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AUGUST 2011

July Replaced By April Rains

*Pontoon attachments
big hit with motorcyclists
this summer*

August State Board Location Change

(It's only a model temporary)

see map on page 14

Sustaining Members

the
**Troy Davis
family**

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Fighter Ace

During world war two, United States fighter pilots who downed enemy aircraft painted symbols on the side of their aircraft's fuselage to show how many "kills" they had achieved. Those who shot down five or more aircraft were considered "aces".

They were always in danger of being shot down themselves. They placed themselves in harm's way in order to protect their nation and those they loved.



Cell-phoning Ace

In the present day, cage drivers who cause near-crashes, damage, or injuries while talking on cell phones should have their vehicles tagged with symbols of their transgressions. Five or more would result in license suspension and they would be considered something that also begins with "A".

They think only of themselves and their own egos, having no respect for other road users.

I-84 Crash Claims Oregon Motorcyclist



Michael Pamplin

The 10th of June saw the loss of Albany motorcyclist, Michael Pamplin.

He was doing what he loved — riding with other bikers east-bound on I-84 when he crashed near Corbett.

Sadly, his spirit could no longer remain in his body due to his injuries, and so departed.

His wife, family, and friends will miss the renewal of his presence, yet he leaves behind pleasant memories and written works that comfort those still here.

A motorcycle procession honored Michael on 18 June, arriving at his resting place in the Alsea cemetery.

(See page 17 for a poem by Michael)

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

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

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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BikePAC of Oregon

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

BikePAC works within the political process.

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

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes

all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

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

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

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

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

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

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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A	A	Single entity.
B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.
E	ENACTMENTS	To make into regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS	FREEDOM

officers at work

State Coordinator

Hello everyone,

On my way down to the July state board of directors meeting, I saw a "Watch For Motorcycles" billboard.

This was on I-5 south-bound as the speed limit turns from 65 to 60 in north Salem. (So of course I was slowing down.) This billboard was paid for by the Oregon Department Of Transportation.

I thought, "How cool is that?"

I do not know how many of these billboards O.D.O.T. has paid for, but I must remember to write a letter to Troy Costales, the director of O.D.O.T., thanking him on our behalf.

Allan Nichols (vice-coordinator-north) requested that chapter representatives ask their chapters what more they wanted to see A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon do. At the July state board meeting, a few chapters said they wanted A.B.A.T.E. to do more for motorcycle awareness. In

other words, we are tired of getting run over by cage drivers.

As I have mentioned before, Hub City Chapter has a few "awareness" billboards currently up. I have applauded their efforts before and I am doing it again. What a great way for this fantastic chapter to allocate their funds.

I also understand that the Southeast Portland Chapter has asked Lee Austin to look into buying billboard space. I hope it works out for them.

Spanky (vice-coordinator-south) is currently converting some flatbed trailers into awareness billboards to be put on private land along highways. What a great idea.

Washington County is doing the same thing with their old "ugly trailer". (And I mean ugly.)

At S.T.E.A.M. this year, Geoff White (education director) held a Motorcycle Awareness Instructor (M.A.P.) class. At the July state board of directors meeting meeting

he handed out twenty-one instructor plaques to the graduates. These people can now teach our program at local high schools and other driver education classes. Geoff has been doing this for years and I cannot thank him enough.

What else can we do?

For one, you can put a yellow "Look Twice - Be Aware - Motorcycles Are Everywhere" bumper sticker on your bumper.

Gunny (recent recipient of the N.C.O.M. Lifetime Achievement Award) has a magnetic sign on the tailgate of his truck that says, "Look Twice For Motorcycles". We are looking into having some of these made to sell to you at cost.

We are also having some more "Share the Road" signs made.

Our past education director, Patricia Carner (a really neat lady) started a great "Share The Road" program and we need to continue it.

Are we doing enough to keep



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

ourselves safe?

Have you taken a Team Oregon "refresher" class lately?

Do you ride to be seen?

Do you separate drinking and riding?

Are you riding aware?

All of these are important things that we can do to help keep ourselves safe.

Now let's do what we can to help educate the general public to watch for us.

Take care,

Ted

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

Hello Central Oregon!

Well let me start off by saying thank you to everybody who showed up for the M.R.F. Benefit Run. and for all the help that was put in for our cause.

One day the temperature was 80 degrees, then on the day of the run it dumped on us. The next day it was back to 80.

Have to love central Oregon.

We just got done with our meeting, so here we go for our 14th Teddy Bear Run.

Teddy Bear Run is the 17th of September.

We need everyone's help. for this run. This is biggest run of the year and our money-maker for our chapter.

We need your help.

We need to start getting our donations. (Please make sure that you write down where you got your donation's from.)

We need the help of all members.

So let's get this off to a great start. Flyers will be out all ready soon, so please get a few and pass them out.

Okay, now for some other news.

I am stepping down as your coordinator this year.

Time for other people to step up and take it over.

It has been fun and and thank you all for your support over the years, but it is time for me to move on.

Also wanted to say that Aaron is stepping down as vice-coordinator.

Also that your secretary Vickie is stepping down.

Ellan, as our treasurer, would like to step down as well.

So we need people to step up and take over A.B.A.T.E. of Central Oregon Chapter.

For all of the people who have been there and helped out and have voiced their concern for A.B.A.T.E., it is time to take over running the



chapter.

Again, thank you for all your support of the years.

Your Central Oregon coordinator,

Animal

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING

TIME and PLACE

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

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Aaron Myhra (503)-901-1816

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

Douglas County



→ No Report Received ←
(Probably too busy setting up for the S.O.S. Run)



Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
 Rae Ray's
 4550 old highway 99 south
 Roseburg
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POINT of CONTACT
 Jim Waggoner (541)-733-4069
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 Roseburg, OR 97470

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

Hi ya all,

As we have said, the weekend of 8-10 July was hopping.

We had the *Ride In The Light Rally* in Yreka and the *Rip City Riders* in Klamath Falls.

I understand that *Ride In The Light* had about twenty vendors while *Rip City* had over seventy. (Which again supports my idea that the events that have a date first should retain their dates. The new comer should seek another weekend.)

August 6th, *De'S Harley-Davidson* will have their 20/40 party. That, my friends, is twenty years of *Harley*, forty years of business for Dick and Marie along with their daughter's crew. Hope to see you there.

August 20th *Thunderstuck Custom Bikes* is having their *Extreme Street Party Bike Show*. All proceeds go to

the *Boys and Girls Clubs*. This party is always a good one.

If you haven't already checked out our chapter, come do so on the third Tuesday of every month.

Chrome up, rubber down,
Be brutally aware of terminally unaware,

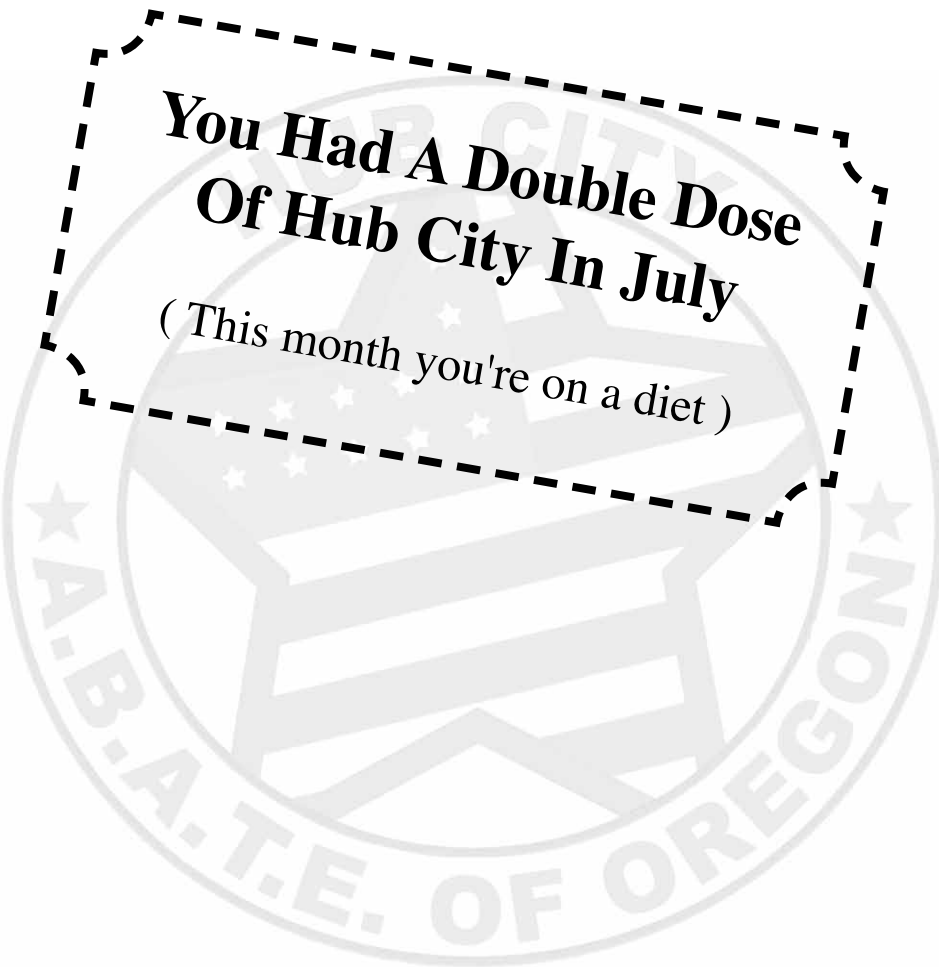
Mikey, the *Jackson County Chapter* salutes you.



Jackson County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
 3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)
 Saxton's
 4618 N. Pacific highway
 Central Point
POINT of CONTACT
 Kevin (541)-665-5864

CHAPTER ADDRESS:

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



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Hub City
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
 Ciddici's Pizza
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 Albany
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 Albany, OR 97321
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports --

Josephine County

Hurray, hurray — summer is finally here!

We had a potluck dinner before our June 16th meeting, which was well attended. There were also three guests who came by that night to join our dinner and meeting. Maybe they'll become our newest members.

My husband Richard and I have been to two campouts already, sponsored by U.M.C.I. of Roseburg and Grants Pass. They were both very good campouts and we went on some great back-country rides. We took one ride from Grants Pass to Brookings for a nice seafood lunch, and then back to Grants Pass on the Redwood Highway. Richard's son, Luke, and his wife Marnie, came all the way from Las Vegas for a visit and to attend the campout, which they also came up for last year. It was

really good to see them. A great time was had by all.

A little safety tip: We've been noticing a lot of deer lately, so please keep your eyes peeled. One could jump out in front of you at any moment. I almost hit one with my car the other day.

August 6th is the Josephine County Run To The Coast. For more information regarding time and place, call Spanky at: (541)-471-6049

The S.O.S. Campout in Wolf Creek is getting closer, 19-21 August. There will be a poker run, bike games, live music, etc. For more information, go to:

<http://www.abateoforegon.net>
 In Douglas county, call: Jim and Janie at: (541)-733-4069 or (541)-637-5287.

In Josephine county, call: Spanky



at: (541)-471-6049.
 Vendors call: Annette Murray at: (541)-580-3924
 Or leave a message with Dan Rice at: (541)-673-4644
 We'll see you at Wolf Creek.

Ride safe,
 Karen Headley
 secretary
 Josephine County Chapter



Josephine County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
 3rd Wednesdays at 1830 (6:30 p.m.)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Lincoln County**

Lincoln County is gearing up for a wonderful run at *Beaver Creek*. The weather is finally warming up on the coast and it's feeling like almost summer here.

It is interesting at our meetings, to say the least. Always entertaining. Keeps us on our toes. We have a great core group to work with. They enjoy working together and seeing to it that things are getting done.

The creek is looking better each time we leave. There are changes but they always say change is good. We will see.

A lot of us are doing more riding now that the weather is improving. We have different members who are taking vacation time with family and loved ones. I've found that being retired is a benefit to being able ride when we feel like it. Love this. The pay's not great, but time with your loved ones is.

I'm really thrilled to be back on the road. I'll wave when I see you out riding so always wave back in case it's me. We do hope that all of you are

getting some ride time in.

Not much to chat about since we are immersed in preparation. It's like making sure the house looks good for the holidays. So much to do and so little time. Seems like most people work best under pressure.

One of our young members has been working hard to get care packages together to send to our troops overseas. She has an older step brother serving in the service and is so very proud of him, as we all are and she came up with this on her own. Way to go, Harlee. We are all very proud of you.

There has been talk of taking some weekend trips after *Beaver Creek* is over and checking out some other runs. This does sound like fun now that I can travel also. Don't be surprised if we show up.

Time to sign off and get some rest, so I'll say goodbye for now.



Ride safe and keep the rubber side down,

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

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Lincoln County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall, post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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South Beach, OR 97366

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

Greetings from the *North Coast*,

Our 16th *Annual Around Saddle Mountain Run (A.S.M.)* on June 25th was blessed with clear skies and warm temperatures, with eighty bikes on the road participating in one of the last remaining "pack runs" in the state.

The *American Legion* in Seaside was our last stop where we enjoyed a good meal prepared by the *Legion* staff followed by raffle and 50/50 drawings.

One very sad note to report was that we had a couple riding in the very back of the pack go off the road resulting in critical injuries to the female passenger and minor injuries to the operator. She is still in the hospital recovering as I write this report. Our prayers and good wishes go out to them both every day.

Another rider (who traveled the farthest to attend *A.S.M.*) was run down in Medford last Friday, 08 July and sustained critical injuries. At last report he is fighting for his life as a

result of the injuries incurred. We pray for his recovery as well.

Please be careful out there each and every time you get on your scooter.

Life is precious and can change in a blink of an eye.

Please be safe!

As I write this report two large events in our area are looming in the very near future:

- *Seaside Motorcycle Festival (Bikes at the Beach)*
- *Run 21*

We are hoping both events are blessed with sunny skies and warm weather with great attendance and good times had by all.

All for now.

Enjoy the summer filled with runs and campouts.

Be safe out there.

Watch out for those cages.



All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*,

Al Jaques
chapter coordinator

North Coast
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Tuesday at 1730 (5:30 pm)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome
POINT OF CONTACT

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

LoCo is working very hard on increasing the knowledge of the people in our community about who we are and what *A.B.A.T.E.* does.

The other day my wife and I ran into someone who told us a story about trying to buy dirt bike pegs for his six year-old's dirt bike and was told that they could not sell to him because of the lead. We had a wonderful opportunity to tell them all about *A.B.A.T.E.*

Our local chapter has participated in community parades to be out where people can ask questions and receive a membership brochure to join.

Our membership secretary, Eva Bridges, is doing a great job keeping track of our members, making sure that everyone stays current and always having brochures ready to hand out, no matter where we are. Thank-you, Eva.

Our run coordinator is working very diligently on putting together our fall run. This run will be held on September 10. It will start and end

in downtown Clatskanie.

As with all the runs that *LoCo* has done, this will be no exception. Great door prizes, great pay out, and of course a great ride with a great group of people. Thank-you to Dave Bridges who takes all the extra time for us to have a safe enjoyable poker run and ride.

Be safe this summer and remember sunscreen and road rash does not make a combination.

So keep your eyes sweeping, the rubber side down, and have great ride throughout the rest of the summer.

Dave Witmer
coordinator
Lower Columbia Chapter



Lower Columbia
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

(near where highway 47 joins 30)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **River City**

June 21, 2011

We had a quick meeting tonight with a state board of directors report from Brian and a *Best Of The West* report from Rick,

It was in the high 80s with no wind and several people took good advantage to ride to the meeting.

Bob won the 500/50 at \$5.

Samantha Prentice would have won the membership game if she had been present. It will be \$25 next meeting.

Our next meeting will be on July 2 at 10 a.m. at *Bear hollow Campground* [south of] Fossil.

-- Brian

July 2, 2011

special meeting

Bear Hollow Campground

For the third year, we held our first meeting in July at *Bear Hollow Campground*.

Nine people made it to the meeting and one arrived later. (Althea) The meeting was short and included several mechanical discussions. (Mostly clutches and transmissions.)

We made plans to get some near beer and visit the *Veteran's Home* on July 16

Our newest member, John Lee, won the 50/50 game at \$11/\$11.

Dean Oades would have won the membership game if he had been present. It will be \$30 next meeting.

— Brian



Upcoming meetings

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River City
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Shiloh Inn
The Dalles

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

The July meeting was short and sweet.

This month *Salem Chapter* is hosting a booth at *Good Vibrations*. I will update everyone on *Facebook* after the event.

Brochures are available for the *Patriot Day Memorial* which will be held September 8–11 at Riverfront Park in Salem. There will be approximately 5,000 flags commemorating the civilian, public service, and military casualties since 11 September 2001.

Ride safe,

Salem Chapter



Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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

Greetings from *Washington County!*

I hope we saw you all at our *Mid-Summer Run* on July 30 and the swap meet on July 31. With such a short summer season this year, we need to take advantage of every event we can get to.

Talk about infringing on rights: According to the *Associated Press*, the Nigerian government has banned motorcycles in [the northeast part of] that country in an effort to curb the violent ride-by crimes that are being committed by a small faction of terrorists. Aside from the obvious injustice of that, 7,000 motorcycle taxi drivers are now out of work, with a dubious promise of rickshaws to replace their motorcycles.

Think that could “never happen here”?

I think it's worth making every effort to make sure our elected officials know we won't stand for our rights being stripped away like that.

As much as we've been trying to prolong the summer, the run committee has also been working very hard on our annual *End of Summer Run* coming up September 16-18 at the fairgrounds in St. Helens. We have ample space for camping, indoor restrooms, live music both nights, awesome vendors, stunt rider exhibition (weather permitting), games, bike show, and prizes galore.

Pre-sale tickets are available now at our chapter events and meetings, state board meetings, or by sending your check or money order to

WaCo ABATE

PO Box 202

Cornelius, OR 97113

Advance tickets are \$20 each for members, \$25 for non-members.

Save yourself \$5 off the gate price and buy your tickets early.

We'll have activities all weekend long, rain or shin. (Although I'm told it will be sunny that weekend.)



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

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

See you on the road,

Margo Virchow

Washington County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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



Greetings from *SEPDx*!

By now *Run-21* is over for another year and the state swap meet is also over. I hope that there was a good turnout at both events and that everyone had a good time. At our July 3rd meeting we had a packed house.

That was great to see.

As our coordinator said, "Have a good ride and watch out for idiots."

Toy run tickets are now available for sale, so check out tickets and start selling them. Remember that this event is for the kids at the Shriner's hospital.

We are attempting to locate a billboard so that we can start advertising about motorcycles to make motorists more aware that motorcycles are everywhere and to remember to share the road.

We need to watch out for drivers who are still talking and texting while driving because they are not watching out for us.

Our family picnic will be in September at Eagle Fern park in Estacada. More information about it will be in next month's newspaper.

Jenny Gracin would have won \$25

had she been present at the meeting.

I know that many of you will be going to *Sturgis* this year, so have fun. Just don't wear yourself out on the way there and watch out for distracted drivers. For those of you who are not going, there is also the *Beaver Creek Run* happening this month as well.

That's it for now.

Be safe and keep the rubber side to the road,

K. Brewer
recording secretary
Southeast Portland Chapter

Southeast Portland

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

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Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Hi to all,

I really like seeing so many motorcycle riders out.

It took awhile for really good riding weather, but we have it now. Enjoy it all you can.

Two really fine guys have reminded me of some important facts, one of them being the guy who bought my motorcycle. (I had to sell it for health reason. Nearly cried because I had to give it up.) The other guy being the son of a dear friend.

The brother who bought my bike had already ordered protective gear, joined *A.B.A.T.E.* and signed up for the *Team Oregon* basic rider course. He expressed concern about riding after his course and finding a friend to ride with him at speeds comfortable for a beginner. He is wise enough to know you do not come out of class ready for a fast ride on the road.

My son, after taking the *Team Oregon* basic rider course, found it hard to ride with seasoned riders



Iris Yeager

due to the fact that most were ready to show their stuff by riding more aggressively than a beginner feels comfortable with. He does have a good friend who rides down from Salem to ride with him. I do thank his good friend.

The son of my dear friend pointed out that the *Team Oregon* basic rider course does a great job of teaching road rules and how to handle a motorcycle on the course: starting, stopping, shifting, braking, turning, riding through cones, looking ahead, etc.

But they do all their training on a course.

There is no experience on the real road with real traffic. So no experience with watching for street signs, traffic

signals, stop signs, other vehicles, spacing without the cooperation of other vehicle operators, and road surfaces that can change on you.

So we are back to the need for fellow bikers to kindly give new riders their time by being with the beginner for a few times on the road. It is recommended by the instructors to have someone with you the first few rides out at speeds comfortable for the beginner.

As of the date I am writing this report (11 July 2011) there are eighteen motorcycle crash fatalities this year. Many have speed, alcohol, or unendorsed as part of the picture.

Our next *G.A.C.M.S.* meeting will be on 21 October 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Transportation Safety Office
235 Union Street NE
Salem, Oregon

Thanks for listening,

Iris Yeager



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

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Please make sure you print clearly and fill in all the information. Also, include a note with your info for the card. Gift Memberships are an excellent gift for anyone not already a member or someone who is not current.

Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes**

09 July 2011

Ciddici's Pizza — Albany, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by Ted Tracy at 12:08 p.m. with eleven of twelve chapters represented.

Lower Columbia was excused.

Lower Columbia, Jackson County, and *Salem* chapter representatives were not eligible to vote on board actions.

The pledge of allegiance was recited, then a moment of silence was observed for downed brothers and sisters and our troops serving throughout the world.

Logan Thompson (*Washington County Chapter*) attended the meeting as a guest.

Hub City made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, *Salem* seconded. Seven voted in favor of the motion.

Coordinator's comments: Ted Tracy commented on the billboard on I-5 put up by *O.D.O.T.* that tells motorists to "Watch for motorcycles". He will write a letter of appreciation to *O.D.O.T.* for putting the message out there.

He also reported that he was unable to respond to e-mails that came in using the *Start Logic* format (from the web page) and it may be because the sender entered their e-mail information incorrectly.

Ted also announced that Yvonne Sahnaw has stepped down from the state recording secretary position and asked for members to consider volunteering.

Officer Reports

Vice-coordinator (north) — Allan Nichols asked how many state board representatives went back to their chapters looking for guidance for the path *A.B.A.T.E.* should take? Five responded.

How many got feedback from their chapter members? Two responded.

Hub City asked that we follow the outline in the mission statement.

Washington County asked that we spend more energy on driver awareness of motorcyclists.

Both *Hub City* and *O.D.O.T.* have been working toward that goal with billboards

Southeast Portland Chapter is working on an e-mail tree and it is in progress.

Gunny mentioned the magnetic sign on his truck that asks motorists to watch for motorcycles. Dave will look into magnetic signs.

Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland*) has the yard sign printer information from several years ago, as well as the artwork.

Since non-members are not aware of our legislative involvement, it was mentioned that at poker run stops, maybe there should be a cue card that asks attendees to answer questions for either an additional draw on their hand or a door prize ticket. It make take more people manning a stop, but would make people more aware of who we are and what we do.

Douglas County asked about Sputnik's guide to being politically active and the steps he took to take over the legislature in Texas. Several members offered up access to the publication including Gunny (1-800-ONA-BIKE) to call and request a copy and also by going to <http://www.tmrail.com>

Matt Price (*Salem*) requested a banner by Wednesday for a booth they have at this coming weekend's *Good Vibrations* at *Keizer Stadium*. Ted will try to get the banner to him.

Vice-coordinator (south) — Pat "Spanky" Allen has been working hard to recruit new members by attending other club meetings and talking about the organizations to new riders and old riders alike.

He is still working on getting and placing trailer frames for mobile billboards.

He is also trying to set up a date for an impromptu, non-*A.B.A.T.E.* event that includes a trip to Crater Lake along with camping, BBQ and a photo opportunity at the lake. A date has not yet been established. Ted thought that a sign on the gas pump the a rider might see when they are filling their tank advising them that this right was won

for them by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* and *BikePAC*. Gas station owners would have to give permission for the signs to be placed.

Vice-coordinator (east) — Robert Terrill. Present, but no report.

Treasurer — Kay Sipple reports that we had \$2,279.73 income and \$2,583.57 expenses for a net loss of \$303.84 in June.

Checking account balance is \$4,895.35

Savings account balance is \$14,006.06

PayPal account is \$7,602.67

Both the checking account and the *PayPal* account are charged \$12 per month each in service fees. There was discussion again about changing banks to an institution that would not charge a fee. Kay will be checking with a local credit union and with *U.S. Bank*.

The insurance expense shows as a positive number because each time a chapter pays their sanctioning fees, they are actually paying back an expense that was paid at the beginning of the year for the insurance. By the end of the year, there should be \$3,000 in the expense account to pay the 2012 insurance.

When the *Twin Rivers Chapter* merged with the *Southeast Portland Chapter*, the funds were rolled into the *Southeast Portland* account. They should have been turned over to the state. She has been trying to get the final reports for *Twin Rivers* and has asked that *Southeast Portland* issue a check for the final *Twin Rivers* moneys to the state as well as provide information to close the books on the *Twin Rivers Chapter*.

All chapters need to be able to provide consistent monthly statements to the treasurer and auditor. These are necessary to keep the filings current with the certified public accountant and thus avoid fees and penalties from the I.R.S. We do not want to have to give the government another \$5,000 in fines.

If an officer is not able to the fulfill the duties of their office, they need to step down and another member should step up to do it.

Membership secretary — Linda Henderson stated that there are currently 1,552 members, but in actuality there are more because a number of renewals came in after the report was run. A couple of family groups expired, so the numbers seem particularly large.

The accidental death and dismemberment policy is now \$3,500. A mailing will be going out to the membership. If the members are concerned about sales people contacting them, they do not have to return the yellow cards. If they have questions, they should contact the membership secretary at the toll-free number.

Sanctioning officer — Matt Price



Linda Henderson
acting state recording secretary

stated that all events are sanctioned.

Auditor — Connie Ceccacci noted that Jackson County and Salem chapters are both in "revoke" status for not turning in reports since December.

Lower Columbia is in "no vote" status for not turning in report for March.

The actual deadline for these reports is tomorrow (10 July 2011), so status will be updated again at the August meeting.

Please get reports turned in to bring your chapter into compliance.

Central Oregon will be in "no vote" status if a report is not received as they last sent information for April.

Connie will return the thumb drives to the corresponding chapters.

Newspaper editor — Rot Path has received positive feedback from the article about respecting the U.S. flag on the front page of the July issue. Letters about flag respect were also printed in the Salem Statesman Journal.

Chapter reports are due tomorrow and he has received four so far.

The *LaGrande American Legion* requested free advertising space for an event coming up. Trace will post the information for free on the web site. If the requested ad does not displace any paid ad and can be used for filler, then Rot Path will run the ad for free. It will run one month only due to the timing of the event.

The *Club Illusions* flier was not paid in advance and there is fear that will not be paid for based on prior business with the representative/promoter.

We need to start advertising and planning for the October planning session

There was a query from the floor regarding the cost of a business card sized ad. (\$100 per year.)

Legislative director — (Randy Phipps) California: A federal judge rejected bid by the government to take over the *Mongols* name and branding.

Oregon: Bill 2792 regarding items such as concealed carry but lumped together with other miscellaneous issues passed with amendments.

Bill 2797 regarding concealed carry requirements died in committee.

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 09 July 2011 (continued)

Maps of proposed redistricting are available.

Michigan: A helmet regulation for riders over 21 has been repealed, but riders must carry \$100,000 in insurance.

There is a new *iPhone* application that sends an S.O.S. for a car or motorcycle that suddenly stops or decelerates. There is an upgrade version that allows the rider/driver to tell the phone that everything is all right. In the event the rider/driver does not respond, the phone sends out five e-mail alerts to friends, contacts, and possibly even emergency response teams.

Sergeant-at-arms (north) — Randy Phipps states that volunteers are needed for the upcoming swap meet. The state treasurer will be coordinating the gate, the membership secretary will be coordinating the information booth, and the sergeants-at-arms will be coordinating the security.

Wheels will need help all around.

Set up is scheduled for Friday starting at 3 p.m.

Products director — Dave Meeker noted that next year will be the *35th Annual Fossil Campout*. We need to start working on t-shirt artwork now.

There is also a life member pin available. (\$5)

Dave will be at *Run-21* and the state swap meet.

Education director — Geoff White finally has all the certificates for the *S.T.E.A.M. Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)* instructors.

Certificates were handed out for: Pat “Spanky” Allen, Marie Hoover, Steve Hoover, Kristi Hoover, Rudy Bauwens, Mary Ann Bauwens, Michael Horn, Tana Cospers, Millie Highfill, Barbara Vincent, Mike Vincent, Mark Schnetzky, Lance Tolle, Karen Saxton, Al Simms, Rich Virchow, Lori Bartholomew, Gordon Sahnaw, Larry Suther, and Gunny Hutcheson.

Chapter representatives were asked to take the certificates back to their chapters to hand out to the members who weren't present at the state board meeting.

There is a place on the bottom of the certificate for recertification in the event the instructor wants to be recertified.

He gave a brief description of the course.

Geoff is willing, with enough notice, to teach *M.A.P.* classes at events.

He reminds us that we are all motorcycle awareness instructors.

He will be putting on two classes on 11 July 2011 at *David Douglas High School*.

He will try to make an instructional D.V.D. Nic has an old V.H.S. copy of a mock class that was put on at *S.T.E.A.M.* a number of years ago.

M.R.F. representative — (Allan Nichols) At a recent helmet requirement protest rally in New York, a rider lost control of his bike and crashed, killing the rider. Authorities claimed that the fatal head injury may have been prevented had he been wearing a helmet. This is more ammunition for the pro-helmet lobbyists and an unfortunate case of bad timing.

Fatality and injury statistics as well as financial reports are lumping together scooters, three-wheeled vehicles, mopeds, and even mis-classifying crashes to increase the appearance of fatalities and costs. An example is that a rider went down on his bike but got up and walked to the roadside to flag down some help where he was struck and killed by a passing motorist. [His death was classified as a motorcycle fatality.] He survived the motorcycle crash but was killed trying to request aid. The report shows a classic case of fact and fiction.

Which brought up the subject of communication with other riders and motorists. If you are a rider in need of aid, how do you communicate that with passing motorists? Common methods are placing your helmet behind your rear tire or tying a bandana on the left handlebar of the bike.

A rider was recently stranded and was trying to wave down motorists. They thought she was just waving and waved back and honked their horns but no one stopped for a while. While there is no universal sign, watch for clues from riders on the roadside.

HR-748 is a resolution to restrict the increase in the ethanol content in gasoline for sale. Percentages greater than 10% will destroy engines and components.

BikePAC representative — (Randy Phipps) *BikePAC* held their meeting last Saturday.

They have decided to change directions and go from being reactive to pro-active.

Starting at the first of the year, they will be on the attack. They ask that we contact our friendly candidates and work to get them elected by working on phone banks, pounding in lawn signs, and canvassing neighborhoods. Write to local newspapers and send letters to the editors.

The lobbying strategy will be one simple question: Do you support helmet

reform?

The answer will either be yes or no.

Nic asked that there be one or two volunteers from each chapter to help their local candidates.

This is about freedom of choice.

BikePAC will be going after the ethanol bill and will work toward having one pump designated as non-ethanol fuel. The legislature wants to increase ethanol from 10% to 15%.

Whenever possible, ask for marine fuel which does not have ethanol.

Vacant positions for 2011 Oregon A.B.A.T.E. board of directors

Public relations — (No nominations.)

Sergeant-at-arms (south) — Rick Colclasure stepped up to the position.

Recording secretary — (No nominations.)

New Business

- The democratic party sent a request for sponsorship of their upcoming summit. Requested to take back to chapters for consideration.

- Motion to move the August state board meeting to the Newport *American Legion Hall* in conjunction with the *Beaver Creek Run*. Motion made by *Lincoln County*, seconded by *Jackson County*. Nine in favor. **Motion passed.**

- Motion to suspend the October state board meeting until immediately after the planning session. Motion made by *Hub City*, seconded by *Lincoln County*. Comments: The regular state board meeting includes elections but also includes the regular course of business. The second meeting after the planning session gives the board the opportunity to resolve or clarify issues that came up as part of the planning session. This has not been tried in recent years and we need to find out how it works before we decide to dismantle the program. **Motion tabled.** Chapter representatives were requested to discuss with their chapters.

Announcements

- Allen: Take maps out to the chapters. These are ride maps of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming published by the same company who did the central Oregon maps for the Fossil area.

- Millie: Knitted a healing scarf for Howie but he is not present. Linda will drop off to him.

- Rot Path: Don't forget to tip the staff.

- Geoff: He has key fobs for *M.A.P.* classes and would like pictures of instructors.

- Matt: 14–17 July 2011 will be *Good Vibrations* at the *Keizer Stadium*. and have a free booth. Come by and work a bit. Last year the event had 750 pre-registered attendees and over 1,000 walk in attendees.

- 16 July 2011 will be the *Huckleberry Pancake Run*, Milwaukie.

- Darryl: 16 July 2011 will be *Bikes at the Beach* (formerly *Seaside Bikefest*) and a poker run.

- Brian: 17 July 2011 the *River City Chapter* will be visiting The Dalles veteran home along with the *Patriot Guard Riders*.

- *Run-21* will be 22–24 July 2011.

- Nic: 23 July 2011 is *Operation Homefront Poker Run* and bike show.

- Allen: 30 July 2011 will be *Washington County's Mid Summer Poker Run* including rides on ferries and a stop at a local nursing home to visit with residents.

- Randy: The *Promise Ride*, ride to the wall will be 30 July to 14 August 2011.

- Ted: Don't forget the state swap meet 31 July 2011 at the Portland national guard armory.

- Tom: *Douglas County Chapter* will have the *Thundering Water Poker Run* on 31 July 2011.

- Larry: 06 August 2011 will be the *Run to the Coast (Josephine County)*

- Spanky: 07 August 2011 – *Old Guard Riders* will have a poker run to benefit local veterans.

- Millie: *Beaver Creek Run* will be 12–14 August 2011, south of Newport.

- S.O.S. *Run* at Wolf Creek on 19–21 August 2011.

- Robert: 09–11 September 2011 will be the *Run to the Cascades* at the Prineville fairgrounds.

The next meeting will be on 13 August 2011 at noon.

Please note change of location:

American Legion Hall
424 NW Olive street
Newport, Oregon

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Henderson

From The ...

This month is especially busy with motorcycle activities around the country. I sometimes think I need a clone so I can cover all the events in Oregon. I hate to miss anything going on in the motorcycle world.

The weather finally broke here in Oregon and now we worry about the fire season and its problems.

Please folks, when you're camping be especially careful with the fire pits and what you put in them. We've already had fires in Oregon.

Along with all the flooding and fires all over the country it's hard to decide where ya want to put your energies to help those folks. Just do the best you can and that's all you can do.

Several things have taken place since the last *Sack* saw print, so let's get on with it.

News-Bits & Pieces

N.H.T.S.A. — One good thing *N.H.T.S.A.* is doing is publishing recall information on motorcycles that have manufacturing faults. You can sign up to get these as e-mails, as they are issued.

Here are a few of them. If your scooter is on this list get to your dealer and get it taken care of before you have a problem.:

Honda: 2010-2011 — Bank angle sensor.

Yamaha: 2006-2009 — Ground wire junction.

Kawasaki: KLX250 — Fuel tank mounting system.

Kawasaki: 2011 — Apparently some tubes were pinched when mounted.

Check it out with dealers and get it fixed free before ya suddenly find yourself with a flat at speed and ruin your day.

Washington state — Yes, they did indeed pass an anti-profiling bill. However the state patrol says they will continue motorcycle "safety" stops. Cops will be checking for safety gear. Helmets, they say, must have at least three-quarter inch padding and be D.O.T.-approved. They tell us for July, they're focusing on everything having to do with motorcycle safety. That includes helmets, licenses, and the proper lights and equipment. Pay close attention to your speed as well. They will ticket for five miles in excess. Gives them the excuse to pull ya over and harass you anyhow. Seems they

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have more ways than one to skin a cat.

Kennewick, Washington — With the increased riding weather, the police here too have announced they're being especially watchful of motorcycles, looking for unendorsed riders. Be sure you are correct in every way in this area of the state.

They say most bike crashes are single vehicle incidences. On top of that, more than 70% of crashes involving motorcycles have some degree of inebriate or substance abuse related.

Word to the wise - if ya have a horn of corn, stay off yur scooter. Give the keys to someone for safekeeping and if ya have to ride on the back, do it. The embarrassment is a hell of a lot cheaper than a D.U.I.I., not to mention the additional cost of your insurance. Liability isn't usually too expensive and the uninsured and under-insured coverage takes care of your precious butt.

While I'm on it, like Sam Hochberg says, buy high, high policy limits on that uninsured and underinsured, and don't stick to the state minimums. It's your butt.

Michigan — After 42 years of a mandatory helmet requirement, the Michigan senate okayed easing state's mandatory motorcycle helmet statute.

But, *A.B.A.T.E.* is *not* happy about insurance requirements that the legislature there added to the motorcycle helmet repeal.

The Michigan senate may have voted 24-14 to repeal the state's motorcycle helmet regulation, but supporters of the repeal say this added insurance requirement is nothing short of excessive. *A.B.A.T.E.* says the requirement of \$100,000.00 in medical coverage is extreme and many companies don't even offer that, and if they did the cost would be prohibitive.

Currently, medical coverage is optional, while the new requirement could cost riders who choose to not wear helmets about \$1,000. If the bill moves through the house and is signed into effect by governor Rick Snyder, riders age 21 and older would be able to ride motorcycles without a helmet.

Senator Roger Kahn (R-Saginaw township) fought for \$250,000 in minimum coverage. (Maybe he needs to find another job?)

A.B.A.T.E. said they would fight to have the insurance requirement removed as the bill moves through the house. The governor hasn't made his feelings known.

An independent study commissioned by *A.B.A.T.E.* found more than \$1.2 billion would flow into Michigan through the sale of new motorcycles, parts, accessories and increased tourism. (All helmet states would do themselves a favor looking into these figures, the economy being what it is.)

By the time the *Sack* goes to press, we may have an answer on Michigan's helmet battle.

Nevada — What happens in Las Vegas . . . They passed a bill here to authorize the experimental use of driverless cars on state roads.

Assembly bill 511, the first such legislation in the U.S., allows the Nevada D.O.T. to draw up rules that would authorize driverless cars. The regulations would include safety standards, insurance requirements, and would delineate testing sites.

A driverless car is defined by the bill as one using artificial intelligence, sensors, and global positioning system coordinates to drive itself without the active intervention of a human operator.

In Europe, efforts are underway to create "car platoons", in which drivers could hook their vehicles up electronically with others to form a chain, controlled by the first vehicle in the line.

The *S.A.R.T.R.E. (Safe Road TRains for the Environment)* project envisions convoys of cars led by a professional driver in front, allowing following drivers to sit back and relax.

The system has already been successfully tested by the *S.A.R.T.R.E.* team using specially modified *Volvo* trucks. The project's researchers believe that wirelessly controlling the distance and speed between cars in the convoy can cut back on crashes, improve fuel efficiency, and limit congestion, not to mention less driver fatigue.

Sounds like a science fiction novel to me, but what do I know? If this is the future, just leave motorcycles out of it!

Gunny Again

As I always do, I try and remind everyone out there that our *A.I.M.* attorneys work for us in so many ways. Not just taking care of us when we have problems but working *pro bono* (free) to provide us with legal advice to our *Confederations of Clubs*, helping with legalities for our *S.M.R.O.'s*, and in so many other ways beyond forking over



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

thousands of dollars out of their own pockets to ensure we have *N.C.O.M.* conferences all over the country. They provide money for the *A.I.M.* program (which so many of us are members of) that gets us the valuable help we need when we are involved in crashes.

Use these folks if you have legal questions. They will talk with you and at least advise you of a trail to take if they can't help ya.

Call **1-(800)-on-a bike [1-(800)-531-2424]** if ya live in another stat. They will hook ya up with an *A.I.M.* attorney near you.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is available at **(503)-224-1106** locally to the Portland or **1-(800)-347-1106** toll free in areas away from Portland.

You can reach him at **Sambikelaw@aol.com** on the net if you have computer access.

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Does the use of a cell phone while driving increase the risk of crashes?

Believe it or not, the executive director of the national *Governor's Highway Safety Association (G.H.S. Ass.)* is urging states to *not* enact any more bans on cell phone use while driving until more studies are completed to see if such bans are effective.

We don't need more studies. This is one case where anecdotal evidence is abundant for anyone who spends any amount of time out on the roads of any state, particularly in urban areas.

The young lady with a cell phone glued firmly to her ear as she blew through a red light right in front of yer crusty ol' editor doesn't need to be studied. She needs to be held accountable for her actions in endangering other road users. (Yer c.o.e. did his part by leveling a two second blast of the horn at her. He believes that by remaining silent when dangerous actions take place, drivers are condoning such behavior.)

If more drivers would honk every time cell phony drivers endangers others, the message might begin to filter through that what they are doing is unacceptable to the rest of us. (After all, vehicles horns are there to serve as warning devices, not as a way to toot at friends.)

Oregon is one of nine states and the District of Columbia that has a cell phoning/texting-while-driving ban in place, though one would never know it judging by the number of people still

talking or texting while driving.

The fact is that statutes are ineffective if there is little voluntary compliance, peer pressure, or consistent police enforcement.

Unwanted behavior should never be condoned.

By remaining silent or not taking action, a group encourages undesirable behavior to escalate to higher levels until someone gets hurt.

Oregon A.B.A.T.E. needs to be in the forefront of discouraging distracted driving activities, including cell phone use while driving. We need to incorporate such information into our educational process for drivers, M.A.P. classes, and legislators. It's in our own best interest to ensure that other road users are taking their driving responsibilities seriously and not as a minor part of their multi-tasking experience on wheels.

Multi-tasking may be a wonderful way to get things done at home or in an office, but when behind handlebars or a wheel, riders and drivers need to

be 100% focused on their riding or driving responsibilities. It's the one way to prevent injury or death to one's self or others when out on the roads.

We need to hold drivers accountable for their actions when they cause duress or harm to other road users, particularly if such drivers are operating a multi-ton vehicle while letting themselves be distracted with their electronic pacifiers.

When a crash occurs, any cell phones and their use records of involved drivers need to be checked for activity (*not* content) at the time of a crash. Too often cell phoning drivers come up with lame excuses to cover up the real reason for their distraction, reasons that are accepted by police or courts.

Yer crusty ol' editor is fortunate in that he has only had a very basic cell phone for for about a year and a half. He hardly ever uses it, so it has not become an ingrained habit to have it always in hand, particularly while driving. (And never while riding.)

Yet there are times behind the wheel when the cell phone rings, chimes, or buzzes that there is strong urge to reach for the device and find out what is going on. (It's human nature to be curious about what is around the corner — part of our hunter-gatherer heritage.)

It takes a bit of will power when on the road or stopped at a traffic light to resist reaching for the little brain-frier and flipping it open to see what

is happening. But that's what being a mature adult is all about — self discipline. Acting for the good of the group rather than just one's self.

Those who have grown up using cell phones or who had been using them while driving for a number of years are at a disadvantage and have a lot of habits to change. If their resolve is strong enough, they can. (They are not old dogs.) They will save lives by doing so.

Rumor has it that in Israel, residents are so fed up with distracted cell phoning drivers that some people have developed short-range jammers to disrupt cell phone signals, keeping drivers from using their cell phones while driving.

Naturally any such device over here would be in direct violation of *F.C.C.* rules regarding interference with radio transmissions. And U.S. drivers would probably become so caught up trying to figure out why their cell phone suddenly stopped working, that it would actually *increase* the amount of distraction while driving, leading to inevitable crashes. (Some might argue that such culling of the driving herd would leave only non-cell phoning drivers on the roads.)

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 22)

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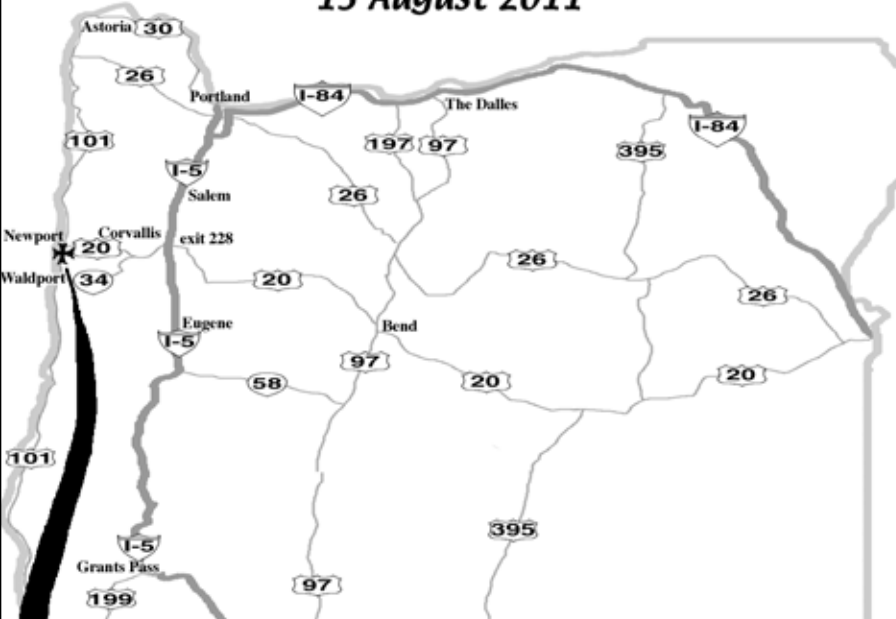


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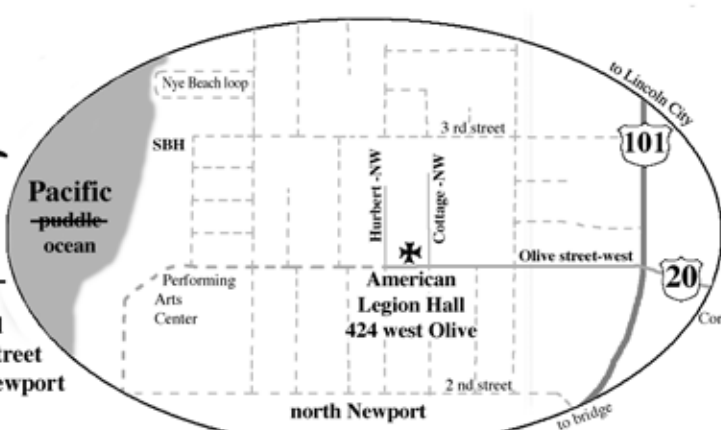
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From

The

Heart

by

Michael Pamplin

I've straddled my bike and rode far and wide,
 I've ridden west with the sun and east toward the sun,
 I've ridden north to the summer breeze,
 And south where the days are long.

I've rushed through the desert night,
 When the sky was bright,
 I've seen the lightning lash,
 Like a devil's whip echoing across the plains,
 My body shook from the sound of thunder,
 As I looked down and saw,
 A lonely shadow descending in the night.

I've traveled the crooked roads leading into green valleys,
 The mountains seek shelter under a while blanket of mist,
 I see earth's green wonders and dwell in the past,
 And as for tomorrow, it will never leave.

I feel free as an eagle eyeing the sights,
 Wondering if there is revelation to the freedom we've lost,
 All I know is the way I feel,
 I can't fight the future and be free as I've known.

I've ridden fast with outlaws and slow with the meek,
 They both will tell you they're wild and free,
 Like an untouched eagle among the clouds,
 That will never know the freedom allowed.

I see my brothers flying high,
 Leaving their lows for the high,
 Straight front, a brother fights to get ahead,
 To my right, a brother with little time for life,
 To my back, a brother filled with family joy,
 Like bikers, there is love between them,
 For they cherish a hidden bond to the end.

Today I ride abreast seeing my wife fly high with all,
 I feel at ease when I look across and see her happy smile,
 Her hair is blowing, she is a songbird fluttering in the
 wind,

I'm dazed by hearing the thunder from her pipes,
 My mind riddled by the fear of a world without.

Today is a good day for the foliage,
 It's green from god's reflection,
 Giving out peaceful shadow,
 On a mountain road.
 The clouds are small,
 The sky immense,
 Looking like a place untouched.

There is love between us,
 As we all ride down that open highway,
 Searching for something we may never find.

There is nothing in tomorrow,
 That will slow us down today,
 But tomorrow will be another day.

Time, you know, has been on my mind,
 I need to share my addiction to the brothers I love.
 So let's ride in the mountains to places we fancy,
 Or faraway places and celebrate our memory,
 For there's no place to ride,
 Without hearing the music of a brother nearby.

And yes,
 I am a Biker.

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Federal Funding Language Would Block “Lead Law” Enforcement

A key federal agency can't enforce a ban on the sale of kids' dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles (A.T.V.s) under language inserted into a federal government funding measure in congress.

Representative Denny Rehberg (R-Montana) got language inserted into the house financial services and general government appropriations bill for the next fiscal year, which begins October 1, that prevents the *Consumer Product Safety Commission* from using money to enforce lead-content limits on kids' off-highway vehicles.

75 Federal Legislators Support Kids Just Want to Ride Act

A bill that would exempt kids' off-highway vehicles from a regulation

that effectively bans their sale at the end of the year is gaining more support in congress. Seventy-five U.S. house members now support the bill, HR-412 (*Kids Just Want to Ride Act*), introduced by representative Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) that would exempt kids' O.H.V.s from the lead-content portion of the *Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act* (C.P.S.I.A.) of 2008.

U.S. Interior Secretary Launches New Wilderness Plan

U.S. Interior secretary Ken Salazar says he wants to work with congress to create a list of public lands by October 15 that should be immediately designated as wilderness. And he cites an omnibus

public lands bill that was ram-rodged through congress to inappropriately designate two million acres of public land as wilderness as an example of what can be done if the Obama administration and members of congress work together.

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Congress Told Off-Highway Riding Is Economic Engine

Testifiers told a key U.S. house subcommittee on June 22 that O.H.V. recreation puts billions of dollars into the U.S. economy, and public land needs to be opened up for motorized recreation. Supporters of HR-1581, the *Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act of 2011*, testified that the bill would free up almost 43 million acres of public land that now may be off-limits to off-highway riding.

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National Transportation Safety Board Updates “Top Ten Most Wanted” List

The National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.) released a yearly update to its “Top Ten Most Wanted” list Thursday, June 23rd. The list is a targeted group of the safety board’s ten priorities for the year.

Last year for the first time, motorcycle safety was a target.

However, the safety board missed the mark.

Their answer to motorcycle safety, at the time, was to ask each state to pass mandatory helmet requirements. This was not acceptable to the Motorcycle Riders

Foundation. (M.R.F.)

The N.T.S.B. has an extremely brief and inexperienced history with motorcycle safety, so the M.R.F. led the charge with educating their board members and staff. The agency has investigated just six motorcycle crashes in their forty-four year history of surface transportation investigation. Compare that to the 60,000 other surface transportation incidents and their lack of expertise is obvious.

The M.R.F. is pleased that the new recommendations for motorcycle safety no longer call for a helmet regulation. What the N.T.S.B. is now asking for is voluntary helmet use and puts equal importance on crash prevention. The M.R.F. has been key in getting all government agencies to focus on crash prevention over injury reduction for decades.

“Of course, the N.T.S.B. has a long way to go before they can even be considered amateur motorcycle safety specialists, but this is certainly a step in the right direction” said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations and public affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

“This should be considered a victory for motorcycle rights groups who have engaged on this issue,” he added.

To read the entire “Top Ten Most Wanted”, go to:

<http://www.nts.gov/news/2011/110623.html>

To read the specific motorcycle recommendations, go to:

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The N.T.S.B. is an independent government agency charged with determining the probable cause of transportation crashes, promoting transportation safety, and assisting victims of transportation crashes along with their families.

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New Hampshire Prohibits Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

In an unprecedented victory on the motorcyclists' rights front, New Hampshire became the first state to bar motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

HB-148, co-sponsored by longtime biker activist state representative, Sherm Packard, prohibits the acceptance of federal funding for the discriminatory roadblocks.

"No . . . enforcement agency of the state or a political subdivision of the state may accept federal funding the purpose of which is to establish motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints," states the new legislation, which takes effect sixty days after passage.

Packard was one of the first biker-legislators in the country, and as an original member of the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force, he literally wrote the book on *"Getting Elected To Public Office"*, a pamphlet that can be ordered free of charge through the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* at 1-(800)-525-5355 or via the internet at: <http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com>

On the flip side, however, Virginia recently joined New York, Georgia, Utah, and Maine in conducting such controversial roadblocks, with the Arlington county police department setting up a motorcycle-only checkpoint on May 28th during the annual *Rolling Thunder P.O.W./M.I.A. Rally* in Washington D.C. over Memorial Day weekend.

Also, on May 16th *A.B.A.T.E.* of New York held their annual *Freedom Rally/Ride* to the capitol and as participants departed in small groups to return home, enforcement units pulled over many of the riders and issued numerous citations of dubious legitimacy, primarily for helmets and exhausts.

"This ride has been held without incident for fifteen years," said Robert "Prospector" Boellner, a member

of the *N.C.O.M.* board of directors representing the New England states, adding; *"It is believed that this action by New York state police was retaliation for a class-action lawsuit filed by A.I.M. attorney Mitch Proner against state police and D.M.V. to stop the practice of motorcycle-only roadblocks."*

Congresswoman Giffords Continues Miraculous Comeback

In what many have dubbed a miracle recovery, Arizona state representative Gabrielle Giffords (D-Arizona) continues to make amazing progress after being shot in the head at a political rally during a shooting spree that left six dead and nineteen others wounded.

Her doctors credit her "will to live" with keeping her alive, despite initial news reports that she had been killed. She is now expected to leave the hospital soon to continue her outpatient therapy and treatment from home.

Giffords remains seated in congress and among her many duties she serves as co-chair of the *Congressional Motorcycle Caucus* along with U.S. representative Michael Burgess (R-Texas). The bipartisan caucus is comprised of motorcycle-riding representatives who promote motorcycling interests in congress.

She and fellow rider representative Allen West (R-Florida), newly-elected congressman from Florida who also now sits on the motorcycle caucus, were selected by the *N.C.O.M.* Board of directors to receive the *Silver Spoke Award (Government)* at the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* annual *N.C.O.M.* convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico this past May.

Michigan Poised To Repeal Helmet Regulation

After decades of protesting Michigan's 42-year old helmet requirement at rallies at the state capitol, motorcyclists converged on the state house on Wednesday, June 8 for a *Call To Victory Rally* in anticipation of a repeal bill making it to the desk of newly elected governor, Rick Snyder.

Governor Snyder has not committed either way, but he replaced Jennifer Granholm who twice vetoed repeals that were approved by the state legislature in 2006 and 2008. It appears that legislators are once again poised to approve legislation that will allow freedom of choice for many of Michigan's 241,000 motorcyclists.

The senate transportation committee recently passed a repeal measure that will soon go before the full senate, while a similar bill is pending in the house of representatives.

The senate bill would allow those 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they have had a motorcycle endorsement for two or more years, or have passed a safety course.

The house bill would allow those 21 and older to ride without a helmet if they have a \$20,000 medical policy in place.

Vince Consiglio, state director for *A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan*, said there are enough votes in both chambers to change the helmet regulation. *"We're not opposed to helmets, but it should be a choice,"* Consiglio says, adding that the issue ought to be the education of motorcyclists and drivers of other vehicles to avoid collisions in the first place. *A.B.A.T.E.* pushes motorcycle training and education for riders, and awareness for those in other vehicles.

The battle over helmets has also been waged in courtrooms across the state, with *A.I.M.* attorney Larry "Katman" Katkowski challenging the enforcement of the regulation on behalf of *A.B.A.T.E.* and the *Michigan Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.*

Bill Allows Pennsylvania Sunday Motorcycle Sales

In the past, Pennsylvania "blue laws" prohibited the sale of nearly all products on Sunday because of religious reasons associated with the sabbath.

But a new bill is aiming to allow motorcycle dealers to open their doors seven days a week.

Right now, you can only buy parts and accessories on Sundays. *"We always joke that you can sell all the parts to build a motorcycle but that you can't sell the motorcycle itself,"* said a spokesperson for state senator Tommy Tomlinson (R-Bucks) who introduced legislation that unanimously passed through the senate and now moves to the house.

Many dealers are eager for the change, especially since neighboring New Jersey recently lifted their ban on Sunday cycle sales and have posted positive sales figures. Motorcycle businesses in Indiana and Wisconsin have also been trying to overturn prohibitions on Sunday bike sales.

Alabama May Expand Motorcycle Licensing Requirements

Alabama is the only state where a person can get a motorcycle license without ever sitting on a motorcycle. Would-be motorcyclists as young as 14 don't have to take a skills test to obtain a license, just a written one.

Representative Allen Farley (R-Jefferson) and eight co-sponsors are behind the house version of a bill (HB-576) to require graduated licenses and mandate testing that includes riding. It would require future motorcycle licenses to include a written test and a skills test for ages 14-17. It also would introduce a graduated driver's license law that would restrict motorcycle operations for ages 14-17.

"Issuing a motorcycle license with a written test and no skills test is just setting people up for failure. The lack for a mandate of training and education can be directly linked to

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reports of [crashes],” said Richard Randolph, Alabama motorcycle safety program manager. “In sixty-nine percent of all motorcycle-involved [crashes], the cause was the motorcycle operator. That’s steady year in, year out.”

Currently, there are 47 state-legislated rider training programs in the United States and all but five U.S. states waive motorcyclist license testing for graduates of rider training courses. Only 15 states require completion of a rider ed course to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, usually for riders aged 18-21.

Vermont Creates Military License Plate For Motorcycles

Vermont will soon have a special motorcycle license plate to honor Vermont’s veteran and active duty members of the military who ride.

Governor Peter Shumlin signed the bill into effect on Tuesday, May 24. It took effect on July 1. The new regulation also allows members of the military to get veteran license plates before they retire. The governor’s office says in the past military personnel who have made a career of their service would have had to retire to receive the plate.

Adrian “Andy” Megrath, president of the *Vietnam Veterans of America, Rutland Chapter*, told *The Republic* newspaper that the motorcycle plate is another way of showing “how proud we are of veterans, and how many of us there are.”

Traffic Fines Bolster Budgets

The economic downturn has put loads of stress on state and municipal budgets across the country. With strong public pressure against raising taxes, lawmakers are raising traffic fines instead.

Communities and state governments are looking to balance their budgets on the backs of drivers, using the boost in revenue from traffic tickets to help pay their bills.

“Police are having a quick trigger finger,” says Gary Biller, executive director of the *National Motorists Association*. “There’s less tolerance, and tickets are being issued much quicker.

We know the pressure being put on governments, but it doesn’t justify what’s going on.”

Speed limits were originally intended to conserve fuel during the energy crisis of the 1970s, but have evolved into a \$4.5-\$6 billion industry according to *N.M.A.* estimates.

FoxNews.com recently reported that looming budget gaps have turned the roadways into a jungle for motorists, and cite the following examples of over-exuberant penalties across the country:

- Parking in a fire lane in Pensacola, Florida will cost you \$100, up from \$10.
- Georgia recently added a \$200 surcharge for anyone driving more than 85 miles per hour.
- Colorado increased fines for speeding from \$50 to \$135.
- Portland, Oregon increased fines for parking in a handicapped spot from \$190 to \$450.
- Parking fines in Boston doubled to \$40.
- Speeding in Florida just ten miles over the legal limit will cost you \$196, up from \$154.

Despite the increase in traffic citations, along with increased fines and fees, an estimated 95% of motorists simply pay up and don’t bother to fight their tickets in court.

Quotable Quote Spreading The Good News

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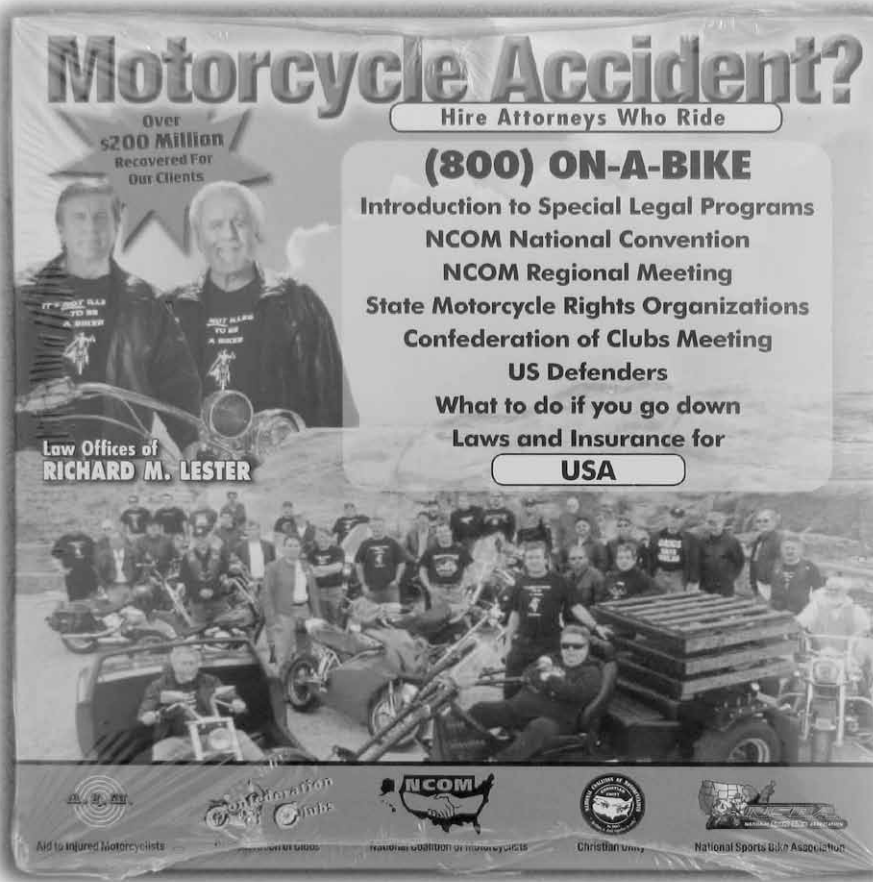
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The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists* and *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* have a new professionally produced D.V.D. available to bikers and biker groups free for the asking.

Oregon *A.I.M.* chief of staff, “Gunny” Hutcheson (who was honored at the recent *N.C.O.M.* convention with the *Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award*), wrote about the new D.V.D. in his monthly *Gunny’s Sack* column: “It features information about the annual *N.C.O.M.* conventions, the various groups and committees within *N.C.O.M.*, bike insurance, [crash] information, and more. Get with your *A.I.M.* representative or *A.I.M.* attorney in your home state, or contact *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* directly

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Gunny further noted that “Every year we are faced with more and more losses of our right to ride our machines, and the industry has to comply with ever more restrictive directives that control the manufacture of our rides. These are the reasons national organizations like *N.C.O.M.* exist. My hope is that this D.V.D. will encourage more rider groups to send representatives to every national *N.C.O.M.* convention. They are held every year in a different city, so more can attend. It’s always over *Mother’s Day* weekend. The 2012 *N.C.O.M.* convention will be in *Indianapolis*, next May 10-13.”

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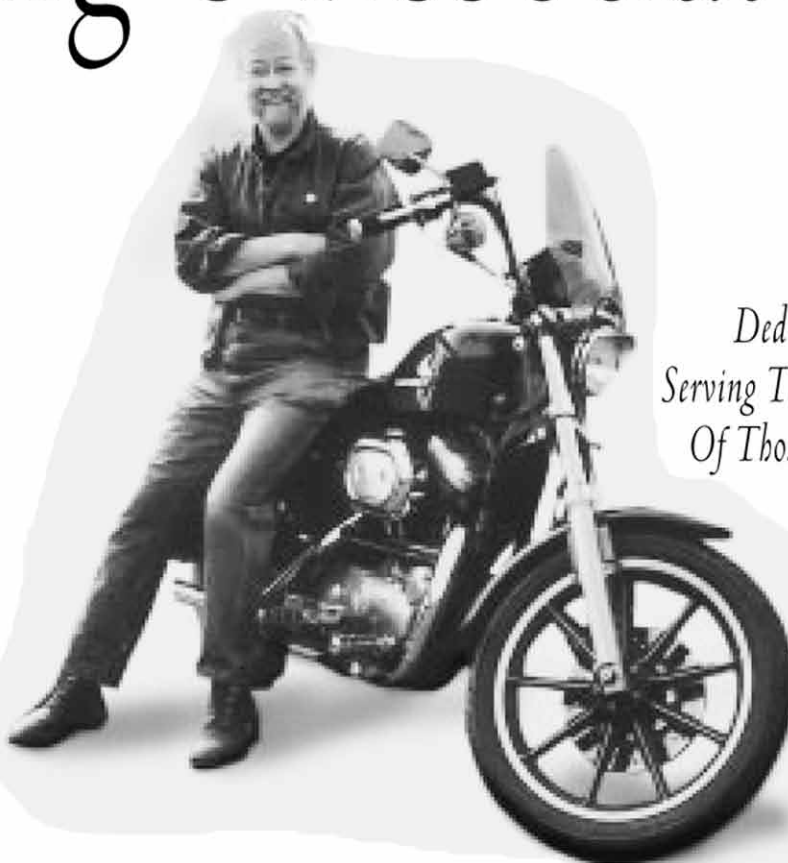
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DATE STOPPED: _____ TIME STOPPED: _____ a m / pm

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) _____

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

CITE # _____ 1st appearance date: _____ TIME: _____ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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97208

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NAME: _____
 NEW ADDRESS: _____

 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____
 ZIP CODE: _____
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: _____
 SIGNATURE: _____

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

Membership Secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, Oregon
97208

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

(revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path)

Membership Rates:					
number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	_____ Lifetime	\$300			

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

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

Comments:

August 2011 (lammas) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 13 August 2011

C	1200 (noon)	C
H	American Legion	H
A →	424 NW Olive street	← A
N	Newport, Oregon	N
G		G
E	(see map on page 14)	E

As August came to a biker's roads,
It seemed like he'd swam more than he rode,
To say summer was wet,
Was true as you could get,
Just ask the waterskiiers he towed.

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2011 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
06 Aug 2011	Coast Run / JoCo	Wilderville	(541)–659–8715
06 Aug 2011	20/40 party/D&S H–D	Medford	(541)–535–5515
07 Aug 2011	Ride Around The Valley / OGR	Grants Pass	(541)–659–8715
19–21 Aug 2011	S.O.S. / Douglas & JoCo	Wolf Creek	(541)–733–4069
20 Aug 2011	Extreme Street Party/Thunderstruck	Medford	(541)–779–0340
10 Sept 2011	Fall Run/LoCo	Clatskanie	
16–18 Sept 2011	End of Summer/WaCo	St. Helens	
17 Sept 2011	Teddy Bear Run/CentOr		
01 Oct 2011	Toy run / JoCo	Grants Pass	(541)–659–8715
03 Dec 2011	Shriner Toy Run / SE-PDX	Portland	(503)–255–5415
27 Apr 2012	Spring Swap Meet / ABATE	Portland	

CHAPTER MEETINGS — A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

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.)	Rae Ray's; 4550 old highway 99 south; Roseburg	(541)–nnn–nnnn
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–928–2536
Indian Creek (IC)			(entire state)	
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
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–728–4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)–298–5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–378–0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–665–2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–357–3684