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The Passing Of Sputnik, Legislative Warrior

N.C.O.M.

It is with heavy heart that the *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists* announces the passing of William "Sputnik" Strain, legendary bikers rights activist from the lone star state.

According to the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association, "Our great leader, Sputnik, passed away suddenly at approximately 5 a.m. June 24, 2010 from a massive heart attack."

Sputnik, inspired in the early nineties after attending the *N.C.O.M.* convention in Atlantic City, was instrumental in organizing the grass roots effort to repeal the mandatory helmet requirement in Texas. Not stopping there, the "legislative warrior" spread the word throughout the motorcycling community with his

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Five Steps to Freedom to take back our country and, in turn, inspired countless motorcyclists across the country to become politically active.

In Texas, he went on to spearhead election campaigns to get bikers elected to public office and formed the most effective caucus in the state, eventually enacting numerous biker-friendly regulations and killing not only every anti-biker bill proposed but the political careers of those who dared to introduce them. Sputnik wrote the book on Texas politics, literally,

as school textbooks have chronicled his achievements.

In addition to founding the *T.M.R.A.2*, Sputnik was a longtime member of the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force, and served as *N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.* chairman the past three years despite his failing health.

"Sputnik believed in everything he said and losing that determination will be a great loss to the motorcycling community. The greatest tribute to him is to push forth with our fight for freedom and not let his death be in vain," said James "Doc" Reichenbach III, chairman of the N.C.O.M. board of directors and state president of A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc.

Echoing the sentiments expressed by the entire motorcycle community, N.C.O.M. founder Richard M. Lester said; "Sputnik is so universally loved and respected, from M.R.O. leadership to C.O.C. patch holders and from bikers on the street to state and federal lawmakers, that his passing leaves a void which can only be filled by all of us moving forward together with his spirit and resolve."

Funeral/memorial services are pending. The upcoming 26th Annual *N.C.O.M.* convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico next May 5-8, 2011, will be dedicated to his memory.

T.M.R.A.2

June 24, 2010

The *Texas Motorcycle Rights Association* is sad to announce that our great leader, Sputnik, passed away suddenly at approximately 5 a.m. this morning.

I woke up at 5:45 a.m. to find him on the living floor at the state office.

It appeared that he crossed over quickly and did not suffer from a massive heart attack.

I can not begin to even put into words how devastating the loss is to the biker community, to his family, and to us who live with him at the state office, for all *T.M.R.A.2*, and to all of his brothers and sisters who loved him dearly.

Sputnik will go down history as the greatest motorcycle rights activist in the history of our nation and we as his *Task Force* were truly blessed to be a part of this great warriors life. God has a special place in heaven for Sputnik and he told me yesterday that wanted all of us to continue the political work and to carry forward with his final rally for the birthday bash in July.

As soon as we know the memorial service information we will send out another broadcast.

Our sincerest regrets to the entire biker community,

Terri Williams Stephanie Parks T.M.R.A.2

Sputnik

No longer earth-bound, he now rides his cosmic cycle across the sky, his path the star-strewn Milky Way.

-- Rot Path

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

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

or motorcycling.

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.

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Elections

I love them.

To use a famous *BikePAC* quote: "The candidates never forget the people who helped them get elected."

It's true.

Working on a campaign can be a very rewarding experience.

I like pounding in lawn signs the best.

There are other jobs that you might enjoy more than delivering lawn signs — telephone banking, stuffing envelopes, or going out and telling your neighbors about a candidate.

Pick a candidate who you can support, then jump in.

I hope to see many of you this year at all the events. Please come on over and let's shoot the breeze. Or give me a call.

Everyone is invited to attend any of the state board meetings. They are held on the second Saturday of each month at noon. [The August meeting will begin at 11 a.m. in Newport.]

Ride safe, ride free,

Ted

[Note: This is a partial reprint of Ted's February 2002 coordinator's comments.]



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









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

Hi Central Oregon,

Back from Puerto Rico. Had a blast with my daughter!

Thank you. Aron. for taking over my spot while I was having rum.

Okay back to biz.

We need everyone for our next meeting in August to get on our teddy bear run for September. We need flyers done, t-shirts ordered, and raffles items to get collected.

Now.

So we need everyone's help.

In this same thought I would like to say a few things to all the members out there.

We forget that this is all voluntary

This is what we all do for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. We do not get paid for this. We do this out of our time to help the bike community.

There have been some issues of the way things have been going. This is your A.B.A.T.E. of Central Oregon.

Do not let the little things get out of hand. Look at the big picture and what we do as a bike community.

This is not a job, so just remember what we do.

Annimal coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter



CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Douglas County

It's coming. It's almost here. S.O.S. Run 2010.

If you've been, you know it's great. If you've never been, come and check out what a run is supposed to be

Just like back in the day, bike games, bike show, poker run, good music, vendors, a great park, pretty private, and always lots of good friends to party with. This is a great event every year. Come and join us August 20, 21, and 22, 2010 at Wolf Creek, Oregon.

Other than getting ready for *S.O.S.*, another *Thundering Water Poker Run* is behind us. Nothing beats the beautiful and historic North Umpqua river. If you've never ridden highway 138 E., it's a great



ride up to Diamond Lake, over to Crater Lake, around to Medford, up to Bend, or back around to Eugene. Plenty of beautiful places to stop along the way, small towns like Trail, Prospect, and on and on.

Check it out.

As always there is plenty of A.B.A. T.E. action around the state with the various events. Please help support A.B.A. T.E. and have a good time too by attending some of these great functions. It's fun, it's always a ride, it's good people, and it's for a good cause. Remember, we like to think of riding and freedom of the road, our roads, as a right, but many think it's a privilege and want to control it more and more. Organizations like A.B.A. T.E. help preserve our right to ride.

Remember our new *Douglas County Chapter* meeting place, *Del Ray Cafe*. Good food, cold drinks, and adult beverages. And really nice people. Join us the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

See ya down at S.O.S.,

Becky Garino secretary Douglas County Chapter



DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thurday at 1900 (7 pm) *Del Ray Cafe* 5669 NE Stephens St Winchester

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

And a hot howdy-do to you too,

Not sure about your asphalt but we hit 104, or 116 in a car, today. (07 July)

We know you're ridin', so please, please stay hydrated! Beer and other spirits do not count as hydration and yup, they may taste fine on a hot day, but you're gonna need *Gatorade* or H2O, and plenty of it. You see anybody in your group riding erratically (unlike they normally do, we hope), have them pull over and give up one of your waters. Saddlebag temperature is better than none out there. Put some water on one of your rags and put it around the back of their neck and on the forehead. Slow drinks, but get 'em to drink...

Weekend of July 9th-11th in Yreka was the *Ride In The Light Rally* and *Rip City Riders* in Klamath Falls were goin' full tilt too. Hope to update that next month.

The 32nd Annual Run to the

Coast is Saturday, August 7th. Thanks to Josephine County Chapter for reviving that one. Sign in at the Wilderville Store at Redwood and Fish Hatchery roads in scenic, downtown Wilderville with last rider out at 11:30 a.m.

It ends at *Our Daily Bread* in Crescent City with a meal for sale by *Sons Of God*. (A great bunch of riders.)

August 20-22nd it's *S.O.S.* in Wolf Creek, put on by our neighbors in the *Douglas* and *Josephine County Chapters*. Exit 76 on I-5.

We'll see you out there.

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

McHorn and Sherry Jackson County Chapter

JACKSON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm) Saxton's 4618 N. Pacific highway Central Point

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

If you missed the *Hub City Biker* site, *Night* at *Front Street Bar and Grill* (2300 (that Front Street, Albany), you really missed a good time! With the *Dammit Jim* band find rockin' the place and the staff supplying plenty of great food and drink, a good time was had by all. Thanks again to all our sponsors who made it possible to bike earn some funds for the *A.B.A. T.E.* fight for your rights.

I know a large group of *Hub City* members attended *Run 21*. I'm sure it was entertaining as usual. Birkenfeld rocks.

On August 28th, be sure to attend the *Hub City Second Chance Poker Run*. It's run in a *Texas Hold'em* format, so you don't see your last two cards until the last stop. Those last two cards can turn an ugly hand into a winner. It's a lot of fun and we have a lot of good prizes to be won. Still just \$5 per hand.

The poker run starts at *Humpty's Bar and Grill* at 916 Old Salem Road in Albany. Last bike out at 11 a.m. I know a lot of work (thanks Keith Stone) has been put into a good scenic route of mid valley roads designed for your cruising pleasure. See the flyer (thanks Dan) further back in this fine publication (thanks Rot Path), or visit our web

site, http://www.hubcityabate.com (thanks Don) for more information.

Oh, and on that cool web site, you'll find a copy of the photo *Hub City* used to fill three full size mid-valley billboards for the months of April, May, and June. We got a great deal and hopefully put bikers to the front of drivers' minds as they drift along in their steel cocoons.

This is perfect mission statement *A.B.A.T.E.* work. Feel free to use that idea if it works for your chapter. Good job, *Hub City* members.

Fall elections are coming up and if you are receiving this newspaper, I know you're an *A.B.A.T.E.* member who cares about their political freedom.

Think about freedom.

Do you have more of it since the last election, or less?

Google HR-5175, the disclose act, just to see how freedoms are slipping away.

This election will present many who claim to want to represent you. Before you vote, check out these people and see if they really represent you.

Look at the people you voted for last time. Did they actually represent you as promised? If not, here's your chance to



show them you remember those broken promises. Vote the bums out.

Come to our poker run August 28.

Simba

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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http://www.hubcityabate.com

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

Not much has changed since last report.

Spanky is traveling the country side spreading good news about *A.B.A. T.E.* and passing out flyers for southern Oregon events.

Douglas, Josephine, and Willamette Valley Chapters are all working hard to put on the best S.O.S. Campout ever. August 20, 21, 22 at Wolf Creek park.

Hot Gossip will play Friday night and Green Light District will play Saturday.

Gates open Friday at 12 noon. *A.B.A.T.E.* members \$25 per person, non-members \$30.

Saturday day passes available.

There will be a poker run: \$100 best/\$50 worst.

Bike games, variety of vendors, great food.

Motorcycles-only in camping area.

RV, trailer, and other vehicle parking available in designated area.

Information:

Douglas County (541)-733-4069 Josephine County (541)-4716049

Vendors (541)-580-3924.

Run to the Coast is August 7th.
Poker run from Grants Pass to
Crescent City.

\$300 high hand/\$200

Second high/\$100 worst.

Only \$10 first hand/\$5 additional hands.

Starts at 10 a.m.

Wildervillle Store, ends at Our Daily Bread with a meal hosted by Sons of God. (Helping to feed the homeless in Crescent City.)

The *Del Norte County Fair* in Crescent City is great entertainment after the run.

Josephine County Toy Run will be October 3rd.

Chapter meetings are at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Fruitdale grange on Rogue River highway in Grants Pass. Stop by and visit anytime.



See you down the road,

Karen chapter secretary/treasurer





JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1830

(6:30 pm)

Fruitdale Grange 1440 Parkdale Drive

Grants Pass

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

Meeting started at 7:07 p.m.,ended 8:05 p.m.

Talked about the reco act — three or more riding and wearing the same patch is a gang, not a motorcycle club having fun.

How they are cutting down on A.T.V. riders — less places to ride.

Putting on bikes runs on the last Thursday of the month. Meeting at the *Biker Church* parking lot. Be there by 6:30 p.m. Leaves at 7 p.m. (Going to *Old Town Pizza* in town)

Short run on July 25 after 12 p.m. Callier park. Day run, meeting at the *Biker Church*. Starts gathering at 12 p.m., leaves at 12:30 p.m. (Church at 601 south 5th street, Klamath Falls.)

Biker Church camp out (July 30–August 1) at Lake of the Woods. Camp space is \$20 or if you want to see what it is all about, come and see. It will be \$5 for day.

We are trying to put together a spagg. \$5, per person. It will be a while still.



KLAMATH COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd Thursday at 1800 (6 p.m.) Biker Church 601 5th street Klamath Falls, Oregon

POINT of CONTACT Scorpion (541)–205–3252

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

Hello all,

Summer finally made it about a week past Junuary.

Boy, has it been great for riding.

We've had four of our members go down in the past month on two bikes. Shit happens — animals run out in front of you, blind corners, and traffic suddenly stopping in front of you, other bikes, cars, people, and road conditions.

Some things we just can't control. I can't say enough about scanning the road far ahead. In some cases, that's enough to prevent a crash.

Dress for the ride, not for the weather.

Now, how about *LoCo*?

We've been pretty busy down on the Lower Columbia.

We have been selling lots of raffle tickets for the Tikka 300 WSM with scope that we are drawing for on 11 September 2010, the evening of our fall run. (Watch for flyer.)

We are also in the process of restoring a 30 series Chevrolet van for use as our *LoCo* roach coach. We're hoping to have this ready for the fall swap meet.

We are now installing a brand new out-of-the-box engine into it. We had many promises for a new engine, but wouldn't you know — when we showed up with our hands hanging out with a begging letter they never came through.

We purchased the engine with our own funds and *Clatskanie Quality Auto Parts*, our local *N.A.P.A.* store has offered to help with whatever other parts we may need. Thanks, *Quality Auto Parts*.

Some of our members made the *Around Saddle Mountain Run*. Others of us met up in the a.m. of the 4th of July and heated up our bikes in the parade here in Clatskanie while others were just clowning around.



It seems like we keep something going on all the time down here on the Lower Columbia.

Two of our members Willy and Laura were wed July 24th, so to them an early congrats from the rev.

Have fun, ride safe,

Dave Bridges coordinator *LoCo*

LOWER COLUMBIA MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

Hello!

We all wait so patiently for summer to come, and here it is August already.

Beaver Creek time for us in Lincoln County.

The stage has been re-decked, the grass has been mowed, leaks in the roof of the kitchen have been sealed, and we're ready to rock!

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

As always, not much to report if the event hasn't happened yet.

Until next month . . .

Ride safe,

Shirley





LINCOLN COUNTY MEET → ING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 pm

American Legion Hall Post 116 424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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

Hello from the North Coast,

Well the great riding weather we were waiting for finally arrived on the north coast.

North Coast bikers are off to various venues as well as working on the Mist Run which has not happened as I sit here.

Our *Around Saddle Mountain Poker Run* was a successful event with about 115 bikes. Mother nature cooperated with fine weather.

The *North Coast Chapter* would like to thank all riders and all of the chapter members who pulled this event off.

Thanks!

Remember this is the time of year we put a lot of miles on our scoots. So 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

July 04, 2010 Regular Meeting

June 15, 2010 Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 10 a.m., nine members present.

Guests and new members: None. Minutes waived by Larry because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: None.

Treasury report \$2,283.24 in savings and \$1,727.00 checking.

Larry moved to dispense with the regular meeting agenda.

Discussion: Ride to *Fossil*. Adjourn 10:10 a.m.

Comments

Your secretary has been out of commission and did not attend the meeting reported here. It was a small meeting consisting mostly of discussions about the amazing weather of the weekend.

Small meeting tonight. We discussed *Fossil* and our July Fourth meeting.

Everyone bring their own stuff and food to share.

Richard won the 50/50 ar \$4/\$4 and donated his share back to the Chapter.

Thanks, Richard.

-- Brian



Upcoming Meetings

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RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

 $1^{\rm st}$ and $3^{\rm rd}$ Tuesdays at 1900 (7 pm) Shiloh Inn

-- The Dalles

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

Hello to all you good folks,

Not much to report on this time. Just a couple of reminders for you.

Southeast Portland Chapter's Ticket to Ride Poker Run is this month. See our flyer for details.

Next up will be our annual family picnic at the end of September. This is not a sanctioned event, just a get together with family and friends. We provide the burgers, hot dogs and fixings and sodas. Every thing else is pot luck. I will have more info in the next report.

Ride safe.

Love and respect,

Mammy Tami



S.E. Portland MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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



Chapter Report Not Received



SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Greetings from Washington County!

We are buzzing with activity in our community.

July 17 had our dedicated members out cleaning up our section of Roy Rogers road for the *Adopt-A-Road* program. This was the clean-up that got rained out in June, and that turned out to be to our good fortune. Our chapter has been approached to be in a promotional video for the program, and by the time this issue hits your door, we may be famous. Okay, not famous, but great publicity for the community involvement part of our mission statement.

Our Mid-Summer Poker Run was on July 31. Although I'm writing this in advance, we want to thank our much-loved supporter, Paradise Harley—Davidson, for hosting our starting point. Paradise always comes through for us and we appreciate it. Also, we're making some new friends in St. Helens at the Plantation House Restaurant & Brewery, where the run ended.

We're working on an opportunity to have a bike show and booth again this year at the Hillsboro farmer's market. Last year we had a lot of interest from the local patrons, and it was a good chance to promote the awareness part of our mission statement, not to mention it was just a great time. This will likely happen in August, so check our chapter web site for updated information.

This year is WaCo's 21st annual End of Summer Run, September 17-19 at the Columbia county fairgrounds in St. Helens. We've moved this run out of the mountains for better weather, easier accessibility, and an indoor pavilion for the bands. We're adding a swap meet and day passes for those who can't make it for the entire weekend. We have a wide variety of vendors, awesome bands, and the always-entertaining bike show and games. See our flyer in this issue and plan to join us for a fantastic weekend.

As always, get the latest happenings on our web site at:

http://www.wacoabate.info



See you on the road,

Margo Virchow



WASHINGTON COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

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

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

Frank offered a free-to-all-members BBQ and served cheeseburgers, beans, and potato salad.

Only had five of *Willamette Valley Chapter* members show up. We did have quite a few other members from the old *South Coast Chapter* show up to say hello. It was good seeing old friends.

- The first thing discussed was how much was made at this year's *Rhody Poker Run*. We only had thirteen members take part in the poker run, and made more from the raffle than from the run. We brought in a total of \$346 and after the \$75 sanctioning fee made \$271, of which we will give \$27.10 to our state group.
- We then discussed the *S.O.S. Coalition Run* to be held August 20-22, 2010 in Wolf Creek, Oregon. Our chapter will be running the bike games. We have a new event added to the games that will include participation by the viewers. If any of you can help with either the games or security contact either Rod Hatter or Frank Wilson.
- Rod brought up that he is locked out of the software he uses to edit the chapter web site and until he gets the money to buy a new software package, he will not be able to add or edit anything on the site. It is locked into late April's entry. He hopes to get back on track soon and will keep all posted.
- We then discussed our upcoming *Cancer Warrior Roving Poker Run*, to be held on September 11th, 2010. We decided that

since we are now a team in the *Relay for Life* that we would make some small changes to the format. This year's event will have a \$20 entry fee, which will include one poker hand and run tee shirt.

Congratulations to Hal Fletcher for creating the winning tee shirt design. We also decided to look for business sponsorship to raise the money for the shirts and hopefully beyond. We set a minimum of \$25 to have the business name listed on the backs of the shirts, and for \$50 the business can also have their contact information (up to three lines) printed on each shirt. We will also provide a billboard at the event recognizing those businesses and supporters.

- We decided the winning hands and raffle winners would win items donated to us for the event. If any of you have something or someone who wishes to be involved, have them contact Sunny Hatter. Since the sanctioning needs to be turned in immediately, we will get the flyer, the sanctioning application, and the \$75 sanctioning fee in the mail.
- Our closing discussion has to do with whether or not to keep the *Willamette Valley Chapter* active. Our last three meetings have only had eight, fourteen with half of them showing up as meeting was ending, and now five members attending. With this and only having thirteen members take part in *Rhody*, our feeling is that is becoming a waste of effort. Many of our past members have



now gone to *Indian Creek* and there doesn't seem to be anyone interested in stepping up as an active officer. It was decided that we need to hold our next meeting at *Farman's* in Springfield and give all members an opportunity to take one of three directions:

- 1. Either the Eugene/Springfield members find officers so they can keep holding active meetings in that area and we put the initial \$900 passed on to us back for them to continue.
- **2.** We dissolve the *Willamette Valley Chapter* and give the \$900 to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*
- **3.** We have the members support rolling all of the funds over to the forming of a new chapter, the *Central Coast Chapter*, which will hold meetings in the Florence/Mapleton area, and carry on the torch passed on by *Willamette Valley*. We do have an interest from former *South Coast* members, as well as some new Florence people to start up this new chapter.

Please plan on showing up July 16th, 2010 meeting at *Farman's* around 6:30 pm to give your input on how we should handle this.

I wish to close this report by saying on a personal note. I have enjoyed being a part of *Willamette Valley Chapter* and I know that it will be missed.

Keep it in the sun,

Rod Hatter

WILAMETTE VALLEY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) (location varies – check web site)

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Our Officers at Work

A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes _ 10 July 2010

Ciddici's Pizza - Albany, Oregon

The meeting was called to order is by Ted Tracy at 12:10 with 12 of 15 chapters represented. All chapters represent were eligible to vote. *Lower Columbia, Douglas County,* and *Kla-*

math County were absent. Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees: Gordon Sahnow (Washington County Chapter)

Reading / approval of minutes: None, due to canceled June meeting.

Motion made by Alan Nichols and seconded by Bob Highfill to appoint Yvonne Sahnow for state recording secretary. Motion passed.

Motion to approve May minutes. Motion passed.

Coordinators comments: Ted said it was unacceptable for any chapter to not call to be excused from the State Board Meeting. He also expects a call from the State Officers if they are unable to attend.

June meeting was canceled by the executive board due to the fact that many state officers were out of town.

Ted's gotten some mail regarding non-*A.B.A.T.E.* events wanting free advertising in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.

Ted complimented Alan Nichols on his June *N.C.O.M.* report.

Officer Reports

Vice coordinator (north): Alan Nichols: No report.

Vice coordinator (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen: Within the next couple of months we will have a new chapter. *Coos Bay Chapter* may also be up and running within the next couple months.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple reported everything is current. All expenses have been accounted for.

Checking has \$6,692. Money market has \$2,845, and the *Paypal* account has \$1,004. We

are paying \$12 per month for the *Paypal* account, so may need to allocate some funds to keep this account active. There has been some discussion about using this account for new memberships and renewals. Linda and Trace will need to meet to resolve. More information later.

Randy Phipps would like to get a better breakdown on the funds from *Fossil*. More information to follow. Ted Tracy commented that everyone did a great job at *Fossil*, and all that Gene and Howie did was greatly appreciated.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson (Excused.) Her report is included in the chapter packets. We are holding on at the same membership numbers as last year.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price: Everything has been submitted. PDF forms of your flyers should be given to Matt before anything else is done. You can download the form from the *A.B.A. T.E.* web site. Sanctioning is



Yvonne Sahnow state recording secretary

moving along.

State auditor: Connie Kintz: All state board representatives were given a report of the chapter balances. The report shows some of the chapters are in danger of having their charters revoked. We need to get on top of this. All of these reports must get to her before the next meeting or some chapters may not be able to vote. Kay is still trying to get contact information for the chapter treasurers. Ted and Yvonne will work to get this information together. Connie is still working to get the monthly reports from all the chapters. Ted reported that the \$5,000 fine we had to pay to the I.R.S. cannot happen again. This is why it is extremely important that all chapter treasuries keep their information current with the state

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes 10 July 2010 (continued)

report.

Legislative Randy director: Phipps: Discussed the BikePAC summit.

M.R.F. representative: < Open > C.o.C. representative (north): < Open >

C.o.C. representative (south): Pat "Spanky" Allen: No report.

Sergeant at arms (north): Randy Phipps: Fall swap meet coming soon.

Sergeant at arms (south): Bill Foster: Security at Fossil handled by Jim Middleton and myself. We had ten volunteers at Fossil. Security issues were minimal.

Products director: Dave Meeker: No call from Dave.

Education director: Geoff White: No call from Geoff.

Education director II: < Open > Public relations director: Debra Lutje: Excused.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long: Excused.

State run coordinator II: Rick Prentice: Fossil is over, great time. Poker run weather was good and we made some money. Great job everyone.

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner will be doing the swap meet position again this fall.

Historian: < Open >

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci: Reported everything is current as of yesterday.

Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba: No call from Dwayne.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps: Reported five people showed up at the last meeting. Seems to be a lack of interest. He was sorry to see Twin River Chapter close. Turned over the chapter charter. There will be a summit meeting in



Newspaper editor: Rot Path – No September. Business cards will be purchased by September 11. RSVP to Nic for people who are attending the BikePAC Summit.

Unfinished Business

- Work continues on the operations manual. Hope to have that wrapped
- Officer elections: No nominations received for the following open positions:

Education director II Historian M.R.F. representative *C.o.C.* representative (north)

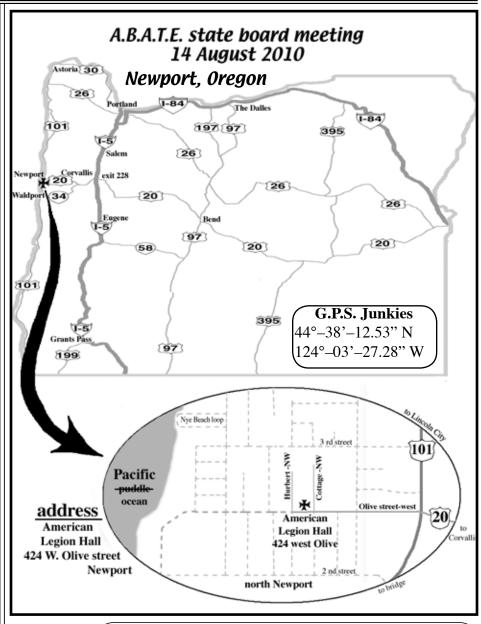
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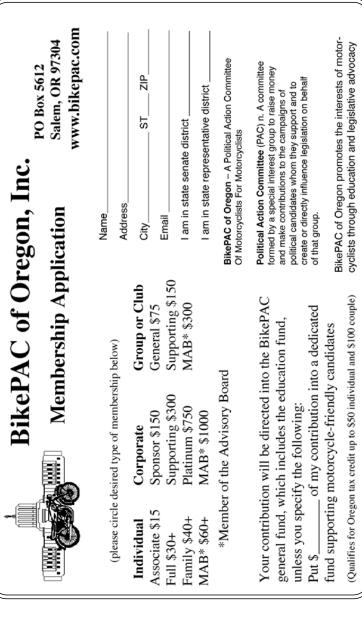
- Motion by Bob Highfill (Lincoln County) The August state board meeting be moved to the American Legion hall in Newport. Motion passed.
- Motion by Alan Nichols (Washington County) Move the state board meetings to Ciddici's Pizza in Albany. Reason for moving is that the Eagles had double-booked the rooms the last two months. Ted will follow up to get a refund on the rest of the year's "rent" for the room use. Arrangements will follow. Motion passed.
- Motion by Bob Highfill (Lincoln County) Send two people to Meeting of the Minds. Costs \$1,070 if a room is shared. This is a national conference that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon needs to have representatives attend. Motion passed.
- Motion by Nic Oliver (Hub City) Move the September state board meeting to coincide with the BikePAC September summit. Dates are 10–12 September. Food provided on Saturday. Motion passed. Please RSVP to Nic if you plan to attend.
- Ted asked Nic to provide a map to the September state board of directors meeting and pass on to Rot Path for publication.

Announcements

Next state board of directors meeting will take place on August 14th, at the American Legion hall, at Newport, Oregon at 11 a.m.

Adjourned.





Best of the West Reports

M.R.F. Convention June 11-13, 2010

-- Quiet Mike

Thank you for allowing me to attend the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation Best of the West* conference as a representative of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Friday evening the board of directors introduced themselves and gave a report on the activity in their area of expertise, then asked for reports from the states.

I made the report for the state of Oregon. Told them that we will have mandatory training for all motorcyclists by 2014 and an increase in the fine for riding unendorsed to \$720. That drew groans from the audience.

I told of the success we had at our two *Black Mondays* at the state capitol and our *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* and the fact that in Oregon, with the help of our friends Tim and Bonnie King of *SalemNews.com*, we brought positive publicity for motorcycling.

Met Don "Mr. Breeze" Landsman (legislative director from A.B.A. T.E. of Washington) along with Dave Stillwell from B.O.L.T. (Bikers Of a Lesser Tolerance) of Nevada in Baker City at the Hells Canyon Rally and again in Boise. Don and I have mutual friends in the Boise area and we traveled to meet up for a gathering of freedom riders in Wilder for the evening. There I was introduced to Mark Temple from B.O.L.T. of California, someone who I have been in touch with over

the internet and finally got to meet in person. Mark had advised me in the past about legal issues involving motorcyclists. These three men poured more knowledge into me in our short stay that night about how to play the system concerning the helmet requirement. FMVSS-218 is a manufacturer standard and therein lies the trick.

Saturday morning we went back to Boise. The *Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety* sponsored the conference and did a great job providing a hospitality suite and a lunch for the attendees.

The morning started off Kirk Willard giving a report on how things are going in Europe and what we can expect to see here in the U.S.A.

Jeff Hennie, the *M.R.F.* lobbyist then told us about the current lobbying effort in D.C.

Breakout sessions were held in the afternoon and a live A.B.S. braking demonstration capped off the conference.

Although attendance was light, the quality of the people was significant. There are still hardcore freedom fighters in our nation and they deserve our respect and support.

With respect,

Quiet *G.J.M.C.*

-- Kay Sipple

Having attended a couple of these conventions in the past, I was excited about riding to Boise to attend this meeting. The ride over was rather wet, as I was drowned twice. But I survived and arrived intact.

Idaho has made a motorcycle awareness/educational video and presented a copy to the *M.R.F.* They have also stated that any state and/or *A.B.A. T.E.* organization who would like a copy can contact them.

I attended a seminar "Lies, Damn Lies, and Politics". John Peirce was the presenter.

He showed us how to see where the lies are in an article. Such as "People who ride motorcycles are 37 times more likely to have a fatal [crash] than people who drive cars." We see this statement frequently in articles and it is a complete fabrication. The government people who put it out know that it is a lie. He had two articles that he went through and showed how to discern the lies. We need to watch for words like "maybe", "could", "might", and "possibly". John also told us that the statistics that are quoted are not necessarily related to motorcycles, but they imply that by inserting them in the article.

There was talk about each state hosting a "constitutional training" seminar. Kirk was talking about this seminar and encouraged everyone to talk it up at home

Iowa has been part of a multi-state weekend production of S.T.E.A.M. They also talked to nearby colleges and recruited the marketing students to help develop marketing

strategies for *A.B.A.T.E.* They had a great turnout and got community involvement.

There are issues that we need to be aware of and ready to act against:

- Health denial of benefits HR–1253.
- Right to repair original equipment manufacturers not wanting to share diagnostic codes.
- Gang regulations in various states.

I believe that uniting the motorcycling community and working together is something that everyone is capable of doing.

I need to remember that just because someone doesn't process information the way I do that I can't work with them to accomplish a larger goal.

I had the privilege of meeting Sputnik and spending time with him at other conventions and seeing the work he accomplished in Texas is huge. All of the motorcycle community in Texas works together and they have the ability to run the democratic party in that state. What a goal to work towards in every state.

Thank you; A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. for giving me the opportunity to attend Best of the West in Boise, Idaho this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Sipple state treasurer A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc



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KFAT was a legendary radio station that shined for a too-brief eight years from Gilroy, California (the garlic capitol of the world) from 1975 to 1983.

It's format was a challenge to describe, though they often billed themselves as "outlaw country".

But they also played bluegrass (on purpose) and such memorable titles as *Mooseturd Pie*, a regge version of *Redneck Mother*, *Disco Sucks*, *Take This Pink Slip And Beat It*, and *Your Getting Bothered Doesn't Marry Me*, among others.

In addition, there were comedy briefs, *Fat Grams*, and *Fat Fries*. (Live show recordings.)

Even though the station itself is gone, its successor, KPIG near Santa Cruz, keeps smiles and memories alive by providing on-line playback from tapes loyal FAT listeners provided.

You can even hear a rambling, slightly piratical final session with many of the key FAT personalities and DJs just before the new owners changed format at midnight.

So if you need some quality "kick back" time, enhance it by tuning in to a defunct radio station and feel the smiles spread throughout yer rightous body.

Meanwhile, if yer puttin' through the Bay Area, tune into KPIG.

"It's good though."

* You'll need an MP3 player such as *WinAmp* or *iTunes* and a pretty fast connection. (Which rules out dial-up possibilities.)

Who stole my damn screwdrivers?!

Military Services Support Motorcycle Safety

Sailors Completing Motorcycle Safety Course
To Get Discount At Navy Exchange



The Navy Exchange (NEX), in partnership with the Naval safety center and commander, Navy installations command, announced June 18 that it is offering a discount coupon on motorcycle protective gear for all sailors who complete the motorcycle safety course at their base. The coupon entitles the sailor to receive 25 percent off their entire purchase of motorcycle protective equipment sold at select NEXs as well as on-line at: http://www.myNavyExchange.com

"We are happy to partner with the Naval Safety Center to bring this discount coupon to sailors who have completed their required motorcycle training," said rear admiral Steven J. Romano, commander, Navy Exchange Service Command (NEXCOM). "The NEX does all it can to help promote motorcycle safety including selling protective equipment, promoting safety messages and partnering with the Naval Safety Center. We will do all we can to ensure the safety of our sailors and their families."

"In fiscal year 2009, motorcycle fatalities were down 61 percent in the

Navy" said rear admiral Arthur Johnson, commander, Naval Safety Center. "However, we still have more work to do. At least 3,500 sailors haven't completed their required motorcycle training. We have to close this gap as well. If you know a rider who hasn't been to training, get involved! If you need your three-year refresher course, take responsibility and get to a class! The American people are counting on you to manage risks and ride smart."

Sailors who complete the Navy motorcycle rider training class will receive a coupon from their course instructor and will have 90 days to make their purchase.

To sign up for motorcycle training,

http://www.navymotorcyclerider.com

by Kristine M. Sturkie Navy Exchange Service Command Virginia Beach, Virginia

(reprinted from http://www. navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_ id=54155)

Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety



Iris Yeager

G.A.C.M.S. member

The Oregon department of transportation safety division has prepared a map, well marked with good possible motorcycle routes through the state. The freeways are not part of these routes. The maps are available from *O.D.O.T.* safety division and are free for the asking. Information and mileages are also included with lots of other helpful information.

Contact Michelle Oleary for ordering information. Her phone number is **(503)-986-4198**.

The maps will be available from *Team Oregon* and motorcycle dealerships as well as D.M.V. Maps are being distributed to dealerships as soon as possible.

A.B.A. T.E. and other organizations are encouraged to order in bulk amounts instead of having each member order the maps. The maps are in cases of 300.

Big item of business was a discussion of the issue of lane sharing. Should it be included as a practice in Oregon or not? Only one state (California) allows the practice, although there is no law permitting it

What do you think?

Last year 48 motorcycle crashes caused 51 deaths. Of those 22 had

alcohol involved and 17 of those were unendorsed.

We sure need to help each other be aware of basic safety, like clearheadedness.

Team Oregon is still going strong, although participation has dropped off a little from a year ago at this time. (Probably due to the economy) They are still looking for permanent training sites in the Portland area.

In September *BikePAC of Oregon* will have a summit meeting and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* will also have their meeting there. Mark your calendar with the date of September 10, 11, 12 in Alsea Oregon at Nic and Luanna Oliver's home. Those arriving Friday can camp in the back yard.

For more information call (541)-487-5570.

The next meeting of the *G.A.C.M.S.* is scheduled for August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

It will be held at 235 Union Street, Salem.

Please come to the meeting and share your input.

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



Above is the some of *N.E.X.* discounted safety equipment available to sailors who complete motorcycle safety courses.



Notice that only full-face solid-shell helmets are available from the on-line *N.E.X.* web site — no clamshell, 3/4, open-face, or beanie-type helmets

Hmmm . . . sounds like our military safetycrats need some educating.
-- Rot Path, c.o.e.

From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

Farewell To Sputnik

On June 24th this year we lost one hell of a Texas biker named Sputnik.

He died at age 70, and was a legislative warrior who set the example for the rest of us. He was in ill health for so many years it was amazing to see him every year at the *N.C.O.M.* conventions, still plugging along with a fire in his heart for motorcyclists everywhere. He never let up.

When he was able to ride, he rode a *Shadow* across Texas so many miles he was putting new tires on before the blue stuff on the sides wore off.

He dedicated his life to all bikers.

These last few years Sputnik served as chairman of the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force (L.T.F.), and was an *U.S. Defender* and chairman of *T.M.R.A.-2*, a motorcycle rights organization he formed in Texas.

He traveled across the country speaking to motorcycle groups about how to gain control of our destinies. He wrote booklets with detailed instructions that worked in Texas and other parts. He was instrumental in the democratic party in Texas and liked to say the party belonged to Texas bikers.

He was my friend and brother and I for one will miss him terribly.

When he came to Oregon several years ago to speak to our S.T.E.A.M. conference, he stayed at my home. We spent many hours together and I never stopped learning from him.

Godspeed brother may the good lord take you into his arms and comfort you.

Oklahoma, Not So Okay: Oklahoma is set to deploy phototicketing cameras statewide with automated ticketing machines designed to generate \$95 million in revenue. The Oklahoma department of public safety (D.P.S.) is preparing to sign a contract with a company that will track all passing motorists with a network of at least 20 cameras. The devices would also generate additional revenues by issuing \$250 citations for expired insurance using the Oklahoma insurance verification compulsory system.

Helmet Stinkers: New technology will make helmets stink when they need to be replaced.

We're told we should replace bike helmets every few years, because minuscule cracks can develop over time, rendering them structurally unsound. For the same reason, we're supposed to replace a helmet that has withstood a direct impact immediately, no questions asked.

If this technology catches on, when your helmet is getting past its prime, it will start to smell. If it develops any large cracks... well, you'd better plug your nose. This will be quite the system when it goes to work. Maybe we'll wash our hair more often.

South Carolina: Myrtle Beach exhaust ordinance. As many people know, the supreme court of South Carolina invalidated many of the antimotorcyclist ordinances passed by the city of Myrtle Beach, with the help of *A.I.M.* attorney Tom McGrath. However a few of the ordinances remain.

Myrtle Beach passed an exhaust ordinance which is far stricter than that enacted by the state legislature. The result of this is that motorcyclists whose exhaust systems are legal everywhere else in the state of South Carolina can be ticketed in Myrtle Beach and in some instances have their property confiscated.

The law offices of *A.I.M.* attorney Tom McGrath filed suit in Horry county, asking that the court find the ordinance to be unconstitutional and therefore invalid. The plaintiffs in the law suit are numerous residents of the city of Myrtle Beach as well as *A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina, Inc.* and *A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina, Inc.*, *Horry County Chapter*.

N.H.T.S.A. **Recalls**: Here are some of the latest ones:

N.H.T.S.A. campaign ID number: 10V280

Make / Model years: MV Agusta / 2010 – Air filter frame

N.H.T.S.A. campaign ID number: 10V276

Make / Model years: *B.M.W.* / 2007-2009 – Front brake lines

N.H.T.S.A. campaign ID number : 10V275

Make / Model years: *B.M.W.* / 2005-2007 – Fuel tank attachment bolts



Gunny chief of staff O*regon A.I.M.*

Pickerington, Ohio: U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) has introduced a resolution urging the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (N.H.T.S.A.) to concentrate on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education instead of lobbying state lawmakers to enact mandatory helmet requirements, the *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.) reports.

The resolution is in response to a statement made by *N.H.T.S.A.* administrator David Strickland in May reemphasizing congressional testimony he gave in March when he stated that the core component of *N.H.T.S.A.*'s motorcycle safety plan is to increase helmet use and "anything the congress does that would support the movement of riders into helmets would be efficacious of safety."

The anti-lobbying language was originally written into the *Transportation Equity Act* approved by congress in 1998.

"It is the job of congress to protect the rights of the states and also the freedom and individual responsibilities that motorcycle riders across the nation enjoy as they travel the open roads of America," Sensenbrenner said.

Kudos to the congressman Everybody should drop him a line and thank him for his efforts on our behalf.

Michigan: A recent article reported that the two democratic gubernatorial candidates agreed on one thing: Michigan's outdated helmet requirement for motorcyclists must go. They say the regulation prevents tourism and does nothing to reduce motorcycle injuries and fatalities.

Michigan is the only Great Lakes state with a mandatory helmet requirement. According to a study done by Michigan consultants, the state is losing millions of tourism dollars and approximately \$1.2 billion in overall economic benefit because of this regulation.

Fact is, the thirty states allowing adult choice on motorcycle helmets enjoy lower fatality rates. Head injuries are not higher in helmet choice states. No state has increased its insurance rates after modifying its helmet regulation, and no state has lowered insurance rates with the implementation of a helmet requirement. Add to this the economic benefit, and the helmet requirement should go.

Gunny Again

Rely on your local *A.I.M.* attorneys to take proper care of you in the event you fall victim to an accident or other problems that concern the regulations of this country. They spend untold time and effort to improve the climate we ride in.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is especially good at what he does — squeezing that dollar from the pockets of insurance companies who want your money but don't think they should take care of the folks they insure.

All our *A.I.M.* attorneys have the same attitude. Use'm and save yourself time and money not to mention the grief that comes with the trauma.

Sam is available at **SamBikeLaw@** aol.com or phone him at (503)-224-1106 locally or 1-(800)-347-1106 toll free.

Out of state call *A.I.M.* at **1-(800)-On-A-Bike** and they will set you up with the *A.I.M.* attorney in your state.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

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

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It's the last day of June as yer crusty ol' editor begins his August editorial. (The July issue was published late last week.)

It feels a bit odd to be spanning the entire summer riding season in one writing session, but that's life in the monthly word game.

Driving back from the store this morning, yer c.o.e. got to thinking about the federal proposal to increase the amount of alcohol in gasoline to the 12 – 15% range. It stands at 10% now as a way to decrease dependence on fossil fuels.

Trouble with alcohol in our fuel is it decreases efficiency and makes the engine run hotter.

Yer c.o.e. recalls how much effort it took to make his 1967 air-cooled VW bus run cooler. (Off-set doghouse fan, external oil cooler.) Same goes for folks with air-cooled motorcycle engines.

A little background:

Back in the latter part of the last century, the federal government lifted a lot of the restrictions for folks who wanted to distill their own denatured alcohol for fuel. So there was a lot of literature about the process and what effects running pure alcohol had on engines.

Since virtually all gas engines were carburated at the time, one thing you had to do in order to preserve smooth and cool running was to increase your main jet size, which automatically decreased milage.

Alcohol has an appetite for water (which is why we get hangovers), so storage had to be changed and monitored in order to keep water from condensing into the fuel.

Pure alcohol was also rough on some of the older plumbing. This meant that some pumps, filters, and rubber fuel lines had to be replaced with synthetic or special ones that could stand up to the alcohol.

Back to the proposed federal mandate for increasing gasoline alcohol content.

There are still quite a few folk out on the highways who prefer to ride or drive carburated-engined vehicles, whether air or water-cooled. The proposed changes could be putting their engines at risk or decreasing their service life.

Now some will argue statistically that only a very small amount of the population will be adversely affected by the proposed change.

That's not the point.

People who would victimize statistically insignificant citizens should not be allowed in any position where they can influence decisions about public policy because they are out of touch with the reality that most of us are forced to contend with on a daily basis.

Citizens *will* be impacted. It doesn't matter how many.

The government should not be enacting non-emergency legislation that will create financial or emotional hardship on citizens.

Some of us just plain can't afford to change or we have



Rot Path crusty ol' editor

a lot of personal investment in the vehicles we have. We should not have to change our choice of vehicles in order to continue riding or driving.

The sad thing is that according to the *M.R.F.* article in this month's issue, the drive to up the amount of alcohol in automotive fuel isn't coming from environmentalists wanting to make the world a better place, but from elected officials from states that will directly profit from increased alcohol production.

Could there be any act more disloyal and outright un-American? It's a form of economic terrorism that should not be tolerated by our people. The elected officials behind such blatant self-interest do not deserve to be in office or receive benefits.

Remember that Johnny Paycheck song, *Take This Job And Shove It*?

Did you know there was an "answer" song to by the *MBAs* off their 1982 *Born To Run Things* album?

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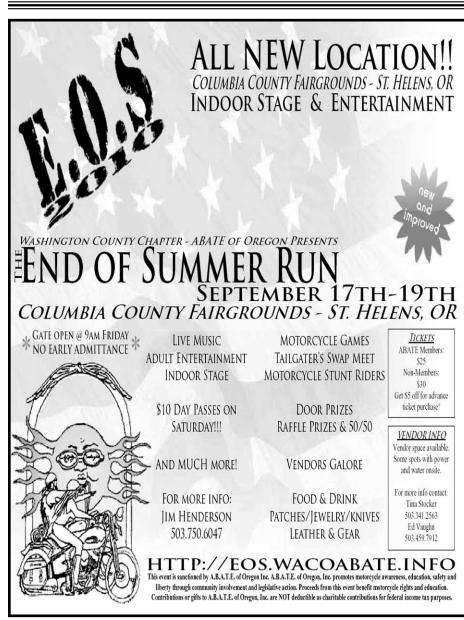


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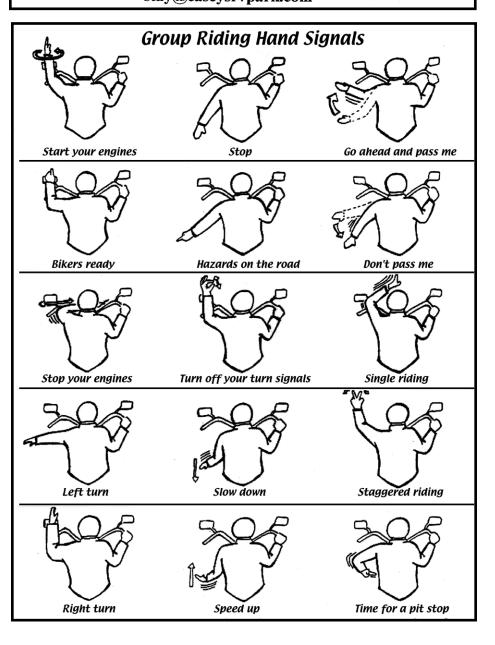
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Legislators Want Federal Traffic Safety Agency To Focus On Crash Prevention

U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) introduced a resolution urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.) concentrate on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education instead of lobbying state lawmakers enact mandatory helmet regulations. The resolution is in response to a statement made by N.H.T.S.A. administrator David Strickland in May reemphasizing congressional testimony he gave in March when he stated that the core component of N.H.T.S.A.'s motorcycle safety plan is to increase helmet use and "anything the congress does that would support the movement of riders into helmets would be efficacious of safety." On April 2, A.M.A. senior vice president for government relations Ed Moreland sought a clarification of Strickland's comments.

The letter can be read at:

AmericanMotorcyclist.com/ legisltn/documents/Strickland_ Olver_Appropriations_3-25-10. pdf

Strickland's response can be read at:

AmericanMotorcyclist.com/ legisltn/documents/Strickland_ Response_Helmet_5-24-10.pdf

The resolution, HR–1498 (which was introduced on July 1), supports efforts to retain a federal ban on the agency from using taxpayer dollars to lobby state and local legislators. Representatives Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.), Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), and Tom Petri (R-Wis.) co-sponsored the measure.

The anti-lobbying language was originally written into the *Transportation Equity Act* approved by congress in 1998. "It is the job of congress to protect the rights of the states and also the freedom

and individual responsibilities that motorcycle riders across the nation enjoy as they travel the open roads of America," Sensenbrenner said.

The A.M.A.'s Moreland thanked Sensenbrenner for his efforts. "The key to reducing motorcycle injuries and fatalities is found in the implementation of strategies that prevent the likelihood of a crash from happening in the first place," Moreland said. "We are pleased to see that representative Sensenbrenner and his colleagues who back his resolution are mindful of the importance of motorcycle crash prevention, and the pursuit of rider education as a primary means to reduce injuries and save lives," he said.

Sensenbrenner's resolution notes that federal regulations currently states: "No funds appropriated to the secretary for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shall be available for any activity specifically designed to urge a state or local legislator to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any state or local legislative body."

The resolution also states that federal legislators support efforts to retain the lobbying ban, encourages continued growth in motorcycling, recognizes the importance of motorcycle crash prevention, and encourages the traffic safety agency to focus on crash prevention and rider education "as the most significant priorities in motorcycle safety."

Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus Expands

Congressman Walter B. Jones, from North Carolina's third congressional district, joined the bipartisan caucus in early June of this year.

Co-chaired by congressman Michael Burgess (TX-26) and congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (AZ-08), the *C.M.S.C.* is made up of representatives who are motorcyclists, motorcycle enthusiasts, and have a deep interest in the issues of the riders in their districts. It is influential in connecting the rest of congress with the needs of motorcyclists through legislation, promotion of May as *Motorcycle Awareness Month* and events on *Ride-to-Work Day*.

The addition of congressman Jones brings membership to just over a dozen representatives from multiple areas of the country and both sides of the aisle.

Forest Service Announces Fee Waiver Dates

Forest Service chief Tom Tidwell announced today that the Forest Service would offer two fee- waiver weekends during the summer of 2010, in addition to other annual fee--waiver events at standard amenity fee sites.

These fee waivers will be offered in cooperation with other federal agencies under the *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.* (*R.E.A.*)

"The Forest Service is working to ensure as many visitors as possible have the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and take advantage of the many recreational activities national forests have to offer," said Tidwell. "By waiving fees, everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy the wonder and rejuvenation of recreation on national forests."

The fee-waiver dates for 2010 are as follows:

- Back-to-School Season: August 14-15 (Fees will be waived for Saturday and Sunday.)
- *National Public Lands Day*: September 25, 2010 (This fee waiver is offered every year.)
- *Veterans' Day*: November 11, 2010 (This fee waiver is offered every year.)

Around The States

Maryland: House bill 676, sponsored by delegates James Malone, Jr., (D-Arbutus) and Benjamin Kramer (D-Montgomery County), authorizes the use of certain auxiliary lighting on motorcycles.

Senate bill 189, sponsored by

senator Bryan Simonaire (R-Anne Arundel County), authorizes the motor vehicle administration to suspend for up 180 days the license of a person who is convicted of a moving violation that contributed to a crash that resulted in death.

Massachusetts: In a vote of 141-12, the Massachusetts house voted to increase the minimum age to operate an all-terrain vehicle (A.T.V.) to 14-years old. This raises the minimum from the previous age of 10.

Ohio: House bill 537, sponsored by representative Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City), would require all driver license applicants under 18 years of age to provide evidence of successful completion of a first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training course within one year preceding their application.

Oklahoma: Five bills requested and supported by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma* have been signed by governor Brad Henry.

Sponsored by representative Mike Christian (R-Oklahoma City), house bill 2264 adds a \$3 fee for each registered motorcycle for deposit in the *Motorcycle Safety and Education Program Revolving Fund*.

House bill 2322, sponsored by representative Paul D. Roan (D-Tishomingo), clarifies state law with regard to yielding the right-ofway for left-turning vehicles.

Two bills were sponsored by senator Randy Bass (D-Lawton): Senate bill 1329 permits a motorcycle operator to proceed with caution through a "stuck on red" traffic-actuated signal after coming to a complete stop and determining the signal did not detect the motorcycle, and senate bill 1670 changes the makeup of the *Advisory Committee for Motorcycle Safety and Education*.

Lastly, senate bill 1917, sponsored by senator Cliff Aldridge (R-Choctaw), provides for special license plates in support of the *Downed Bikers Association* and for armed forces veterans motorcycle license plates.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

N.H.T.S.A. Lobby Ban Supported

Today, five members of the house of representatives introduced a resolution that "supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ability to lobby state legislatures using federal tax dollars and urging N.H.T.S.A. to focus on crash prevention and rider education".

The ban is current federal law, the resolution simply supports the lobby ban and puts the current federal administration on notice that this is an important regulation and should remain in place.

There is recent activity to support the fact that the current administration would like the ability back to lobby state legislatures. At a hearing, Obama's *N.H.T.S.A.* chief, Mr. Strickland, has said the motorcycle helmet use will be the core of *N.H.T.S.A.*'s approach to motorcycle safety. He went on to say that "anything the congress does that would support the movement of riders into helmets would produce the desired effect of safety."

pleased So, we are that representatives Sensenbrenner (WI), Ryan (WI), Rehberg (MT), Lanborn (CO), and Petri (WI) have all sponsored house resolution 1498 and the M.R.F. hopes more of their colleagues will follow suit. The bill is a direct result of the M.R.F.'s spring ride to the capitol known as Bikers Inside the Beltway. A group from A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin brought this issue up with congressman Sensenbrenner and he agreed to do the resolution.

Prior to 1996, N.H.T.S.A. could and did send paid staff to state

legislatures, uninvited, to testify in favor of state helmet laws. This irked the constituents and members of congress, who felt that it was a waste of tax payer money. They felt that federal agencies should not be able to use taxpayer moneys against the will of the taxpayers. So, congress passed legislation that forbids *N.H.T.S.A.* staff from entering state assemblies uninvited. Sensenbrenner led the charge back in 1996.

"It is the job of congress to defend the freedom and individual responsibilities that motorcycle riders across the nation enjoy as they travel the open roads of America," congressman Sensenbrenner said. "Mr. Strickland's plan greatly concerns me as it is not the job of the federal government to create one-size-fits-all helmet [requirements]. Mr. Strickland appears to be intent on pursuing all means possible to enact mandatory helmet [requirements], either at the federal level or by violating the principles of the 10th amendment and bullying the states into enacting mandatory helmet [legislation]."

Washington D.C. Update

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) has learned that a letter has been sent by four U.S. senators to president Obama criticizing the recent announcement by the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) to delay the mandate that would force gasoline manufactures to move from 10% ethanol/gasoline blends to 15% ethanol in its blends. The new blend is commonly referred to as e-15. Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), John Thune (R-S.D.), Mike Johanns (R-Neb.) and Kit Bond (R-Mo.) all signed a letter



delivered to Obama June 23rd. The senators, all from states that have a large economic interest in ethanol, stated that the gulf oil spill underlines the need for less reliance on fossil fuels and a greater need for more ethanol use.

The *E.P.A.* decided to push a deadline on issuing a rulemaking that would mandate the use of 15% blends across the country. The new time frame is early fall for release of the ruling. The *E.P.A.* states that the new blend will be safe in auto engines manufactured after 2001, after testing just 18 vehicles. It is not clear if any of those vehicles were a motorcycle. The agency went on to state that it is also not clear if the new blend would damage vehicles earlier than 2001.

Ethanol causes an engine to run hotter and get less gas mileage, but it does reduce carbon monoxide emissions making it the darling of environmentalist groups. However, air cooled engines are likely to run so hot with the new blend that engine damage is almost going to be unavoidable.

The legislators called that first delay "unnecessary and unfortunate" in their letter but said they are more concerned about news late last week that *E.P.A.* will not make a decision until later this fall.

This second delay should "not be tolerated," the legislators said. The letter asks Obama to "take all action necessary" to expedite the waiver petition and immediately consider an interim blend of 12 percent ethanol.

The same problems arise with a

12% blend as with a 15% blend. No one knows what the compromise blend will do to motorcycles, air cooled engines, or other vehicles pre 2001.

Should you hail from one of the states that the four senators are from, the *M.R.F.* encourages you to contact them and ask for proof that the new blend will not harm the engines in question. All others are encouraged to contact the white house on this important matter.

"It's crucial that the American people press for more testing on this issue as Obama cabinet members have gone on record saying they 'are confident' this new measure will be approved' said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations and public affairs for the M.R.F.

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

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Myrtle Beach Helmet Ordinance Overruled

The South Carolina supreme court unanimously ruled Myrtle Beach's motorcycle helmet ordinance is invalid because it conflicts with state legislation and said there is an overriding need for uniform regulation across the state. In its ruling, issued June 8, 2010, the court invalidates not only the city's helmet and eyewear requirement, but also overturned several other municipal ordinances that the city council enacted last year to discourage motorcyclists from attending bike rallies there.

The high court decision was in response to a lawsuit filed on behalf of 49 riders who were ticketed during a helmet ordinance protest ride on the first day of the new requirement, being represented by *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney Tom McGrath of Virginia.

Testifying before the bench, McGrath argued that the ordinance was invalid because it pre-empted state legislation, which provides that anyone over the age of 21 is not required to wear a helmet. The South Carolina supreme court agreed, adding that conflicting equipment requirements would "unduly limit a citizen's freedom of movement" throughout the state; "Were local authorities allowed to enforce individual helmet ordinances, riders would need to familiarize themselves with the various ordinances in advance of a trip, so as to ensure compliance."

According to McGrath, the favorable ruling is important because it "sets a precedent by saying that cities, counties, and towns cannot supersede state legislation. Where the state legislature has spoken on an issue, it's the final word."

Although the ruling dealt specifically with the helmet-eyewear requirement, the court also found that the city impliedly repealed many of the new regulations itself when it repealed its own administrative court ordinance after the court's chief justices opined that the creation of a special courts system

was unconstitutional. As a result, "All the civil ordinances got tossed because there is no administrative hearing process to resolve the citations," explains McGrath.

Only the ordinances involving misdemeanor violations remain in effect in Myrtle Beach, but those include an onerous exhaust ordinance that is far stricter than that enacted by the state legislature.

Therefore, on Tuesday, June 15, the law offices of Tom McGrath filed suit on behalf of several plaintiffs including A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina, asking the 15th judicial circuit court to find the muffler ordinance to be unconstitutional and therefore invalid. A successful challenge could affect other cities enacting noise legislation and exhaust requirements that are not in accordance with existing state legislation.

Helmets Stink

Helmet laws suck, but new technology can make helmets smelly too.

Helmet manufacturers inform buyers that they should replace their helmet every couple of years because miniscule cracks can develop over time rendering them structurally unsound, or to discard a helmet immediately if it is involved in a crash, or even dropped.

It's sometimes difficult to determine with the naked eye when a helmet loses its effectiveness, but researchers at the *Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials* in Germany have developed a way for your nose to tell when your lid has outlived its usefulness. When your helmet is getting past its prime, it will start to smell. If it develops any large cracks... well, your nose knows.

The secret lies in odoriferous oils, enclosed in formaldehyde resin microcapsules. These microcapsules are in turn added to liquid polypropylene, which is injection-molded to form the shell of the



helmet. When the shell breaks, the capsules rupture, and stinking ensues. The Fraunhofer researchers used a computer simulation to calculate the number of capsules needed, then used mechanical testing to check that they would rupture shortly before complete structural failure.

"Smell detection is already in use for coated metal components. We are applying the process for the first time to polymer materials," stated Fraunhofer's Dr.-Ing. Christof Koplin. "The cycle helmet is being used as a demonstrator. Work on the capsules has finished and we are now completing characterizing tests on individual configurations." Possible other applications could include pressure hoses, water and gas pipes.

U.S. Defenders Ask Judge To Send Manslaughter Case To Trial

A state district judge in Texas has rejected a plea bargain that would have placed a blind woman on deferred probation in the traffic death of motorcyclist. Judge Ralph Strother of Waco's 19th state district court refused to accept the plea deal in a felony manslaughter case that involves a vision-impaired 39-year-old who was driving without a license and was cited at least twice before for the same offense.

The *U.S. Defenders*, a politically-active arm of the *Confederation of Clubs*, conducted a "call to action" and judge Strother's office was inundated with 1,200 letters from motorcycle enthusiasts who urged him not to accept the prosecutor's recommended plea deal.

Trena Evette Mitchell, who is legally blind and had four children in her car when she turned in front of Richard Craig Schroeder's motorcycle last December as he was returning from a toy run, withdrew her guilty plea and her case is now set to go to trial in mid-August.

Mitchell had been scheduled for sentencing in late July, but the judge moved up her case after more than a thousand motorcyclists said they



would ride to the courthouse to show support for Schroeder, known as "Hat Trick" to his biker friends.

"Last year we worked with the legislature to net a minimum fine for those who injure or kill an innocent party by encroaching on their right of way," said Sputnik, state chair for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (T.M.R.A.-2) and chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (N.C.O.M.-L.T.F.) "We did not receive a single no vote in the house or senate on SB-1967. Unfortunately we did not take into consideration a plea bargain where they could be given adjudication and end up not being found guilty. It is apparent that we shall have to return to the bill's sponsor senator Carona and reconstruct SB-1967 during the upcoming session to make allowances for such an occurrence."

A.B.A.T.E. Of Florida Receives State Funding For Motorcycle Safety

As Florida governor Charlie Crist signed the 2010-2011 Florida budget (HB–5001) into force on May 28, *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida* will receive a quarter of a million dollars specifically to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

"The Florida department of highway safety and motor vehicles recognized A.B.A.T.E. of Florida for our continuing work attempting to make the roadways of Florida safer for all motorcyclists," said James "Doc" Reichenbach II, president of A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc., and chairman of the N.C.O.M. board of

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Highway Bill

At a recent meeting with senator Max Baucus (D-MT), the chief architect of the financing portion of the next highway authorization bill, the M.R.F. learned that the support for the robust financing the bill deserves is just not there. With federal spending already at an all time high, the political will to raise any funds for the bill has slipped away for the time being. It's unlikely at this point that a final bill will be passed before the current extension is up at the end of this year. The M.R.F. encourages you to attend any town hall style meetings your senators or representatives may hold over the 4th of July break and urge them to get a bill passed soon.

Updating Noise Emission Standards

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) has learned that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.) is updating the regulation that governs all motorcycle noise emissions. The E.P.A. has sent a letter to various private companies located in the U.S.A., that import or build motorcycle exhausts intended for use in the U.S.A., asking the companies to disclose sensitive financial and business plan information, as well as trade secrets.

The *E.P.A.* claims that it must update the regulation because of "technical changes that have occurred since the last update of the rule". Current regulation has decibels capped at 83 for motorcycles built since 1983. It is not clear from the letter which direction they will

pursue, but in the past, any time the *E.P.A.* "updated" anything it meant that the regulations got stricter. Reading between the lines shows that the *E.P.A.* will likely lower the decibel limit for motorcycles, not increase it.

The five-page questionnaire asks for some very sensitive information such as; overall value of the company, part numbers of items built and or sold, testing techniques, will the company pass on the costs of more testing to the customer and so on.

The *M.R.F.* is arranging a meeting with the *E.P.A.* to clarify exactly what is going on here.

If you or anyone you know has received this letter, please put them in touch with the *M.R.F.* so that they can join the coalition to ensure that this does not put in place any hardships for the American rider.

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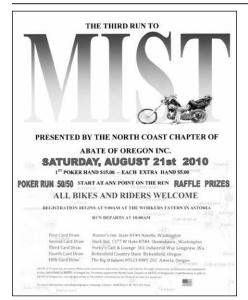
It's with a heavy heart that we have to report this next bit.

As many of you know, Sputnik Strain passed away in June.

Sputnik organized the state of Texas motorcyclists and convinced a bulk of them to run for elected office. He was so effective, that by 1996, the entire state house and senate were run by biker majorities. It didn't matter to Sput if you were a republican or a democrat, just that you were a biker. They held the majority until just few years ago.

It is, without question, a feat that has gone unrivaled in the motorcyclists' political world.

Services for Sputnik Strain were held July 10th, in Austin, Texas.





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directors in a prepared statement.

The exact wording from the state budget's Contracted Services From Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund reads; "From the funds in specific appropriation 2735, nonrecurring funds in the amount of \$250,000 are for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and educational campaigns. These funds are provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc."

This is not the first time that A.B.A.T.E. of Florida has received state funding from the D.H.S.M.V. Over the last few years, the state government has recognized *A.B.A.T.E.*'s valuable Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (M.S.A.P.) for saving lives of motorcyclists statewide. A.B.A. T.E.'s M.S.A.P. has been presented to local civic groups, schools, and public events by 32 A.B.A.T.E. chapters statewide, and an independent audit is provided to ensure that the funds are utilized to enhance motorcycle safety education.

Survey Reveals Motorcycle Safety Practices

Consumer Reports' latest survey reveals the safety habits of motorcycle and scooter owners across the U.S.

A little over half of more than 1,300 respondents said they had taken a formal riding instruction course.

Nearly 1 in 4 said they don't always wear a helmet when they ride.

Half of the respondents reported regularly wearing protective boots, and less than half said they regularly wear gloves.

About 25% said they always wear a leather, or other protective jacket when riding.

Fewer than 10% always wear protective pants or clothing in high-visibility colors.

Three out of five riders admitted to riding in a short-sleeved shirt, and about a quarter said they rode in shorts.

Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints Challenged

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Since 2007, the New York state police, along with other county and local police departments, have been conducting motorcycle-only police checkpoints on the roadways of New York state, often targeting major motorcycle events. Authorities claim that the purpose of these stops, at which they issue numerous tickets for helmet and exhaust pipe violations, is to advance motorcycle safety.

"Being a motorcycle rider myself, as well as the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney for New York state, I was asked by A.B.A.T.E. of New York to contest this infringement on the rights of motorcyclists," said Mitch Proner, who then advised the state police and municipal authorities of his intent to file suit on behalf of A.B.A.T.E. and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists if the discriminatory roadblocks continued.

"My letter was ignored and consequently, with the help of then-president of A.B.A.T.E., Robert "Prospector" Boellner, I found class representatives to bring my action against the New York state police as well as the other municipal agencies and elected officials participating in these stops," explains Proner.

In the first lawsuit of its kind in the United States, the New York city law firm of *Proner and Proner* is challenging the constitutionality of this unwarranted police action on first, fourth, fifth and fourteenth amendment grounds in the federal court for northern district of New York.

"The United States supreme court has long recognized that when a motorist is stopped on the roadway, there is a 'seizure' under the constitution," Proner notes, adding that "Whether or not this 'seizure' is unconstitutional depends on whether or not objective facts indicate that society's legitimate interests warrant the seizure and the degree to which it intrudes on the individual's personal liberties."

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Although the lawsuit is still in the discovery stages, internal memorandum which police have been forced to disclose as result of the lawsuit indicate that members of the New York state gang unit are assigned to work the checkpoints and Proner thinks the court will agree that the stops are designed primarily for police enforcement purposes as opposed to public "Rather than safety purposes. promoting any legitimate public safety concern, the checkpoints are intended to harass and intimidate motorcyclists attempting to attend motorcycle events thereby depriving them of their first amendment right to freedom of assembly as well as their fourth, fifth and fourteenth amendment rights to due process, equal protection and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures" he concludes.

Weird News Woman Fined For "Not Having A Clear Field Of Vision"

A woman driver wearing an Islamic face veil was ticketed by French traffic police for not having a clear field of vision. The 31-year-old French citizen was fined euro22 (\$29) in early April based on a rule that says drivers should have freedom of movement and a sufficient field of vision, her lawyer Jean-Michel

Pollono said.

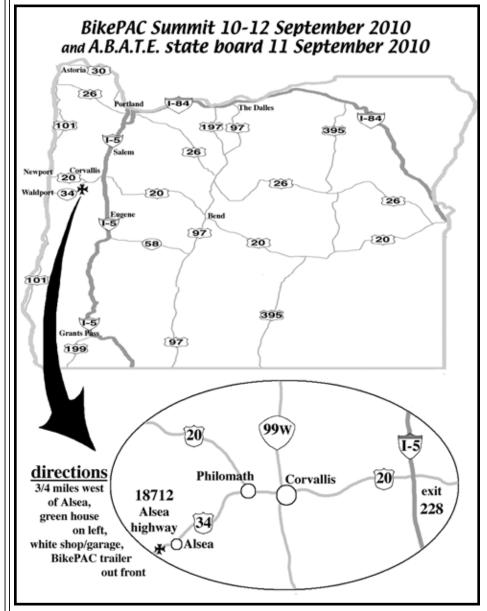
Pollono told reporters that he is protesting the decision, saying a veil is no different from a motorcycle helmet in terms of hindrance to vision; "If the veil is forbidden behind the wheel...then full helmets for motorcyclists should be banned, because you can't see on the sides."

Following months of parliamentary discussion and government talk about banning veils in public, the case has escalated in the media spotlight. The woman's husband has since been accused of polygamy and fraudulently benefiting from state financial aid for single parents paid to each of his four wives, all of whom wear veils.

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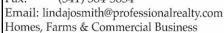
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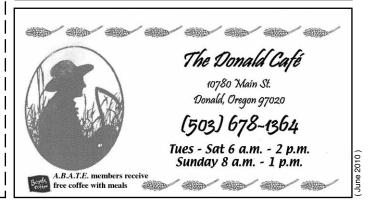
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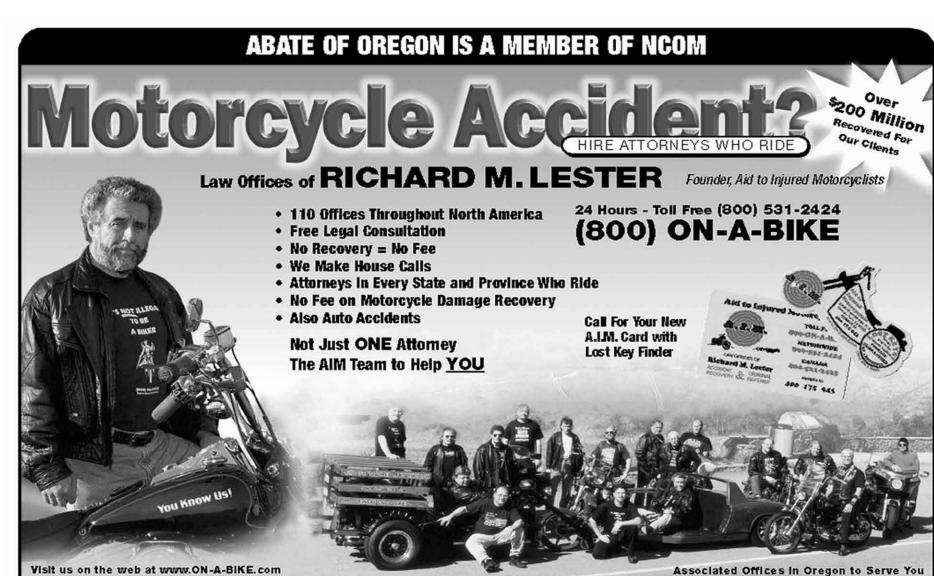
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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. A	. •	, ,	•	•	,,	,
The form can be filled out on-line at: http:		-	,	,		
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CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FO CITE #	1st appearance date:		TIME:		am/pm	
COURT LOCATION: city / county: _						
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED A	T THE SAME TIME? LIST:					
F THERE WERE ANY CRIMINAL O	CHARGES (not infractions), SPE	CIFY:				
You should IMMEDIATELY obtain						
Did officer follow normal traffic laws	in making the stop? (YES) (NO	O)				
f no explain:						
Did officer treat you fairly and respe	ctfully? (YES) (NO) If no expl	ain:				
Was your helmet confiscated? YES	/ NO Explain:					
Were you given an explanation on If verbal, describe:		(NO) If YES was	the explanation?	WRITTEN	/ERBAL	BOTH _
		T HAPPENED IN C	OURT?			
Have you gone to court? NO: Wher				vou pled quilty wha	it was the fine?	\$
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YES : What was the verdict ? GUIL						
f guilty, what was the sentence?						
FINE: \$ ASS	SESSMENT: STATE \$	COUNT	Y \$	CITY \$		
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WORK TIME LOSS HRS:	LOST WAGES: \$					

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

MODEL:

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

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

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NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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August 2010 (lammas) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 lammas	2	4th quarter moon Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm)	4	International Beer Day hazel tree of the month	6	Salem Chapter Poker Run Salem
Southeast Portland &Twin Rivers 1200 (noon) Josephine County Run To The Coast Wilderville	new moon Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm)	10	11	I 2 Klamath County 1800 (6 pm)	Lincoln County Beaver Creek Newport Douglas County Biker Night Roseburg	Location/Time change-August STATE BOARD Newport - 1100 (11 a.m.) Lincoln County Beaver Creek Newport
Central Oregon 1400 (2 pm) Lincoln County Beaver Creek Newport world war 2 ends	2nd quarter moon Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	Jackson County 1830 (6:30 pm) Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm)	18 Josephine County 1830 (6:30 pm)	Douglas County-1900 (7 pm)	DC, JoCo, WV S.O.S. Campout Wolf Creek	DC, JoCo, WV S.O.S. Campout Wolf Creek North Coast Mist Mountain Astoria
North Coast 1000 (10 am) Southeast Portland &Twin Rivers 1200 (noon) DC, Joco, WV S.O.S. Campout Wolf Creek	23	24 corn moon Salem 1900 (7 pm)	25	26	27	Hub City Poker Run Albany
29	Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	31		1 2 3 7 8 9 10	August is National Goat Cheese Month Betty Boop Festival 05 - 08 August Wisconson Perseids meteor showers 23 July - 24 August	September 2010 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

STATE BOARD MEETING C Saturday 1/4 A Saturday, 14 Aug 2010 C 1100 (11 a.m.) $A \parallel$ N--> American Legion Hall <--N 424 W. Olive Street G E Ε Newport, Oregon (map on page 8)

It was a summer to remember, Nights of parties and bonfire embers, Days riding in the sun, Traveling from run to run, Sunshine moments for winter slumber.

2010 **RUN LISTINGS**

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
07 Aug 2010	Poker Run – Salem	Salem	(503)-999-1429
08 Aug 2010	Run To The Coast – JoCo	Wilderville	
09–15 Aug 2010	Sturgis Run	South Dakotaa	
13 Aug 2010	Biker Night – Douglas Co.	Roseburg	(541)–
13-15 Aug 2010	Beaver Creek – LinCo	Newport	(541)–265–6850
20–21 Aug	Ink-N-Metal (Black Horse Saloon)	Bend	
20-22 Aug 2010	S.O.S. Campout – D.C., JoCo, W.V.	Wolf Creek	(541)–733–4069
21 Aug 2010	Mist Mountain Run – North Coast	Astoria	(503)–
28 Aug 2010	Poker Run – Hub City	Albany	(541)-327-8098
11-12 Sept 2010	BikePAC Summit		(541)-
17-19 Sept 2010	End Of Summer Run – WaCo	St. Helens	(503)-341-2563
18 Sept 2010	Teddy Bear Run – Central Oregon		
19 Sept 2010	Last Chance Social – JoCo		

	CHAPTER MEETINGS – A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Location						
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:			
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)–383–0889			
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Del Ray Cafe; 5669 NE Stephens St; Winchester	(541)-672-1522			
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–928–2536			
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Saxton's; 4618 N. Pacific highway; Central Point	(541)-665-5864			
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553			
Klamath County (KlamCo)	2nd Thursday	1800 (6 p.m.)	Biker Church; 601 5th street; Klamath Falls	(541)-			
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017			
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Monday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–728–4122			
North Coast (NC)	3th Sunday	1000 (10 a.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881			
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)– 298 - 5502			
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100			
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626			
Twin Rivers (TR)	Twin Rivers (TR) (NOTE: Twin Rivers Chapter has merged with Southeast Portland Chapter)						
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684			
Willamette Valley (WV)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	(Meeting site varies – see web page)	(541)–935–4632			