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In keeping with the dog theme of this month's issue, quotes from the Dog Whisperer, Cesar Millan, are sprinkled throughout the pages that follow. Although his program is aimed primarily at reforming canine misbehavior, the fact is that in the majority of cases such behavior is directly attributable to dogs' human companions. Many of the leadership concepts Cesar proposes are in fact universal in nature and may be

>>> MISSION STATEMENT <<<

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

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"If you don't have a plan, if you don't know where you are going, how can others follow you?"

— Cesar Millan

What is our plan? This is a fundamental question that needs to be asked at all levels of state motorcycle rights activities any time it seems like we are just spinning our rear wheels without getting anywhere. Once members know what the plan is, everyone can get busy accomplishing the goals of the organization.

"Without facing the problem, you don't get rid of the problem."

– Cesar Millan

This applies at all levels of our activities: interpersonal, chapter, state, legislative. By facing problems and finding solutions that allow everyone involved to feel good about the outcome, we build self confidence, both individually and as an organization.

"Anything that is realistic and created in the mind becomes reality. [It is] the power of intention."

— Cesar Millan

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Is There An Electric Bike In Your Future?



Engineering students from Oregon State University displayed this prototype converted motorcycle during da Vinci Days in Corvallis last month. It uses several lead acid batteries in place of the engine. an on-board computer for power management, and a heat-sinked controller unit in place of the fuel tank. The weight of the batteries keeps the center of gravity low so that it still handles well. Good for quiet commutes around town.

Sticking playing cards in the spokes is optional. --c.o.e.

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Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. What We're About

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

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

- A.B.A. T.E. is a not-for-profit motorcycle organization devoted to raising member and public awareness about motorcycle issues and safety through education and community involvement. We also raise money for organizations that represent motorcyclist's concerns such as BikePAC.
- It doesn't matter what brand of bike you ride. We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, onroad or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.
- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to A.B.A. T.E. Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just that wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

So scan through our 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 Rasor 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

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

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

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

(M.R.F.) national/international

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

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

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

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

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

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(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter)

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Single entity.

В **BROTHERHOOD**

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

AGAINST

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

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

ENACTMENTS

To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

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

Central Oregon

Hello Central Oregon,

What a great day in central Oregon for our first run of the year. Our M.R.F./R.O.A.R. (Ride for our American Rights) Run was just what we needed. The weather was in the mid 80's, blue skies, just perfect for a ride in the central Oregon mountains.

We started at *Timbers-South* in Bend, then road to *R.J.B.'s* in Sunriver. Proceeded to the east side of Mt. Bachelor. (Still snow on top of the mountain, just a beautiful view.) From there we rode through the west side of Bend to *Players Bar & Grill*, then ending the ride in Sisters at *Coyote Creek*.

We had about 75 bikes show up for this run. Everyone made it safe and sound. Free pizza was donated by *Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*, good music was provided by *Badlands Boogie Band* and *Coyote Creek* was a gracious host.

Thanks to all who came and all who volunteered their time.

We are now getting ready for our next big run which will be the *Central Oregon Teddy Bear Run*. This run is taking place on the 19th of September. We will be starting the day off at the *Northside Bar & Grill*, then delivering all of the donated teddy bears to all of the central Oregon hospitals (ranging from Bend to Prineville to Madras to Redmond) for all of the wonderful

kids. The venue has been voted upon to be changed to end the ride at the *V.F.W.* hall in Redmond off of Veteran's Way by the airport. A big thank you to the V.F.W. for donating their establishment to us from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. More news to follow as I get it.

On a more serious note, most of you are aware that Ed Miller (a.k.a. Special Ed) hit a deer on his way to work. He suffered from head trauma, broken collar bone, cracked ribs as well as a broken nose. Ed is now home and doing better, although the road to recovery is going to be long and tedious. Ed will recover with Jeani's help. Ed has written a few words that he would like to say to us all:

"I was greatly humbled by all the visitors. You are my family! However, I want all of you to be extra aware of the area you are ridding in. Deer and wild life are everywhere. This has been very intense for me. The brain surgery is a big impact on your life. They say I have improved greatly, so they let me go home. Now it is a whole new learning curve to get my head fixed as well as physical therapy to get me back into some type of healthy shape. And at some point I should be able to drive again, but with the head injury, I now can not.

Thanks for your support.
Ride safe, Ed"

For those of you who are unaware, Ed has



been a member of *A.B.A.T.E.* for well over ten years and is loved by all.

August 2nd there will be a benefit run that will be put on by local riders and fellow musicians who Ed has played with or ridden with over the years. For information contact Animal at (541)-923-3809 or Mike at (541)-548-5475.

Please be aware of your surrounding area while riding. One never knows when Bambi will try to catch a ride with you.

Keep an eye out for flyers and posters for the *March of Dimes Bikers for Babies Run* which will be held on August 29th. The run will have three different start locations: Eugene, Salem, and Bend.

Information for the Bend location is: Sign up between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. a

Sign up between 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. at Cascade Harley–Davidson.

The run will go through McKenzie highway to highway 126, ending at *Hoodoo Ski Resort* where lunch, live music, contests, silent auction, and more will be held.

Last year this run made approximately \$33,000 for the opportunity to give every baby a healthy start.

Go to http://www.bikersforbabies.org/ for sign-ups as well as additional information. Or you can contact Chris Huyett at (541)-382-0437.

Now that I'm finally out of breath and my wife's fingers are tired, I leave you with this:

Live free, ride hard, but always be safe....

Animal coordinator Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

<u>CENTRAL OREGON</u> <u>MEET-->ING TIME and PLACE</u>

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm) Northside Bar & Grill 62860 Boyd Acres road Bend, Oregon

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Greetings from Douglas County!

We are having a wonderful early summer

Our biker nights have been a great success and we are having a lot of fun just getting together with friends.

By the time this is in print our *Thundering Water Poker Run* will be history and without a doubt it is one of the most beautiful motorcycling roads in southern Oregon. If you missed it, remember next year!

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the *S.O.S. Run*. It is a blast if you haven't been there. If you have, it's likely we will see you again this year. Games, bike show, poker run, vendors, food, good music, and good times with good friends – that about sums up the *S.O.S.* experience. Put it on your calendar for August 14-16 in Wolf Creek. (Just between Roseburg and Grants Pass.)

We are planning something special for September. With our National Guard troops being deployed, we will have our first *Hearts For Heroes Poker Run* event here in Roseburg. Sunday, September 20th at the National

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Guard armory, Roseburg. Come and support our troops. Proceeds will be used to provide much needed items for them and to give them a little bit of home. Let's all come out and let them know we haven't forgotten the sacrifice they and their families are making for us. If there is no freedom, there is no freedom of choice.

We have a biker night August 21st at *Johnny's Drive-In*, Winston and September 18th at the *Winchester Deli*.

The last biker night will be October 16th at *Coyote Jack's* just off I-5, exit 119.

Join us one (or all) of these Fridays for a good time at 6 p.m.

We hope everyone is having a great ride season so far.

Please, please, keep it safe. Looking forward to seeing you on the road.

And don't forget our monthly meetings: third Thursday, 7 p.m. at *Willie D's* on Jackson in the *Roseburg Town Center*.

See you soon,

Becky Garino secretary



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thurday at 1900 (7 pm) Willie D's

443 S.E. Jackson street; Rose-

burg (541)-672-5966

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P.O. Box 501 Roseburg, OR 97470 Don't ignore fear. Acknowledge and claim what you want." -- Cesar Millan

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

As the dog-daze of summer roll in we find ourselves juggling all of the runs and commitments in and out of the area. Membership and participation has been lively and we have enjoyed the rewards of our efforts in terms of legislatively and monetarily thus far in the season.

By the time this issue is published, the Vietnam Traveling Wall Memorial will have already come and gone, but as I write this Albany is preparing to host this honor at Timber Linn Park. For those riders who could get away from work on July 14th, we were escorting "the wall" down to Albany from the north on I-5. Once it was in place at the park we (and folks from around the state) had the opportunity to remember and pay respect to those who died in that conflict, as well as those who have fought and served in the community. The traveling memorial was here through July 19th and Hub City members were riding, visiting, and helping in various capacities with this event.

I want to thank our assistant

coordinator, Al Sims, for hosting the Hub City "Friday Nighters" during these warm months as they give our chapter (and non-chapter motorcyclists) the chance to get together and ride. This is the common denominator that brings us all here in the first place and it has been very cool to see those who want to take random routes with us on Friday evenings here in the valley. Weather permitting, we leave from Humpty's Dump every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and do one to two hour routes during these long summer evenings. All riders are invited. To keep up with spur-of-the-moment rides and other rider information, please join the discussion forum at: http://www. oregonridersforum.com

Our annual Second Chance Poker Run is approaching and will leave out of Humpty's Dump in Albany on August 29th. The weather has a much better chance to bring in the more fair-weather crowd than our June run did and we again invite all riders to partake in this well-organized event



to help us raise awareness and money for our legislative and community efforts. This will be a *Texas Hold 'Em* style run with two community cards drawn at the final stop. Lots of door prizes and giveaways as always. We hope to see you all there. The flyer and calendar of other events and information can always be found at our web site:

http://www.hubcityabate.com Lets roll, Don coordinator *Hub City A.B.A.T.E*

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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



Hi everyone,

The summer has been going well. Lots of activities in the south. Good riding weather. But the best is yet to come.

August 8th is the *Run To The Coast*. This is the sixth year *JoCo* has sponsored this poker run which was started 31 years ago by local radio station KAJO/KLDR.

As usual, cost for the poker run is \$10 first hand/\$5 additional hands.

Prizes of \$500 (yes, that's right) best hand, \$150 second best, and \$50 worst hand.

The poker run will end at the *Daily Bread Ministries* in Crescent City. The *Sons of God* will be selling a \$5 meal. Proceeds from dinner will help the ministry feed the homeless in Crescent City.

The *Del Norte Fair* is in town. There is a rodeo on Saturday, demolition

derby on Sunday. They are setting aside motorcycle parking area for us. So take a ride and spend the weekend. There will be raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

August 14-16th is the return of *S.O.S.* to Wolf Creek. (Exit 76 off I-5) We are working with *Douglas County Chapter* to bring this great weekend to you. Live music Friday and Saturday nights, bike games, poker run, a variety of vendors.

Motorcycle-only in camping area.

RV, trailers, vehicles and handicap parking allowed in designated areas. No RV hook-ups available.

No fireworks, no fire arms, **no pets** permitted in the park.

Gates open noon on Friday.

A.B.A.T.E. members \$25, non-members \$30.

Douglas County contact: Jim and Janie 1-(541)-680-1047

Josephine County contact: Spanky

1-(541)-659-8715

Vendors: Pat Wine 1-(541)-832-2219 September 6th will be *The Last Chance Ride and BBQ Potluck*. This is our end of summer social. The chapter provides hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages. You provide all the side dishes. Drinks are provided for 50 cents each. Raffles and 50/50.

October 4th will be the *Sixth Annual Grants Pass Toy Run*. The toy run returns to the Fruitdale Grange.

1 p.m. staging at the Grange.

1:30 p.m. ride through town with Santa and several local fire trucks.

Bring a new unwrapped toy and a potluck dish. We will provide burgers, hot dogs, and chicken. Live music by *Leadfoot*.

Prizes for best decorated bike and best decorated car.

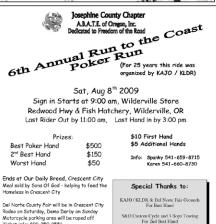
Keep the sun on your back.

Enjoy, have fun, stay safe.

Questions, or need more information for any of these events, call Spanky at 1-(541)-659-8715 or Karen at 1-(541)-660-8730.

Karen Tolle





JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEET→ING TIMES and PLACE

 3^{rd} Wednesdays at 1800 (6 pm)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive

Grante Pace

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

A few of us went to Long Beach, Washington. Had a great time. Hope to do it again next year.

Beaver Creek is upon us. Hope to see you there.

Really not much to report.

Ride safe,

Shirley





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

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900

American Legion Hall Post 116 424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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Uh oh . . .



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis.) Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class

Hey all from Lower Columbia,

Hope everybody had a safe Fourth. We all stayed at home and participated in the festivities. We had a good turnout for the parade. Man, we had to go sooo slooow and I could smell the bikes getting hot. If we do it again next year we're going to have to be closer to the front where we can go a little faster.

We got our new chapter flag and it looks great. Thanks to Rick and Kris for their hard work and great art work.

Looks like the Adopt-A-Highway program is a done deal, all but the sign.

We're still deciding on a charity to share our funds with. Any member of our chapter with an idea needs to do the leg work and bring all the information to the next meeting as we are going to vote on it.

We need an alternate to attend state board of directors meetings. We have missed some (all excused) but we do not take this lightly and I don't much care for anyone implying so. You know we are here because we ride and yes we want to protect our

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rights as much or more as the next guy. Maybe Sunday would be a better day for a meeting?

We have a new member Duane who has volunteered to do this, so treat him right, please, and help him learn. I think he's a keeper.

Ride safe and keep your speed down on US-30 or I guarantee it will cost you,

Dave Bridges coordinator Lower Columbia Chapter



LOWER COLUMBIA MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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You are the energy you project."

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



Hello from the North Coast,

Our 14th Annual Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run is now history. The weather was super and a lucky 105 bikers arrived for this event. Our road captain, Bob Hutson and his band of flaggers, kept us safe and lead us through coastal and mountain towns of this area.

Our chapter now has a head start on our goal of helping the *Wishing Tree* charity in this area.

Profits from this run and our *Mist Mountain Run* supply Christmas needs for children in this area.

I would like to thank all our members who made this run a success.

We are getting ready for the *Bike Fest* in Seaside. Our chapter will man an *A.B.A.T.E.* table. We can always use new members.

The *Lizard Run* may now turn into part of the *Astoria Regatta Parade*. We are still heavy into the planning but Steve Lovejoy, our reptile guru, states the residents of *Clatsop Retirement Village* are hot to ride.

The Second Run to Mist Mountain has not happened as I write this but we hope everyone has got the word and enjoy this ride along the river and into the mountains. This is a great time of year to be at the coast.

There was some grumbling by some of our chapter members on

the change of the ending venue for the *Saddle Mountain Run*. I urge all members to be at chapter meetings when we are planning events. We can only plan with the people present and once we make decisions it is hard to make changes.

I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July and all made it home okay. This is still the greatest country on earth and celebrating it biker-style is the thing to do.

Ride safe,

Rick



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

3 rd Sunday at 1000 (10 am) Moose Lodge 420 17th Street Astoria, Oregon

> Children are welcome POINT of CONTACT

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

Regular Meeting June 16 2009

Rick and I went to Pat Williams' memorial today. *A.B.A. T.E.* was well represented and it was a very fine tribute to Pat. It was also a wonderful day for riding which is the best way I can think of to celebrate a person.

We got back just in time for the meeting. Good reports of recent rides. The Utah dinner trip was a success. We planned the food for our weekend meeting over the Fourth in Fossil.

The membership drawing for \$35 would have been won by Mike Farmer if he had been present. It will be \$40 next meeting.

Larry won the 50/50 at \$11/\$10 and donated his share back. Thanks, Larry.

- Brian

Special Regular Meeting Bear Hollow Campground Fossil, Oregon July 4 2009

This was our First Annual July Fourth Special Chapter Meeting.

We went to *Fossil Run* and camped at Bear Hollow.

We brought more food and drink than twice as many could consume and settled in to enjoy ourselves.

Jim Middleton went to the coast and brought back a load of oysters and clams which we barbecued.

The meeting was short but effective on Saturday morning and then we just partied. Patricia, Kay and Howie joined us for the meeting and parts of the weekend. We will surely do this again and hope to have more chapter members come out and take part.

There was a blue grass festival in Fossil.



The weather was great, a lot cooler than home in The Dalles.

On Saturday night we had natural fireworks and thunder (which scared my dogs) and a few drops of rain.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

August 04, 2009 August 18, 2009

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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P.O. Box 1422 The Dalles, OR 97058 Meeting called to order at 7 p.m. by secretary, Fish.

Membership remains at 79 members.

Treasury has \$570.

Eight folks in attendance.

The legislative session has ended for 2009.

As motorcyclists, we did not have anything passed in our favor. A defensive battle by *BikePAC* during the session sums up our efforts.

However, the battle for your personal freedom is heating up on the federal level.

Real change is on the way in the form of SB–1261, the *Pass Act*, a.k.a. *Real I.D.* You should get familiar with this piece of change.

It is no longer a government by the people, it has become the government by the the government, as you are well aware. They no longer trust you and will do anything to keep you in check. Monitor your movements is as easy as following your fuel purchases if you use a credit card.

Why would they want to do that? House resolution 45 (the Blair Holt amendment) is not dead, only

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sleeping in the womb of Mr. Holder, to be given birth when you are caught unaware.

Senator Lautenberg of New Jersey has his own personal agenda against your constitutional rights in spite of what his constituents think.

Senators Wyden and Merkley will follow the path of change right through the constitution and leave it in more remnants then it already is.

Sin die.

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 to all you good people,

So here it is the issue after *Run* 21 has happened. I am sitting here typing this before it is though.

I hope that you all had a very fun filled time and momentous weekend.

I know that the plans the committee had arranged for you all were the best yet. There were more vendors for your needs, more games and show categories for your participation, and the biggest live entertainment line up ever for you to enjoy.

Just gotta say hope you all had fun and I will let you all know the low down after it actually happens!

Ride safe, have fun, God speed.

Love and respect,

Mammy Tami

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



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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P.O. Box 90233 Portland, OR 97290 "If you are dominant, you're not going to hurt feelings, you are just going to make things clear." -- Cesar Millan

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

This year is already half over and where did it go?

Time will fly when you're having fun.

By the time you read this *Run 21* will be done and over for this year. Hope that everybody had a great time at the grandest run of them all.

It is now time to start focusing on the toy run. Tickets are now available, so check some out and sell them. Maybe we can equal or exceed the turn out of last year's toy run that set a record.

Our chapter membership is now up to 130 members.

Our meeting attendance is slowly growing. And as long as the good weather holds out, we will be having chapter rides after each meeting! Come on out to one of our meetings and ride with us afterwards.

Our chapter is having a poker run on September 12th starting point is at *Jim Dandy's* restaurant on 96th and Sandy boulevard. Sign-in starts at 9 a.m. and departure is at 10 a.m.



For more information, see the flyer in this newspaper.

Our chapter anniversary party plans are going well and flyers will be out soon.

That's all for now.

Ride free and be safe,

KJ. Brewer recording secretary Twin Rivers

TWIN RIVERS MEET → ING TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1200 (noon)

Spare Room NE 42 nd street -- Portland (503)-285-3718

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

Greetings from Washington County!

Run season is in full swing and we've had beautiful riding weather! I hope you're all taking advantage of the opportunities to get out on the road and support your fellow chapters' events.

The legislature is pretty much done for the year, so it's tempting to put our lobbying activities on hold. However, the quiet time is when our local representatives actually have time to listen to us. Now is the time to get to know your representative, when they can give you their full attention. Make a call, make an appointment, show up at their local town hall meetings. If you're not sure who your representative is, the *M.R.F.* has a link on their home page that allows you to enter your zip code and find all the representatives for your district. Go to http://www. mrf.org to find the link.

Speaking of the *M.R.F.*, they are our lobbying voices at the federal level.

BikePAC is our lobbying voice at the state level. (http://www.bikepac.com)

These two organization work tirelessly to help us protect our rights and they can use our support. If you're not already a member of these two groups, you can join for as little as \$30 each.

WaCo Chapter had a motorcycle show and information booth at the Hillsboro Farmer's Market on Tuesday, August 5 from 5 a.m. to 8:30. This was a great opportunity to put our faces out there in the community.

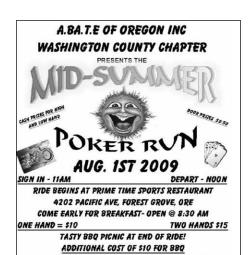
This issue should come out just before our *Mid-Summer Poker Run* on August 1. Join us for a great ride, a chance to win some prize money, and a delicious B.B.Q. at the end. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue or log onto our web site:

http://www.wacoabate.info

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow





ING TIMES and PLACE 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEET-

(7:30pm)

Prime Time Restaurant 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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mages yourself when you do not practice believing in yourself." -- Cesar Millan

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

Just got a message that Matt has put together another over-nighter.

This time Diamond Lake by way of Steamboat.

Man, this guy is **hot**! Hope you all take advantage of this "get out and ride" attitude!

Two weeks ago Wendy and I headed east out of Springfield to meet up for the chapter's first camp ride of the season. As we pulled up to the parking lot at Cedar Flat, I was pleased to see a decent crowd of folks sipping their morning coffee and packed to the hilt! Marsha and Lyle showed up to spend the day with us.

We left with Matt and Marie in the lead, that sleek *Road King* pullin' a sleeper/trailer loaded with everything but the kitchen sink.

Jeff's shovelhead was pulling his teardrop trailer so Lostein had no trouble keeping up. And Neal's idea of a "trailer" was a fully packed sidecar. Of course, that meant Sharon had to ride her own. (Don't think she minded.)

Wendy and I didn't need some silly trailer. We just strapped a mountain of gear and leathers to our bikes with



about 372 bungee cords. Worked just fine. (Of course we had no place for all the groceries we picked up in Oakridge and our grub and supplies were pretty limited too. We ended up imposing on a bit of everybody else's storage space. Umm, thanks.)

Anyway, we got a little spittle up over the Aufderheide but it cleared up for the afternoon and was a beautiful ride out along Hills Creek. We spent an hour or so looking for the "choice" camp site. Some real doozies were blocked by mud and wash, but we ended up at a nice spot near the river. Just needed to maneuver a little mudslush on the way in. (Right, Wendy?)

Didn't take long to set camp and start up the fire.

Steaks and sausage and chicken *a la* asparagus.

That's right. Jeff and Lostein are pretty gourmet about their asparagus, obsessively skinning each little stalk for the ultimate in French tenderness. (Wow.)

Neal's lightweight tarp did double duty as cover from the drizzle and collector of fresh coffee water.

Matt and Marie did their Zane Grey imitation and hiked back to camp with a couple of sweet rainbows.

Wendy and I left early Sunday (in the rain) but not before chowing down Jeff's fantastic egg, chicken, mushroom burritos sautéed on a rain spattered grill.

It was a good ride, through some great riding country, with a fun bunch of folks.

Good food, good conversation, lots of laughs, and a commitment to do it all again as soon as possible.

My guess is that Diamond Lake this weekend will be some more of the same.

Summer Eruption the following

weekend should be the best of the best. In fact, so many are planning to attend that we've decided to have our chapter meeting there as well.

Hope to see all of you at Fort Rock and/or at the other rides we have planned.

And don't forget about an occasional short-notice evening ride.

Still lots planned for the summer so be prepared.

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Far Man Resaurant and Bar 3111 Gateway; Springfield *POINTS of CONTACT*

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Our Officers at Work

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

11 July 2009 - Eagles' Lodge; Albany, Oregon

Meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy (vice-coordinator–north) at 12:12 p.m. with 12 of 13 chapters represented. *Lower Columbia Chapter* representatives showed up late (got lost) to make it 12 chapters present. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

No guests and first time attendees.

Previous minutes approval: Correction by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) pointed out that since the announcement of the oil wrestling event was mentioned for *Run 21*, it has been reviewed and there will be **no** oil wrestling at *Run 21*.

Motion made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*) to accept minutes from June 13th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed

Coordinator comments: Jordan Kelley (Showed up late, right before the state newspaper editor report.)

Secretary report and correspondence:

Reported that the *Goldendale Sentinel* had printed another story. Brian brought copies of the article for our review, if wanted.

Card read from the emergency techs in Fossil thanking us for the \$500 donation.

Vice coordinator–north: Ted Tracy – No report.

Vice coordinator-south: Annette Murray - Absent.

Vice coordinator-east: Gene Mortimore reported that the owner of *The Shamrock* in Fossil, Terri Agnowski, just lost her husband. A card was passed around for everyone to sign for her.

Also reported that *River City Chapter* had their meeting at Bear Hollow and a cookout also. Stated that the oysters were great.

River City Chapter has voted to take care of decorating the storage building in Fossil.

Gene also reported that the public restroom is now done and that *A.B.A. T.E.* has an obligation to take part in the upkeep, per agreement/understanding.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple stood up and tried to say "no report" again but no one



Nic Oliver, state recording secretary

believed her.

Reported that she had turned the certificate of deposit into a savings deposit after it matured, as she could not get a decent rate to roll it over.

We currently have in checking and savings a total of \$29,787.

She had to pay out \$1,476.61 to *Oregon Lithoprint* for the newspapers.

\$445 paid to the sanitation service. There seemed to be a question about this one. Gene thought that the bill had already been paid and that she may have accidentally paid on a receipt. This will be looked into more closely.

Also reported that \$100 had been paid for the garbage at Fossil.

Team Oregon reimbursements came to \$45.

(Complete report turned in the next day via e-mail and is in the minutes folder for review.)

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson report handed in.

Current membership is 1,727, which is up from last year.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price - Absent.

Report received via e-mail after secretary had left for the board of directors meeting. The report is as follows:

"All current submissions for sanctioning have been issued certificates and are sanctioned. Please tell the chapter representatives to remind their run coordinators that the submission window is 90 days out, **not** 90 hours or some other contrived time period.

Plan ahead! I will be at the Veterans Administration hospital with an Army brother who is on the very critical list and may pass at any time. Please keep Dave in your prayers. Matt"

State auditor: Richard Misener – Absent.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path reported that today is the 11th and no reports have been received from *Lower Columbia*, *Willamette Valley*, and *Central Oregon Chapters*.

Rot Path stressed the importance of chapter representatives to be present at the board of directors meetings.

Rot Path reported on a complaint received regarding a past officer's information being in the old newsletters that were put on-line and that the old

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issues had contained her unlisted phone number and address.

The legalities of this issue about personal information being made available in such a manner was looked into. The policy of not giving out personal information was pointed out. This was discussed and it was shown that the rules state that *A.B.A.T.E.* does not give out information off of our membership lists to anyone.

If someone puts their information in the state newspaper, then at that time it becomes public knowledge and does not violate any rules. State board members stressed that members remember this and if they do not want any personal information given out, to **not** put it in print.

Rot Path also stated that it will take time and help to go through every past newsmagazine/paper P.D.F. edition that is available on our web site to remove any information. He was hoping that our web master, Trace, would be here today to help him see if there was a way to do this, but Trace was absent/working.

Legislative director: Justin Handke – Absent. This issue is still under investigation. Jordan had spoken with Justin and he stated that he had a death in the family and state obligations to take care of as the reasons for missing meetings.

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps stated "No report".

Sergeant at arms-south: Bill Foster reported that his e-mail is now working again.

Sergeant at arms—east: Jim Middleton – Excused, at an event.

Products director: Dave Meeker – Excused. Report given by Nic as received from Dave per a phone call. The *Fossil* pins have bee restocked and he will be attending *Run 21* and *Beaver Creek*.

Education director: Patricia Carner – Excused, personal obligations. No report.

Education director II: Geoff White – Excused. Ted reported that Geoff has had two classes and they are winding down now for summer. Nic reported that he and Mel have an upcoming class on the 27th.

Public relations director: Debra LutjeExcused. Report turned in.

"I won't be at the meeting this Saturday. My report is as follows: There isn't much going on just yet. I got a copy of an article written by the *Goldendale Sentinel* and will distribute copies if anyone is interested. The city of Goldendale is singing a very different tune now. Yeah! Otherwise the weather has been hot, the roads good, and the beer cold. Enjoy and see you all next

month. Debra."

Brian spoke briefly on the article stating that it was definitely a positive one. Especially when compared with the last one.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long – Excused. Ted reported that Howie will be having a run committee meeting at Beaver Creek for Fossil 2010.

State run coordinator II: VACANT State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner – Excused, no report.

Historian: Tonia Mosier reported that she is putting together a photo album and has pictures. All submissions are welcome. She is getting pictures taken of events and she will be trying to attend *Run 21*.

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci – Excused.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy reported that the trailer was a mess after the swap meet. He has it pretty much straightened out but he could use some help putting up some shelving. It is the conex shelving so it is heavy but will last forever.

The stage is at *Run 21* and he will be bringing a new ramp cover to replace the broken one.

Reported that there is a casino table available to any chapter that would like to have it. It will fit into a pickup bed, as it comes in two pieces.

He reported that the *Cushmans* have been found. They are at Robert Hale's and Rotten Roger is going to get them.

When asked about the bags for the covers and siding, he stated that with the new trailer and storage available, the bags are not needed.

A.B.A.T.E.'s **BikePAC** representative: Randy Phipps – No meeting to report. Nic reported that meetings have been canceled until September.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Gunny — No meeting. The next meeting is the 19th at the Salem Northwest Vets clubhouse.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Kay Sipple – No report.

Unfinished Business

- The September *Meeting of the Minds* conference attendees was discussed and the need for four people to attend. After much discussion it was decided that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* would send Heidi and her husband Rick. Also Ted and Iill Tracy.
- Next item discussed was the run coordinator positions. It seems that we forgot that one person could not hold two of the same offices. So it was decided that since Howie Long had accepted and been voted in as run coordinator I (Fossil) that he vacated the position of

run coordinator II. So, we now have a vacant officer position in the run coordinator II slot. Take back to the chapters for volunteers.

• It was also mentioned that nominations for the 2010 state officer roster will start next month, August. Nominations will be accepted until the elections take place at the first of two October meetings.

New Business

• It was noted that the *M.R.F.* needs members. Ted Tracy is our *M.R.F.* representative and stated that the *M.R.F.* needs members to show the support is where they say it is. The *M.R.F.* (*Motorcycle Rider Foundation*) is the motorcyclists' voice in Washington D.C.

Where *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* work at the state level, the *M.R.F.* works at the federal level.

Right now the *M.R.F.* is fighting for the right to repair bill to allow people to make their own choices where and how their vehicle is repaired and what parts they can use. This is talked about more on page 20 of the July state newspaper.

- Kay brought to our attention that the Full Tilt Motorcycle Club is having an event on August 15th at 1 p.m. at the El Vaquero, right across from the "bomber" on McLoughlin boulevard. Having a table there was discussed and topics that concern all riders would be a better approach than the helmet issue as these are "sport bike" riders and their interests are similar but with different priorities. We need to bring them in by showing that we work for all motorcyclists and not just Harley riders. We need to breech the division between the two groups.
- It was mentioned that there will be a 9-11 Memorial Run in Vancouver, Washington on September 11th. This run will start at Stewart's Leather and tour six fire stations. K.S.U. (kickstands up) at 6 p.m.
- *Free Souls* of Lane county are having their annual rodeo at the Fall Creek rodeo grounds this weekend.
- It was also brought up that Washington state has changed their helmet regulations. It seems that a lot of states are going to the FVMSS–218 manufacturing standard as the criteria for what constitutes a legal helmet. Work is being done to educate people on this fallacy.

It also seems that when pulled over, many officers ask you to remove your helmet. Be aware that if you do not comply (and you do not have to legally) then you may be ticketed for not wearing a helmet. This is happening a lot more in Portland, Oregon, and in Washington

state as helmet enforcement is being pushed.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: August 8th, 2009 at the Newport Hospital – **Newport, Oregon**, at noon.
- 10-12 July 2009 Rally in Long Beach, Washington. Sponsored by *North Coast Chapter* and the *Washington A.B.A.T.E.*, *Pacific County Chapter*. For more information, contact Don McGuire at 1-(360)-642-2774. (Washington)
- 11 July 2009 Mt Angel Motorcycle Cruise-In in downtown Mt Angel from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. presented by the Bavarian Haus in Mt Angel. For more info call Jackie GrosJacques at 1-(503)-449-2401 or e-mail at lovemyphatboy @hotmail.com. Door prizes and many activities.
- 14-19 July 2009 The *Traveling Wall* arrives in Albany, Oregon on July 14th with events planned through the 19th when the wall will finish its tour in Albany and move on to its next destination.
- 17-19 July 2009 *Cowchip Boogie* in Toutle, Washington. Contact Kim at 1-(360)-414-0756 or Debby at 1-(360)-636-4494 for more information. (Washington phone numbers)
- 24-26 July 2009 Run 21 presented by Southeast Portland Chapter. There will only be 2,500 tickets available for this event. There will be a special band there this year: Foghat. If you are interested, please check out their web site for advance tickets and information. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$50 each.
- 01 August 2009 *WaCo* presents their *Mid-Summer Poker Run*. Go to http://www.wacoabate.org/information web site for more information.
- 02 August 2009 Rose City Hog is having their Ride for the Raptors. Meet at Latus Harley–Davidson in Gladstone at 9 a.m. For more information call 1-(503)-829-7107
- 08 August 2009 Josephine County Chapter is having their Sixth Annual Run To The Coast poker run. This starts at 9 a.m. at the Wilderville Store on Redwood Highway. For more information call Spanky at 1-(541)-659-8715.
- 08-09 August 2009 Beaver Creek Run south of Newport, Oregon. For more information contact Lincoln County Chapter at 1-(541)-265-6850. The August state board of directors will also be that weekend in Newport at the hospital.
- 15 August 2009 Full Tilt Riders Motorcycle Club is having their Sixth Annual Bikini Bike Wash and Bike Show at the El Vaquero Sport Bar at 13456

ive in the moment." -- Cesar Millan

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McLoughlin boulevard – Milwaukie, Oregon. This was discussed under new business and it was thought that a Portland chapter might want to sponsor this with the state. Volunteers and ideas needed as soon as possible.

- 14-16 August 2009 The S.O.S. Run will be at Wolf Creek. Exit 76 off I5, just north of Grants Pass. Motorcyclesonly allowed in the camping areas. This is a joint venture between Josephine County and Douglas County Chapters. For more information contact Jim and Janie 1-(541)-680-1047 (Douglas County) or Spanky at 1-(541)-659-8715 (Josephine County). This is the weekend before the All-Harley Drags.
- 22-23 August 2009 *All Harley Drags* at the Woodburn racetrack in Woodburn, Oregon.
- 11-12 September 2009 9/11 Memorial Run and Swap Meet. 6 p.m. at Stewart Leathers, 12105 NE 49th Street Vancouver, Washington. For more information call 1-(360)260-0040
- 13 September 2009 Cancer Warriors Run presented by the Willamette Valley Chapter. Poker run to start at 9 a.m. at Central Valley Cycle in Eugene. More information to follow or contact Willamette Valley Chapter.
- 18-20 September 2009 End of Summer Run by Washington County Chapter. Go to web site for more information:

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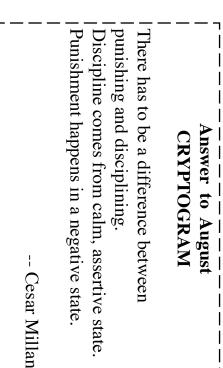
- 24-27 September 2009 M.R.F. Meeting of the Minds conference. National level. Minneapolis, Minnesota Sheraton Hotel. Volunteers are needed as Brian and Gunny will be unable to attend. Attendees will be decided upon at the August meeting.
- 04 October 2009 Josephine County Chapter is having their Sixth Annual Toy Run. Staging at the Fruitdale Grange at 1 p.m. 3 p.m. will ride through Grants Pass with Santa and Mrs. Claus and several fire engine companies. For more information call Karen at 1-(541)-660-8730 or Spanky at 1-(541)-659-8715
- 17-18 October 2009 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. planning session at the V.F.W. hall in Cottage Grove, Oregon. This will include the annual meeting for A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon and a board of directors meeting. The state board of directors is a must attend event on 18 October for all chapter representatives. Every chapter should plan on attending with at least one representative for the entire planning session.
- 17-18 October 2009 N.C.O.M. regional convention at the *Holiday*

Inn at the Portland airport. For more information, contact Gunny at 1-(800)-531-2424

• 21 November 2009 — WaCo is having their Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run. For more information go to:

http://www.wacoabate.info

Meeting adjourned 1407 hours or 2:07 p.m.





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

From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

During the last nearly 18 years I've endeavored to scribble these pearls of doubtful intelligence for your enjoyment and it's been a lot of fun.

Looking back, I sometimes wonder what we have accomplished in our quest for regaining the freedoms I think we have turned our backs on, just because we are too involved in our daily lives to worry about what's going on around us.

Now, I see our great senator Lautenburg is at it again. He is going through the back door to try to deprive all of us of our second amendment rights to keep and bear arms if that is our choice. I find myself wondering why this creature is still in congress. I could go on about the folks of doubtful integrity we have in public offices around this country. But again, I wonder if we even care.

We all wonder why our constitution and bill of rights no longer have the teeth that our forefathers intended, and the reasons jump into my mind like sunlight. We as a people have grown so used to having things done for us the we no longer care enough to pay attention to what is going on around us. We are going to wake up one fine morning and suddenly will realize this country no longer belongs to the people who occupy it.

Wake Up My Brothers And Sisters, Please

We have all kinds of organizations around us supposedly to fight for those freedoms, but we are letting monetary issues cloud our thinking. We earn that money in my mind to finance the next fight for the issues that concern us. Instead we are more worried about how we are going to put the next party together instead of trying to put our money where our mouths are. What has happened to the efforts we have financed to get our bike people to the halls of congress and senate or even to our own state house to lobby for our concerns?

I think its high time we refocus our thinking in that direction. I don't know about you but that's why I joined this fight for our rights to begin with. I hope I have given ya something to think about besides the next party.

News Bits-N-Pieces Bike Pipes

The Society of Automotive Engineers (S.A.E.) International has produced what they claim is a simple, consistent and economical sound test standard that can be used to determine whether a street bike's exhaust system emits excessive sound, the A.M.A. reports.

It's about time someone did something productive. How many of use are sick and tired of police arbitrarily telling us our scooters make too much noise? It's long past time for an effective non-intrusive way to measure these things.

At the same time, we should continue to fight efforts that single out motorcycles while still permitting excessive sound from other sources, such as loud cars and trucks, booming car stereos, poorly maintained generators, whining leaf blowers, and the like.

Virginia – Motorcycle fatalities are on the rise all over the country. In Virginia they are up nearly 87%.

Scary?

You bet!

Especially when they are saying 70% of the fatalities are the bike riders' fault. Bikers are 16 % more likely to get hurt.

Only 20 percent of car crashes result in injury or death, but that figure jumps to 80 percent for motorcycle crashes. Statistics from the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* show that 24 percent of those fatal crashes involve unlicensed motorcyclists.

I'm Not From Missouri – The governor here finally vetoed the proposed helmet-free requirement passed by the legislators of this state. This was the regulation that would have required helmets for adults only on interstate highways. He said it was the expected increase in treatment costs of injuries that led to his decision. Again the nay-sayers won this time. We will keep trying folks. We still have more states without helmet requirements for adults than not.

Helmet requirements do **not** save lives, they just cost the riders more money to ride.

Education saves lives, not helmets.

Mongols Again In The News – Police confiscated *Mongol* club paraphernalia over a recent weekend at a fund-raiser held by the group at a club on Foothill Boulevard in Azusa, California. Nearly 140 people, attended.

Police issued a bulletin informing surrounding law enforcement agencies of the anticipated gathering. While



Gunny chief of staff Oregon A.I.M.

it was busy, police said there were no major incidents, such as fights, and no arrests were made. It was considered a fairly calm event without a bunch of law enforcement action.

Police did, however, confiscate a box of T-shirts that contained the *Mongols* insignia. Police also took the shirts off some people's backs that contained the *Mongols* logo. As previously reported here, a federal judge in October barred the *Mongols* from wearing or distributing its logo wherever it appears, even on leather vests and *Harley-Davidson* bikes.

Recall In The Wind -

Harley-Davidson, Honda, and Goodyear-Dunlop should investigate a number of motorcycle crashes involving sudden deflation of Goodyear-Dunlop D402 and other tires, according to a recent article in the motorcycle press. The tires, installed as original equipment or sold as replacement tires on touring and cruiser motorcycles, may need to be recalled. Keep a close eye on your tires folks if ya ride on Dunlops, and check with your dealer. A sudden deflation of yur boots can screw up a day fur ya. Been there and done that and it can hurtcha bad.

Highway Death Statistics – The number of overall traffic fatalities reported in 2008 hit their lowest level since 1961 and fatalities in the first three months of 2009 continue to decrease. The fatality data for 2008 placed the highway death count at a drop of 9.7 percent from 2007.

More good news is alcohol-impaired fatalities also declined by more than 9 percent over 2007. However, motorcycle crashes and fatalities are on the upswing. The 2008 annual statistics reported that motorcycle deaths increased for the 11th straight year and now account for 14 percent of all highway fatalities.

Tell me again the we don't need to take motorcycle riding courses because we already know how to ride.

Remember what I say when I say education saves lives.

Take a riding course and if ya really don't learn something call me and we'll talk about it

New York State Of A.I.M. – Mitch Proner, the *A.I.M.* attorney for the New York state area, has been involved for some time now in scholarship awards for deserving kids helping with college education efforts. Another *A.I.M.* attorney putting his money where his mouth is.

The following is a good example of

these efforts: American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E. of New York, Inc.) announced that Jonathan Wharram (son of Donald and Jane Wharram of Holley, New York) has been selected as the winner of its annual Pronerl A.B.A. T.E. Activist Scholarship Award. This is a \$1,000 scholarship.

I think it's a great idea.

A.I.M. attorneys do a lot more for us than help us when we have problems with crashes or brushes with the police.

Call 1-(800)-531-2424 for your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney if ya have any kind of a legal problem. They will point ya in the right direction.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is at 1-(800)-347-1106 toll free or (503)-224-1106 locally.

He's on the net at SamBikeLaw@aol.com

Keep the round side on the bottom, Gunny chief of staff Oregon *A.I.M.*

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"There has to be a difference between punishing and disciplining.

Discipline is good, punishment is bad.

Discipline comes from a calm, assertive state.

Punishment happens in a negative state."

-- Cesar Millan



Shout and people tend to stop listening to what you are trying to

Whisper and folks listen more carefully, trying to catch every word.

"You don't have to shout to be heard."

— Meredith Brooks

Often our present interests and actions are influenced by whatever media we happen to be engaged with, be it television, movies, books, magazines, *et cetera*.

For yer crusty ol' editor, that would be *The Dog Whisperer* on the *National Geographic Channel*. Not only is it intriguing to see how the host, Cesar Millan, can calm seemingly wild aggressive dogs in just a few minutes, but his goal for humans to be calm and assertive for the sake of their canine companions spills over into the realm of human interaction. The observations he makes can help us as motorcycle rights activists to achieve our goals.

It's all about the energy we project.

Read, Think, Act

Becoming Motorcycle Whisperers c.o.e. – 091

c.o.e.'s web site: (such as it is) http://www.otoolevideomagic/RotPath/

This issue of the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* newsrag...paper has quotations from Cesar's programs scattered throughout to help motivate us to better interpersonal relationships and dynamic action.

Read, think, act.

Yer crusty ol' editor is concerned about the so-called "cash-forclunkers" programs being actively promoted ostentatiously under the guise of environmental concerns.

Balderdash.

Yer c.o.e.'s 1980 carburated bike gets about 50 miles to the gallon and doesn't chew up the state's highways with studded tires.

Working on older bikes and cages is more enjoyable because the engines aren't buried under a plumber's nightmare of hosing and tubing. And engines that are easier to work on are more likely to be maintained in a tuned, nonpolluting condition by folks who don't have a whole lot of money to fling around extravagantly.

The thing is, there are a lot of us out here without large quantities of disposable income (whatever that is) who can't afford new bikes or cages every couple of years, despite how wonderful it feels to plunk yerself down on brand new upholstery.

For us, we make do with older bikes and well-built cages, scrounging parts from wrecking yards... excuse me, "previously used subcomponent emporiums".

But if all the older vehicles begin being traded in and taken out of circulation by being broken up for recycled scrap, where will we get parts to keep fine examples of Americana rolling down the roads and participating in parades?

This is the type of apparently well-intentioned legislation proposed by folks who have absolutely no idea what it's like out here in the real world for real people like us. Because they have no experience with this aspect of life, therefore it doesn't exist ... for them.

But it certainly does for us.

The unintended consequence of this type of legislation is that it severely squeezes the wallets and purses of those least able to afford it. It's destroying parts and vehicles that are of much higher quality than anything available today. And once they are gone, they are gone for good.



Rot Path

Yer chapter and state officers don't receive salaries for doing their jobs – it's an all volunteer effort. But every once a while someone does something nice and makes it all worth more than money.

There were four phone calls or e-mails complaining about the July issue after it came out and yer crusty ol' editor was feeling a bit low. Then he trundled down to the July state board meeting to find that Jim Henderson (no known relation) had made him the terrific plague picture below. Not only does it identify yer piratey editor, but it's made out of aromatic cedar, so it'll keep the moths from chewin' up yer c.o.e.'s *A.B.A. T.E.* sweatshirt.

It don't get much gooder than that when you ain't actually ridin'.

Thank you, Jim and Linda.



Contacting yer crusty ol' editor: Phone: (503)-838-6893 (Polk County) FAX: direct dial (503)-838-6893 (If you hear the answering machine message, wait until it finishes, then press # 9 9 and [SEND].)

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AUGUST Cryptogram

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DENTEVOEWH TBFHN DYBF TSOF, SNNHYPERH NPSPH.

PLWENUFHWP USVVHWN EW S WHISPERH NPSPH.

-- THNSY MEOOSW

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" fer instance.) Look fer word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".) Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldrudgery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.



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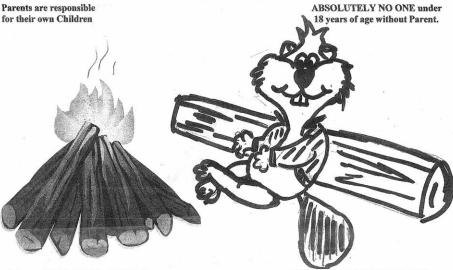
RIDE ENDS AT 700 & HEATHER, CORNELIUS; PICNIC STARTS AT 3PM, NOT EARLIER, ENJOY THE RIDE!

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THE 2ND RUN TO MIST MOUNTAIN

POKER RUN RAFFLE 50-50 PRIZES SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH 2009

1ST POKER HAND \$15.00 EACH EXTRA HAND \$5.00 START AT ANY POINT ON THE RUN

ALL BIKES AND RIDERS WELCOME

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Worker's Tavern in Astoria Run departs at 10 a.m.

First Card Draw **Second Card Draw** Third Card Draw **Fourth Card Draw**

Fifth Card Draw

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Josephine County Chapter

6th Annual Run to the Coast Poker Run

Sat, Aug 8th 2009 Sign in Starts at 9:00 am, Wilderville Store Redwood Hwy & Fish Hatchery, Wilderville, OR Last Rider Out by 11:00 am, Last Hand in by 3:00 pm

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2nd Best Hand Worst Hand

Homeless in Crescent City

Best Poker Hand

\$150 \$50

Ends at Our Daily Bread, Crescent City Meal sold by Sons Of God - helping to feed the

Del Norte County Fair will be in Crescent City Rodeo on Saturday, Demo Derby on Sunday Motorcycle parking area will be roped off Ticket info: 800-350-9556

50/50 drawing and raffles

\$5 Additional Hands

\$10 First Hand

Info: Spanky 541-659-8715 Karen 541-660-8730

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TWIN RIVERS CHAPTER IS HAVING A POKER RUN ALL BIKES OF ALL MAKES ARE WELCOME



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Willamette Valley Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Anne and Noelle's Roving Poker Run 2009



September 13, 2009 Beginning at Central Valley Cycle Kickstands up at 9:30am

Proceeds will be given in Anne Cokeley and Noelle Jackson's names to the cancer association of their choice. \$25 high hand purse plus prizes for low hand & raffle. \$5 a hand, run pins will be available

Hope to See Ya There!

For answers to questions please call Sunny at 541-914-5208 or email at harley_harlet@msn.com

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End of Summer Run Washington County Chapter

Live Music Friday & Saturday

Tickets Members: \$20 advance \$25 at gate

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We celebrate five years of supporting the youth of Josephine County. These are children who would have minimal or no Christmas had it not been for the direct effort of this event. Proceeds benefit Siskiyou Community Health Center's Outreach programs and the Oregon Parenting Center in Wolf Creek.

BBQ!

Silent Auction!

Raffles!

All Bikes Welcome!

Sunday, October 4th 2009

1:00 pm Staging at Fruitdale Grange 1:30 pm Ride Through Grants Pass

Music performed by LEADFOOT!

Show support! Bring a potluck dish and an unwrapped new toy.

(We provide burgers, dogs, & chicken you provide the side dishes.)

Prizes for best decorated bike and car!

Several Fire Engine Companies will join the ride along with Mr. and Mrs. Claus!



For info call Spanky @ 541-659-8715 or Karen @ 541-660-8730



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American Motorcyclist Association

New Stationary On-Highway Motorcycle Sound Test Standard Released By S.A.E.

The Society of Automotive Engineers (S.A.E.) International has produced a simple, consistent and economical sound test standard that can be used to determine whether a street bike (on-highway motorcycle) exhaust system emits excessive sound, the A.M.A. reports.

The J2825 Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles, issued by the S.A.E. in May, establishes instrumentation, test site, test conditions, procedures, measurements, and sound level limits.

According to the *S.A.E.*, the *J2825* standard is based on a comprehensive study of a wide variety of on-highway motorcycles.

The A.M.A. is on Facebook

When you're not busy sending flair, taking the "Which '80s Sitcom Star Are You" quiz or harvesting your pumpkin crop in Farmtown, check out our fan page on http://www.Facebook.com. We post images, videos, news and information about what's cool in the world of motorcycling. Search for "American Motorcyclist Association" and remember to write on our wall.

B.M.W. On Board For Demo Rides At Women's Conference

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce that B.M. W. Motorrad U.S.A. will be providing a demo fleet for attendees to test ride at the 2009 A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling Conference, presented by Harley-Davidson and Buell, August 19-22 in Keystone, Colorado.

"The Colorado mountains play host to some of the best motorcycle roads in the country," said Tigra Tsujikawa, marketing and special events manager for the A.M.A.. "Add the demo rides to a full schedule of great riding seminars, a fantastic

vendor marketplace, numerous conference activities and the facility's impressive amenities, and the *A.M.A. International Women and Motorcycling Conference* is the top destination for women riders in 2009."

mailto:

info@womenandmotorcycling.com

Check Out These Recent Videos From The A.M.A.

- A closer look at a 1926 Scott Flying Squirrel
- The A.M.A. agrees to work with Ohio's Wayne National Forest on off-road initiatives.
 - We ride the 2009 Husaberg FE570
- A.M.A.'s Youtube channel.
- Destination: Keystone

Support I.S.D.E. Team U.S.A.

The members of *I.S.D.E. Team U.S.A.* are some of the best off-road racers in the world, but they can't win the *I.S.D.E.* alone. They need your help. Support the team by buying an official *I.S.D.E. Team U.S.A.* t-shirt.

All proceeds will help get the racers to Portugal. (And back.)

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There are times as a motorcyclist when mother nature is not your friend and you are confronted with rain, wind, dust, searing heat, freezing cold or worse. Thankfully, you can fight back, and one of the best reinforcements is quality gear.

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Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety



Iris Yeager G.A.C.M.S. member

Hi!

What a summer-lots of good riding weather.

I need to let you all know that there will not be another *G.A. C.M.S.* meeting until October 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the *O.D.O.T.* safety office located at 235 Union Street NE., Salem.

It is not really possible to be current with these reports since the monthly report has to be to the editor before the *G.A.C.M.S.* meeting happens.

Our efforts have been mainly to find ways to reduce motorcycle crashes and deaths. New rules and new regulations, but nothing changes unless common sense is involved by the rider.

Choose to be properly informed and trained for motorcycle riding.

Be endorsed. It is the best to have the state on your side.

Be sober. A clear mind makes better, quicker decisions, a necessary ability while riding.

I imagine all of you reading this message have, and are already doing these protective measures.

How can we, as your committee, get other motorcyclists to also ride safely without making more regulations and controls?

We can hope that encouraging others to do the wise thing will help.

Continue having fun on your naturally air conditioned vehicle.

Iris Yeager G.A.C.M.S.





Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Don't Call It A Clunker!

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) recently notified you about the new federal law that hands out vouchers for older vehicles when purchasing new vehicles. It started out as "cash for clunkers," and has evolved into the *C.A.R.S.* or *Car Allowance Rebate System*.

Basically, when you trade in an older car or pickup to participating dealerships, you can get up to \$4,500 from the federal government to put toward a new vehicle purchase or lease.

Currently the program does not make any allowance for motorcycles.

Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) wants to change that.

Senate bill 1248 would allow for the inclusion of motorcycles in this program. SB–1248 would allow up to \$2,500 for a motorcycle trade. Under SB–1248 you could trade in a car or a motorcycle for a new motorcycle, or an older motorcycle for new bike or car at a participating dealership.

Senator Casey isn't trying to rid the country of older motorcycles. He's trying to help some 2,600 constituents from losing their jobs. It's not a secret that the York, Pennsylvania *Harley–Davidson* plant has fallen on rough times.

Harley laid off 400 employees in January, and things haven't gotten better. According to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article, a Harley–Davidson spokesperson admitted that the idea of moving the York plant was on the table, and mentioned an internal study being done to assess the viability of the plant. Additional concerns include a major union contract that is up in 2010.

Harley has to take care of Harley and senator Casey has to take care of his constituents. They both happen to benefit from this legislation.

The *M.R.F.* has been assured that senator Casey absolutely did not introduce this legislation at the request

of *Harley–Davidson*, but to help his constituents keep their jobs. If *Harley* sells more motorcycles, it bodes well for the citizens of York, Pennsylvania.

Senator Casey's bill would allow motorcycles into the *C.A.R.S.* program, but many of the details are vague.

For instance, SB–1248 would allow for motorcycles to be eligible for the voucher from January 1, 2009 until three years after enactment. However, the *C.A.R.S.* program expires on November 1, 2009 or when the funds run out, whichever comes first.

Certainly it's important to watch for accelerated end of useful life programs such as these. Temporary can become permanent with the simple stroke of a pen. The M.R.F. believes that even the suggestion of a permanent program would warrant an all out opposition. However, the short-term nature of this particular program should be treated more as a warning sign of what we need to be ready to confront in the future. We do want motorcycles to receive the same respect and treatment as automobiles, but not at the detriment of risking losing certain communities or freedoms within the world of motorcycling.

For more information on the existing *C.A.R.S.* program for autos, visit:

http://www.cars.gov

U.S. House Committee Moves Surface Transportation Bill

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) has learned that, with little pomp and even less circumstance, the Unites States house of representatives subcommittee on highways and transit voice voted the surface transportation bill on to the full House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. (H.T.I.C.)

The 800-page bill lays out a plan for

revamping the nation's highway systems, and safety programs not seen in the last few decades. The spending bill, which is yet to receive a number or name, and even more importantly a price tag, is mammoth.

The *Highway Trust Fund* (*H.T.F.*) will be out of money six weeks before the fund was supposed to be tapped out. Future predictions for the *H.T.F.*, which is funded through a national gas tax, are bleak.

With more fuel-efficient cars and record-breaking gas prices, Americans have done the unthinkable the past few years, buy less gas. That conundrum will leave the *H.T.F.* with about \$250 billion to be generated over the next six years.

Congressman Jim Oberstar, chairman of the *H.T.I.C.*, wants to spend \$500 billion. Talks between the house, senate and white house have completely broken down.

Oberstar would like to raise the gas tax, and both the senate and the white house shot that down immediately.

The bill does have some motorcycle-specific provisions, the lion's share of which are very positive. The *M.R.F.* has been meeting with the committee staff writing the bill for the past few years to ensure that motorcyclists benefit from the legislation. For the first time, the highway safety funds obligate a percentage that can only be used for motorcycle safety programs. Depending on the percentage (all financial details at this point are to be determined), the motorcycle safety community could see a huge infusion of federal cash.

There is one provision that the *M.R.F.* will be aggressively working to remove. In one section of the bill, some rules are laid out for public private partnerships. (P.P.P.) P.P.P.s are stretches of toll road that a community leases to a private sector partner. The partner pays the



leasing government up front and in turn gets to keep all the tolls for the length of the lease. The city of Chicago leased a toll road for 99 years to a private company for \$1.8 billion in 2005.

The provision of concern gives the private sector partner the power to request from the secretary of transportation a ban on motorcycles from the road. The private partner must certify that the presence of motorcycles is causing a safety hazard.

The secretary must approve the request. Current regulation allows for the same situation, but gives the requesting power to the state agency, not a private for-profit corporation.

Public private partnerships have fallen out of favor with many municipalities and individuals, but this section is still of grave concern. It's troubling to think that roads built with federal tax dollars could exclude motorcycles.

Precedent has been set in our favor in the past. Convincing congress will be our task.

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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"If your goal is to create balance, you can't give up until you accomplish it." -- Cesar Mi

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

A.I.M. Attorney Sues New York Police For Illegal Checkpoints

Proner & Proner, attorneys at law, has filed a federal class action lawsuit in the federal court for the northern district of New York against the New York state police as well as New York state and county authorities to stop them from conducting motorcycleonly roadblocks near popular motorcycle events.

New York A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorney Mitchell Proner, an active motorcyclist and personal injury attorney, is initiating the lawsuit on behalf of all motorcyclists. A.B.A. T.E. of New York supports the legal action.

Proner said that the New York state police "uses the pretense of safety inspections to delay and harass motorcyclists without any reasonable belief that any laws are being broken." Although courts have upheld D.W.I. checkpoints as generally permissible, "These motorcycle roadblock stops are lengthy and do not address any legitimate safety concerns," according to Proner.

Bill May Ban Biker Bars

Revving up for a fight, motorcycle clubs in Virginia say they are being unfairly targeted by the state's A.B.C. board for what they wear. Motorcyclists who recently rallied at a Richmond public safety meeting say they are trying to appeal to Richmond city council members to repeal a new state regulation.

In 2008, the general assembly passed HB–1117 Alcohol Beverage Control, a bill saying that bars and restaurants could be stripped of their liquor license by allowing groups into their establishments who wear certain gang affiliations or colors. Although aimed at criminal street gangs, motorcyclists say they are victims of this new regulation and that their first amendment rights are being violated.

Bikernet.com Creates Working Group For Motorcycle Rights

Longtime bikers rights activist Keith R. Ball and the staff of *Bikernet.* com are working with the motorcycle after-market to provide a direct link between legislative efforts, motorcycle rights groups, and the custom motorcycle aftermarket industry.

"It's been a goal of mine for fifteen years to get the business side to help our freedom fighters," said Ball.

If successful, Keith hopes to encourage *S.E.M.A.* (the *Specialty Equipment Market Association*), the largest hot rod aftermarket organization in the United States, to work with us to deliver additional resources to the motorcycle rights community, since we all face similar battles.

"The motorcycle aftermarket working group is made up of many leaders and business owners, but we want to reach out directly to state motorcycle rights groups for their input," said Ball, adding that they are already working closely with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.) and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.). "What can we do to help keep motorcycling free?"

The group is currently working on an agenda, so contact Keith Ball directly with any comments or suggestions at Bandit@Bikernet. com or 1–(310)–830–0630.

Feds Question Bikers

The Federal Highway Administration's Motorcyclist Advisory Council is asking riders across the country to help state and federal highway administrators and state motorcycle safety administrators (S.M.S.A.) to "better understand and plan for the needs of motorcycle riders."

Motorcycle riders are requested to complete a motorcycle road issues survey by logging on to http://tinyurl.com/ovzduo before August 1st and answering on-line survey





questions that are separated into three distinct settings typically experienced by the majority of riders: urban areas (city/suburban/frequent intersections/pedestrians); rural areas (fewer intersections/higher speed); and limited access areas (freeway/highway/toll road/minimal intersections).

Missouri Helmet Freedom Still On Hold

Legislation to partially repeal the "show me" state's 42-year old mandatory helmet regulation has been sitting on governor Jay Nixon's desk since May 29, awaiting his approval or veto. Senate bill 202, a bill to allow motorcyclists 21 and older to ride without helmets except on the interstate highway system, passed both the house and senate and will become legislation if Nixon doesn't veto the measure.

In addition to the helmet provisions, SB–202 introduced by senator Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia) would also prohibit insurance companies from reducing claims from injured motorcycle riders on the grounds that a motorcycle is a hazardous vehicle, even if the rider is fault-free.

Nixon has received about 1,000 e-mails and letters on the motorcycle legislation. (More than on any other legislative issue, said a spokesman for the governor's office.) Those urging the governor to sign the legislation outnumbered those urging a veto by about 7-to-1, according to analysis of the messages by *The Associated Press*.

Mark Chapman, chairman of the Freedom of Road Riders of Missouri, said that motorcyclists should be allowed to decide for themselves when conditions warrant wearing a helmet. "It should be my choice as an adult," Chapman said.

You can call Missouri governor Jay Nixon at 1–(573)–751–3222, e-mail him through http://www.governor.mo.gov or write to P.O. Box 720; Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Omaha Police To Enforce Helmet Compliance

If you've ever wondered where some

of your state and federal motorcycle safety funds are being spent, the *Nebraska Office of Highway Safety* has awarded a grant to fund extra police officers on the streets to ensure motorcyclists are compliant with Nebraska state regulations regarding motorcycle helmets.

The Omaha police department received \$25,000 in grant funding to begin operations to enforce motorcycle helmet compliance throughout the entire city from May 27 through September 30, 2009.

Nebraska state regulations specifies that protective helmets that meet the United States department of transportation's federal motor vehicle safety standard #218 are required for all operators and passengers of a motorcycle or moped.

Quotable Quote

"It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error."

Robert H. Parker U.S. supreme court justice (Nuremberg trials)

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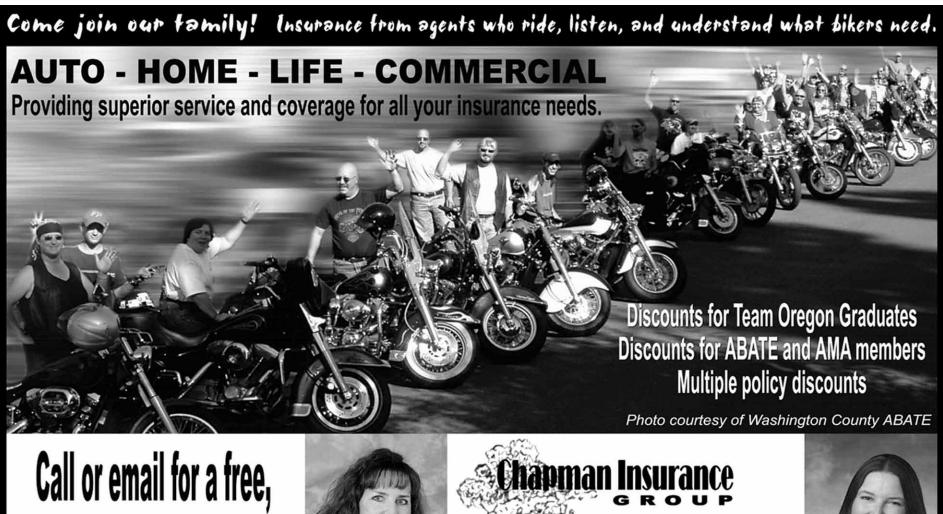
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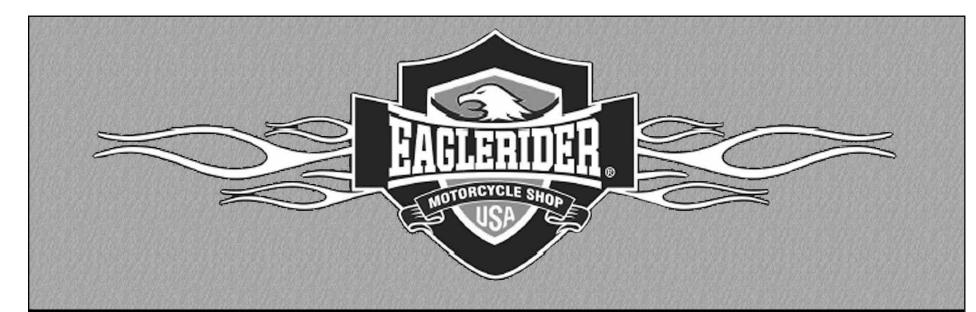
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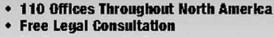
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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

The form can be filled out on-line at:	http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html
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ADDRESS:

TIME: ____am/pm

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? (YES) (NO)

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

_ ID NO: ______ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify)

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

___ 1st appearance date: _____

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)

DATE STOPPED:

LOCATION:

CITE #

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 _____

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 NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? (YES) (NO)

If you pled guilty what was the fine? \$ ____ 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 \$

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:

-- Cesar Millan Going to different territories creates wisdom, creates relaxation."

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NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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"If you don't play the dominant position, you will play submissive position." -- Cesar Millar

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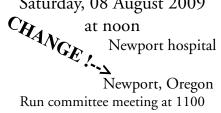
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MEETING

Saturday, 08 August 2009



She was called "bass" but should be named trout, Stirring up trouble and causing doubt, Though her yelling's quite loud, And draws an angry crowd, A whisper is better than a shout.

2009 **RUN LISTINGS**

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
01 Aug 2009	Mid-Summer PR – Washington County	Forest Grove	(503)-680-3269
07–09 Aug 2009	Beaver Creek Run - Lincoln County	Newport	(541)-265-6850
08 Aug 2009	Run To The Coast - Josephine County	Grants Pass	(541)–659-8715
15 Aug 2009	Ticket To Ride PR –	Portland	(503)–706–7061
15-17 Aug 2009	S.O.S. Run – southern chapters	Wolf Creek	
16 Aug 2009	Mist Mountain PR – North Coast	Astoria	(503)-325-3566
14-16 Aug 2009	S.O.S. Run - Douglas, Josephine County	Wolf Creek	(541)-680-6363
22-23 Aug 2009	All Harley Drags	Woodburn	
29 Aug 2009	Second Chance PR – Hub City	Albany	(541)–
06 Sept 2009	Last Chance BBQ – Josephine County		
12 Sept 2009	poker run – Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)-288-7893
18-20 Sept 2009	End Of Summer Run - Washington County	Birkenfeld	(503)-680-3269
24-27 Sept 2009	Meeting of the Minds–M.R.F.	Minneapolis, MN	
04 Oct 2009	Toy Run – Josephine County		
10 Oct 2009	Fall Casino Night – Willamette Valley		

CHAPTER MEETINGS

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.				
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 ^{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
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-308-2059
North Coast (NC)	3th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2nd & 4th Sun	1200 (noon)	Spare Room; NE 42 nd street.; 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)-643-4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Far Man Resaurant and Bar; 3111 Gateway; Springfield	(541)-935-4632