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August 2008

The *Fossil* That Was

A Great Way To Kickoff The Riding Season



Arriving at the gate



Information and membership booth



Creature comforts



We know who made her do it



Steve displays his nice tats



The campout created its own rush hour in the town of Fossil



How Steve affords that great skin art



Yes, we know there has to be a morning after.
(But no one's ever explained "Why?")



One-of-a-kind trophies

photos by Linda Marteney (state historian)

– Notice –

Sad though fans may be, it is not the policy of this newspaper to furnish photographs of Howie's bare posterior on the cover of this fine publication. (You'll have to look inside.)

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*,

Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A. of California* and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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State Coordinator's Comments

There is a very noticeable increase in the number of motorcycles and scooters on the road.

While this is a good thing for those who are riding, unfortunately it appears to be driven by outrageous increases in fuel prices. Even though more and more people are recognizing the many advantages of motorcycles such as fuel economy, maneuverability, and ease of parking, there are other not so obvious advantages. You don't pick up hitchhikers, you will not get car jacked (except in Hollywood), you can work on your tan while commuting, and you can see the moron who wants your spot on the highway because you're not texting while driving.

With all this two-wheeled proliferation comes an obvious need for someone to represent the best interests of these new aficionados of the sport.

Greater public awareness and respect for motorcycles is paramount.

We have the best training in the

nation. More people need to avail themselves of it.

There are altogether too many riders who are not endorsed who are involved in crashes.

Team Oregon completion assures an endorsement.

A.B.A.T.E.'s Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.) works and is popular in the schools.

Who is responsible for these aspects of safety and awareness?

I am.

You are.

We are.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon needs to step up and be seen and heard in public and the legislature to prevent the loss of our rights and keep ourselves safe. Sitting around waiting for it to happen doesn't work.

Get involved.

If we work together we will prevail.

We will be able to continue enjoying the greatest pastime in America.



by
Matt Price
state coordinator
*A.B.A.T.E. of
Oregon, Inc.*

AUGUST 8, 9 & 10, 2008
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SUMMER RUN 2008
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ABATE OF OREGON INC.
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THE MIST MOUNTAIN RUN
POKER RUN PRIZES 50-50 RAFFLE

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2nd ORANGE
Texas Hold'em Style
Poker Run
Saturday August 23rd
Meet at 9:00am Last Bike Out at 9:00am
Humpy's Diner Bar & Grill
919 NE Oak Street - Albany
Great Door Prizes
50/50 Drawing

I have been told that there have been three bikers that are residing at the local hospital.

It was brought to my attention that Denise Hatch had a altercation with a deer on Highway 97. I have been updated and told that she is out of the intensive care unit (I.C.U.) and in room 538 of *Saint Charles* hospital in Bend. I have also been told that her daughter has had a web page made up with all the up to info on Denise:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/denisehatch>

Troy Cox has also been involved in a crash and is still in I.C.U. in Bend.

A man from Seattle is in Bend also. Have been told that he is doing better.

With all the traffic out there and the animals on the road (the four legged type) everyone really needs to be on their toes and keep a sharp eye out for all that can jump out or slam into you. Hope all can say a little extra prayer for these folks and hope they have a speedy recovery.

On a little side note before I get to

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the letter I wanted to write, Steve at *Eagle Rider* here in Redmond has a great web site with all bikers who have gone down and upcoming events all around the area, including *A.B.A.T.E.* Keep up the good work Steve and Lori. Hopefully we will have are web page going soon. Henry is working on it and it takes time. Oh! *Eagle Riders* web address is:

<http://www.eaglerideroregon.com>

With that out of the way let's see what I can say about the last month?

First off the *Rocks, Lakes and Bridges* has come and gone and it was a good one. Michelle made up the map and Kevin got us the copies with the help from *Food-For-Less*. I am telling you that *Food-For-Less* place

does a lot for this chapter. Stop in and say "thanks" if you get a chance.

Sporty Mike was wide awake on the morning of the run and made the second stop before anyone, which I have been told he had to be awoken to be reminded that it was his stop and he best get there quick. Well this year he set his alarm clock and made it early.

Bird Dog had the third stop and it is great to see him back on the road in his shinny trike. And when I say shinny I mean how much diamond plate can you put on a 1964 Praying Mantis? I think Bird Dog is at the limit, although there are some spots where you can still see the paint. When you see the trike you will

know what I mean, Oh! Make sure you bring some shades. When I say bright I mean *bright*. Great job, Bird Dog and glad that you are back on the road doing what you love to do.

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CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Willie D's

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



Hub City hasn't found the time to file a report for the last two months and this one may or may not make the printing in time so I guess the first thing to acknowledge is the success of our annual poker run held the first of June. A lotta hard work, great route, and some really good hospitality at all our stops made this one a great success. Our run coordinator, Dan, put in a tremendous effort in ensuring the run went

as planned. The master of ceremonies, Al Sims, was his usual fine self, giving away a lot of great prizes. Thanks to all the chapter members whose efforts made this annual run a success.

Speaking of runs, *Hub City* is *not* putting on *One Night Stand* this year due to losing our site. We apologize to all those who inquired about this annual event. If the opportunity presents itself we might be able to do

it next year.

Meanwhile *Hub City* will have an August 23 run starting in Albany and ending in Hubbard early in the afternoon, so those who chose to can attend the *All Harley Drags* in Woodburn. Dan has again planned a great run featuring a *Texas Hold 'Em* format. Great prizes await the winners of both the low and high hands along a lot of great raffle prizes. Hope to see you for this early morning run.

Hub City is sponsoring our motorcycle safety billboard again this year. It's up in two locations in Albany. Hopefully it calls a little more attention to bikers and the need to see them.

Hub City is also have a *Hub City* members only campout August 1, 2, and 3. For more info on this event, *Hub City* members are encouraged to visit <http://www.hubcityabate.com/> Click on [Officers] and write an e-mail to coordinator Don Mason for information and instruction. Or just come to the monthly meeting and get all the info. Hopefully all of *Hub City* can find the time to get to know their fellow chapter members.

Finally, in light of all the biker down crashes we keep reading about, we would like to encourage all *A.B.A.T.E.* riders to take a *Team Oregon* course, either as a first time student or as an experienced rider in an advanced course. *A.B.A.T.E.* has a great financial assistance program for all *A.B.A.T.E.* members. Lets take advantage of it to sharpen our skills. Hopefully we can eliminate a lot of biker down articles.

Have fun, ride safe,

Ray K.

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 Fifth Street

Albany

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Josephine County*



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JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Fruitdale Grange

1440 Parkdale Drive

Grants Pass

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The weather has finally decided that summer is sometimes on the coast. We have had some really nice riding weather so work parties at the creek may be a little slim at times.

We are busy on the Oregon coast. *Beaver Creek* comes up in a short bit and we are making ready. By the time you read this it should all be history and we do hope that you had a good time here.

Vendors will be happy with power updates on their spots to set up, campers will be pleased with the increased camping area and the food is always great. The bands are signed and eager to play, and play we all will do.

Hope to see you all on August 8 – 10th.

This is a short article due to the need to get things done and work on *Beaver Creek*.

Keep the rubber side down,

Millie
Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

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LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
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North Coast is a work in progress. We just had our *Around Saddle Mountain* run. With the great weather we had our largest pack ever! Except for one incident, it was a successful run. Trying to keep 150 bikes in a safe and uniform pack is a tough challenge, but with Al in the lead and everybody else doing their jobs everything went smoothly.

We did have one bike go down. On a down hill slope, a sharp curve, traffic was stopped. One bike couldn't get stopped and went down. From my understanding the bike had no front brakes, two people riding, thinly clothed. They were very lucky to only end up with bumps and bruises. There is only so much organizers can do for safety. The biker needs to make sure their bike is safe. New bikers need to receive proper training and ask questions to increase their knowledge.

Our chapter is also trying to keep fun in the mix. We reenacted our 4th of July chapter camp out in Madras. This is one of my favorite runs. Mick Innis's sister and husband graciously let us set up camp on their property. With great day rides and the bull

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flying around the campfire at night, the camaraderie and jokes kept us relaxed and amused. Good Don needs to keep his body function stories toned down though.

Now we start work on our August 16th *Mist Mountain Run*. This was our *Two Rivers Run* last year. Starting at *Mary Todd's Workers Tavern* under the bridge in Astoria, travels up the Columbia River (Washington side), crosses at Longview over to highway 202 and down to Olney, about 10 miles east of Astoria. The new owners of the *Big O Saloon* promise good food, live music, and a good time.

Hope to see you there.

Howie



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE
4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon
Children are welcome
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *River City*



June 17, 2008

Tonight's meeting was long and lively due to yet another long discussion of the sad plight of the organization. The chapter supports their representative in this matter.

Brian told about last weekend's *Best of the West* conference in Vancouver.

There was lots of good information and sharing with folks from nine western states and several more distant ones. Represented were: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin,

Illinois, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia and D.C.

50/50 was won by Teresa at \$10/\$10. She donated \$5 back to the chapter. Thanks, Teresa.

The membership drawing for \$25 would have been won by Dave Wiebalk if he had been present. It will be \$30 next meeting.

— Brian

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July 1, 2008

We had a great meeting tonight. Everyone was in a great mood. (Or asleep.)

Reports went quickly and we passed last year's budget again.

We will be reviewing our *Team Oregon* reimbursement policy and several other features in the near future. There was also talk of organizing a *Team Oregon* R.S.P. for chapter members.

Bob won the 50/50 at \$16.50/\$16.50 and donated \$6.50 back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob.

Wendy Hildreth would have won the membership drawing if she had been present. It will be \$35 next meeting.

Brian fooled everyone again with his picture on the agenda of a 1932 *Motosacoche Jubile 242*.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

August 05, 2008

August 19, 2008

RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

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

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



The June meeting for Salem A.B.A.T.E. was short and sweet. All the officers were in attendance and gave their reports.

Vice coordinator, Ken Person, told of the effort to claim the remains of veterans in various funeral homes and give them a proper ceremony in final respect. Thanks to the many participants in this great deed. The

Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association has played a part in this endeavor and deserve recognition for their time in this remarkable event.

The price of freedom is written with the blood of the American servicepeople. In their memory, continue the fight for freedom. That is what we all must do.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.

SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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Hello all,

Congratulations Lee Austin!

We are proud to have you back but know that we never lost you to begin with!

Now on to the fun stuff . . .

Upcoming Events

By the time you read this *Run 21* will have come and gone. I am sure it will be one heck of a time!

Thank you to all of those who contributed their time to make it such a success!

Summer Run will be August 15-17, 2008. You can find the location on our web site.

Advanced tickets \$20 (member) \$25 (non-member).

At gate tickets \$25 (member) \$30 (non-member).

Anyone under 17 with paid adult free.

Also I know it is early but the 2008 *Toy Run* raffle tickets are now available. \$10 could win you a 2008 *Harley Fat Boy!*

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



I most recently took a trip to Johnstown, Pennsylvania for an A.B.A.T.E. event called *Thunder in the Valley* and let me tell you what exactly it was: Bikes, bikes, and more bikes. The town was very welcoming to all who traveled from near and far. During my adventures at *Thunder* I was able to stop at a local biker bar named *Scooters* located right in the heart of all the excitement. The owners (Holly and Scooter) and staff (sorry that I was unable to get all of your names) were amazing with the amount of people who they had to help. No one went with out help or had to wait for drinks or food!

I would like to let everyone know about this great place and suggest that

if anyone is planning a ride to the Johnstown, Pennsylvania area you must stop in and check it out. They will treat you like family.

Scooters can be found at :
185 Tire Hill Rd.
Johnstown, PA. 15902
(814)-288-5028

I was also able to meet many of the officers for *Summerset County A.B.A.T.E.* and I would like to say thank you for how welcoming you were to me.

If ever you plan on going back east you should think about this run. It was one of the best bike events I have been to. (Next to *Run 21*, that is.)

Please remember with summer here

to ride safe and keep the rubber side down!!!!

Jennifer Cox

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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Well okay, I am going to start by offering an apology for coming down on everybody in the July submission. After thinking about what I had said as well as rereading it, I realize that I may have been slightly too harsh. Sorry!!

Now that I have that out of the way, the only other thing that I have to say about that is I *really* hope that you all got my point.

Anyway, by the time this goes to print we will have enjoyed the 4th. of July. Happy *Independence Day*.

Sorry to stop here but let's continue to fight for our rights.

See you all on the road somewhere,

Wheels

recording secretary

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Twin Rivers



TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

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



Hello all!

Summer is finally here so I hope you're all out there riding and attending as many of the runs as you can.

Our chapter has been busy. Many members of our chapter attended the *Best of the West* in which Ted did a lot of work helping and we were told they had a good time and received a lot of information to promote and follow our mission statement Hope

you make plans to make it next year!

We're now working on the *Midsummer Poker Run* for July 26th starting out at *Paradise Harley*, signing in at 11 a.m. and departing at noon. So bring the sunshine, your luck, and join in for a good time and great food. (Beef brisket.) If you're riding or not and have time to volunteer we could always use your help with set up the night before, or checkpoints, etc. Besides, it's a great way to meet new friends!

End of the Summer Run and *Toy Run* are still in the works. Planning, reviewing, and checking our list twice! And it's great to be able to work together (many hands make light the work - as our moms use to say) and play nice! We may not always agree on things, which is fine as we all have our own opinions, but I think we do pretty good as a team.

Of course we all have something to say, but sometimes we just need to listen.

Len Punzel is doing a great job, being as this is his first time as run coordinator. I know he is thankful for everyone's reminders of things we may have overlooked in planning these events.

Speaking of which, this reminds me that I would like to thank Linda Henderson for filling in for me while we were on vacation and then again when I got really sick two weeks after our vacation. Summer colds are the worst! I also owe thanks to Roger Yarnell for submitting my state newspaper chapter report since my head must of been buried in the Hawaii sands!

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WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove
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Cornelius, OR 97113

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



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WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Sizzler's Steak House
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Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes**

12 July 2008 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, state coordinator, at 12:13 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Randy Phipps (sergeant at arms–north) spoke to the group regarding signing in for the meeting. Stated that only one person is to sign in for each chapter and that is the elected state board representative or their replacement if the representative could not attend. There are too many signatures in some of the chapter's boxes.

Brian Stovall reminded everyone that this is a meeting and alcohol has no place in the meeting. What is needed is clear heads and cool attitudes.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Shirley Anderson, Brad Marrison, Tom, Leona, K.J. (*Twin Rivers*), Brad (*Twin Rivers/Southeast Portland*), Mike, Gary (*Southeast Portland*).

Motion made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) to accept minutes from May state board meeting as printed in the newspaper. Jordan Kelly (*Washington County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Nic read letters of thanks from the Fossil museum for the donation of can deposits amounting to \$150.46 and from the Fossil ambulance service for the donation of \$502 from the *Fossil Run*.

Nic also apologized for not having an agenda ready for everyone to follow and make notes on. He said things were going to be done the old fashioned way today as his computer died and he is getting the new one ready to use.

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The normal state board of directors meeting was delayed so that a hearing could be held as requested by an A.B.A.T.E. member. The normal meeting followed the hearing.

Hearing was requested by Lee Austin regarding membership status and other accusations allegedly made by member/s and/or officer/s of

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Randy Phipps (sergeant at arms–north) stated that Matt Price needs to step down as chair of the meeting until after the hearing due to his alleged part in the accusations. Gene Mortimore (vice coordinator–east) assumed acting coordinator.

Lee Austin opened by passing out a handout *Facts Be Known*. Other handouts were passed around during the hearing. Bill Foster (sergeant at arms–south) read the handouts out loud for everyone. (All handouts are available in the motion log).

Lee stated that he did not resign his membership and that his words were a “misquote” and unintentional. He admitted to being very angry at the December board meeting and that he said things out of anger.

He also spoke on a meeting of *Twin Rivers* where Linda (membership secretary) was present regarding an altercation that involved two members and Matt Price did nothing. Linda then said that she was at the meeting but left before the altercation so she does not have any knowledge of the incident between the two members. She also stated that she did not remember any problem with Matt Price.

Many people spoke on the matter of Lee's membership resignation. The following is a paraphrased rendition, leaving out the tempers and momentary disrespectful words that were passed around. There were a lot of contradictory feelings being expressed but for the most part, it was kept under control and civility between people was enforced by Randy Phipps and Bill Foster under the direction of the acting coordinator.

Matt Hobbs spoke on how Lee has been a member for twenty years and has been a great asset to A.B.A.T.E. and has always worked for the organization.

Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) spoke and reminded everyone of the incident at the December board meeting and stated that Lee resigned and that there was no doubt of that from his own words. He also stated that the board did not take Lee's



Nic Oliver
state recording secretary

membership from him but voted to accept his resignation as Lee stated verbally and again in writing in the state newsmagazine.

General discussion ensued at this point on how Lee resigned and that there was nothing preventing him from filling out a new card and getting his membership back. Quiet Mike (*Salem Chapter*) offered to pay for Lee's membership if Lee would just fill out the card and stop this “nonsense”.

Brain Stovall (*River City Chapter*) spoke on the December incident. He stated that the threats and disrespect by Lee for the organization and its members showed that Lee is harmful to this organization and that Lee should not be a member if he cannot control himself.

Rot Path said that Lee's actions were a fit of passion and that this is a volunteer organization and that we need every member. Rot Path also stated that we need to recognize that the members are all human and that Lee believes in this organization. Lee agreed that he is a very passionate man and stated that he has not done any harm to the organization.

Jordan Kelley (*Washington County Chapter*) spoke on Lee's resignation and how it has made the organization lose eight months of work arguing about this. He also stated that A.B.A.T.E. has lost members over this incident.

Rotten Roger spoke on how he has worked with Lee many times over the years and that he feels that Lee is an asset and that his membership should be reinstated.

Shirley “Scooter Girl” stated that Lee's membership was not removed, instead his request for resignation was granted.

Loren stated that Lee has “been there” for A.B.A.T.E. for twenty years.

Nic Oliver (*Hub City*) spoke on how Lee did resign at the December meeting and again in writing in the newsmagazine. Stated that the board did not take anything from Lee but gave him what he asked for. He also stated that Lee has been a friend for

many years but facts are facts. He told Lee how his rather “abrasive” personality can set some people on edge and that he needs to control his temper. Nic said that he wants Lee to come back and told him fill out a new card and rejoin.

Randy Phipps at this point stated that Matt Price, who had been mentioned repeatedly by Lee Austin, would get his chance to speak. This came about when someone tried to close the discussion.

Matt Price stated that Mr. Austin's statement was his opinion and not factual. He also spoke about hearing and reading about how Lee was going to form a new A.B.A.T.E. and that the by-laws and articles of incorporation need to be read by Lee. Stated that to form a new A.B.A.T.E. would be a violation of law and it also goes against our by-laws. Matt also spoke on the altercation between two members in which he was accused of doing nothing. Matt stated that his actions were not to just walk away but to try to help settle the problem between to friends and that nothing was worth losing a friend over or turning members/friends against each other.

The chair, Gene Mortimore, read from the by-laws regarding how we are to work together to settle problems and that the board has the final authority over all A.B.A.T.E. activities.

A motion was subsequently submitted by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) and seconded by James Rohden (*Twin Rivers*).

Motion: To reinstate Lee Austin's membership by accepting his apology to the board. (Lee publicly apologized for his temper at that time.)

Voting resulted in six chapters in favor with four chapters against.

Motion passed.

Lee Austin will have his membership reinstated.

The next part of the hearing was in regards to possible theft accusations against Lee Austin.

Lee turned in exhibits #4 — #11 at this time. Lee stated that the exhibits will show that the insurance coverage for A.B.A.T.E. was in force and not absent as charged. The exhibits handed in show the coverage and company and access. Lee stated that he got what he was told to get.

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Matt Price countered with stating that our only insurance coverage was as a vendor and we needed to be named as a promoter. This coverage is based on our arranging for all phases of our events and an estimated number of people that attend these events.

Bob Highfill stated that we really have no way to accurately track how many people attend some of our events and that is why there is such a difference between the figures given by Lee and the ones given by Matt.

Matt stated that we cannot say to an insurance company "bill me for it" when we have an event. The event coverage must be paid in advance if we expect to have any coverage. He also stated that Lee used a personal address and this is not allowed. The coverage must have A.B.A.T.E.'s address listed and not an individual's.

Things at this point got a bit heated and Matt Price stood up and said that he has had enough and turned the meeting over to Gene Mortimore and said he would be back next month and started to leave. Matt was stopped on his way out by members including Bill Foster who told Matt that his job is to be the coordinator and run the board meeting and that he needs to stay.

Acting coordinator Gene Mortimore at this point stated "Enough!" He said that this part is now over and we need to move on. We had no problems that required any insurance intervention so it was time to move on. General consensus was in agreement and the matter was dropped by everyone.

At this time a break was called, time 1:27 p.m.

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Reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

Coordinator comments: Matt Price – Nothing at this time.

Vice coordinator–north: Heidi Disrud – Excused, attending a wedding.

Vice coordinato–south: Annette Murray – Excused, medical reasons.

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore – *Fossil* is over. There are still bills coming in that need to be paid. Some of this stuff should have been taken care of two months ago and this needs to be looked into for

next year. We got good comments from the community of *Fossil*, even though we got rained out.

Commented on the hearing and stated that what we just went through is a fiasco and we have better things to do and business to take care of.

Treasurer: Joye "Grace" Howell – Report handed in.

Checking account \$23,110.10, savings \$20,241.73 for a total of \$43,351.83.

Said that there are no totals back from *Fossil* yet.

The spring swap meet total so far is \$10,668.00. The swap meet had 1,081 people pass through the gate. There is still vendor information still missing.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – Currently we have 1,695 members. We had 163 memberships expire. Our total membership is way down from last year.

Rotten Roger reported that we need something to go with the information booths that we should have at every possible event, not just our events. Maybe free coffee or a video playing on a TV. We need something that will draw people to the booth. If we can draw people to the booth then we can possibly get some new members.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price and committee – Everything through July is done and August will be done next week.

State auditor: B.J. Speck – (Absent) Report given that the taxes for 2007 have been extended for the state of Oregon.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path – Asked about how we felt about the new format for the newspaper. Everyone agreed that it was good but some things were missed. This will get better with time as the format change problems are worked out.

Stated that the advertisement rates need to be redone to accommodate the format change. (The old advertisement rates, including full-page ads.) He would like some input on making this work. Brian suggested that we use the same scale as newspapers, with ads being sold by column-inches.

Still having trouble getting chapter and officer reports in by the tenth of

the month.

Rot Path said that he has some *Best of the West* coasters that should be good for something.

Legislative director: Quiet Mike – Stated that his e-mail address is in the state newspaper and that he wants and needs every chapter's legislative officer to get a hold of him as soon as possible.

Sergeant at arms–north: Randy Phipps – Reported that we have had some excitement today and he thanked everyone for paying attention and not causing a disruption.

Reported that *Fossil* was rained out but there was still a lot of fun. No major incidents. Well, there was one incident in which some people were asked to leave for breaking the rules. It did end well though. Stated that people need to follow the rules and that is that.

Sergeant at arms–south: Bill Foster – Reported that *Fossil* security was tighter and that he was impressed with how the gate was run by *Willamette Valley Chapter*. All the chapters helped out and there were a lot of volunteers.

Only one incident and it was handled without any problems. There were no real problems to deal with.

Praised *Lincoln County Chapter* for their part in the mud-wrestling event.

There was one incident but it did not happen at the campout. A rider tangled with a deer on the road. The rider's windshield was broken but the rider is fine. The deer did not survive.

Sergeant at arms–east: [VACANT]

Products director: Dave Meeker – (Absent)

Education Director: Patricia Carner – Been very busy. S.T.E.A.M. will be February 21st, 2009 and the guest speaker will be "Slider" Gilmore. The cost to bring him to S.T.E.A.M. will be \$500. Richard Lester and *A.I.M.* are covering the rest of the cost to bring him to S.T.E.A.M. He will be speaking on crashes and how to survive one.

Also reported that we have been asked to be exhibitors for an organization that is reaching bicyclists and others. Reported that she will be a guest speaker at the *Oregon*

Transportation Association's winter conference in March. This will be good time for us to promote the *Motorcycle Awareness Program*.

Currently all prevention covers semi's, trains, and etc., but not motorcycles.

She has to make a new D.V.D. and *Washington County Chapter* has stepped up to help with making the D.V.D. Patricia also asked to be considered to go to the *Meeting of the Minds* conference.

Education director II: Geoff White – Reported that there are still classes going on, even though summer is slower than the school year. Just had two classes at *David Douglas High* in the Portland area.

Public relations director: Debra Lutje – Reported that the *O.N.P.A.* ad generated 65 hits on our web site. We have had a lot of positive feedback on the ad.

She would like to try the ad one more time.

She asked who is coordinating the fall swap meet?

Reported that the Turner event was a "bummer".

She then showed a map of eastern Oregon and remarked that we should place an ad on it. This would be a good way to get our organization more exposure.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Howie Long – Reported that there was not much to say as Randy and Bill already covered most of his report. He did say that the kids that were asked to leave were actually a lot of help at the site. The reason that they had to leave is that they had a fire where one was not allowed. It happened on the part of land that was privately owned and the owner had said "no fires allowed".

There were good comments on the run and there was way too much rain. When the rain did finally stop, that is when the people started coming in.

A new game called *Hide The Salami* went over very well.

He also apologized for the mistakes he made in putting on this event and said that he will do better next year, if he is re-elected.

State run coordinator II: Jeff Schuaer – (Absent)

State swap meet coordinator:

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William Sanders – Willie was asked if he was still going to do the job. Matt Price (state coordinator) apologized for the organization to Willie for all the aggravation that the past incidents had caused him. Willie accepted the apology to a round of applause from the assembled membership.

Patricia Carner, Rotten Roger, and Lauren all volunteered to work with Willie on the fall swap meet.

Historian: Linda Marteney – Reported that *Fossil* was great and that she was sorry that she missed *Howie the Rock Star*.

Also reported that Nic has brought the materials from the past historian, Mary Burnett, in the amount of eight large totes. She said that she has lots of pictures from *Fossil* for the books.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci – (Absent)

Quartermaster: Robert Hale – Reported that the stage trailer is at Berkenfield and we will have all trailers back in September. The trailers need new axles and one needs new tires. He said that he may be able to repair them but not sure and he will check it out. There ensued much discussion on the needed repairs and whether to replace or repair the axles.

Robert also reported that we have some new equipment: canopies, folding tables, flash lights, and batteries for the radios and flashlights.

Also reported that there has been no further word from the police on the theft from our storage unit.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps –. Reported that there was no meeting last month and the next meeting will be in August.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams – Handed in a written report on the *N.C.O.M.* conference.

Reported that the last *C.o.C.* meeting was on June 22nd in Portland. They decided to meet every other month. The next meeting is August 10th in Medford at the *Brother Speed* clubhouse. Officer meeting at noon and regular meeting at 1 p.m.

Pat reported that *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* finally has voting rights in the *C.o.C.*

The *Brother Speed* clubhouse in Roseburg has an open house on Saturday night, just before the *C.o.C.*

meeting on Sunday.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Ray DeMelo – Reported on the *Texas Defenders* and how they get thing accomplished through diversification and unification.

Also reported that *N.C.O.M.* had 300 member clubs represented. Highly recommended this conference to everyone.

Unfinished Business

- Sergeant at arms—east vacancy: Henry Fields is interested in the position but was not available for comment at this time.

Tabled motions:

1. From 10 May 2008: Motion by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County*) and seconded by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*) “To purchase fourty-foot container for state storage. Unit already in place ready to move in. Price \$2,500. Rent per month is \$30 and is behind a locked gate, very secure.” Discussion ensued.

Voting results: In favor – ten.

Motion passed.

2. From 12 April 2008: Motion by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*) and seconded by Howie Long (*North Coast*) “To change the reimbursement for training to \$75 or 50% of the *Team Oregon* class, whichever is least.”

Discussion ensued and motion was again tabled by a vote of eight for tabling, one against, and one abstention.

3. From 9 February 2008: Motion by Rod Hatter (*Willamette Valley*) and seconded by Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland*) “Create officer training at November board meeting so new officers voted in October get early S.T.E.A.M. training.”

Discussion ensued.

Voting results: In favor – ten.

Motion passed.

New Business

Motions:

1. (See hearing.)

2. Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City*) and seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*): “To sponsor up to four members to go to *Meeting of the Minds* in Denver, paying conference fees and reasonable travel. Attendees apply to state board of directors. If more than four apply, executive board

of directors shall decide. All attendees agree to provide a written report of their attendance and participation.

Discussion ensued and an amendment was offered.

Amendment: To include a cap of \$750 per person for the conference.

Motion amendment was voted on and passed, 10-0.

Motion was then voted upon and passed by a vote of 10-0.

3. Motion made by James “Yukon” Rhoden (*Twin Rivers*) and seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City*): “To publish *O.N.P.A.* ad once more.”

Discussion ensued with Debra Lutje stating the one thing to remember: “Repetition, repetition, repetition.”

Voting took place and passed by a vote of 7-3.

4. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*) and seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City*): “Have August state board of directors meeting at *Beaver Creek*.”

Discussion ensued with a request for a map or directions to the hospital in Newport where the meeting arrangements have been taken care of as reported by Bob Highfill. (*Lincoln County*)

Motion was then voted upon and passed by a vote of 10-0.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: August 9, 2008 at the Newport hospital in Newport, Oregon at noon.

- Every Thursday: *Hog Wild Nights* at the *Bavarian House Restaurant and Lounge* in Mt. Angel, Oregon from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

- 25-27 July 2008: *Run 21* at Birkenfeld, Oregon. This is the *9th Annual Run 21*. Great bands. Come and have fun.

- 25-27 July 2008: *100 Years of Motorcycles Rally and Concert Series*. Spokane valley fair and expo center – Spokane, Washington.

- 26 July 2008: *Washington County Poker Run*. Start at *Paradise Harley-Davidson*.

- 8-10 August 2008 : *26th Annual Beaver Creek Run*. Location just south of Newport. Follow the signs or contact *Lincoln County* for more information.

- 15-16 August 2008: *Summer Run*
- 23 August 2008: *Hub City Poker Run* that will end at the *All Harley Drags*. See web site for information.

Other Announcements

- Lee Austin showed his lifetime achievement award to the state board of directors.

- Reena Jackson donated a computer and printer and peripherals to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Meeting adjourned 1600 hours. (4 p.m. to all of you civilians.)

Dumped Yer Scoot?



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class.

(And A.B.A.T.E. pays part of the cost.)



<http://teamoregon.orst.edu/>

Central Oregon

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Scotty had the fourth stop on the back side of Lake Billy Chinook at the place we call the *Grand View* store. It was set up that if you wanted to but an extra card you could do so for five dollars but Scotty had another plan! Sorry but I don't think anyone took him up on it. Sorry Scotty, maybe next year.

Oh! I didn't forget the first stop. It just so happens that the first and fifth stop was headed up by Ellen and her crew. What a great job they did selling the poker hands. The 50/50 we raised \$395 for *M.R.F.* and \$ 395 for the state of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

A big "thank you" to all who helped. I know there are people who were there and the names I am fuzzy on, but with time and help I will know most of the names and faces instead of the faces with no names. Marie was one of the names and one of the biggest supporters who we could have in our chapter. Always there to lend a helping hand.

We are gearing up for the *Teddy Bear Run* and hope all who can help do so. We will need raffle prizes and of course teddy bears.

I have been told to pass along this little bit of information. If you get turned down when asking for door

prizes don't let it get you down. With the economy the way it is people just can't afford to give stuff away like they have in the past. Don't let that stop you from asking though. We need all the door prizes we can get.

One last thing. (I promise.) While on the run just before the third stop a biker went down. Not associated with the run. (Breathe, Matt, breathe.) I did say that the rider was not associated with the run. I brought this up because Karen and Fransis and the group they were ridding with stopped to help the gentlemen and put band-aids on him and told him to get to the doctors and have it looked at. Great job girls and it goes to show that those first aid classes do great things.

Thanks for reading this through. I know it was wordy but there is more I could write but the other chapters need space in this new newspaper for their updates.

Me? Personally, I like the new format of the state newspaper.

Hopefully I left some space?

Jay Bird
coordinator
Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

Willamette

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Len Punzel mentioned that John Kittson has been diagnosed with kidney cancer so please add him to your prayer list as he'll be going through surgery in the next few weeks.

Rick Stocker announced that we lost one of our brothers, Tim Cogan, and that his celebration of life was meeting at the *Hitchin' Post* in North Plains, Oregon. Again, please add Tim's family to the prayer list, cherish your memories, and stay strong for each other as he will be greatly missed.

Ride, enjoy the smells. (Fields of clover, the hay, creeks or rivers, and even the manure!) <L.O.L.>

But be safe and always look both ways, twice!

Sharon
recording secretary
Washington County Chapter

Have You Checked Your Tire Pressure This Week ?

Proper pressure makes for a smoother, safer ride.

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For considerably less than the price of topping off yer cage's fuel tank you can join *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and get this fine rag mailed directly to you. A membership form is available in every issue inside the back cover.

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Dear friends and fellow riders,

There will not be a meeting of the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S.)* in the month of August.

The next meeting will be on September 19th in Eugene, Oregon.

We will be meeting at the Eugene *Water and Electric Board* building training room.

The address is 500 east 4th Avenue – Eugene, Oregon.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

For more information or the latest

changes, please check the *O.D.O.T.* web site at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/index.shtml>

To those who took the time to come the *G.A.C.M.S.* meetings, I thank you. We invite riders from all groups to come to our meetings and share their issues and concerns. These meetings are held in various locations throughout the state so as many riders as possible can attend.



Iris Yeager
member
GACMS


We've Come A Long Way Keep Riding Carefully



This year is already getting scary. Too many riders are going down. Please remember that our public roads are not racetracks and that drivers of larger vehicles might not see you.

Thank you notes from Fossil, Oregon

June 3, 2008



Fossil Museum
P.O. Box 465 / 501 First St.
Fossil, OR 97830
541-763-4481

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc
Gene Mortimore
PO Box 34
Fossil, OR 97830

Dear Gene:

The Fossil Museum appreciates the donation of 3009 cans and bottles. The deposit was for \$150.45

In addition to the above number 100 pounds of recycling goods (water bottles, whiskey bottles etc) was delivered to the Fossil Landfill. The cost was \$10.00 that receipt was mailed to Paula Fontenot, Manager of the recycling grant for Wheeler County. Paula came over and took several pictures of the sorted items for the recycling grant.

There are also 200 cans and bottles (not accepted by the local distributor) to be delivered to Agape House in Board man. Agape House is a non profit organization that assist the homeless, low income etc. When folks come in requesting funds for gas or food the sacks of cans are given to them to turn in for money.

Thanks to volunteers the museum is opened from Memorial Day Week-End to the Tuesday after Labor Day. We appreciate the additional support from the A.B.A.T.E. folks and the hours you donated to make the bottle drive a success.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Gafesa
Marilyn Gafesa, Volunteer

Cc: Paula Fontenot, Grant Manager, Wheeler County

N.C.O.M. Convention Report

The 23rd annual N.C.O.M. Convention was a huge success. It was a record breaking attendance. The phrase that you kept hearing throughout the conference was *Texas Defenders*, which is a combination of the *Texas Confederation of Club* and *Coalition of Independent Riders*. The state chairman is Gimmi Jimmy from the *Bandidos*.

Here is how it works:

Each member club of the *Texas Confederation of Clubs* designates two members (one primary and one alternate) to represent their club or association. These representatives, known as *Texas Defenders*, will be considered commissioned state officers who are assigned to the *Texas Confederation of Clubs* regional Texas defenders unit where they were inducted. The *Texas Defenders* will wear a state sanctioned patch that cannot be sold or traded. Any change in personnel must be coordinated through the unit's commander.

Call-to-Action

When an M.R.O. designs a political campaign and solicits the *Texas Confederation of Clubs* for support, a review board will examine the campaign and a "call-to-action" will be implemented if the campaign falls within the *Texas Confederation*

of Clubs criteria.

All *Texas Defenders* would then be activated, briefed and trained on the "call-to-action" and then take this information and training back to their clubs and groups and implement the action.

Realizing that it will take more than just members of motorcycle clubs and riding associations for our voice to be heard, the *Coalition of Independent Riders (C.O.I.R.)* was formed and leaders chosen to be *C.O.I.R. Texas Defenders*.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Williams

Slider Presentation

Dick "Slider" Gilmore

"Ride like you are invisible, 43.4 per cent of [crashes] are the result of another vehicle turning left in front of a motorcycle."

Treat every patient like this is urgent - remain calm.

[9-1-1 Call:]

1. [Crash]
2. Needs an ambulance
3. Report number of injuries
4. Location of [crash]
5. Caller hangs up

last!

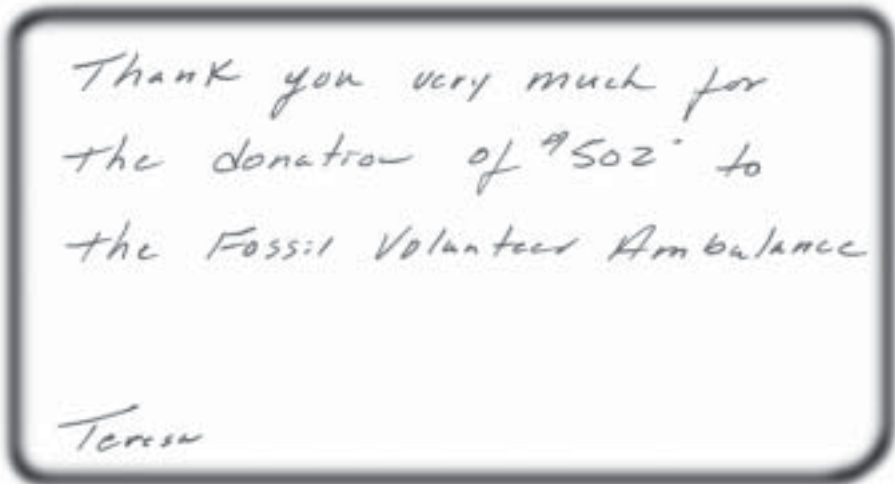
Do not move the patient.

Possible Needs:

- Helicopter
- Fire Department
- Jaws of Life
- Utilities

Questions to ask the injured person:

- Do you know where you are at?
- Their full name.
- Are you allergic to anything?
- Are you taking any medication?
- When was the last time you have eaten?
- Date of birth
- Next of kin
- Events that led up to the [crash].




BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

Membership Application

PO Box 5612
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www.bikepac.com

(please circle desired type of membership below)

Individual	Corporate	Group or Club
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
Full \$30+	Supporting \$300	Supporting \$150
Family \$40+	Platinum \$750	MAB* \$300
MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

*Member of the Advisory Board

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC general fund, which includes the education fund, unless you specify the following:
Put \$_____ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting motorcycle-friendly candidates
(Qualifies for Oregon tax credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
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I am in state senate district _____
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BikePAC of Oregon - A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

Political Action Committee (PAC) n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

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

From The . . .

The month of July here in Oregon has been a true summer month. We were beginning to think we would have a year-long winter instead.

At this writing, though, we have northern California burning down with smoke all the way up here, to the Columbia river. The midwest has been plagued with flooding and now record heat on the west coast.

Take advantage of summer, folks, if you can afford to fill your scooter with gas. Scooter sales have taken off like a rocket and now we have hundreds of new unendorsed riders out there who have no idea what it takes to ride safely.

Please encourage those you come in contact with to take a rider ed course. We are the ones who will be labeled if the crash rate suddenly hits the moon.

If you're in the northwest, look for this Gunny at an *A.I.M.* booth at the runs in Oregon and stop and talk to me. I'm there with lots of free stickers, the current *N.C.O.M.* newsletter, and free membership cards for *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) It's the height of the riding season, so you shouldn't be riding without one in your pocket. It's free, and your personal info is never given out, except to emergency personnel. That's kinda the whole idea.

Ouch – Cable Barriers

From the *Biker Republic* (<http://www.bikerrepublic.org>) news service comes news of cable barriers going up in many more areas in this country. Highway departments put these things up to try to keep traffic from crossing into opposing lanes, usually on interstates. They might stop an eighteen wheeler from traveling into oncoming lanes of traffic, but they create a huge hazard for bikers having a crash.

In New Zealand one of those "cheese graters" cost a rider his life recently by slicing and dicing him when he left the roadway. Naturally, there was an immediate outcry to ban the nasty things. One in eight motorcycle collisions involving a roadside barrier is fatal to the motorcycle rider, and the rest have severe injury results. We ought to

voice our opinions loudly concerning these deadly devices no matter where we live.

Loud Pipes Get Ya Tickets

Police in Manchester, New Hampshire are working to muffle loud motorcycles this summer. Noise is the top complaint from the general public here so cops are gonna get nasty if ya rap yer pipes. Just a word to the wise. Ride as quiet as ya can.

Lt. Jon Hopkins says the police will offer free noise tests to motorcyclists to make sure bikes do not violate city or state law. Those who flunk the test won't be penalized, but they will face a ticket if they don't quiet down. Street cops with noise meters will be writing tickets.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Got Gas?

Malaysia is considering a ration system to sell gasoline and diesel at subsidized rates. Their new system would replace the cash rebate that is currently given to owners of smaller cars, to partly compensate them for the price. Subsidized fuel cards might be used.

Might be an idea we could use here in this country. Some of us old-timers remember the gas rationing of WW-2. Some form of that could take some of the pain out of the hundred dollar fill-ups we are dealing with these days.

Touring To Remember

Great Falls, Montana — This state is warming up to motorcyclists. Their state department of transportation has put up a new web site, highlighting ten of the best motorcycle rides in the state and at the same time dishes out a dose of advice for coming back from a ride with leathers intact.

Tourism on a bike?

What a novel idea.

Check out

<http://www.RideMT.com>

Australia

In Adelaide, the *Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club* will soon find that riding to a brother's funeral will be illegal, if you're wearing colors at least, and riders may go to jail.

Just another of the draconian laws that are beginning to fester in

Australia against biker clubs.

We had better be looking over our shoulders here in the U.S.A. as well as lending a hand down under. These stupid sorts of regulations have a way of migrating into our midst.

Modesto, California

About 100 bikers from several motorcycle clubs packed a Modesto city council meeting, to complain that the police there have harassed them over the past year and a half.

Members of Modesto's *Most Envied* club carried the grievance, saying that police have been following them in an attempt to make a case that they belong to a "criminal gang." The city council apparently took no action.

When is the general public gonna wake up to the fact that there are and always will be motorcycle clubs, unless bikes are legislated out of business altogether?

Just more reasons folks to get involved in your own welfare.

Get political or we will go to museums to look at the motorcycles we love so dearly.

Look to your local motorcycle rights organization, such as your *A.B.A.T.E.* or similar group. You might find your local rights group by looking at the member list of *N.C.O.M.* (*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*)

Check it out online at: <http://www.aimncom.com>

N.C.O.M. Brothers Behind Bars Program

Check out this web site for the latest *B.B.B.* info:

<http://web.stcloudstate.edu/mgdavis/>

It's good news for those riders among us who reside behind bars. Down brothers enjoy hearing about what's going on outside. Might just make the transition back to the outside world a little easier, too. This is just one more program *N.C.O.M.* is doing for motorcycling.

Gunny Again

With the summer riding season now in full swing remember the value in taking a riding course. Here in Oregon,

Team Oregon has a variety of different courses available, from the



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

basics to the very best experienced rider defensive courses. Take advantage of them folks. The very least you will come away with is a reawakening of the skills you didn't think about for awhile.

Its amazing to me the times I have heard that someone took a course and shortly thereafter found themselves using a skill they honed in class that saved them from a crash. Safety is the only thing between us and the cages out there who don't see us.

In the sad event you are involved in a mishap don't hesitate top get in touch with your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney for advice and assistance. They're there 24/7 at **1-800-On-A-Bike**.

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Clearing The Air

Dozy Realizations

c.o.e. - 79

We had a doozy of a state board meeting in July.

And even though it drug on for nearly four hours, it was a meeting that was necessary because it cleared up a potentially devastating division within our organization that had been festering since last December.

Essentially a valuable and productive longtime member had been surprised and disappointed by board election results and had made passionate public and written statements which were later regretted as passion cooled with time.

Unfortunately, by then the state board had acted on those statements.

Fortunately for us all, at this last state board meeting people were able to talk face-to-face, understanding was achieved, and balance was restored.

Let that be the end of the matter.

What is important is what can be learned from such an episode.

First of all, we are all of us human. More than that, we are motorcycling humans given to be very passionate about riding and surviving on the road. In the name of at least appearing somewhat civilized, we try to keep a damper on our passions in

the course of interacting with each other.

But not always.

We need to recognize in ourselves or in others when the line between rational thought and emotional reaction has been crossed, then pause to take a deep calming mental breath before launching any sort of action, especially if it could have damaging repercussions.

Nice theory.

It can be tough to put into practice in the real world though.

When the heat of passion is on a person, it can be difficult to step back far enough for things to cool down. But for the sake of our organization and all the wonderful things our volunteer members accomplish, we need to try.

The primary idea we always need to keep in mind is the purpose of our organization — to save motorcyclists' lives by educating other road users and to ensure that legislation affecting motorcyclists is not potentially harmful.

Foremost always has to be the question: "How will this help the organization?"

We need to allow for human

passions and not take everything said at face value.

We need to make sure that we *actually* hear and understand what is being said to each other.

We need to be respectful of each other, even when we disagree personally on fundamental issues.

We need to be *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

There can be no "us-against-them" attitude within our organization because that would just be "us-against-ourselves".

Regarding the change of format for the state newspaper that took place last month, the reaction seems to be pretty positive. The figures aren't in yet on how much the change is saving the organization. But as yer crusty ol' editor was finishing his nap taking attentive notes at the July state board meeting, he became aware of how many motions were being made to expend funds. He began to be upset,



Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

seeing as how he'd put considerable effort into saving the organization money by changing the monthly newsrag format. Then he realized that the reason he'd done it was to free up funding so the organization could do more.

Just another one of life's wonderfully humbling "duh" moments.

If anyone has suggestions for the state newspaper to make it easier to use, please communicate with c.o.e.

(And is it softer and more absorbant now?)

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 28)

August Cryptogram

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The trouble with today's computer programs is that they give the illusion of competence to users who haven't the slightest idea what they are doing.
 — Pat Henderson

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AUGUST 8, 9 & 10, 2008

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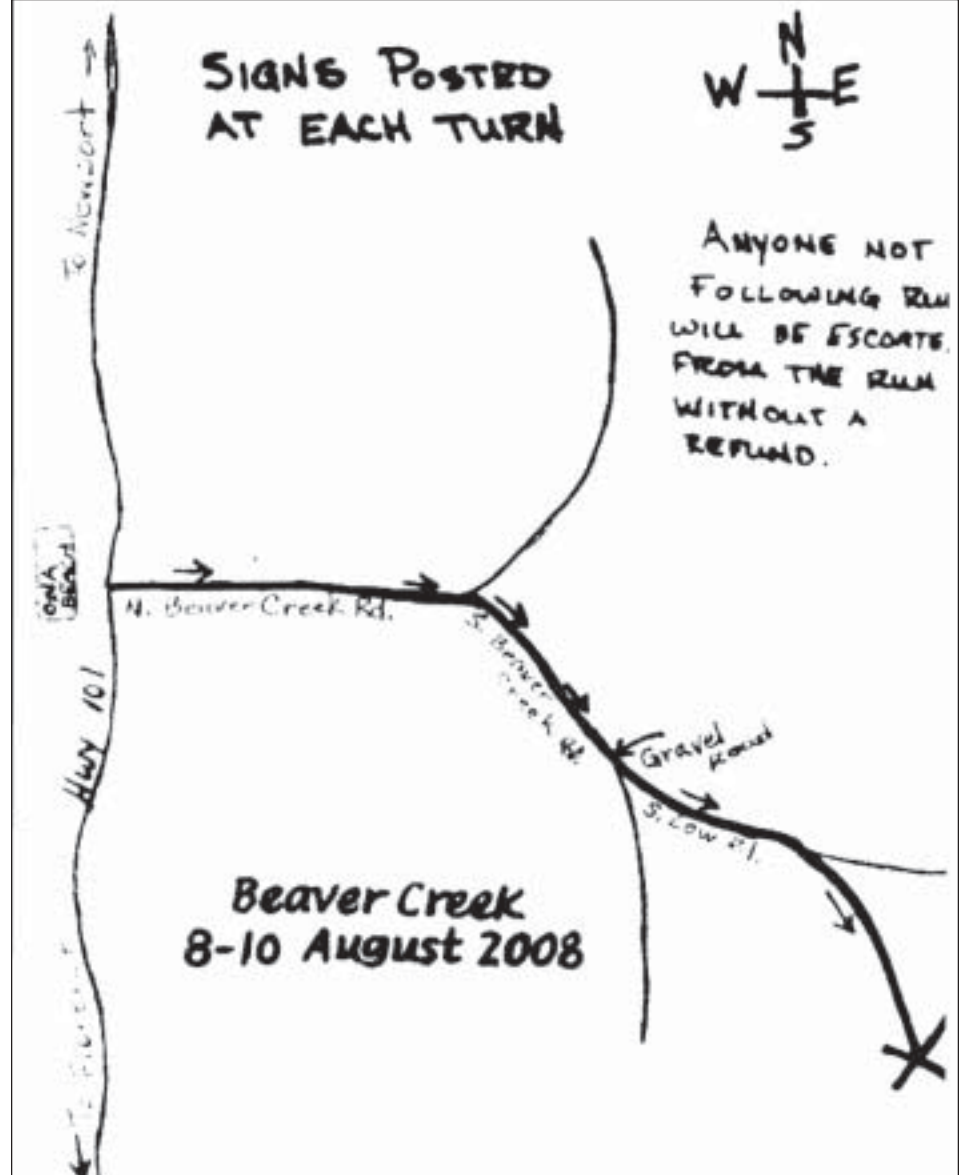
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Saturday September 6, 2008

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 The building will have security personnel.

All vendors camping at the grounds must have a pass in the window and be parked in designated parking areas.

Sunday September 7, 2008

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 All vendor parking in designated area

No gasoline allowed in building

Swap Meet spectator doors open at 9:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.
 Vendors must remain open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
 Building doors will be closed at 6:00 pm.

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It has been quite the ride and to all of you who actually worked with us for the duration, thank you, thank you, thank you.

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We are hoping to sell the whole shop as a package deal, but may have to break down individually.

Again, thank you for your past support.

We hope your business is doing better than many.

Hope things improve all over the U.S.

I could go on and on about the whys, but why?

Life's too short for . . .

Keep it in the sun!

Sincerely,

Rod Hatter
president
Specific Alloy Components, Inc.



Triumph Legends Tapped For Top Honors At A.M.A. Vintage Motorcycle Days

As part of this year's recognition of *Triumph* motorcycles, seven-time *A.M.A.* grand national enduro champion Bill Baird and 1970 grand national champion Gene Romero acted as co-grand marshals. The two were on-hand to greet fans and sign autographs throughout the three-day celebration of all things vintage.

Other event highlights included a 35-acre swap meet, bike shows, an auction, and a full slate of vintage racing. It all happened July 25-27 at *Mid Ohio Sports Car Course* in Lexington, Ohio.

Brad Baker Wins Dirt Track Horizon Award

Eight years after winning his first championship in the 50 cc class, the

Chehalis, Washington, native claimed the coveted award last week at the *A.M.A. Sports Black Cat Gold Dirt Track Grand Championships* in Du Quoin, Illinois.

MotoStars: Celebrities Plus Motorcycles Opens

The *Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum's* newest exhibit opened June 28 with a star-studded gala and ribbon cutting ceremony. Actors on hand were Tom Arnold, Perry King, and Dan Haggerty.

Real Divas Hit The Road July 16

The *Divas for a Cure 2008 Breast*

Cancer Motorcycle Run, an *A.M.A.* premier touring series presented by *Cycle Trader*, *Suzuki* signature event, kicked off with the divas' departure from *Harley-Davidson* of Greensboro, North Carolina, on a pre-ride to Atlanta, Georgia.

The official ride started July 20 and ran approximately 5,300 miles. In addition to supporting breast cancer awareness efforts, all ride participants had a chance to win a *Suzuki Boulevard C50T* motorcycle.

J.B. Norris: 1950-2008

The motorcycle racing world lost an enthusiastic member on June 28, when race announcer, promoter, and artist J.B. Norris passed away from an apparent heart attack suffered at

the Lima round of the *A.M.A. Flat Track Championship*.

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Mary Peters Offers Motorcycle Community Apology

A *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* representative attended a July 1 meeting with United States department of transportation secretary Mary Peters, in her office, to discuss among other issues, the 2010 funds.

Earlier this year, Peters sent proposed legislation to capitol hill that would allow the 2010 funds to be used by states to promote helmet use (not requirement). This is in addition to the other two areas where the funds are already allotted now: rider education and motorist awareness programs.

Also in attendance at the meeting were representatives from the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* and the *Motorcycle Industry Council*.

The motorcycle community was disappointed, to say the least, by this new demand on 2010 funding. When congress included the section 2010 grant programs in *S.A.F.E.-T.E.A.-L.U.* it was debated and decided that helmet use promotion already occurs under all rider education programs, which is the proper venue to talk about personal protective gear.

Secretary Peters explained that the genesis of the proposed legislation came from a senate appropriations hearing where she was taken to task by senator Patty Murray (D-WA) on the rising number of motorcyclist fatalities and the reduction of state helmet laws. The third term senator, who chairs the senate appropriations subcommittee on transportation, asked Peters if she would support the use of the 2010 funds for helmet promotion. Peters said she would support using 2010 for that purpose, and in order to preserve some political cover, Peters sent some shell language to the hill. Upon closer review, secretary Peters now agrees that the 2010 funds should not be used for helmet promotion but should remain for rider education and motorist awareness campaigns only. She is not backing off promoting helmet use, but rather is in favor of finding or creating another pool of funds for this cause.

Peters then issued an apology for failing to work with the motorcycle

community and pledged to work more closely, and personally, with the motorcycle community at large. She then went on to add that this current administration will never even consider a national helmet mandate.

The secretary then offered to send a letter to all 50 governors asking them to take motorcycle safety more seriously, to increase funding for all motorcycle programs, and to never raid the dedicated motorcycle safety funds as some governors have already done.

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* also asked Peters to explore the creation of a new class of vehicles for the emerging auto-cycles, or three-wheeled enclosed vehicles, that are currently licensed as motorcycles, and are therefore skirting any safety standards that are required for autos. These non-motorcycles need their own classification in order to keep any additional fatality data separate from data collected on "true" motorcycles.

We at the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* thank secretary Peters for her apology, and we look forward to working with her as she finishes out her term as secretary in January of 2009.

Motorcyclists Rights Advocates Play Key Role At International Motorcycle Safety Forum

The *Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (O.E.C.D.) International Transport Forum Workshop on Motorcycling Safety* was held in Lillehammer, Norway on June 10th-11th and included over 80 participants by invitation from approximately 30 countries. Among the participants were safety policy advisors, safety experts, safety researchers, motorcycle industry representatives, governmental agency representatives, and motorcycle users.

Representing riders from the United States were Kirk Willard, president of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, and Ed Moreland, vice president of government relations of the *American Motorcyclist Association*.

Other groups with representation from the United States included the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, the *Federal Highway Administration*, the *Insurance Institute for Highway Safety*, the *Motorcycle Industry Council/Motorcycle Safety Foundation*, *Dynamic Research Inc.*, and the *Harley-Davidson Motor Company*.

Also noteworthy was the fact that there were ten other riders' rights and motorcycle user groups represented from various countries in attendance which set the stage for meaningful involvement from the riders' rights and user groups which is not always the case in these types of international forums.

The main expected outcomes of the workshop was to come up with a set of practical recommendations for the attention of policy advisors and to help identify how motorcycle safety strategies relate to overall road safety policies. The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* is pleased to announce that many of the 20 top priorities to come out of the workshop are strategies and initiatives that we as motorcyclists have been heavily involved in, recommending, and promoting for some time.

The number one recommendation in part was a call for training focusing on risk awareness and risk avoidance. Others included recommendations for all drivers to have a component on awareness and acceptance of motorcyclists, partnering with rider groups to develop and deliver campaigns to other riders, that motorcycle safety messages should be specific to motorcyclists, to include motorcyclists when considering transport policy, and develop training for roadway designers.

Additionally, when discussing policy dialogue it was determined the best practice would be to formalize meetings between motorcycle stakeholders and policy makers/road authorities, and one not to be lost in the list of twenty is a simple statement that we must work together.

One can see that the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* using many ideas



in circulation amongst the motorcycle rights community today certainly played a role in these discussions and ultimate list of recommendations. In fact many of the recommendations somewhat mirror the good work that the state motorcyclists rights organizations in partnership with the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* accomplished in *S.A.F.E.-T.E.A. L.U.* The important element in all of this is the critically important audience of non-motorcyclists that have now heard our messages as motorcyclists loud and clear.

"I believe this was an extremely valuable and precedent setting event where motorcyclists were given the opportunity to present their views in an inclusive international safety arena and have motorcycle safety and motorcycle related policy considered from a motorcyclists rights advocates point of view and be taken quite seriously", said Willard of the *M.R.F.*

A full report will be presented in the September issue of the *M.R.F. Reports* and during the *M.R.F.'s* annual meeting and conference, the *Meeting of the Minds* to be held in Denver, Colorado on September 25th-28th, 2008.

Senator Letourneau Represented M.R.F. At Congressional Hearing

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports that a hearing was held by the United States house of representatives committee on transportation and infrastructure. It was conducted in the subcommittee on highways and transit. Congressman Peter DeFazio of Oregon (who is a good friend of motorcyclists) chairs that subcommittee.

The title of the hearing was *Improving Highway Safety Assessing the Effectiveness of N.H. T.S.A.'s Highway Safety Programs*. At issue was the rising number of motorcycle fatalities. The hearing was held at 10 a.m. on July 16th in room 2167 of the Rayburn house office building in Washington D.C.

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation (continued)

This was a rather routine hearing for the subcommittee. A hearing of this type is typically held once every two year session of congress to gather information on what the agency side of Washington is up to. The hearing was not called specifically to examine motorcycle safety but it was a key point of the hearing. The hearing did not address any specific legislation nor was any legislation voted on or even considered.

Panelists included the *Advocates for Highway Safety*, a group funded almost exclusively by big insurance companies. As a wing of the insurance industry, they are always trying to increase their profits under the guise of safety. It's a thinly veiled attempt to save insurance providers from having to pay out on a claim. Less fatalities on the highways is certainly a good thing, however, the insurance companies don't want to save lives as much as they want to save money.

The *M.R.F.* was contacted by the subcommittee to provide a witness who could speak to motorcycle safety from another point of view. The committee staff requested that Washington D.C.-based lobbyists not testify at the hearing, thus excluding *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations Jeff Hennie from direct participation.

The *M.R.F.* is proud to say that New Hampshire state senator Robert Letourneau was representing the motorcyclists on the panel. Senator Letourneau is a member of the state *Motorcycle Rider Education Advisory Board* and the *Governor's Motorcycle Safety Task Force*. Letourneau is chairman of the *New Hampshire Civil War Memorial Commission* as well as a motorcyclist for the past 41 years.

Letourneau also recently completed an experienced rider education course so he practices what he preaches. Senator Letourneau is known in the motorcycling world as "Radio Bob" and is a stalwart of the rights movement.

For more information on the hearing and the sub-committee members, you can visit them on the internet at:

<http://transportation.house.gov>

Washington D.C. Update

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* reports that a new web-based survey for motorcyclists has been launched by the *Federal Highway Administration's Motorcycle Advisory Council (F.H.W.A.-M.A.C.)*. The members of the *F.H.W.A.-M.A.C.* recently created the *2008 Motorcyclist Road Conditions Survey*. The purpose of the survey is to help state and federal highway administrators better understand and plan for the needs of motorcycle riders. All riders are encouraged to take the survey before the deadline of August 1st 2008. The idea is to launch the survey during riding season when riders are most aware of current conditions and can more accurately respond to the survey.

To take the ten minute survey before August 1st visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/MACmembersHighwaySurvey>

Governors Highway Safety Association

Last week the *Governors Highway Safety Association (G.H.S.A.)* released a report on motorcycle safety. The report was in response to the *G.H.S.A.* survey of state motorcycle

safety programs. The survey covered a wide range of safety contributors including but not limited to, funding programs, helmet laws, availability of rider education, anti impairment campaigns, road construction and data collection issues.

According to the report, "Motorcycles have become part of the popular culture in the United States. Commercials and movies featuring positive images of motorcycles and motorcyclists are commonplace." The report also goes on to point out that "Not surprisingly, the motorcycle sales increase is one factor that has led to increased rider injuries and fatalities."

The report also points out the fact that motorcycle sales have quadrupled over the same time frame that fatalities have doubled.

Funding continues to be an issue. In discussing a survey of state programs and moneys issued during the first two fiscal years (FY) of the federal 2010 funds, the *G.H.S.A.* report states, "In 2006, \$5,940,000 in federal 2010 motorcyclist safety grants was distributed to 44 states and Puerto Rico.

In FY 2007, \$6,000,000 in federal 2010 motorcyclist safety grants was distributed to 47 states and Puerto Rico. The average grant was \$122,000 in 2006 and \$125,000 in 2007. However, the 2006 funds were awarded very late in the fiscal year (FY) and were rolled over to FY 2007. As a result, most state highway safety offices did not begin actively working to address motorcycle safety issues until FY 2007. Many states also use federal 402 and 410 grants to supplement motorcycle safety activities."



During the last two years, almost every state has received a 2010 motorcyclist safety grant from the federal government. Yet, states continue to face serious budget and programmatic shortfalls in this area.

"While the report does put some emphasis on helmet laws, it also carefully points out some of the other issues that groups like *G.H.S.A.* have been reluctant to address in the past. Issues that the *M.R.F.* has been working to advance to the forefront of motorcycle safety for decades, such as funding rider ed, clear marking of construction zones, and increased new motorcycle sales are several examples" said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations for the *M.R.F.*

You can find the report in its entirety at:

<http://www.ghsa.org/html/publications/survey/motorcycle/summary.pdf>

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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Governor Vetoes Michigan Helmet Requirement Repeal

For the second straight year, Michigan riders successfully maneuvered a helmet requirement modification bill through their state legislature and onto their governor's desk, and for the second time governor Jennifer Granholm has vetoed the measure.

Motorcyclists had hoped that by adding certain amendments, such as pumping up the state's economy by charging \$100 per year for the right to ride helmetless and by winning support from the state's top law enforcement group, they would convince Granholm to change her mind this time around.

But despite overwhelming support in the legislature and endorsement of house bill 4749 by the *Michigan Association of Police Organizations* as well as the promise of an additional \$25 million annually pouring into the state coffers from freedom-minded riders, Granholm quickly dispatched the bill again citing safety concerns and insurance costs.

It would now take a two-thirds vote of both chambers of the state legislature to override Granholm's veto, an option *A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan* and the *Michigan Confederation of Clubs* are looking into.

Myrtle Beach Considers Helmet Requirement To Deter Rally-Goers

"Enough is enough," has become the campaign slogan by residents of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and members of the City Council as they considered options to put a stop to local motorcycle rallies and deter bikers from attending.

One option under consideration is the passage of a local ordinance to require motorcyclists to wear helmets within the city limits. During the public discussion period at a packed city council meeting recently, resident Ronnie Felts said he has spoken with members of the South Carolina legislature who urged the city to push the state for a local option on the state's helmet law,

which now says no motorcyclist twenty-one or older is obligated to wear headgear.

The city cannot now pass any law more restrictive than the state's, though according to the (Myrtle Beach) *Sun News* which reported on the meeting, mayor *pro-tem* Wayne Gray said there are efforts underway to allow municipalities to do just that.

Even though the bike rallies fill the city at least two weekends each May, during the *Harley-Davidson Cruisin' the Coast* rally and the *Atlantic Beach Bikefest*, the audience gave Joyce Harris a standing ovation when she told the council that she and others had already been in touch with officials in Fort Lauderdale, Florida who publicly declared spring break parties were not welcome any more and the city began heavily enforcing stricter ordinances to deter them from coming.

No one in the audience spoke in favor of the rallies and each of the council members agreed they want to put an end them, neither of which is sponsored by the city. "We're going to do what we can to shut the sucker down," said councilman Chestnut, who also received a standing ovation.

City manager Tom Leath, city attorney Tom Ellenburg and police chief Warren Gall are planning to come up with options to present to the council, which will likely include higher taxes to pay for a permanent solution to the problem.

Drivers Make It Tough To Be An Easy Rider

A new poll reveals that car drivers wish they didn't have to share the road with motorcycle riders. And most bikers, in turn, want car drivers to be more careful on the road. According to the online survey of licensed Connecticut drivers, conducted by *Directive Analytics* on behalf of *Allstate Insurance*, if the state's car drivers had their druthers, about one in four would have bikers banned from highways and parkways. And nearly half said bikers

should not be allowed on roadways altogether in inclement weather.

Why the animosity?

Because Connecticut car drivers consider motorcycles unsafe. Eighty percent of respondents thought motorcycles are more dangerous or much more dangerous than other vehicles. One in five, in fact, said they have come close to hitting a biker. Illustrating just how anti-motorcycle they are, 75 percent of drivers said they would not let their child ride one.

But, the gripes aren't just on the part of motorists.

The survey also reveals that bikers overwhelmingly (80 percent) thought they were safer on the road than car drivers, stating that car drivers are careless and don't pay attention to what's going on around them. Bikers also found car drivers to be aggressive, trying to cut riders off, as well as impatient, tending to tailgate cyclists.

"Whether we prefer four wheels or two, we all have preconceived notions, and perhaps even strong opinions, about other drivers. But these opinions should never get the better of us while we are in our vehicles," said Andrea Short, *Allstate* field product manager. "Particularly now as the warmer weather approaches and heavy traffic re-emerges, all drivers should be careful and cognizant of fellow drivers at all times so we may share the roadways safely."

Sharing The Road

Motorcycle groups and clubs from across southeast Texas gathered at *Cowboy Harley-Davidson* in Beaumont to kickoff a motorcycle safety awareness campaign to focus public attention on the need for increased caution on the part of motorists and bikers alike.

David Die, a member of the *Red Knights Motorcycle Club*, along with members of *A.B.A.T.E.* and the *Confederation of Clubs* banned together to secure a grant from the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* to work with local media in supporting a nation-wide initiative in promoting motorcycle safety.



"For years, during the month of May we have joined local, county, state and federal government in proclaiming May *Motorcycle Awareness Month*. However, we just felt like we needed to take it a step further," said Die.

The *M.S.F.* grant will allow this group to sponsor a public awareness campaign, attend special events and provide educational information on motorcycle safety and awareness, reported *The Examiner* newspaper.

"My friends' deaths have made me intent on getting vehicular drivers to be more attentive where motorcycles are concerned," said Die. "To put the cell phone down, to put the makeup down, to not finish the last piece of sweet roll and coffee, and to put both hands on the steering wheel and your mind on driving."

The public awareness campaign's message is two-fold: it advocates responsible motorcycle riding and reminds vehicle drivers "to look out for motorcyclists," said Robin Troy of *Neil-Troy Advertising*. The campaign, which begins June 16 and runs through the end of the summer, includes outdoor billboards and television spots.

Motorcycle Groups Threaten Legal Action Over New York Roadblocks

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* announced that its New York attorney has sent a letter of intent to file a class-action lawsuit against New York state police and the New York state department of motor vehicles in response to a series of discriminatory roadblocks targeting motorcycles *en route* to motorcycle-related events.

After a roadblock was established on New York's I-84 in October 2007, which singled out motorcyclists on their way to a *Marcus Dairy Cycle Sunday* in nearby Danbury, Connecticut, motorcyclists' rights advocates learned that federal grant money was to be used to fund police overtime to conduct these so-called "safety checks" at motorcycle events statewide.

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

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Despite talks between D.M.V. and representatives of N.C.O.M., the *American Motorcyclist Association*, *A.B.A.T.E. of New York*, and other motorcycle rights organizations during the winter, roadblocks were also set up on I-88 and the New York state thruway targeting motorcyclists traveling to the *American Motorcycle Jamboree*, or *Am-Jam*, a 24-year old event held at the Cobleskill fairgrounds, and again on I-87 stopping riders traveling to *Americade* in Lake George, America's largest touring motorcycle rally.

According to Robert "Prospector" Boellmer, the New England and New York representative of N.C.O.M., *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Mitchell Proner of New York, New York has given notice to the New York state police and D.M.V. that a class action suit will be filed in protest of the road checks being conducted on state highways during events that draw thousands of motorcyclists.

Warren county tourism director Kate Johnson said *Americade's* 2007 economic impact in the region was estimated to have been \$46 million. "The rally brought about 50,000 motorcyclists to the area last year," she told the newspaper, adding that attendance was down this year.

Boellmer told the *Daily Gazette* that the stops constitute harassment of cyclists and his group will fight them in court to halt the discriminatory roadblocks. He said the national coalition represents more than a thousand motorcycle organizations across the country.

"*A.B.A.T.E. of New York, Inc.* expresses its opposition to New York state's burgeoning tactic of conducting highway roadblocks which divert only motorcyclists from the state's roadway for the purpose of conducting 'safety checks', and hereby expresses its support of a class-action initiative by the *National Coalition of Motorcyclist* against the New York state police and the New York state department of motor vehicles," said Timothy D. Werder, state president of *A.B.A.T.E. of New York* in an official press release issued by his organization.

With the support of *A.B.A.T.E. of New York*, the *A.M.A.* and various other biker rights organizations, N.C.O.M. officials plan to pursue legal actions against state agencies involved in what they consider unconstitutional infringements.

LOUD PIPES SAVE (OFFICERS') LIVES

Over in Oakland they like it loud, so loud that all 45 of the police department's *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles have been equipped with shiny new tailpipes, at a cost of \$500 apiece, to rev up their roar. It seems the cops just didn't feel safe on toned-down bikes.

"There's an old motorcycle adage that you are heard before you are seen," deputy chief Dave Kozicki told the *San Francisco Chronicle*, explaining the department's decision to toss the bikes' muted factory-issued mufflers in favor of the more high-volume pipes.

Oakland's cops had a long tradition of riding their *Harley-Davidsons* with the modified, louder tail pipes, earning them the nickname "Rolling Thunder." But after an officer complained about a loss of hearing and others around town questioned whether the police force was violating the very noise standards it was supposed to enforce, the department brass ordered a switch to the quieter stock mufflers.

According to Kozicki, the decibel drop sparked a chorus of complaints from other officers, who said they felt less safe. Kozicki cited a crash three months ago in which an Oakland officer riding a toned-down cycle was struck by a motorist who said he hadn't heard the officer approaching.

So last year the department launched a \$1,200 study in conjunction with the city's risk management division to determine whether

1. The louder motorcycles contributed to officers' safety.

2. Were detrimental to their hearing.

3. Complied with noise standards. Kozicki acknowledged that whatever safety-related findings the study produced were largely anecdotal. Still, after everything was

taken into consideration, the department concluded "it was in the best interest of the officers to put more-audible pipes back on," Kozicki said.

Weird News Wee, Wee, Wee, All The Way To Court

Did you know that Tacoma, Washington has a law that could ban *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles? According to the *News Tribune* an interesting court case has developed involving the owner of a hog, city prosecutors are arguing that the owner is violating a law banning hogs in the city limit. Taking his case to superior court, it appears that *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles could be banned within the city limits.

While this court case is really about the definition of a "hog" the definition in the book city prosecutors are using define a hog as:

Black's Veterinary Dictionary, which defines a hog as a "male pig after being castrated."

Collins Essential English Dictionary's first definition of hog is a "castrated male pig."

Encarta defines hog as "a full-grown domestic pig, especially a castrated male pig."

But <http://www.dictionary.com> defines hog as slang "a large, heavy motorcycle."

Luckily the court case is really about animals and the defense lawyer was just using the hog definition of a motorcycle as an example of how the city was using the wrong terminology. But it does go to show that the wrong interpretation of an old law on the books could really impact motorcycle owners, at least in Tacoma.

Hopefully they get the law straightened out and decide on what really is a hog and what ain't, so bikers can ride into town without "breaking" Tacoma's anti-hog laws.



Quotable Quote

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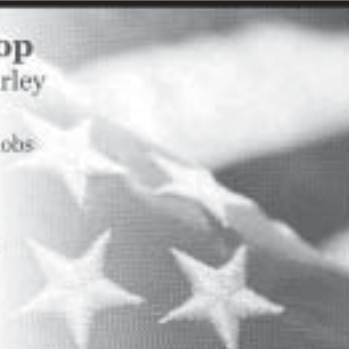
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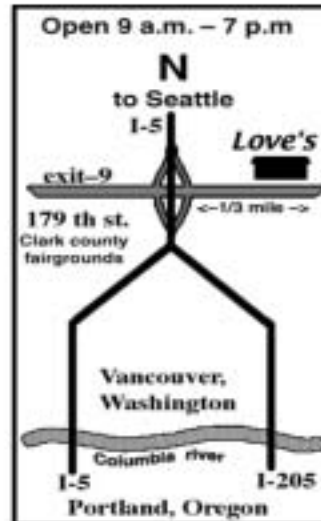
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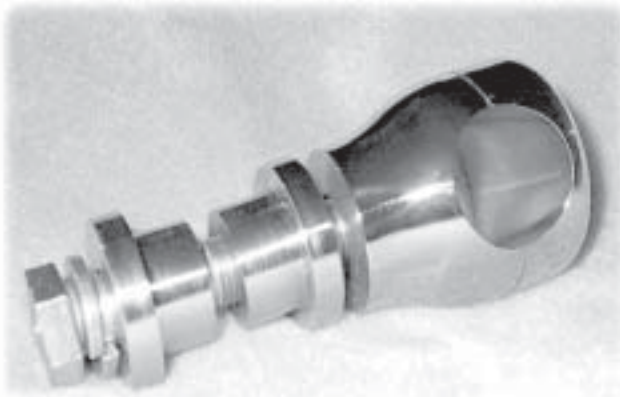
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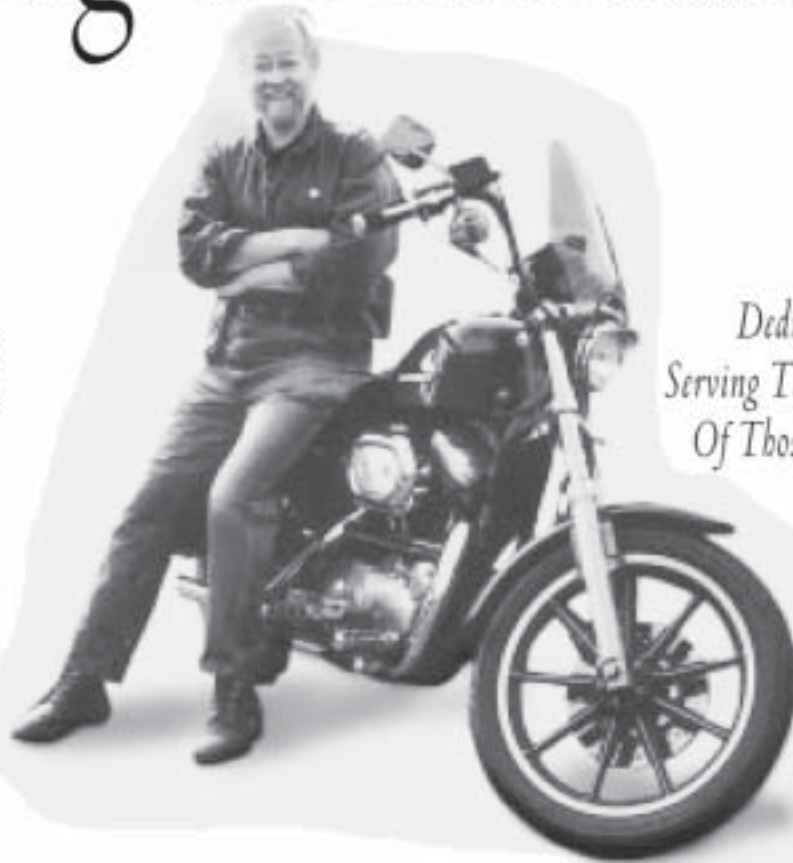
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Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X			
Norm	(541)-563-4653	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hilda	(541)-265-9376	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X						X	
Dan the Wizard (?)	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Brenden Kane (?)	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X	
Randy and Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast		X		X	X	X	X	
North Coast area										
Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Salem area										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X					
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton					X			
South Coast area										
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point					X			
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X			
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X			
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X		
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X		
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X			
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X		
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Portland area										
Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X	
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X	
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X	
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X	
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X	X	

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For considerably less than the price of topping off yer cage's fuel tank you can join A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and get this fine rag mailed directly to you. A membership form is available in every issue inside the back cover.

If you're out riding around our beautiful state and you have trouble on the road, you can call someone on the road list who is close to where you are and ask for help. The X marks in the columns indicate what kind of help is available.
This is a wonderful service provided by folks who care about motorcyclists, so please don't abuse their kindness. (Yeah, that means you, telemarketers.)
If you would like to participate, phone (503)-838-6893, e-mail to statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net, or send your information to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Duffy's Revived Road List

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

name: phone number: location:

P T G P I M G L
I O A H N E A O
C O R O F A S D
K L A T O L G
U S G O S I
P E N' notes:

Southern Oregon area

Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-0686	Roseburg					X		
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X

Washington County area

Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X				
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X		X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X			X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X		X

other areas

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Is Your Road List Entry Correct?
 Please call
(503)-838-6893
 if your information changes.

"Don't look, Ethel!"



Answer to August CRYPTOGRAM

[The nation], by using its peoples' faith as a form of credit, has been able to afford the costliest war machine of our time.

— Janet Flanner
(1938 – speaking of Germany)

Oregon Road Maintenance

Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

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

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 information about the safety problem.

Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

Road and weather information:
1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT>

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

Wanted

Wanted

2005 custom built softail, flat black paint with special graphics and pin-stripe, fat bob style gas tanks, blackened out spoked 21 inch front wheel with bright red ring on outer edge. Custom 18 inch stainless steel rear wheel with stainless steel diamond style spokes with 170 series Avon tire. Powder-coated custom *Kraftech* frame with 34 degree rake and 2-inch stretch. 80 inch black and chrome *Evo*-style motor with updates to carburetor, powder-coated heat resistant black modified *Screaming Eagle* dual exhaust. Black and chrome *Harley* 5-speed transmission. Powder-coated flat track style handlebars and wide glide front end. Custom built fenders. **\$12,500** or best offer. Pictures available on *Southeast Portland Chapter* web site in classified ads. Call **(503)-257-7390** (Oct 2008)

Your *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* membership lets you reach over 2,000 potential buyers for three months. That's right, member classified ads are one more perk of belonging with *A.B.A.T.E.*

NEWLY WANTED

Never been in the military but always liked them snazzy sergeant stripes?
Now's your chance to snag the title without promising to "defend the constitution against all enemies, foreign or domestic". (But you might want to make that promise to yourself anyway.)
We need someone to step forward for the **Sergeant-At-Arms (East)** state position. (This is one of the few times when an enlisted gets an officer job.)

You'll get to meet new people (rowdies from chapters other than your own), travel to exotic lands (Albany, mostly), and practice halting calvary charges with a pike. (No, wait...that's Beefeaters.)
So come to a state board meeting and stick yer paw in the air to help *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* be even better. (Besides, if you don't step forward, everyone else may step back, leaving you in front anyway.)

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Please limit ad length to 50 words so everyone can play. Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.
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or
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Portland, Oregon 97208

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. PLEASE SEND TO: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205 ATTN: Gunny

NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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: _____

STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2008

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
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VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
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SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
(V A C A N T)			
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Jeff Schauer			
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[Refer sanctioning requests to Matt Price, state coordinator]			
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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
Ray DeMelo	(503)-551-8627	redvtwin79@yahoo.com	

(Return address)

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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: _____

Annual Rates:	
_____ Individual membership	\$25
_____ Couple membership	\$30
_____ Family membership	\$35
_____ Lifetime membership	\$250

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

Congressional District: _____
 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

Chapter: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

97208

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

Comments:

August 2008 (lammas) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 new moon solar eclipse 1152	2
3 Southeast Portland 1200 (12 pm)	4	5 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm) hazel tree of the month	6	7	8 2nd quarter moon LinCo Beaver Creek Newport	9 STATE BOARD Newport Hospital 1200 (12 p.m.) LinCo Beaver Creek Newport
10 Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) ----- Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm) LinCo Beaver Creek Newport	11 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	12	13	14	15 WaCo Summer Run Birkenfeld	16 North Coast Mist Mountain Astoria WaCo Summer Run Birkenfeld
17 Southeast Portland noon WaCo Summer Run Birkenfeld	18	19 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7 pm)	20 Josephine County 1900 (7 pm)	21 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) ----- Hub City 1900 (7 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7 pm)	22 southern chapters S.O.S. Wolf Creek	23 Hub City Poker Run Albany southern chapters S.O.S. Wolf Creek
24 S.O.S. North Coast Twin Rivers 1000 (10 am) 1300 (1 pm)	25 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	26 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	27	28	29	30 new moon
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2008 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
01-03 Aug	Too Broke For Sturgis	north Idaho	
08-10 Aug	Beaver Creek-LinCo	Newport	(541)-563-3520
15-17 Aug	Summer Run-SE PDX	Birkenfeld	(503)-760-9015
16 Aug	Mist Mountain-NC	Astoria	(503)-325-3566
22-24 Aug	S.O.S.	Wolf Creek	(541)-229-5532
23 Aug	Poker Run-Hub City	Albany	(541)-791-1919
23 Aug	Wyatt		
06 Sept	Swap meet - Washington ABATE	Enumclaw, WA	(253)-906-2581
19-21 Sept	End Of Summer	Birkenfeld	(503)-747-6725
04 Oct	Teddy Bear Run-CO	Bend	(541)-788-9911

LOCATION -->
CHANGE -->

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING: <-- LOCATION
Saturday, 09 August 2008 at noon <-- CHANGE
Hospital - Newport, Oregon

Throughout June the ol' sun was hidin',
Even in July clouds was abidin',
Though winter did linger,
We've gave it the finger,
Let's get out and enjoy the ridin'.
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thurssday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast (NC)	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	The Spare Room; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Sizzler's Steak House; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)-688-4268