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. "That doesn't mean it's failed the standard. It means we want to check up on it."

Bell told the government that out of 304 impacts on 38 helmets, one failed. The data satisfied the government that the helmet was safe.

Lt. Karen Dixon, who was in charge of investigating the helmets, maintains the helmet shouldn't be used by Pittsburgh police because of the impact failure.

Governor Vetoes South Carolina Rider Ed Budget

One of governor Mark Sanford's vetoes threatens a motorcycle safety course that saves lives in the state with the highest rate of motorcycle deaths in the country, the program's founder says.

Sanford's decision to eliminate \$118,675 in state funding "is a real shame," said Wayne Wilkes of *Columbia PowerSports*, who has overseen the program since its

inception in 1990.

The \$118,675 that Sanford vetoed pays for three motorcycle safety classes at technical colleges around the state, Wilkes told *Knight Ridder* writer Aaron Gould Sheinin. Motorcycle dealers also donate \$120,000 a year in equipment, Wilkes said.

Created in 1990, the program originally was paid for by a grant through the *Department of Transportation*. The statewide program is overseen by *Midlands Technical College* with money from the *South Carolina Motorcycle Dealers Association* and the state.

Canadian Rights Group Raided By Police

The *Bikers Rights Organization* (*B.R.O.*) of Ontario recently had its monthly meeting stormed by heavily armed officers who stuck machine guns in the faces of members, allegedly over a false tip.

B.R.O. is a registered non-profit group formed in 1982 that lobbies for bikers rights in the Canadian province. But at their April meeting, about 30 law enforcement officers participated in the raid, roughed up *B.R.O.* members and ransacked the meeting room, reports the August issue of *Biker Magazine*.

According to a newspaper article on *Cnews*, "Police got excited when they found an ammunition clip in a corner. Then police realized it belonged to them."

No charges have been filed.

Bikers Without Borders Takes Mission On The Road

Take two ambitious young men with the desire to help others, add in a love for motorcycles, and give them two brand-new *Kawasaki KLR650s*. The

result is *Bikers Without Borders* (*B.W.B.*), a non-profit organization comprised of two college-aged motorcycle enthusiasts, traveling through several countries and volunteering their time at non-profit organizations along the way.

Founding members James Mallory and Steven Wallstrom, aboard *Kawasaki KLR650* dual-purpose motorcycles, will set out on a trip encompassing over 20,000 miles, eight months and 16 countries. After a stop at *Kawasaki Motors Corporation*, U.S.A. headquarters, *B.W.B.* will travel through Central and South America volunteering in hospitals, schools, missions and soup kitchens.

"There are many non-profit organizations in these countries desperately in need of volunteers. And, there are many folks such as ourselves who are willing to donate their time and energy but aren't sure how to find where they can volunteer," said Wallstrom, president of *Bikers Without Borders*. "The key is matching these two groups up, and that's where *B.W.B.* comes in. Our goal is to create a source of information for volunteers to get accurate information on the many groups in need of a helping hand."

For more information about *B.W.B.* or for periodic updates on the progress of their journey, visit:

www.bikerswithoutborders.org

Harley Signed By Governors To Benefit Columbia Families

A 100th anniversary *Road Glide* signed by all 50 state governors and president Bush will be auctioned off later this year to benefit the families of astronauts killed in the space shuttle *Columbia* disaster.

The project is the brainchild of Idaho

governor Dirk Kempthorne and Barry McCahill, who works in public relations with the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. With the help of *Harley-Davidson*, the governor's office contacted New York Myke of *San Diego Harley-Davidson*, and the plan began to come together.

Myke and his operations manager Fuzzy drove across the country for 50 hours straight with the bike to make it to the *National Governors Meeting* in Washington, D.C. in time to get all of the signatures.

"The president signed thinking it was a great idea," said governor Kempthorne. "They were all so excited-they were affirming with each signature their support for the families. It's a gesture from the public of how much affection we have for our astronauts."

For more information about this bike, log onto the *National Science Center* website at:

<http://www.nscdiscovery.org/>

Quotable Quotes

"When will the world learn that a million men are of no importance compared with one man?"

-- Henry David Thoreau

American author, poet and philosopher (1817-1862)

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Millenium Ride

Mototurismo Ecuador Takes Responsibility For Health Ministry Motorbikes

A group of Ecuadorian motorcyclists will buy and manage five motorcycles for the health ministry. *Mototurismo Ecuador*, well known for a range of motorcycle activities including lobbying on rights issues and staging events, adopted the initiative after the Nutrician section of the health ministry showed interest in this new approach..

Ricardo Rocco, currently on the North American leg of his *Around For Peace* world tour www.andesmototours.com said, "As an organization we were looking for a social cause to support. So when Simon's activities showed a serious need, a lot of interest and an intrinsic motorcycle angle, it was perfect."

The motorcycles will be used in the indigenous Indian area of Chibuleo in the province of Tungurahua, about 200km south of Quito and 3,500m up in the Andean Sierras. The 12,000 population in seven communities is a priority area of the health ministry. Several other new health initiatives are already underway.

Simon Milward, e-mailing from Guayaquil in the southwest of Ecuador, said, "We go from widespread use of motorcycles in health delivery in Colombia and all the countries further north to hardly at all in Ecuador. We offer innovation. We're avoiding the classic and widespread mistake of providing vehicles without training nor maintenance support: we will have it

in place before the bikes arrive. We are discussing prices with suppliers. Sponsors may have the chance to get their name permanently on the high profile motorcycles."

Meanwhile the national health chief, Dr Oswaldo Rios, is ordering a national investigation to determine how many motorcycles are needed throughout the country. In this case the organizers will send a candidate for training at *Riders for Health's* academy in Zimbabwe, Africa and accept international funding.

08 July 2003

Well hello everyone,

As you can see things are going great here in Ecuador.

I rode down to Quito from Colombia and was welcomed by Ricardo Rocco. I have known Ricardo, by e-mail, since the early days of planning for this trip. He expected me eighteen months ago! Ricardo is a giant of a man in a number of ways. He is the street rider representative for the *Federation of Ecuadorian Motorcyclists* (the country's *F.I.M.* member) and has almost single handedly been lobbying on a number of fronts for bikers rights.

Riders Rights

In particular a battle is raging over Ecuador's requirement for international travelers with vehicles to purchase an expensive "carnet de passage" or pay a bribe to enter the country. This applies only at the Huaquillas border with Peru, one of the four land borders. Ecuador is the only country in all of the Americas to have such a rule, and if they don't



Simon Milward

hurry up and change it we shall have to generate some bad publicity for Ecuador. Something like a boycott. It would be a shame since it is beautiful here.

The other big problem in Ecuador is dangerous diesel spills from trucks and buses and unmarked road humps. Ricardo has been working tirelessly for international bike travelers and I'd like to see his efforts recognized.

Along with Andres and Byron at *Moto Turismo Ecuador*, we can expect some interesting developments here. The group recognizes the importance of a some sort of continental approach. So let's hope that between the Ecuadorians, Costa Ricans, Mexicans, and Brazilians (in Rio the riders lobbied successfully for pavement parking) they will get it together.

For those activists in Europe, North America and Australia reading this, I can say, and you will agree that, when the chips are down, when we are up against it, our best asset is our grass roots network of activists. Without coherent structures in Asia and Latin America influencing their own democracies, we are working at half capacity. I don't know where globalization is going but I'd rather not leave it to chance! I think it is important, important enough for your organization to take an interest too. But will it?

Health On Motorbikes — Salud En Motos

It was my first weekday in Quito and I arrived, late in the day, at the health ministry. Most people had gone home. Dervis, a television producer turned humanitarian, was helping out at the Nutrician Indigenous section. He was very interested in the idea of using motorcycles and introduced me to his fellow chain smoking boss Guillermo. Guillermo immediately invited me to go with them in a ministry car the next day to Chibuleo, to talk to the locals. The car would fill up with exhaust fumes every ten minutes necessitating icy blasts from open windows.

Over the last years there have been massive demonstrations in Quito by [native people] protesting against corruption. Now the Ecuadorian government is in some sort of coalition between the establishment and the indigenous movement. There are also two sides in the health ministry. The guys we are dealing with over Chibuleo care passionately about their work and the indigenous peoples. The others are suited bureaucrats most content with the *status quo*.

The indigenous people in Chibuleo are short and have a special dress code. In fact all the indigenous communities have a specific and different dress code. There'll be some photos on my website real soon. The way of life is different too: mum and dad work the field whilst the two year old daughter sits on a blanket among the sods. All the children have animals crawling around in their hair. Hunger is a big. The school kids ravenously stuffed their mouths with plain rice leftover from the cafeteria.

It was special to see how the mere thought of motorcycles created such

excitement at all levels. I explained that I had no magic wand and it would most likely be years before we could help with some motorbikes.

Then *Moto Turismo* said they would be willing to train the people and control the maintenance of the proposed five motorcycle test fleet. For me, this is the main aspect. It makes me sick that the international aid community stupidly ignores maintenance for the thousands of vehicles supplied yearly. It is a waste of *your* taxes. Look at the transport infrastructure of the governments that control these billions, the lengths they go to and money spent on maintenance for their own vehicle fleets and so forth. Why do they think that vehicles in the third world run themselves?

Anyway, five motorcycles can be handled by *Moto Turismo*. If the national project (perhaps comprising hundreds of motorcycles) is a runner, then we will certainly use the expertise of *Riders for Health* training, who are doing absolutely fantastic things in Africa.

General

I was a guest at Eduardo and Gill's mansion near the town of Nayon just 15 minutes ride out of city, in full view of volcanoes, while I was in Quito. They were very good to me and didn't even make an issue out of my demolishing part of their garage wall. (It is made of mud).

That was not the only accident.

Due to my still dodgy Spanish, I misunderstood the situation with the health ministry, and I allowed myself to become angry. In fact I was consumed with anger. I could not even remember when I had felt like this before. As I rode off to their office to

give them some of my best Spanish verbal abuse, I was not concentrating on the road. I found myself riding along the edge of a V shaped concrete drainage ditch, the rear wheel went down, gripped, and threw me over the handlebars. I was flying quite well but it was a bit of a bumpy landing. I arrived at the ministry, in new jeans, just a little bit (not much) subdued. Two days I spent straightening the bike (it feels better now than it has since the Australian Outback series of crashes), and a week nursing a very bruised arse. (You know, one cheek riding). The lesson was quick and clear: anger is bad and leads to destruction and pain!

I visited the Mitad del Mundo monument (at the middle of the world village) and adjacent museums depicting the French and Spanish initiatives to understand and map the world. This point was deemed the most suitable. I saw the motorcycle drag races organized by Mario Gomez the South American motocross champion.

In the last week I took some time out for a relaxing ride down the Ruta del Sol on the Pacific coast of Ecuador. The jungle and nature, the surf (I'll soon be ready for the championship . . . not!) and the warm people were all great.

Many thanks to all the new friends I have and all the help from everyone, like the guys at Todoterreno and Ray. I'm off to Cuenca to see about some cheap motorbikes and meet the guys and girls there.

All the best
Simon

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Millenium Ride

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16 July 2003

Summary

Milward e-mails from the beach at Mancora in northern Peru to update you on health and motorcycles. He arrived here four days ago from Ecuador. He says, "The scenery here is desert and sea - perfect. I am ensconced on a beach campsite. The fish is cheap and tasty and the surf is gentle. The taxis are three-wheel 125cc motorcycles, with independent suspension on both rear wheels and chain drive on one.

"See what Willy is doing in Indonesia-Asia, his latest note follows. (His full reports now go directly and only on my internet site). I am amazed. There is also news about a second project in Ecuador. I'm going in for a dip."

Dear Simon,

It has been rather long that I do not inform you about our activities since my departure to India. After coming back from India Desti and I facilitated a training on the community based health program for the staffs of

Catholic Relief Services (C.R.S.). We were asked before I left for India and finally it was held from July 9 - 12, 2003. It was an appreciation for *H.f.A.* as I shared a lot about our program in the villages. It was also an opportunity to share the insights that I just gained during the training in India.

In the beginning of July (July 2-4) I was asked by *Voluntary Service Overseas (V.S.O.)* to participate in the workshop on the health services in Denpasar, Bali. But due to my absence, Mans, *H.f.A.* field coordinator attended the said activity.

During the workshop each institution participating was asked to present the program for 5-10 minutes.

However the turn of *H.f.A.* lasted for one hour because there were many questions and high interests from other participants to know more about *H.f.A.* and its innovative program.

Our expertise is more and more acknowledged by other people and institutions. Recently family planning coordinating office in East Flores requested *H.f.A.* to do the service for their motorcycles that are used in the field. This motorcycles are used by this particular office to promote family planning and reproductive health.

We are planning to buy a second hand small motorcycle for the midwife who is so far riding Yamaha YT115. If it is okay, we will do assessment to place big m/c that is being used by her so far.

Take care and God bless,
Willy

Ecuador Enthusiasm For More Motorcycles

The former health minister of Ecuador, Dr Edgar Rodas, plans to integrate motorcycles in rural health deliveries in the province of Azuay, 600km south of Quito. He revealed his plan, starting with five motorcycles and building up to 115 in five years, during Simon Milward's presentation at the golf and tennis club of Cuenca last week.

Dr Rodas, foundation, *Cinterandes (www.cinterandes.org)*, has performed 4,000 surgical operations in a mobile operating theatre since introduced in 1994 throughout Ecuador's rural areas. The idea has been exported to Honduras. Cinterandes has recognised that

integrated primary health delivery is also a very major activity that needs promotion, and motorcycles offer the only practical solution.

E-mailing from Mancora on Peru, northern Pacific coast Milward says, "There is now sufficient interest in Ecuador to justify sending a candidate to the *Riders for Health* vehicle management academy in Africa. \$4,000-5,000 (air fare plus course cost) is a small price to pay for sustainability and efficiency. To sponsor training is not as sexy as sponsoring a bike. But it is far more important. Is anyone interested? We will use the money I have collected so far in Latin America and need another \$2,000.

Milward's presentation in the charming colonial city of Cuenca was sponsored by *K.T.M. Ecuador*, which did a marvelous job, and organized by Fernando Romero of the Cuenca Dual Sport Club, which was launched to coincide with Milward's visit. Milward wishes to thank the *Motorcyclists Association of Azuay, El Murcurio* newspaper, *Honda* and all those present. Over \$400 was raised in Ecuador. He also thanks the Vasquez family for giving him a place to stay for the week and many others who helped in many ways.

Simon Milward, on the road
simon@millennium-ride.com
www.millennium-ride.com

A solo fundraising round the world ride on a handmade motorcycle. Help us help motorcycles and motorcyclists improve the health of fellow human beings.

From yer . . .



Public Privacy

(Somebody's Watching You)

c.o.e. -- 19



by
Rot Path
(c.o.e.)

There is a concept that occurred to me while being subjected to security cameras outside a public library: citizens should be able to expect a large degree of public privacy in the course of their daily lawful activities.

No elected government has a right to watch or record the actions and movements of the very people who placed them in office.

It is not the business of any business to monitor our lives.

It is demeaning to people to feel that they are constantly being watched. It is terrifying to feel that a person's every move is being recorded, studied, judged by hidden "others".

Security cameras become *de facto* prison bars, separating free people from their sense of freedom.

Have we as a people lost our expectation of freedom when we venture into public spaces?

Are we now to expect that our every move is being viewed or recorded by government, businesses, and even curious individuals?

Are we to become a fearful people?

Do you enjoy the feeling that some faceless stranger is watching you?

What are they doing with your image?

What we seem to be heading toward as a society is sanctified stalking of the American people.

I do *not* accept citizens being routinely monitored by anyone in the name of "freedom". Any such surveillance is the beginning of tyranny and an affront to the principles of democratic republic.

*Terrorism was the excuse,
sanctified stalking is the goal.*

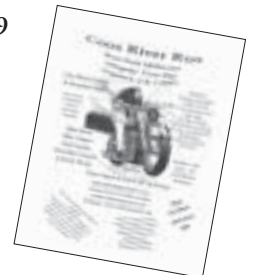
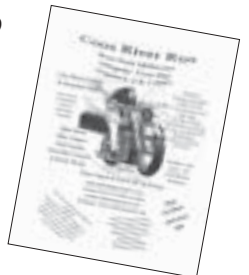
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You might as well smile -- you're on camer somewhere.
(Where's my Groucho glasses?)

2003 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
01-03 August	<i>Coos River Run</i> -South Coast	Coos Bay	(541)-759-2388
03 August	Poker Run -WaCa	Forest Grove	(503)-648-7129
08-10 August	<i>Beaver Creek</i> -Lincoln County	Newport	(541)-265-6850
15-17 August	Christian Motorcycle Association Run	Jefferson County	
15-17 August	<i>Summer Run</i> -Portland chapters	Estacada	(210)-240-0069
16 August	The Big Event	Richland, Washington	(509)-943-3481
16 August	O.V.M.A. Poker Run		
22-24 August	<i>S.O.S. Run</i> -southern Oregon chapters	Wolf Creek	(541)-759-2388
22-24 August	2nd annual <i>Desert Dash Rally</i>	Burns	(541)-573-1139
22-24 August	O.V.M.A./ <i>Run for the Wind IV</i>	Chinook Winds Casino	(541)-302-2690
24 August	Rose City H.O.G. Poker Run	Portland	(503)-345-0050
30 August	<i>Northeast Portland Poker Run</i>	Portland	(503)-285-5132
31 August	Sunset H.O.G. Poker Run	Beaverton	(503)-654-4036
07 September	Washington A.B.A.T.E. Swap Meet	Monroe, WA.	(253)-536-3565
19-21 September	<i>End of Summer Run</i>	Birkenfeld	(503)-648-1877
	Washington County and North Coast		
20 September	<i>Baker's Memorial Food Drive</i> -South Coast	North Bend	(541)-269-2934
21 September	Horny Wolf Off Road Run		(503)-656-5801
27 September	All A.B.A.T.E. Portland chapters' <i>Picnic</i>	Troutdale	(503)-760-9015
27 September	<i>Lime Ride</i> -Salem Chapter	Hubbard	(503)-873-2492
11 October	<i>Casino Night</i> -Willamette Valley chapter	Eugene	(541)-688-4268
17 October	Biker Night-Salem Chapter	Stayton	(503)-873-2492
18-19 October	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Planning Session	Cottage Grove	(541)-679-3775.
26 October	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap Meet	Roseburg	(503)-285-4329
02 November	A.M.A. Run Sanctioning Meeting at Noon		
15 November	Washington County Chapter <i>Toy Run</i>	Hillsboro	(503)-648-1877
16 November	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap Meet	Portland	(503)-285-4329



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

August 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 Beaver Creek Lincoln County ----- Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	11	12 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	13	14	15 Summer Run Columbia River, Northeast and Southeast Portland	16 Summer Run Columbia River, Northeast and Southeast Portland
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24 S.O.S. Run	25	26 Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	27	28 North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)	29	30 Labor Day weekend
31 Labor Day weekend						

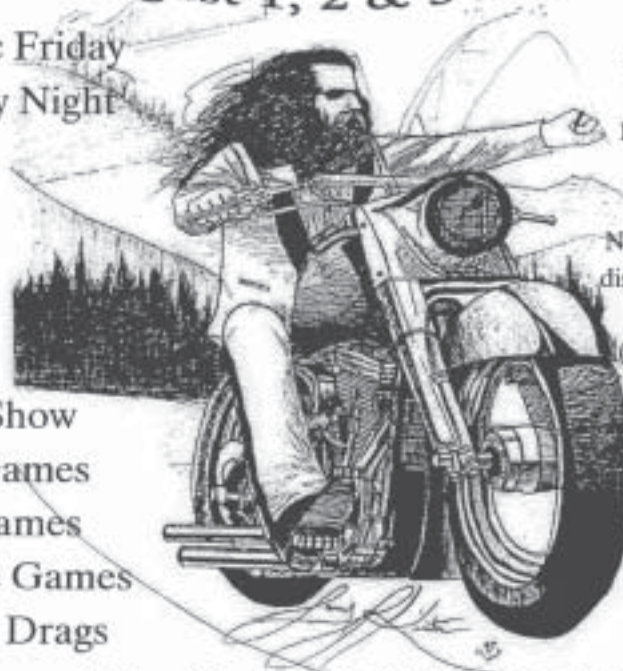
Coos River Run

West Fork Millicoma
Allegany- Coos Bay
August 1, 2 & 3 2003

Live Music Friday
& Saturday Night

Door Prizes
Concessions
Food &
Beverages
Vendors

Bike Show
Bike Games
Kid Games
Non Bike Games
& Duck Drags



TICKETS
Members with MRO
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Paid Adult
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discount toward ABATE
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Gate Fee)

All bikes - All
riders - All
NON Riders
Welcome

Gates Open at 3:00 P.M. on Friday

FOR INFORMATION CALL
Charlie (541) 759-2388 or email
southcoastabate@yahoo.com

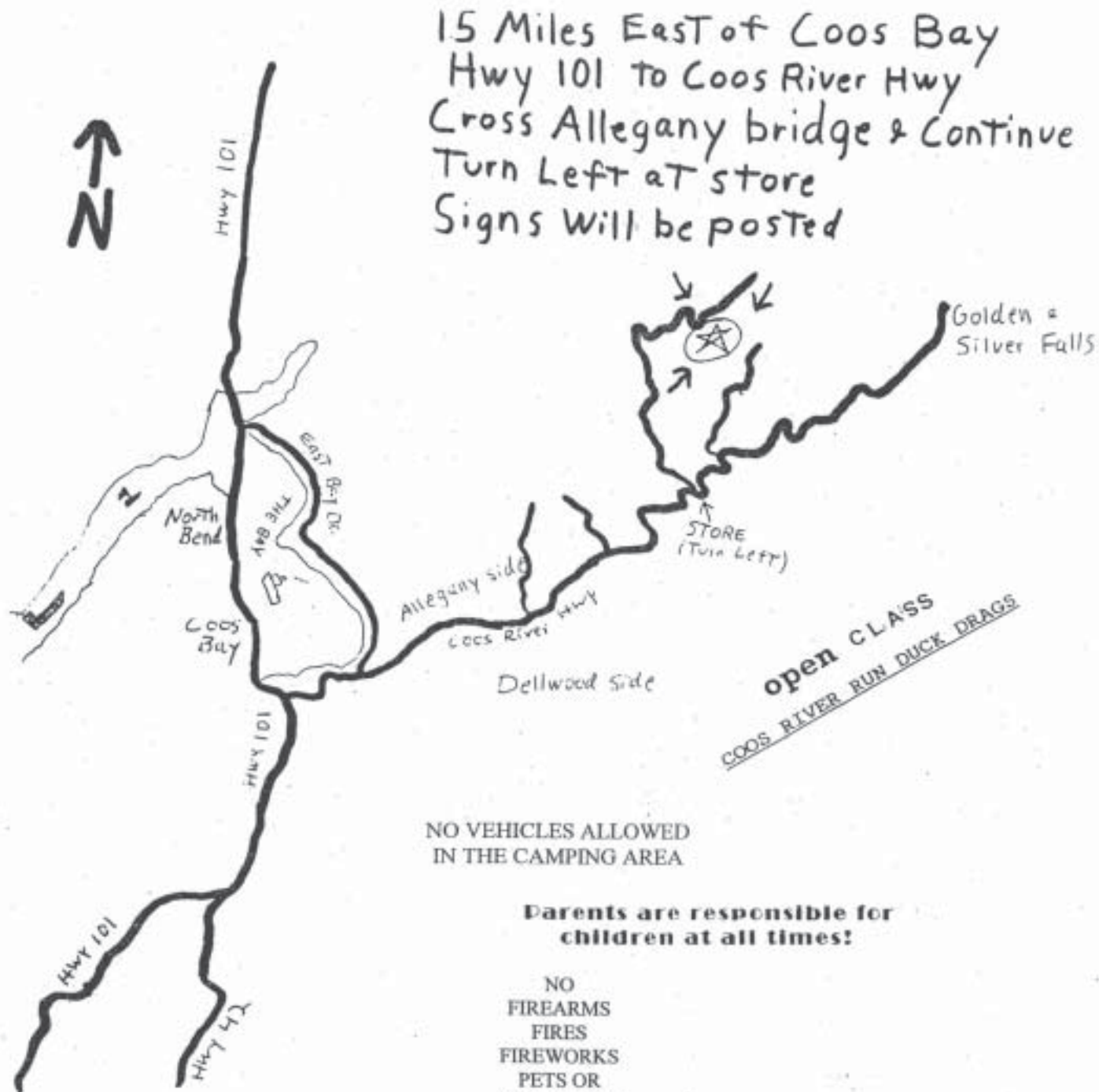
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**Map
On Back
and more
info**

COOS RIVER RUN 1-3 August 2003



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Chapter**



**Mid-Summer
- 2003 -
Poker Run**



August 3, 2003

\$\$\$ Cash Prizes \$\$\$



Starts at:
Prime Time Sports Bar
4202 Pacific Avenue
Forest Grove, OR



Sign in:

9am

Depart at:

10am

Show up earlier and enjoy breakfast before the ride.
(cost of breakfast not provided by chapter)

Ends with:

A tasty "Pig Roast" picnic

Included in cost of hand or pay at ending destination
** 700 S. Heather, Cornelius, OR **

*"Pig Roast" picnic
provided for all
run participants!!*

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Need More Info?

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BONFIRE

FOOD

GAMES

TWO LIVE BANDS

BIKE GAMES

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AMERICAN LEGION
POST 116

NO: Campfires
Firearms
Fireworks
Attitudes

NO ONE UNDER
18 WITHOUT
PARENTS

CONTACTS:

Ralph - 541-265-6850

Joe - 541-563-3711

Vendors call

Gary - 541-563-3250

AUG. 8-9-10
SEAL ROCK, OR.

21st ANNUAL BEAVER CREEK RUN

\$13.00 at
the gate
PARENTS ARE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THEIR
CHILDREN

dogs on property
yours at your own risk

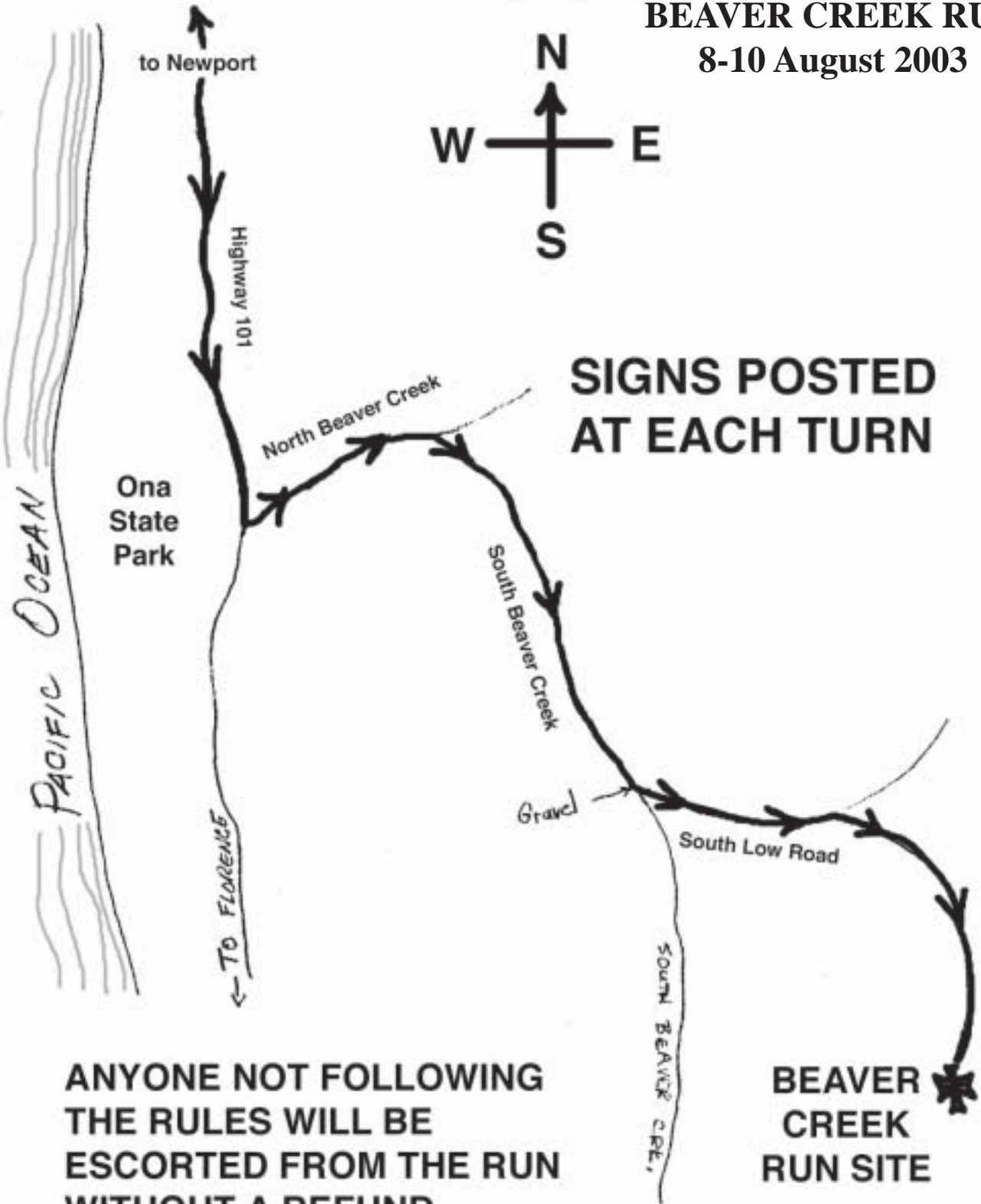
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BEAVER CREEK RUN

8-10 August 2003



ANYONE NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE RUN WITHOUT A REFUND

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Columbia River, Northeast and Southeast Portland Chapters

Summer Run 2003

August 15 - 17

43650 SE George Road, Estacada



**\$15 / member
\$20 / non-member**



**No advanced
ticket sales**

family fun

**Featuring:
kid friendly**

great music



door prizes

biker vendors



*motorcycle games
with trophies*



*bike show
with trophies*

**For More Information: 1-210-240-0069 or
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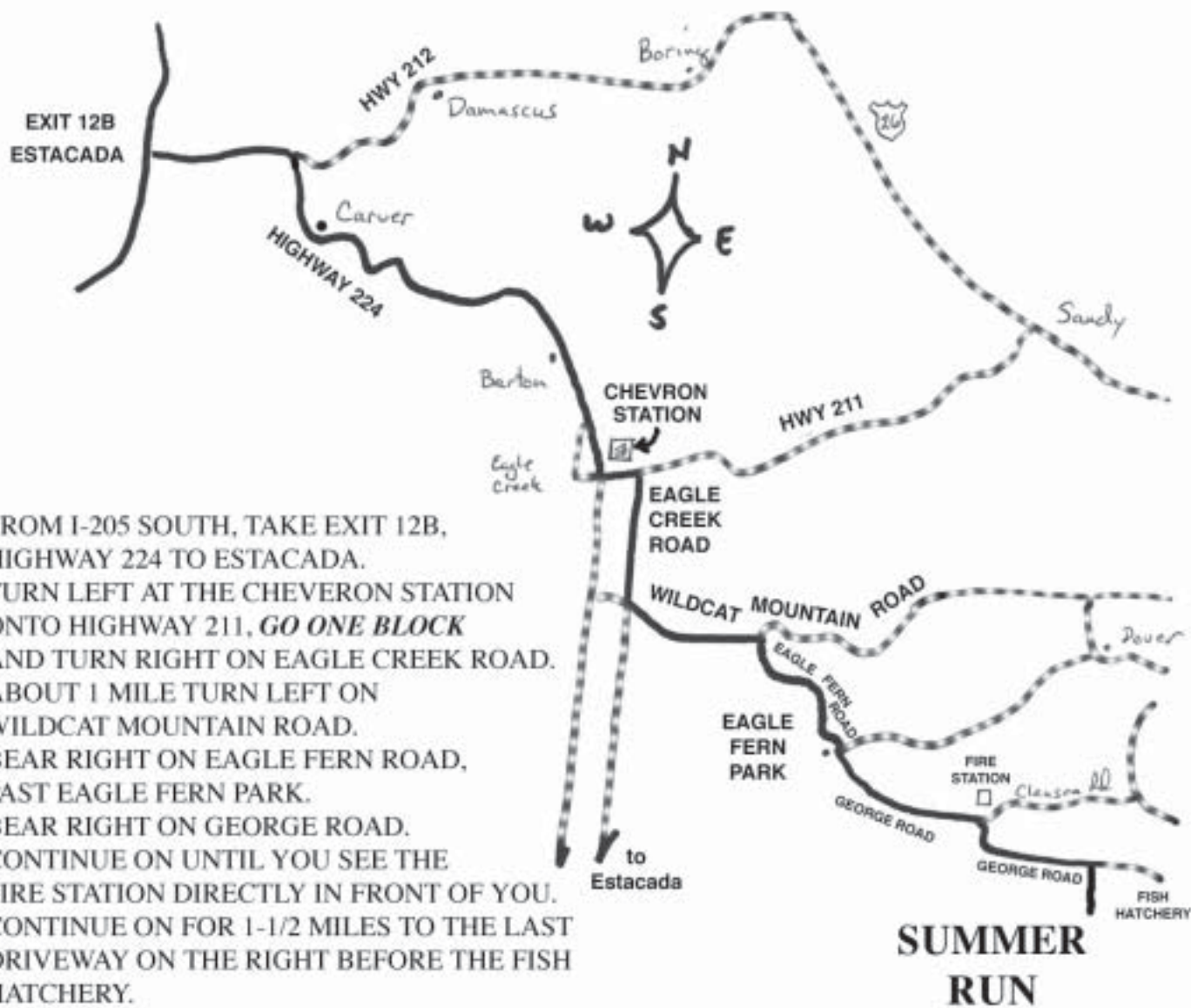
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SUMMER RUN

15-17 August 2003



**BE CAREFUL ON THE CURVES
AND WATCH OUT FOR THE DEER AND ELK !!!**

ALL RIDERS WELCOME



WOLF CREEK 3RD ANNUAL

Exit 76 off I-5

SOUTHERN OREGON SUMMER AN A.B.A.T.E. COALITION RUN WOLF CREEK PARK, WOLF CREEK, OR. AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 24, 2003

**BIKE GAMES & SHOW
DOOR PRIZES
POKER RUN**

**GATES OPEN
FRIDAY @ 12 NOON
MRO'S 820
NON-MRO'S 825
85 Refund On New
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KIDS UNDER 15
ARE FREE
WITH PAID ADULT
SEPARATE RV/AUTO
PARKING**

**FREE RUN PINS
FIRST 250 ENTRIES**

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT

For Further Information Contact:
S.O.S. ABATE COALITION OF CHAPTER'S
Willamette Valley ABATE
Mary Ann Goll, 541-988-5779
South Coast ABATE
Charlie Hill, 541-759-2388
Douglas County ABATE
Debbie and Tim Malone, 541-496-0708

**BEVERAGES
T-SHIRTS
FOOD**

**RULES:
NO FIRE ARMS
NO HASSLES
NO REFUNDS
NO PETS
NO ATTITUDES
KIDS UNDER 18 MUST BE
IN CAMPSITE BY 10:00PM.
OUT BOUND TRAFFIC
CLOSES AT 10PM**

**Vendors Contact:
Debbie and Tim Malone
Douglas County Chapter
541-496-0708**

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

NE Portland Chapter

invites you to join the

Safety Awareness

Poker Run

August 30, 2003



*Ride begins at the
American Legion*

2104 NE Alberta

9:00 AM check-in - leave by 10:30 AM



\$6 a hand or 2 hands for \$10 (per person)

All types of motorcycles welcome!

\$5 per plate BUFFET BREAKFAST

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or Crow: 1-210-240-0069, fwhudgin@mindspring.com

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ABATE of Washington

Fall 2003

Swap Meet

Motorcycles

Parts

Accessories

Leathers

Fashions



Collectibles

Services

Potions

Notions

Whatever

Sunday Sept. 7, 2003

🕒 9 am – 3 pm 🕒



Evergreen State Fairgrounds

Monroe, WA

(Hwy. 2 & Hwy. 522)

Info & Vendors: 253-536-3565
State Office: 253-475-4944 P O Box 8369
Tacoma, WA 98418
email: swapmeet@abate-wa.org

Admission: Members \$3
Non-members \$5

👉 **Vendor applications must be postmarked by Aug. 27, 2003** 👈

Hosted by North Snohomish County & Sky Valley Chapters

Web Site: <http://www.abate-wa.org/content/vendor.htm>

NO PARKING LOT SALES ALLOWED 🚫 NO PETS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED

Washington County Chapter
ABATE of Oregon

www. *End of Summer Run* .com

LIVE MUSIC!
ALL WEEKEND!
Featuring some of the best
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Friday night,
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And Saturday,
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**FOOD AND MERCHANT
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With the "Mudd Man"
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TICKETS
\$20 Members
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Kids under 12 are free.
Tickets include 3 days, 2
nights camping, games and
all entertainment.



September 19-21, 2003



Washington
County ABATE
PO Box 202
Cornelius, Or. 97113

For more information Contact:
Washington County Chapter
Run Coordinator
Jim Henderson
503-648-1877

Be Safe!
No Pets, Fireworks, Illegal
Firearms, Campfires, or Bad
Attitudes. Parents caught not
supervising their children will
be escorted out without a
refund.

We'll see you in Birkenfeld

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ABATE of Oregon Inc.,

South Coast Chapter

Invites you to attend

Flash Baker Memorial Food Drive Benefit

EASY MONEY

will perform at

ROGERS ZOO

Hwy 101 South, North Bend, OR

September 20, 2003

7:00 p.m. to Midnight

\$5.00 Suggested Cover Charge

Proceeds will be used to purchase food for the
Salvation Army

For more info contact

Brian Bryan (541)-269-2934

or

Charlie (541)-759-2388

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FOX CREEK LIME RIDE

Sponsored By

SALEM CHAPTER A.B.A.T.E.

ALL RIDERS, ALL BIKES WELCOME

SEPT. 27 th. SATURDAY

LOTS OF PRIZES

CASH FOR 1st &
2 nd. Place

STARTS: Mid Valley Cycles - 2614 Hwy. 99 E. - Hubbard

10:00 am. - 11:00 am.

\$ 5.00 EACH

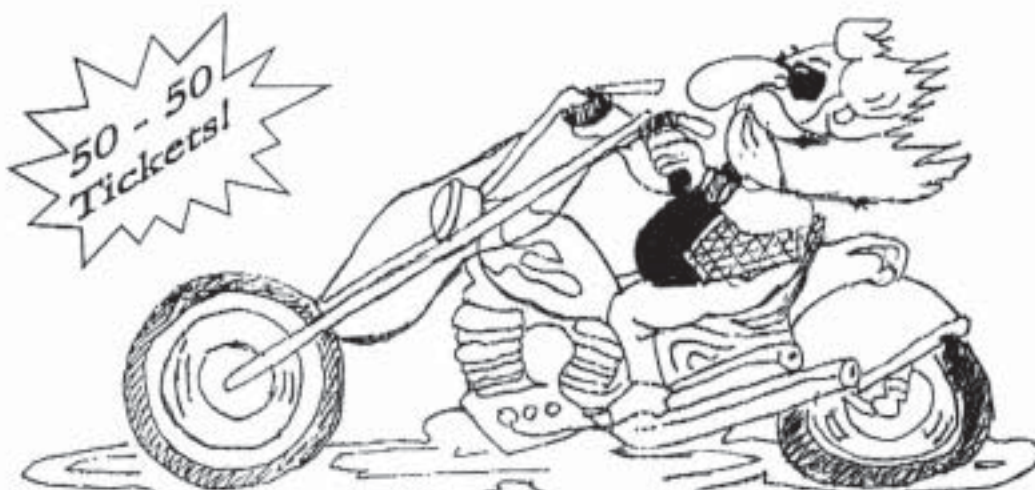
ENDS: Horseshoe Tavern - 27534 S. Hwy. 211 - Mullino

BAND STARTS AT 3:00 pm

TROPHY for PEOPLE's CHOICE

50/50

GAMES



Contact Mariene at (503)873-2492

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**SE PORTLAND & NE PORTLAND
CHAPTERS
OF
ABATE of OREGON Inc.
INVITE YOU TO**



**A
FAMILY PICNIC**

Feel Free to Invite your family and friends

Place: Hagar's at Viking Park; 29311 SE Stark, Troutdale, OR

Date: September 27, 2003 (SATURDAY)

Time: Start at 10:00 am and we'll go till ??

This is a Family Function!! We'll have Kid's Games, Bingo, Volleyball, Cribbage Tournament, Fishing (furnish your own License, tackle and bait), Swimming (with supervision), a Play Ground, and Camping (tents only).

The Chapter's will furnish, Our Famous Burger's, Hot Dog's, Fixing's, Pop and Ice Cream. Everything else is Pot Luck so bring your family favorites.

Directions to site

I- 84 East, take exit 18, turn left onto Columbia River Scenic Hwy, to Stark St., on right across bridge. Or for those of you who might want a longer ride: I-84 East, to Corbett exit, right on Columbia River Scenic highway to Stark St., cross bridge.

For more info contact:

Vicki Messinger @ 503-706-7061

Tami Pitkin @ 503-408-9039

Lee Austin @ 503-760-9015

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BIKER NIGHT

Friday Oct. 17th

Poor John's Bottle Factory
1883 W. Ida (at Wilco Road)
Stayton, Oregon
7:00 p.m.



Live band begins at 9:00 p.m.

Donation at door: \$2 per Person or \$3 per Couple

Bring a TOY & Can of FOOD

Raffle for Door Prizes: \$1 each or 6/\$5

Gifts and/or contributions are not tax deductible as charitable donations for income tax purposes.

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Inc. and Hosted by Salem Chapter

For Information call:
Michelle (503) 371-7550
Marlene (503) 873-2492

Raffle proceeds, food, & toys benefit local community!

Toy Run Sunday Dec. 14th, 10am, K-Mart at Mission & 25th, Salem

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road



ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

111 NW General Avenue, Roseburg, Oregon
at the National Guard Armory (map on back)

Sunday, October 26, 2002

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
to be given away at 4 PM • Worth \$500!*

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

Parking in designated areas only NO pets of any kind allowed

For Swap Meet Vendor Information Call:
Rotten Roger 503-285-4329

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Motorcycle Swap Meet

An Indoor/Outdoor Event

10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, Oregon
at the Armory (map on back)

Sunday, November 16, 2003

Gates open to the public at 9 AM

Admission:

\$5 ABATE Member and \$8 Non-Member

*Langlitz Leathers Gift Certificate Door Prize
to be given away at 4 PM • Worth \$675!*

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non-A.B.A.T.E. runs/activities

Take Part in America's Love for Motorcycles and Rock-n-Roll

2ND ANNUAL
The Big Event
MOTORCYCLES & ROCK-N-ROLL

Bike Show
Solomon's Ice Cream
Mexican Restaurant
Vendors

August 16, 2003
Howard Amon Park
Richland, Washington
10:00 a.m. Registration Starts
5:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Live Band "The Stripes" Rock-n-Roll
Open Garden

\$10 Donation at the Gate
Charity Event with Proceeds to Benefit the Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
www.dav.org

www.angelfire.com/falcon/bohemadstbigevent/

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520-943-3481
www.hometown.net/~dazshop/ Parts Included

Biker Trash
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North Valley Chapter Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Assn.

Poker Run
Saturday August 16, 2003

Registration:
10:00 am till 12:00 noon
\$5.00 each hand

50/50 Drawing
Door Prizes
Raffle Drawing

Start
Southside Speakeasy
3529 Fairview Industrial Dr.
Salem, OR

Map: Madrona Av, Fairview Ind. Dr, Gold Gym, X, Speakeasy

High Hand Pays \$50.00	Low Hand Pays \$25.00
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CONTACT:
Hugh (503) 399-7342
Tim (503) 585-9553

OREGON VETERANS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

RUN FOR THE WIND IV

Motorcycle Weekend
OVMA
Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association

August 22 to 24, 2003
\$1,000 Cash & Prizes for Top Motorcycles!

Live In Concert!
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BikePAC Report

BikePAC Annual Organizational Meeting July 5, 2003

Meeting opened at 12:30 PM chaired by executive director, Ken Ray.

Minutes of the previous meeting was presented in printed form to all attendees. Motion to accept — passed.

Treasurer's report was then presented in printed form. Motion to accept — passed.

Legislative report — Randy Phipps reported that this was a bad year for our efforts. There seems to be a complacency issue among the motorcyclists.

Lane-Splitting bill: Mitch Greenlick failed to obey the request of chairman Brown to re-write the language of the bill to something that would be acceptable to all parties. The issue died in committee due to not having anything to work on.

Helmet bill: Went well through the house of representatives and even representative Mabry voted for the bill on the floor, after saying he would not. The bill was never given a hearing in the senate.

Headlight bill: Failed because of another bill introduced at the same time dealing with headlights on motorcycles.

The insurance bill: Failed because chair Close would not give it a hearing after listening to the insurance companies lobbyist.

Vehicular assault: Was unable to make the necessary coordination to get the language changed in time.

We all need to remember that although we did not fare well this session, we made good, solid contact and some friends in the state house who can help us in the future. No one

is to be considered an enemy. We must keep informed and keep our fences mended in order to keep our friends.

We can do a better job next time by using the experience we had this time around. We can and will do better.

Motorcyclists' have the perception that *BikePAC's* lobbyists spent too much time on the Helmet and lane splitting issues. Our lobbyists say the main effort was on the insurance and vehicle assault bills.

Membership report: Pat Ryan reported that his hard drive died on his computer and he had to spend \$500 to get the information retrieved from the drive. All *BikePAC* information was successfully retrieved and Pat will be back to business as usual shortly.

Several methods were discussed about ways to back up such important information.

Old Business

Randy brought up issues dealing with the *Oregon Democratic Motorcycle Caucus*. Boils down to the fact that *O.D.M.C.* needs more participants. Four officers of *O.D.M.C.* were present at this meeting.

Need to determine the actual costs of the latest legislative session and return the remainder of the donation to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, as prescribed. The amount to be returned is about \$500.00. Mel Yeager will determine the actual amount and present a check to *A.B.A.T.E.* at next state board meeting.

BikePAC Bulletin — All officers are to write an article for the bulletin consisting of 200- 500 words, and submit it to Brian Stovall on or before July 31, 2003. Iris Yeager will also

submit an article from a lobbyists' point of view.

New Business

Pat Ryan requests that *BikePAC* buy a table for the Clackamas County Democratic dinner to be held at the *Lake Oswego Country Club*. Attendees wishing to attend must get in contact with Chris or Pat Ryan as soon as possible at: Patryan@zzz.com. The cost of the table is \$300 and we have participated in the past. Motion to spend \$300 for the event was made and seconded — passed. Mel will write a check from the political fund after obtaining the mailing address from Pat or Chris Ryan.

Election of Officers

The only position coming due for election at this time is that of secretary/treasurer. Mel Yeager was nominated. No other nominations were presented. Mel was elected to serve in that capacity for the next three years.

The next meeting of this body will be held on October 4th, 2003, at the *Salem Central Public Library* in Salem at noon, unless otherwise notified.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM followed by a barbecue at Ken and Debbie Ray's home.

Post-Legislative Session Report

During the legislative session, *BikePAC of Oregon* introduced several bills to be worked during the session. The results of our efforts will be found elsewhere. My job was to be on top of the money matters required during the session. I did spend several days at the capitol during the session. My time was all free.

Lobbying costs for three people for a five month period was the largest expenditure, as expected. Lyle Irons, Iris Yeager, and Michelle Lipschitz worked diligently to further our aims

and *BikePAC* paid them to represent us. Our lobbyists are paid approximately of what they would have earned by staying on their jobs.

We also scheduled three *Biker Days* during the session and each required us to rent a meeting room at the capitol. One day of the three was a freebie due to having to share the room with overflow crowd from a committee hearing.

There are registration fees for our lobbyists and organization that have to be paid in order to do business. There are printing costs, phone service, and mailing/postage costs for getting the job done. Just about everything else is done by volunteers who drive or ride to the Capitol to represent motorcyclists to their elected officials. *BikePAC* applauds everyone who attended no matter where they came from. *A.B.A.T.E.* was well represented, *O.V.M.A.* was there, Christian MC came to help. I believe we saw a few *Free Souls* patches as well. Some independents were there, as well. I am sure some one didn't get mentioned, and I'll hear about it.

The bottom line of this session is this; We need *you* and your organization to become members of *BikePAC* and to plan to attend the meetings as much as you can. We need you to take back to your organization a clear message of our plans and intents. We need you to participate.

Our total cost of doing business this session was \$9,644.16.

A.B.A.T.E. will get a rebate this year. If we had contributions from other organizations, we could have done a better job.


We learned from this session and made some friends in the Legislature. We *will* be more efficient next time

around. Now we must concentrate on the upcoming election cycle. Our political fund is pretty much wiped out and we need to start building it back up. Please help by sending a donation, personal or organizational, to the *BikePAC* political fund. Unless

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Mel Yeager
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A Brother Lost

It is with great personal sorrow that I post this. I received word last evening that Dan "Padlock" Sarstad is no longer with us. He passed last week in Arizona, his adopted state.

Padlock was the former coordinator of Renton Chapter, *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington.*, and then *Renton A.B.A.T.E.*

He was also one of the first riders in this state who encouraged, cajoled, and talked me into going to Olympia..for the very first time. Dan was fiercely dedicated to riding, and the freedom it brought him. He tolerated no brand intolerance, nor intolerance of any kind.

He was indeed one of the true free spirits I have ever known.

And fortunate for me, my friend.

Dan moved to Arizona a few years ago. He was missed then, and now he will be missed always.

There are quite a few of you on this list who knew Padlock. If you would like information regarding any future memorial runs, or family wishes, please contact:

Andy Anderson;
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Rest in peace, brother.

Karen Bolin

Facts Don't Support A Helmet Mandate

by Ken Ray for the *Portland Tribune*

issue date: Friday, July 11, 2003

First I want to state for the record that *BikePAC* does not oppose helmet use. We do, however, oppose helmet mandates.

Some say the mandatory helmet law is good because it has saved lives. But has it? Since Oregon's mandate was enacted in late 1988, fatalities have dropped. But that's only part of the story. Ridership fell dramatically in the months and years following the helmet mandate. Anytime you reduce exposure, fatalities are sure to drop as well. But the death rate has not changed. That is, deaths per accident have not changed and are no different here than in freedom-of-choice states.

Some say the law should remain because voters passed it by referendum. Again, there is more to that story. Some members of the legislature in 1988 knew that Oregon's motorcyclists could stop a helmet law from passing in the legislature with our facts and our reason. They also knew that we could never afford the education campaign it would take to win the public relations battle on motorcycling issues with the public.

Voters were sold a bill of goods in 1988. They were told that insurance rates would go down and fatalities would drop. Well, insurance rates didn't go down. And death rates still didn't drop.

Additionally, it is easy to vote away someone else's freedoms. If only motorcyclists had voted on the helmet law, it would have been soundly defeated. Is the next step banning those with high cholesterol from eating cheeseburgers? If that sounds overreaching and ridiculous, that is how the helmet law appears to motorcyclists.

Some believe that having helmet mandates saves taxpayers money. The notion is that "unhelmeted riders cost the public money when they crash." First, this is insulting. Would society put up with singling out any other minority

group for this kind of nonsense? Second, it is untrue. The only comprehensive, empirical study done on this subject found no such "public burden." In fact public assistance for hospital visits is constant whether the vehicle involved in a crash is an automobile or a motorcycle.

The fact is motorcycling is a public asset, not a public burden. Motorcycle sales are booming, and the states with freedom of choice have the highest growth. Injuries and deaths in those states have increased slightly, but overall miles traveled have exploded. Florida, for example, changed its law, and motorcycle registrations jumped 40,000 almost immediately. Antichoice groups will claim that deaths were up. This is true. However, registrations were up 20.4 percent. Using the figures compiled by the Florida Department of Highway Safety, the death rate was down 5.2 percent.

Motorcycle sales in Oregon equal jobs in motorcycle dealerships, custom shops and service centers. All these jobs equal additional revenue for the state. More motorcycle use means less congestion, road wear and fuel consumption. All of these are good things.

Helmets are promoted as a one-size-fits-all approach to motorcycle safety. *BikePAC* sees it differently. We see them as a part of a total safety picture. Since their efficacy has not been proved in unbiased studies, their promotion is a way for nonriders to feel they have "solved" motorcycle safety.

We join the major motorcycle organizations such as the *American Motorcyclist Association* and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* in asking for voluntary helmet use.

Ken Ray of Clackamas is executive director of *BikePAC of Oregon*, a nonprofit motorcyclist political action committee. He has been riding for 20 years.

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(For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate infromation about the safety problem.)

Revised: May 2002

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

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



YEAR PIN



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



ABATE PINS



MISCELLANEOUS

_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats		_____		
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____		
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____		
	Sm	_____	Med	_____		
	_____	Lg	_____	X-Lg	_____	
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts	22.50	_____		
	Sm	_____	Med	_____	Lg	_____
	_____	X-Lg	_____			

ABATE T-SHIRTS




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



NOTE: Assorted Colors.

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

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

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

	Sub Total	_____
Shipping & Handling Charges		_____
	Under \$25.00 = \$5.00	
	\$25.01-\$100.00 = \$7.00	
T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping		\$8.00

Thank you for your order ;-)

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS** **TOTAL** _____
att. Products Director PHONE: **(503)-666-8806**
P.O. Box 4504 E-MAIL: **mhobbs256@yahoo.com** Date _____
Portland, Oregon 97208

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

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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm
LOCATION: _____
OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____
PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITATION? **(YES) (NO)** IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**
If no explain: _____
Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**
If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH
If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)**

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

Woman's *Langlite* jacket. Good condition. Size: small. **\$350. (503)-493-1352**
(Aug 2003)

Motorcycle clothing:

Joe Rocket Revolution, 3/4 length, 100% waterproof jacket, large, red and black, excellent condition. Retail new for \$299. Used price is **\$150.**

Joe Rocket 100% waterproof pants. good condition, black, large, sells new for \$199. Used price is **\$100.**

Joe Rocket leather jacket, *Powerglide* model. Large, black, brand new, beautiful jacket. Sells new for \$499. Discounted price **\$300.**

Mike before 9pm **(503)-773-3422** or MKMCLENDON@gorge.net

(Aug 2003)

1936 *Knucklehead*. Custom tank, lots of extras. **\$8,000.**

Animal **(503)-645-1251.**

(Sept 2003)

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

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

Portable dishwasher **\$30.**

Phone **(503)-285-4329**

Rotten Roger

(Aug 2003)

1977 *Chevy* 4x4 (short/wide), 6" lift, awesome rims, 350, 2bbl, new top end. Needs to be buttoned up (hoses, lines, wires). Clean title. **\$1,200** firm.

Contact Wayno or Mammy Tami **(503)-408-9039**

WAYNEPIT@msn.com

(Aug 2003)

1976 *Shovel, Harley-Davidson*

For Sale

1200 softtail, classic red paint, stored inside, windshield, saddle bags. Mechanically sound. **\$10,000** or best offer. Reason for selling: getting a 100th anniversary bike. Also a 1974 *Kawasaki* 900Z1. 34,000 miles, mechanically sound. **\$1,500** or best offer.

Contact Rich **(503)-510-1800.**

(Aug 2003)

1964 15 ft *Dorsett*, 35 hp *Evinrude* electric start motor, runs good. *With fishing gear and extras.* Needs new seats, shine job and new home. Tilt trailer with new tires, new lights, and two spares. **\$650** or best offer. **(503)-287-6727** Ask for Oopy or leave message.

(Aug 2003)

1982 *VW Westfalia* camper.

- 3,500 miles on rebuilt engine
- New rear tires
- 20mpg highway, 17 mpg city
- Full camper pop-top, sleeps up to four people
- * 360 degree privacy curtains
- * Propane fridge & stove, built-in tank
- Sink with 15 gallon storage.
- Lots of cabinets & storage space
- Runs great, clean. **\$3,500** or best offer. Please call **(503)-357-7529.**

(Sept 2003)

1979 *Yamaha 650 Special*. Black and chrome. **\$1,750** or best offer. **(503)-313-6923** or **(503)-667-3312** Jimmy "Bear".

(Oct 2003)

For Sale

WIN A BRAND NEW SPRINGER!!

For a measly **\$10** you can help the children of the Shriners Hospital and win a Harley-Davidson 100th anniversary *FLSTS/I Heritage Springer*.

Call: **(503)-255-5415** Ask for Mike.

or e-mail:

mailmikefriend@aol.com

for tickets.

The drawing for the bike will be December 2003.

Wanted

Looking for rear cyclinder for a 1974 Sporty 1000. Also front disk brake. **(503)-665-5063** or **(503)-997-3558** Barry Chev 235, 6-cylinder engine that runs good, 1955-1963 Phone Rotten Roger at **(503)-285-4329**
(Aug 2003)

Wanted

Your ad here.

Reach over 2,000 people each month for free.
(It's one of your perks as an A.B.A.T.E. member.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM -- July --

Those who won our independence . . . believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty.

August Cryptogram

Z W Z Y C Y J A Z U C D J , Q P Z C Y X C J Y

R G A A Z U M O I C O Z R P M G I X S Z

J I C Q Q I Z R G Y Y B J Y X J I C Q Q I Z

R I X , I C E Z Q P Z R Z J M Y .

— P Z Y U B S U M M E R J X J A R

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldruggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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Contact: **(503)-838-6893** (V/F)
or
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att. Member Ads
P.O. box 4504
Portland, Oregon 97208

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Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
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VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
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VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH	(541)-218-4228 (cell)		
Tim Rohde	(541) 479-4451(h)		
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Portland area)		
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Stephan Baton	(503) 761-3362		
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Ed Vaughn	(503) 646-2060	vaughned@earthlink.net	
Confederation of Clubs Rep #2			
Bob Earl	(503) 283-1383	tazhd69@aol.com	(503)-283-1383

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

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
Membership Application

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership \$20
 ___ Couple membership \$25
 ___ Family membership \$30

Total number of members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

[ADDRESS LABEL HERE]

At *Coos River* she fell on her bum,
At *Beaver Creek* she tasted some rum,
Summer Run was quite a blast,
S.O.S. severed her past,
Even with clothes on she still had fun.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 09 August 2003 at Noon
Newport hospital
Newport, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>U&I Tavern</i> ; 6910 N. Interstate Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Los Dos Amigos</i> ;1402 Pacific Blvd.; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Thusday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-197)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>J.C.'s Pizza</i> -- 4200 River Road N., Keizer
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	1 st Sunday 1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Big Daddy's Pizza</i> ; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 rd Wednesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene