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(What's the name of that song . . . "Mud Gets In Yer Eyes" ?)

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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!"

*Easyrider*s 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.)*

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

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

August !

Is it really August already?

Wow, how time flies when you're having fun. And I must say that as coordinator I am having an absolute blast. I have made it to many chapter meetings around this state, and although I haven't made it to all of them yet, I have got to meet a lot of our members and have seen a lot of passion and respect that is still alive and well.

I was told when I took this office that we as an organization had lost all of our passion that had once made us great. I have since learned that this couldn't be farther from the truth. We are just as passionate as ever, although we haven't been as vocal as we used to be.

This last six months I have seen the tide start turning and have seen chapters start to come alive again. I also have received many e-mails with fantastic ideas and thoughts. But for an example, I want to show you an e-mail from a member of *Douglas County*. (Thank you, Willie.)

My fellow DC ABATE members,

I have given much thought concerning our poker runs and camp outs. Although it is a grand gesture that we donate to the less fortunate, the homeless and those with illness. We have forgotten why we are here and that is for motorcycle rights, awareness and education. We are not fulfilling that part of our commitment to our fellow motorcyclist. I suggest that rather give to what we have always done. Give why we are here to bike pack, bike training, bike wariness and education.

It would be nice to give new riders a chance to be good riders and above all future ABATE members...

He sent this to all the members of his chapter and they felt so inspired that the very next meeting they made a motion to do exactly this. As I said, this is not the only instance of passion I have seen around this great state and I could fill this paper up with all the ideas I've seen and heard. The fact is that every chapter I have had the privilege of visiting is doing something great to promote the *A.B.A.T.E.* name. I am truly very proud, and I think every one of you should be proud of what you are doing as well.

Keep up the great work everyone and let's focus on giving **every** rider in Oregon a voice and the ability to come home safe.

Ride free, ride safe, and ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols
state coordinator
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



Allan Nichols

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

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

Central Oregon

Hello from *Central Oregon*,

Summer is finally here.

We are enjoying the warm weather and long days. There are plenty of riding opportunities and I have seen lots of other riders enjoying it too.

If you are looking for a good event in September, come join us on the Saturday the 15th for our *15th Annual Teddy Bear Run*. Last year we had 118 riders and delivered 1,600 teddy bears to the local four hospitals. These teddy bears are given to children at the hospitals throughout the year. This is a great group ride that has a lot of community support.

With more bikes on the road, there have been more brothers and sisters going down. We need to be constantly aware of the cages, the road conditions, other riders, our bikes capabilities, and our own skills.

It has already been an ugly start.

Let's try to be careful out there.

We had our first meeting at our new location, *Izzy's Pizza* in Redmond. We had a good turnout despite the ominous thunderheads that were starting to build. The meeting got out in time for everyone to get in some ride time and get home before the storms let loose.

We had a good turn out for our reincarnation of the *Rocks, Lakes, and Bridges Run*. We raised \$498.60 for the *M.R.F.* while having a great time.

The winner of the 50/50 took home \$176.

We have already been talking about how to make it better for next year, so consider joining us for this run next June.



Take care all and I hope to see you on the road,

Bob Terrill
coordinator
Central Oregon Chapter

Reminder

Our next meeting will be Sunday, August 12th at 2 p.m. at *Izzy's Pizza* in Redmond.

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING
TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)
Izzy's Pizza
810 SW 11th street
Redmond, Oregon

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

Douglas County



With over 200 current members in the chapter the attendance at recent meetings has been outstanding.

Thank you!

Douglas County A.B.A.T.E. welcomes 28 members from State of Jefferson Brotherhood who recently joined the chapter.

It's great seeing new faces of fellow riders who are interested in not only riding but supporting their rights to ride. Continue to spread the word to other riders or find out how to get involved with the important issues that affect all riders throughout Oregon. However, some members are lapsing in membership renewal. Douglas County Chapter is only as strong as its members. We count on each member and their contributions. So send in your membership renewal today.

We would also like to say thank you to our state coordinator, Al Nichols, along with Kay Sipple, state treasurer, for joining us at our

June meeting. We appreciate your support.

Although hectic, we were able to iron out some key issues of concern and identified how best to show support to BikePAC, Team Oregon, and other motorcycle organizations with funds raised during sanctioned events. This came about because of a letter generated by your vice-coordinator Willie who proposed that Douglas County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E., designate the same percentage of proceeds from events and donate to these groups to be used for promoting motorcycle awareness and education. This letter was distributed by e-mail to all registered members and was well received by the majority of chapter members as well as state coordinator, Al Nichols.

Reminders:

S.O.S. is only a few weeks away, so Josephine County and Douglas County will meet one last time to finalize the

plans and ensure that everything is in place for a weekend of fun. S.O.S. is August 17th, 18 and 19th and should be another great time **Are ya ready?**

Next bike night will be at Point 9, located at 515 south Main street, 6:30 p.m. on August 10th. Join other members for a nice ride, great

food, and try your luck at winning prizes or 50/50 pot by purchasing tickets from Janie. Six tickets for \$5 or \$1 each.

Until then, enjoy the journey, Enjoy the ride,

Chris Shull
secretary
Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

Douglas County
MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)
The Zen
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Roseburg
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A.B.A.T.E. group report -- Indian Creek
(members at large)



Anyone in Indian Creek is invited to write and send in reports.

Indian Creek
MEETING TIME and PLACE
(when and wherever)

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Anywhere in Oregon
(and beyond)

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

Wahooo!

Summer is finally here and we've had some beautiful riding weather.

Hub City members have been taking full advantage as we know all too soon fall will be here and it will be time to focus on legislative issues. We should always be thinking about talking to others about these issues as one never knows what you can discover about how that person feels about our issues.

A good example of this is a meeting our state legislative and *BikePAC* officers had with a local legislator who was thought to be opposed to our issues. After talking with her and presenting our issues it turned out that she was actually open to listening to us and had in fact voted for several freedom issues during the past session.

There are many events to choose from this season. Please be sure to support our fellow organizations that are working towards our mutual goals: freedom to choose.

The ride is always worth it,

Kevin Cox



Hub City

MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Ciddici's Pizza
133 SW Fifth Street — Albany

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

Hey to all you riders,

Hope you are all having a great time riding and going to the runs and rallies.

Want to extend a big thanks for the state officers who showed up for our meeting in June. Sorry that I missed it because of health reasons. (Doctors are going to do a bronchoscopy this month to find out what is going on with my bloody lungs. Har!)

All you happy campers going to the *S.O.S Run*, please do not forget to show your ride off at the *Xtreme ThunderStruck Bike Show* and street party. All proceeds go to the *Boys and Girls Clubs* of Jackson and Josephine counties. Come on down.

Look for *Jackson County's* A.B.A.T.E. booth.

Chrome up, rubber down and be totally aware of those terminally unaware.

See ya out there,

Mikey

Jackson County Chapter



Jackson County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1830 (6:30 pm)
D & S Harley-Davidson
3846 S. Pacific highway
Medford
(541)–

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(earth)

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

Josephine County

The June 20th meeting was our quarterly potluck meeting, and of course food is always a big draw for people to attend. We had 32 in attendance. **Wow!**

One of the distinguished guests was our very own state coordinator, Allan Nichols.

Allan gave a little pep talk about the purpose and importance of *A.B.A.T.E.*

Another guest was Al Sims, state vice-coordinator (north), who also spoke briefly. Other guests included Kay Sipple (state treasurer) and Mike Radford from *Alaska A.B.A.T.E.* Thank you for taking the time to come down and attend our meeting.

It was a pleasure meeting all of you. It's nice to be able to put a face to the names we only see in e-mails.

Hopefully Karen Tolle was able to post the new photo of our chapter members, which also includes our



guests, in front of our *A.B.A.T.E.* trailer.

Up-coming events are:

August 4th is the *34th Annual Poker Run to the Coast.*

August 18th and 19th is the *S.O.S. Campout* at Wolf Creek, sponsored by the *Douglas and Josephine County Chapters.*

There are a lot of deer crossing the roads now, so keep your eyes peeled. There was a death on Redwood highway just yesterday (July 6th) when a rider hit two deer. I heard it was pretty nasty.

That's all for now, so ride safe out there,

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 --

Lower Columbia

Hey everyone,

We've been quite busy down here on the lower Columbia.

The local car club (*Clatskanie Cruisers*) sponsored a car show in the city park on June 30th. We were there. We sold just over 100 hamburgers in the park that day and another 260 burgers on the 4th of July. This was all a part of our *Heritage Days* annual celebration. So we were able to send a little money to *A.B.A.T.E.* and some to our Christmas family account. And we have a little left over for our operating expenses.

I'd like to thank Matt Price, our state sanctioning officer, for doing the job he does for us all. He is very good at what he does.

We have been selling chances to win a *Chevy* motor for the last few months. The deadline was July 4th. We collected just shy of \$2,000. All of this was donated to the *Flippin House*, or *The Castle* (*Clatskanie*

Senior Center) which will be used for the building itself.

A local lady gave a \$20 donation for *The Castle* and won the motor, which she neither needed nor wanted. She sold the motor for \$950 and donated the money equally to *The Castle* and to *Turning Point.*

So everything turned out just right.

In fact, I don't think it could have turned out any better.

At our July 1st meeting we decided that if we made money selling burgers in the park during *Heritage Days*, we would discuss doing it again on the 28th of July for the *Rhythm on the River Blues Benefit.* This event is sponsored by the *United Way of Columbia County Blues Benefit Committee.* So we gathered at *Colvin's Pub and Grill* on the 7th, discussed it, and decided to do just that.

After our meeting on the 28th we headed out on highway 30 to fulfill



our *Adopt-a-Highway* duties during a very hot two hours.

We finished off the day with a nice cool ride along the beautiful lower Columbia river.

That's all for now.

I hope all of you have as much fun serving your communities as we do. It makes us feel good to make others feel good. That's why we do it and that's all the reward we need.

Dave Bridges
coordinator
Lower Columbia Chapter

Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm)
Colvin's Pub & Grill
123 N. Nehalem
Clatskanie, Oregon
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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



Sitting here in the house writing this article and it is a beautiful, sunny day on the Oregon coast.

Well, down to business.

We have been working on *Beaver Creek* and it is looking very inviting. The bonfire pile is growing, grass is cut so you can set a tent up without getting lost, and food vendors are in place to attend and feed all of you. (And us.) We only have a couple of meetings left to make sure all arrangements are complete.

It's surprising when you figure that we always panic since it is held on private property. This means we do all the work or get someone to do it. Sometimes I envy the chapters who hold their run in parks and just have to show up. When things are finally done at *Beaver Creek* though, there is such a sense of accomplishment.

The meeting of the state board is set up for the *American Legion Hall* again and this is a great thing for us. The board has a comfortable place to meet and take care of business that

needs to be done.

We decided on special trophies for the games, since this our 30th year of hosting *Beaver Creek*. Practice your favorite game and see if it's one we do this year.

We have just had to expand the camping area. For the old timers, it is nostalgic looking around. We used to hold everything where the vendors are located. Imagine being in that area now with the vendors.

We have had some days for good riding recently and we have been out and about. We have seen a lot of bikes on the road at the coast. I've always tried to take time to wave since it could be you I'm acknowledging. It is nice to get out and about when I can.

There is not to much else happening with *Lincoln County* since we have started on *Beaver Creek* clean up. We do encourage our members to make other runs if they can and want to.

Family time is also important and some of us are involved in other

groups and have things to do with them also. *A.B.A.T.E.* is important, but it can not be your whole life.

Time to sign off and start preparing to feed you-know-who.

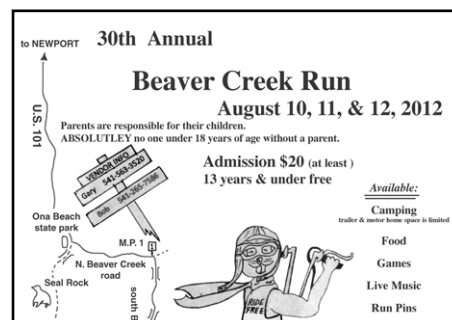
Thank heaven he is patient.

Stay safe on the road and watch for those who do not watch for us.

Keep the rubber-side down,

Millie

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



Lincoln County
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Tuesday 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**



Greetings from the *North Coast*,

Our 17th Annual *Around Saddle Mountain Run* was not blessed with clear skies and warm temperatures this year. Instead it was wet, with only eighteen bikes on the road and some folks following in cages. Regardless a good time was had by the few who participated. 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.

As I write this report, two large events in our area are looming in the very near future: the *Seaside Motorcycle Festival (Bikes at the Beach)* and *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.

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!

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

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Astoria, OR 97103

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

June 19, 2012

Tonight's meeting was small but very lively. Lee showed up and so did Rod. We discussed topics from the state board of directors report and everything else.

The 50/50 game was won by Lee at \$8/\$8, which he donated back to the chapter. Thanks, Lee.

The membership game for \$95 would have been won by Matt Snyder, if he had been present. It will be \$100 next meeting.

July 3, 2012

Lots of riding!

Brian got a new bike.

Joe and Jan rode to Canada. (For lots of fun.)

Lee, Rick, Shelley, and Brian went to *Fossil* and met up with Gene and Rod at *R.J.'s Restaurant* in Fossil for some great food and service.

Tonight a member from long past returned. Welcome, Steve Bishop.

We talked about lots of riding and changed our Sunday ride time to meet at 9:30 a.m., leave at 10 a.m. from the *Portage* parking lot.

Rick won the 50/50 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Rick.

Liska would have won the membership game for \$100 if she had been present. It will be \$105 next meeting.



We had cookies tonight in honor of Brian's new bike.

Upcoming meetings

07 August 2012

21 August 2012

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 -- *Southeast Portland*



**Report . . . ?
What report ?**

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

With the July meeting scheduled for the 2nd, the chapter voted to hold our meeting for July on June 26, 2012.

With our secretary, Tina Larson, taking a well deserved vacation at this time, and as a lot of us had not received our *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper yet, we voted unanimously to accept May's minutes.

New Business

We were informed, by Bob Wiro (chapter's state representative) of the state board's need for our vote to change distance traveled for reimbursement one way, to 200 miles, and for a sixty day notice to be given to attend related events. Passed unanimously.

Membership list was given to our new membership officer, and Kay Sipple will supply a new updated list.

Our new treasurer, Dano, will be taking over the duties as of July 17th. Our chapter will be purchasing a used laptop computer and a new *Quicken* finance program for the chapter's use.

Panhead Ric, our new run coordinator, is working hard creating poker runs, drawings, camp-outs, and other events, to build up the funds.

Bob Sicels, our new legislative officer, is working with Allan Nichols, to coordinate with Don Mason and *BikePAC's* legislative director, in creating plans for contacting members of Oregon congress, lobbyist, and businesses at large.

Murphy's list was passed around for updating, and I believe given to Kay or Allan to pass on.

We're assured to have the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* meeting address made available to us prior to the next meeting. It's amusing being there, recommended to all. Plus, without our input, they can be dangerous.

The volunteer list was passed around for the *Good Vibrations* event, held this July 13-15 in Keizer/Salem.

They have given *A.B.A.T.E.* a free booth, so anyone dropping by, please spare a few minutes and relieve the volunteers for a bit. It will be warm.

A rumor was brought up at the meeting that Salem *Harley-Davidson*



was working with the *Hitchin' Post* owners on having their own Thursday night meetings and weekend events. This, of course, conflicts with the general idea of our move. Thanks to members investigating, it's been found that Salem *Harley* and the *H.O.G. Riders* have no intention of creating runs out of our meeting place. However *A.B.A.T.E. of Salem* is working on their group to join up with us and combining runs, camp outs, drawings, *et al*, and if need be, spitting profits. Part of some money, is better than all of no money.

Also discussed, due to high fuel costs, was combining runs, camp-outs, and events with our northern and southern chapters. We just need to get together and talk.

We have picked up more members

and will continue doing so. So far, the move to the *Hitchin' Post* is working out well for all.

Thank you,
Lynn DeSpain
coordinator
Salem Chapter

Salem

MEETING TIME and PLACE

1st Tuesday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Hitching Post
8046 River road NE, Salem

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

I got tired of waiting for the warm weather to arrive, so on June 14th I went looking for it and finally found it in Klamath Falls.

A few of us decided to take a road trip to Las Vegas the weekend of June 15-17, which happened to be when the *M.R.F.* was putting on the *Best Of The West* convention. It was a great time, with interesting speakers and informative classes in the breakout sessions. The *Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs* hosted the event and did a great job of making us feel welcome. They even arranged for a secure, fenced lot at the hotel for bike parking. I've never been more thankful for water than I was when they handed me a cold bottle of water at the gate when we arrived in the 100+ degree heat.

After spending the weekend in Vegas, we headed west Monday morning and rode through Death Valley. Definitely found the warm weather there! The thermometer in Rich Virchow's fairing read 120

degrees when we got to Furnace Creek, California. (Really feeling homesick for 65 and a little light rain about then.)

On our trip home we saw the Sierra Nevada mountains, Lake Tahoe, and some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. We met friendly people in small towns along the way, and were reminded over and over why it is so much fun to travel on a motorcycle. It really made me think about why we fight for our rights to ride, and do it safely.

The next big event on our chapter's calendar is the *End Of Summer Run*, August 24-26, at the *Columbia County Fairgrounds* in St. Helens. The run committee has been working hard to make this the best one ever. The entertainment will include a "street party" Friday night on vender row, with a mix of karaoke, live music, and adult games at the gazebo.

Saturday night, Megan James will be rockin' it on the main stage.



The fairgrounds are a great place for a party, with lots of smooth, level ground for camping, and real restrooms with flush toilets and hot running water. Best of all, there are electrical hookups for the vendors and the stage, so we don't have to put up with the roar of generators all day and night.

Come on out, I bet you'll have fun!

To contact us or to find out more about the chapter, check our web site at:

<http://www.wacoabate.info/>

See you on the road,

Roger Yarnell
coordinator

Washington County

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30 p.m.)
Grape Vine Restaurant
11525 SW Barnes – Portland

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

14 July 2012

Ciddici's Pizza—Albany, Oregon

Call to order / welcome: The meeting was called to order by Al Sims (vice-coordinator – north) at 12:05 p.m. with ten of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present eligible to vote.

Excused chapters: *River City*

Absent chapters: *Lower Columbia*

Pledge of allegiance

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

Guests and first time attendees: Judy Berry from Medford, Jack Adkins, Sylvia Thrower, Kathy Olsen, Judy Bergland.

Reading / approval of minutes: Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Paul Hering (*Washington County Chapter*).

Motion passed.

Coordinator's comments: Allan Nichols (Excused). Vice-coordinator (north) Al Sims presided.

Al reminded everyone that all chapters are to have representatives at the board of directors meetings. If there is a problem, the chapter coordinator is to ensure that someone attends as their representative or attend themselves. Not calling or contacting the state coordinator is unacceptable, as this is how we do our business.

Secretary report and correspondence: Nic Oliver reported that we have some newspapers from out of state if anyone is interested.

Talked about needing ideas from the membership for the agenda at the upcoming October planning session in Cottage Grove. Nic was instructed by Allan to start putting the agenda together and get the *V.F.W.* hall ready for us.

Read a “thank you” card from the *Fossil* volunteer ambulance crew for our donation of \$1,000 from the coat raffle at *Fossil 2012*.

Reported on a flyer from *Kansas A.B.A.T.E.* on their *Labor Day Run*.

Nic also reported that this will be his last year serving as secretary for *A.B.A.T.E.* He is retiring due to health and family needs. Anyone interested should step up for training as soon as possible. (Repeat from last month.)

***** Officer's Reports *****

Vice-coordinator (north): Al Simms thanked everyone for sending him to the *Best of the West* conference. Got a lot of information regarding national level stuff.

“Hardtail” spoke on the similarities we all have rather than the differences.

Al also noted all the different patches working together. We have common opponents and we need to focus on how much we are alike and how much we need to work together.

Vice-coordinator (south): Pat “Spanky” Allen reported that they have a run flyer that has not been in our newspaper for the third year in a row. Their *34th Annual Poker Run* is coming up and so is the *S.O.S. Run*. Southern Oregon is growing fast and doing very well.

Vice-coordinator (east): Robert Terrill handed in \$55.40 to Kay for their *Rocks, Lakes and Bridges Run*.

Told of their *M.R.F.* support run that produced \$498.60 for the *M.R.F.*

Reported that this has been a bad start this year for crashes in eastern Oregon with five bikes down in the last two weeks. We need to be more careful out on the roadways.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple's report turned in.

Reported account balances:

PayPal - \$200

checking - \$6,153.78

savings - \$30,018.95

Kay also stated that next year may be her last year as treasurer and that we will need an auditor for next year as Connie will not be running

again. Kay stated the importance of the auditor and how much we have improved over the past couple of years with the auditor's help.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson's report turned in.

The current membership is at 1,939 wonderful people.

This growth is due to the efforts of members such as Spanky.

Reported that the times are changing and we should consider doing background checks of new officers in sensitive positions to protect ourselves. This was deemed to be a planning session topic.

Linda stated that this is the last year she will be serving in the membership position. Someone should really step up as soon as possible because this job has a lot of work involved and it will take time to train a replacement. (Repeat of last month.)

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price (Absent)

Report forwarded via e-mail from Allan Nichols:

“There were no applications received during the month of June. Lower Columbia Chapter's application for Rhythm on the River, a benefit activity, has been sanctioned for July. I have a mandated N.T.S.I. safety class to attend. Will see you later on. Matt”

There have been so many problems with flyers being posted in the newspaper and on the web site and no way to track who got what information. It was suggested that perhaps the sanctioning officer should send an acknowledgment or receipt when a sanctioning request is made.

State auditor: Connie Ceccacci (Excused) Kay gave report.

“Chapter colors are seven green, five yellow. (Sorry, no printed color report this month).”

Yellow chapters are Southeast Portland, River City (*computer problem*), Salem (*computer problem*), Josephine County. and Lincoln County.”

Kay reported that she will be going to Salem next Tuesday to help with the computer problem.

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending. Reported that part of the problem with getting run flyers out is the way that they are sent. Everything should be sent in “.jpg” or “.pdf” format rather than as word processing



Nic Oliver

acting state recording secretary

files so that they can be universally opened. This needs to be done for the newspaper and for sanctioning.

All monthly reports are in except for *Southeast Portland Chapter*.

Stated that he may not be at the August meeting in Newport.

Legislative director: Don Mason reported that the *Hub City Chapter* billboard has gone viral on the web. *Allstate Insurance* noticed it, copied it, then sent it out. We are getting noticed.

He also reported on a meeting with representative Sarah Gelsler from Corvallis. She has been a red (not supporting helmet reform) legislator for many years. Don and Paula from *BikePAC* met with her over coffee and the meeting was very fruitful. As it turns out, she has supported many of our issues but not helmet reform due to the public burden issue. She has asked for more information regarding that issue. The meeting showed that we should not be quick to judge a legislator until you meet with them face-to-face.

Don spoke on a meeting he and Paula Leslie (*BikePAC* legislative director) had with representative Andy Olson just yesterday. [13July2012] He handed out a tentative legislative concept, LC-194, which is how a bill starts.

LC-194 is the recommended helmet reform bill that Andy wants to submit. The concept had four points that we need to discuss:

1. Age – 21 years or older.
2. Verifiable insurance. (Not necessarily on the bike. Can be private.)
3. Fine – maximum of \$1,000.
4. Secondary offense. (Meaning that some other violation was primary reason for traffic stop.)

This concept also has a sunset clause of two years, set for a January 2016 ending.

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Each point was discussed and the only major stumbling blocks were why the fine was so high (uninsured auto fine is \$420) and the sunset clause.

It was agreed that a four year sunset clause would be more acceptable as it would produce more data. We would start to repeal the sunset clause as soon as we get the bill itself passed.

Don also spoke on the need for involvement of our membership if we are to have any hope of passing our bills.

Everyone needs to contact their representative and senator at least once each legislative session.

People need to get involved in the elections process as needed or directed by our officers and *BikePAC* to garner support from legislators for our issues. This could include putting up lawn signs or what may be requested by the candidate.

When we talk to candidates or legislators, we need to look for issues they agree with us on and see if we can convince them to support us from that angle.

If you talk to your legislators about helmet reform, get their opinion on our four major points that we have compromised on:

1. Age.
2. Insurance.
3. Fine.
4. Sunset clause.

You should also ask for their opinion on the ethanol issue (getting a non-ethanol pump at more stations) and motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Al Sims stated that we need to support our legislators, then they will vote for us/you.

Randy Phipps stated that he agreed with Don.

Sergeant-at-arms (north): Randy Phipps stated that he had no report.

Sergeant-at-arms (south): “One-Eyed Bob” Nichols said he would combine his reports now as he has to leave early.

He reported that he should have tri-fold holders next month.

Reported that he has been working on press contacts and has a press release form almost done.

Also reported that his e-mail address has been changed due to someone hacking his e-mail account.



Sergeant-at-arms (east): <Vacant>
Products director: Dave Meeker (Absent.)

Education director: Geoff White reported on the first *Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)* class at Fossil high school. It went well. It had Kay, Randy, and Bob Terrill helping out. Gene Mortimore rode his bike for the class demonstration. The class was well received and will be put on again next year.

Geoff stated that he would appreciate ideas from the chapters for S.T.E.A.M. 2013.

Public relations director: Robert “One-eyed Bob” Nichols (Report given with sgt-at-arms report.)

Fossil coordinator: Howie Long (Absent.)

Fall/spring swap meet coordinator: John “Wheel” Betts (Absent.)

Randy reported that a copy of the vendor letter has been included in the packets about the cancellation of the fall swap meet.

Discussion about a possible site for the fall swap meet for next year was held.

Al Sims spoke on an alternative site from Jim Niece about *Antique Powerland* in the Brooks area. (Near the car and motorcycle museum.) Lots of parking, though all of it would be outside.

Just not enough time to do it right this year, but possibly next year.

Historian: Jennifer Sterba (Excused.)

Kay read report:
“Received pictures from Lincoln County Chapter and am putting together a photo album. Also included are pictures taken by Dwayne. Would love to receive pictures from others of events and such so I can share.”

Web page editor: < Vacant >
Quartermaster: Dwayne Sterba (Excused.)

Kay read report;
“Need to have people to help take

the dent down at Lori and Jordan Caellaigh’s house on Sunday. Need to get tent back to storage space. Please call Jordan for details at (503)–348–3944”.

This Jordan Kelly’s place. (Past state coordinator.) Help is needed because the tent is very large. At least 8-12 people are needed.

BikePAC representative: Nic Oliver reported that there was no meeting this month.

Next meeting will be an impromptu at the *Beaver Creek Run* on Saturday, 11 August 2012 at 5 p.m. at the *BikePAC* booth.

The next regular meeting will be September 1, 2012 at the Salem library in the *Plaza Room* at noon.

M.R.F. representative: Allan Nichols (Excused.)

Confederation of Clubs representative (north): David Hicker-son (Absent.)

Gunny reported that the *C.o.C.* meeting is tomorrow. (15 July 2012)

Unfinished Business

- Sergeant-at-arms (east) – No nominations.

- Web master – No nominations.

- Discussion on handout regarding executive board proposal for operations manual changes was again tabled to ensure that all chapters have had the opportunity to discuss this issue.

- Gunny spoke on the next *N.C.O.M.* regional conference to be held in Portland. It will be October 12-13 at the *Holiday Inn*. Rooms are \$79. Mentioned that it would be a good idea for a hospitality suite be set up by *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. Also suggested that *A.B.A.T.E.* hold its October board of directors meeting at the conference.

- Sam Hochberg has moved his office to 5603 SW Hood avenue 97239. This is in the Terwilliger/John’s Landing area.

- This is Gunny’s last year as *A.I.M.*

chief of staff. People interested in assuming that role should contact Sam Hochberg at 1–(800)–347–1106 or (503)–224–1106. Or you can contact Gunny at (503)–366–2636 or aimgunny@aol.com

- Tabled motion made by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

“To change financial policy part X section Q subsection 2 from ‘other modes of transportation will be determined by the state board depending on the distance to be traveled’ to ‘other modes of transportation to be determined and approved by the state board so that purchase of said tickets occurs at least 60 days prior to first date of travel. The board may grant an exception to the 60 day limit for special circumstances.’ amended to include ‘any distance over 200 miles.’”

Bob spoke on this as a way to save money by getting tickets before the cost goes up.

Discussion was short.

Voting took place.

Motion passed.

It was noted that a correction involving section labeling of the p’s and q’s needed to be fixed in this area of the motion. Nic was instructed to do so.

New Business

- **Motion #1** Motion made by Paul Hering, (*Washington County Chapter*), seconded by Laird Adkins (*North Coast Chapter*):

“To send Ted Tracy to Meeting of Minds as state representative. State to cover air fare and registration up to \$600. September 20-23.”

Discussion was short.

Voting results: Three yeas, four nays, two abstentions.

Motion failed.

- **Motion #2.** Failed to get a second and motion therefore failed.

- It was brought to the attention of the board by Rot Path that the *Governor’s Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (G.A.C.M.S.)* will be discussing helmet standards at their next meeting. Nic stated that this is something that was dealt with years ago and that is why we have the statute regarding what a helmet is. *

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A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting

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Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: August 11, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the *American Legion* hall in Newport, Oregon.
- Today is Spanky's birthday.

Upcoming Events

- 14-15 July 2012 – *Good Vibrations* in Salem-Keizer.
- 21 July 2012 – *Mid-Summer Run* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at: <http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>
- 27-28 July 2012 – *Run 21* by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. For more

information call (503)–706–7061 or go to: <http://www.run21.biz>

• 10-12 August 2012 – *30th Annual Beaver Creek Run* by *Lincoln County Chapter*. For more information contact Bob at (541)–265–7586 or Ralph at (541)–265–6850.

• 17-19 August 2012 – *S.O.S. Run* at Wolf Creek, Oregon. More information at:

(541)-733-4069 (Jim and Jamie – *Douglas County*)

(541)-637-5286 (*Josephine County*)

(541)-471-6049 (Spanky)

• 24-26 August 2012 – *End of Summer Run* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

• 25 August 2012 – *Tuff Butt Classic Run* by *O.V.M.A.* All proceeds go to central Oregon veterans and families. For more information call Dennis at (541)–280–5161 or [what?]

• 20-23 September 2012 – *Meeting of the Minds* conference at Durham, North Carolina. Reservations at 1–(800)-325-3535

• 15 September 2012 – *Teddy Bear Run* by *Central Oregon Chapter*. For more information contact Bob Terrill at (503)–887–3032 or [?].

• 19-21 October 2012 – *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* planning session at *V.F.W.* hall in south Cottage Grove, Oregon.

• 17 November 2012 – *Toy Run* by *Washington County Chapter*. More information at:

<http://www.facebook.com/WaCoChapter>

Adjourned at 1452 (2:52 p.m.)

M.R.F. Best of the West Report

by Allan Nichols

First off let me say thank you to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for not only sending me to this event, but allowing me to attend it as your coordinator. This was truly a memorable trip for me.

I got to ride down with a group from *Washington County Chapter*, then ride back with a group from *Hub City Chapter*. After ten days on the road with these fellow riders the I can tell you that I was able to get to know them a lot better. I can tell you how different we all were, but what would be the point? Every one of us shared the same love of riding. I can tell you that even though it felt like we were riding through a blast furnace at a few points, never once did I not see smiles on all their faces. We came to respect each other and rode with confidence that we were all a part of the same brotherhood. A brotherhood of riders. When we arrived at the *Best Of The West* conference, we became aware that we were not the only ones coming to this conclusion.

For the first time in the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*) history, the conference was hosted by the *Confederation of Clubs*. When we pulled thru the gates, even though it was behind the building and was in triple digits temperature-wise, we were greeted with not just respect but with smiling faces and a genuine concern for our health and safety. They had cold water and shade that

was offered to all freely without any concern for what was or was not on our backs. It was at this point we started to notice just how big this brotherhood we belong to actually could be.

The conference offered many seminars and I felt all of them were beneficial to us as an organization.

They had a session that focused on how we as riders must take more responsibilities. It was an alcohol awareness class called *Riding with the three Rs*. Be responsible, ride responsible, and take responsibility for your actions. It focused on how we as riders are killing ourselves not just here in Oregon, but all across the country and that the time has come for us to start looking inside our brotherhood and take action to keep our brothers and sisters alive. Big brother government is looking for any excuse to step in and tell us how we can ride and live, so it is imperative that we take responsibility for not only ourselves, but have other options available for our brothers and sisters at runs and campouts so that they can also take responsibility for themselves as well.

There were also sessions on public media (*Facebook*, *Twitter*, etc.) and women in motorcycling. The ones I attended were on motorcycle rights and the *U.S. Defenders* program.

With motorcycle-only checkpoints popping up around the country, it's only a matter of time before we find

ourselves riding down a road and see one of these checkpoints. As of right now Oregon has stated that they will not do this type of checkpoint, but how long will that last?

What I found to be most interesting was that this class was presented by lawyers. They were adamant that even doing something as seemingly harmless as just talking to an officer can and most likely will be viewed as consent. Once you have consented, you have given up your rights and they can proceed to search you and your vehicle. Are they saying that you should be hostile and not cooperate? No, but what they are saying is that we as Americans have rights even if we ride motorcycles and that it is up to us to know these rights.

The regulation enforcement people are trained to get the bad guys and are taught to be very good at getting suspects to waive their rights. They are being trained to lie just to get a reaction and to get the suspect to say something they don't intend on saying.

Now we all know that police officers are upstanding citizens and will do their job with a conscience, without prejudice. But we also know that there are bad eggs out there even amongst them and when we find ourselves faced with an agency that has an agenda, it is in our best interest to know what rights we have in order to protect ourselves.

We must educate ourselves in not

only our federal laws, but also for the states we will be traveling through. (One of the fellows I was riding with found out his pocket knife could be considered a concealed weapon in Las Vegas.)

Ride with others and if you have the funds, ride with a video camera. These not only will give you a video scrap book of your journey, but could really help out if you are ever caught in a bad situation.

Lastly I want to say a little about the *U.S. Defenders* program. This program is starting to make huge waves across the country and really make a difference.

Remember that brotherhood I was talking about?

This program combined with the *Coalition of Independent Riders* or *C.O.I.R* (pronounced “core”) are becoming a true force in motorcycle rights for *all* riders regardless of what or how you ride.

In closing I want to say that our future ultimately is in our own hands.

We need to be knowledgeable, respectful, and willing to make a stand when our rights or safety are in peril.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

• state coordinator

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

• Oregon representative

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

“The political machine triumphs because it is united minority acting against a divided majority.”

-- Will Durant

M.R.F. Best of the West Report

by Al Sims

First I'd like to say thanks to all the members of A.B.A.T.E. for sending Allan and I to Las Vegas for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation Best of the West* convention. Having never been to one of these, I had no idea what to expect. I wasn't to be disappointed.

I met Allan, our state coordinator, in Reno and we rode on to Las Vegas together the next day. Several other A.B.A.T.E. members chose to ride to the convention. It was good to see them for the little bit of Fremont street that Allan and I enjoyed after riding 500 miles in 100+ degree weather. That was all of Vegas we saw. It was business from there on.

Many groups were represented from all across the spectrum of our varied calls to motorcycling. It was heartening to see how well everyone got along and focused on gaining the information the seminars had to offer. This event was the first M.R.F. function that was sponsored by the *Nevada Confederation of Clubs*, or any C.o.C. for that matter. I must congratulate the C.o.C. on a well-organized, planned out affair.

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, the guy who heads up the M.R.F., gave a very

thought-provoking introduction. He focused on the many differences of the people in the room. That might seem to put some people off when we talk all about "brotherhood", but Hardtail is good at looking at a bigger picture. It is our differences that make us stronger as a whole. If we were all exactly the same, we'd have the same strengths, yet the same weaknesses.

The afternoon session I attended was on tactics employed by regulation enforcement when engaging someone, such as during a traffic stop. Many states are having trouble with their police force becoming "militarized", which often means the line between your rights as an American citizen and a refugee or criminal in a war zone become blurred to the officer. How you handle yourself in the first few minutes of a police contact is very critical. He's a trained officer of the court. Are you trained in police procedure and tactics?

It was a scary class and I hope I never need the things I learned there. I feel it's better to be prepared than to be surprised, especially since this is a real problem in neighboring

states in which I often ride. Great class taught by a B.O.L.T. (*Bikers Of Lesser Tolerance*) lawyer.

The dinner banquet and presentations offered a speaker who had been there since the beginning, and he made for some wonderful history of the M.R.F. and its grass roots founding. What a tough and determined bunch. I think only Allan's steak was tougher.

I took several things away from this convention. [*Miniature soaps, shampoo, conditioner . . . --c.o.e.*]

What we need to focus on is that we, as motorcyclists, are seeing all our freedoms being eroded. We need to band together and overlook our differences. Our opponents love to see us bicker and waste our energy arguing amongst ourselves.

It was a very well taken sentiment. Fitting for the position in which we as A.B.A.T.E. members find ourselves of late.

Can't we focus on the mission A.B.A.T.E. was founded for? If you don't know why we're here or need a refresher, our c.o.e. is good enough to always print our history on page 2 of this fine newspaper. Check it out. Read it to a chapter meeting.

Speaking of chapter meetings, Allan and I took a week of vacation and stopped in southern Oregon to attend three chapter meetings. Kay Sipple (state treasurer) even rode down to meet us and attend the chapter meetings. *Josephine County, Jackson County, and Douglas County* all had freedom fighters in attendance.

I was glad to get to visit with all our southern Oregon A.B.A.T.E. brothers and sisters. It didn't hurt that we rode to Crater Lake, Diamond Lake, and a few other choice spots during the day while waiting for the meetings. I know why all of you live in that beautiful piece of Oregon. Thanks for welcoming us to your meetings.

Thanks again to the A.B.A.T.E. members who put their money where their mouths are and keep A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. politically involved at a national as well as state level.

Let's start planning for Billings, Montana next year!

With respect,

Al Sims

- state vice -coordinator (north)
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.
abatevcn@comcast.net
- chapter coordinator
Hub City Chapter

Ride Report: Sturgis 2008

With riding season in full swing and many planning on going to *Sturgis*, it brings to mind a trip made several years ago and may give others some tips about traveling.

Back in '08 it was decided that a journey to *Sturgis* was going to happen. A group of relatives, six in all, would meet in the town of Gillette, Wyoming for the triumphant ride into the rally. My dad and I were to leave Albany Oregon the Friday before everything kicked off and meet up with my uncle and a cousin in Careywood, Idaho while my brother would leave a day later with a friend. All in all I was ready for this trip to begin, expecting an exciting time at a place I've only read about or seen on TV.

Everything one needed for a week-plus of camping was packed on the bikes. My *Ultra-Class* was loaded down with a tent, chair, sleeping bag, and a mattress that was strapped down while the saddlebags had the miscellaneous stuff in a semblance of order. Friday

morning came and we put our gear on, ready to start this 1,500 mile trip and see the sights. It was overcast when we fired off our bikes but that's normal for the valley and we headed for the gorge. It started to sprinkle about 40 miles into the trek and it stayed that way until we must have crossed an unseen barrier just past Portland and from that point on the heavens seemed to have opened.

Ever since that day I finally learned how hard rain really is, especially when you're going 60 mph and all that wonderful protective leather just takes in all that water to make sure you don't overheat or anything.

No place to stop to put on the rain gear. We just pushed through it and finally we broke through a few miles outside the city of The Dalles.

To go from dry to completely soaked to back to dry because of your engine heat was a new experience and one that I still don't particularly care for.

We arrived at my uncle's place around 3 p.m. We'd just settled down and

cracked the first beer when my uncle asked us if we were ready to continue on. So after a 7 hour ride, part of which was in a storm, I found myself back on the horse ready to move on to the first stop in Columbus, Montana.

I admit I was lost as soon as Oregon was behind me, but traveling with my uncle was like riding shotgun to Patton. I mean, to me this was a trip but my uncle planned it like a campaign and had everything dialed in by the numbers. He had the roads mapped out where we could gas up with reasonable prices and where the free campgrounds were. If it wasn't for his diligence, the same trip would have cost me an extra \$100, easy.

Leaving the *Crazy Woman's Campground* (never found out why it's called that) we headed to Bridger, Montana. On the way I saw my uncle hit a bird in mid-flight. I was far enough back that all I hit was a cloud of feathers. Weather and traffic agreed with us and we had a most uneventful journey all the way to Gillette where we met up with my

brother and proceeded to have a blast at the *Buffalo Chips Campground*.

In a way the weather chased me to the rally and back.

Hit by a rainstorm on the way there.

While at the rally, one of those South Dakota storms hit *Sturgis* and destroyed my tent. On the way back a rain/lighting storm seemed to chase us to Drummond, Montana.

Was the trip wet?

Yes!

Was it fun?

Yes!

Is it worth doing again?

With all that went down, if all I have to do is worry a little bit about Mother Nature when my Dad and I head back, I'm sure that all I can say with any clarity is "Yes!"

The ride is always worth it,

Kevin Cox

From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Our nation's birthday passed last month, and I find myself wondering if any of our current high school students understand what this country is all about, or is it just a place they live? Just for fun I asked twelve students I know if they had any idea what it meant to live in the U.S. of A.

The most common answer I got was the Fourth of July was a day of picnics and fireworks. No one seemed to care that thousands of our brothers and sisters gave their all for the freedom we enjoy. When I asked about the second world war, the common reply was I wasn't alive then and it doesn't matter anyway. The Korean war was a complete blank for most of these kids. Viet Nam was something most knew nothing about except it was a war that nobody should have dealt with because the far east wasn't our business in the first place. Really makes me wonder what our kids are learning today.

For me the Fourth of July means we owe our forefathers every bit of our strength to protect the freedoms we have left.

Portland, Oregon — A man was taken to the hospital after being knocked unconscious when he crashed his motorcycle into a railroad crossing arm near the town of Beaverton. Witnesses told the Washington county sheriff's deputies that the man was traveling northbound on southwest 170th avenue at about 9:26 p.m. when he crashed near southwest Alexander street.

He then got back on the motorcycle, witnesses said, and continued northbound until he crashed again along the railroad tracks near the southwest Teledyne valley highway intersection.

The railroad arms were up when he crashed, said sergeant Vance Stiller, a sheriff's office spokesman, and whether alcohol played a factor in the crashes is being investigated.

Witnesses called 911. The man was taken to an area hospital with unknown injuries.

Riding Nekkid? — The *World Naked Bike Ride* rolled through the streets of Portland last month. Event organizers estimated the number of bicyclists participating last year to be nearly 8,000. The Portland police bureau had extra officers on hand to ensure everyone was safe and to provide assistance at intersections.

They recommended that all riders at least wear a helmet and shoes! This was a permitted event and traffic was affected in several areas of Portland.

I wonder what the reaction would be from the city if bikers wanted to do the same thing?

Clubs Sue Las Vegas Police — A group of motorcycle clubs has filed federal suit against the metro and north Las Vegas police departments, claiming that their civil rights have been violated.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. district court in Nevada by the *Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs (S.N.C.O.C.)*, which is comprised of 37 Las Vegas-based motorcycle clubs.

They allege they are harassed and targeted by police. (When that many clubs complain through the courts, I think there must be fire behind the smoke.)

The complainants are seeking over \$75,000 on each of its fifteen different claims and punitive and exemplary damages of more than \$75,000.

The lawsuit claims that Las Vegas police threatened to revoke the liquor licenses of local businesses if they served certain motorcycle club members or let them frequent their place of business. Beyond that, the allegations go on and on.

If the courts are fair, the police have some serious questions to answer to.

Sounds like some problems we've seen here in the northwest.

Helmet Daze, Newberg, Oregon — A biker riding through this fair burg was cited for wearing the "wrong kind" of helmet, although it met Oregon's legal definition.

Our own *A.I.M.* attorney, Sam Hochberg, coached him and gave him supporting documents for his trial, but a municipal court judge convicted him anyway. The judge said "we go by the federal *D.O.T. standard, F.M.V.S.S. 218.*"

According to at least one federal judge in Oregon, he's wrong, and the federal standard does *not* apply. You just have to be displaying a *D.O.T.* sticker affixed by the manufacturer and have a hard outer shell, inner padding, and a chin strap.

When Oregon's helmet regulation changed in 1995, the statute that adopted the federal *F.M.V.S.S. 218 standard* was repealed by *ORS 815.050.*

If you're riding through Newberg,

rider beware.

If you get a helmet ticket there, be sure to call Sam Hochberg, at **1-(503)-224-1106** and he'll try to walk you through the process.

If ya let this kind of thing go, it comes back and bites us all.

Federal Highway Bill — The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* reports the highway bill has been passed with some of the provisions bikers wanted intact. What did make it into the bill is very positive for motorcyclists.

First, the bill has no mention of the word "helmet", whatsoever.

Second, the grant program that sends money to the states for motorcycle safety has been extended. This time it is not a specific dollar amount but a percentage of each state's federal safety dollars that must be spent on motorcycle safety. The best part is that the money can only be spent on rider education and awareness campaigns. None of this money can be spent on roadside checkpoints or helmet regulation campaigns. Just simple education and awareness. (The stuff we know that works.)

N.H.T.S.A. recalls

- 2012 *Ducati* has a bad swingarm retaining screw. Get it to your dealer for a fix before ya have a bad day.

- *Zero Motorcycles Inc.* 2011-2012 models have bad brake light switches. Dealers will fix them free. These are all electric bikes.

Sam's Office Move — For those of you here in Oregon, note that our *A.I.M.* attorney, Sam Hochberg, is moving his office. After 29 years in downtown Portland, he's going over to the *John's Landing* neighborhood, where there will be *free* on-street parking and lots of room.

Effective July 23rd, his new address:

Sam Hochberg
attorney at law
5603 SW Hood avenue
Portland, OR 97239

(Phones, FAX and e-mail will all stay the same.)

Gunny Again

Again we come to the end of these small pearls of doubtful wisdom.

I remind my brothers and sisters



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

that our *A.I.M.* attorneys across this country are working hard in many ways some of us are unaware of, to protect us from our own some times foolish happenings.

If you find yourself in a legal bind, even if it isn't a crash, do yourself a favor and call your nearest *A.I.M.* guy or gal and at least get some prudent advice. These folks work tirelessly in our behalf and we need to support that.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon along with many others across this country spend untold hours in the field without charge making sure we are within legal limits when we meet for *Confederations of Clubs* meetings to discuss matters that pertain to us all, clubs and independents alike. These folks will give us advice over the phone and never charge us a dime for their valuable time.

Nationally, call *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* at **1-(800)-531-2424** or 1-(800)-On-A-Bike and they will hook you up with the attorney in your area.

Sam's number in the Portland area is **(503)-224-1106.**

Sam's e-mail is: **SamBikeLaw@aol.com**

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny
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Rot Path

crusty ol' editor

Back on the 10th of July, yer crusty ol' editor was sitting at the computer editing chapter reports that had begun to filter in, listening to the *Beatles* playing chronologically while outside blue sky backdrop sunlit walnut and fir trees.

Suddenly it was 1964 again and the young c.o.e.-to-be was a Corvallis teenager in his upstairs bedroom across from the high school soldering on some electronic project or other, listening to the latest *Beatles* hit that had just been released.

Every time we heard the newest Lenon-McCartney collaboration, it seemed like it was absolutely the best song ever performed and that nothing could possibly be any better.

Then the next song would be released and it would be even better.

It was a magical time of dreaming and accomplishment, of upward movement.

Such moments have not been relegated to history's scrap heap. They still happen. We just need to be alive to their possibility in order to recognize them when they are happening, choosing to dive in and being swept along or not.

We need more magic in our motorcycle movement.

(*Nowhere Man* happens to be playing just now.)

What frustrates so many members

and riders is that we often seem to be marking time, waiting for conditions to be just right before we act.

We don't have to wait.

We create the the dream now, let it sweep us and others forward.

Better yet, we find a vision of where we want to be, then create forward momentum by continually asking ourselves "How can we help this to happen?" rather than stalling our efforts imagining trouble or asking "How do we solve these problems?"

Finding ways forward actively moves us in positive directions.

Focusing on problems halts progress.

When a stream encounters a boulder, it doesn't just stop flowing, it finds a path that works — it goes around the impediment and continues forward.

Any vision we hold for motorcycling must be stream-like, able to flow around obstructions easily, like a well-trained rider swiveling around road debris.

Far too many times within our motorcycle rights organization we hear the terms "war" and "enemies" bandied about when legislative issues are being discussed.

Winning a war doesn't mean that peoples' hearts and minds have been converted to your own point of view. It means that people have been

beaten into submission physically.

In world war two when the nazis overran France, they never won over most of the French people to their way of thinking. The French underground continued actively resisting the nazis with the covert help of the French people and smuggled allied supplies.

"Enemies" are those actively engaged in bringing about one's downfall.

In the on-going motorcycle rights movement, especially at the state level, we have very few actual "enemies".

There are obstinate obstructionists who have made up their minds about us and our efforts, who absolutely refuse to see us as anything more than a predefined label and react accordingly. These are not "enemies" but rather boulders. We just go around them, leaving them behind.

Mostly what we have at state and local legislative levels are ordinary folk elected to office who don't have many dealings with motorcyclists. Unless educated on motorcycle issues, they tend to be guided by mass media or Hollywood stereotypes.

That's where we riders come in.

Talk to people and politicians about motorcycling every chance you get.

Point out all the advantages they offer our society, especially in

congested urban areas. Tell stories of wonderful adventures you've had riding on two or three wheels. Acknowledge the dangers out on the road, but use that to show how educating riders and drivers makes the roadways safer for everyone.

We win every time we change minds about motorcyclists, not when we beat people down into submission.

That extends to how elected officials are colour-coded in our polling efforts and how we treat them.

With rare exception, just because a politician has been coded "red" (against helmet amendment) doesn't mean that they cannot be approached about other motorcycle concerns. As other issues are discussed and legislators recognize our sincerity and passion, they often come to be our supporters.

It is up to each of us to become "motorcyclist missionaries", driving back the darkness of ignorance with the illumination of fact and perspective.

AUGUST Cryptogram

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--HOVNQ LNSC

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 19)

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A.B.A.T.E. state board meeting
Saturday, 11 August 2012
11 a.m.!

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Newport

north Newport

Josephine County Chapter
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34th Annual Run to the Coast
 (For 25 years this ride was the Sandwich Run by KAJO / KLDR)

Sat, Aug 4th 2012
 Sign in Starts at 10:00 am, Last Rider Out by 11:30 am
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Prizes:	\$10 First Hand
Best Poker Hand	\$300
2 nd Best Hand	\$150
Worst Hand	\$50
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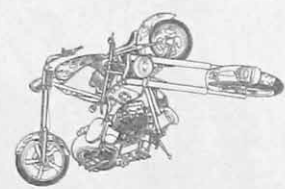
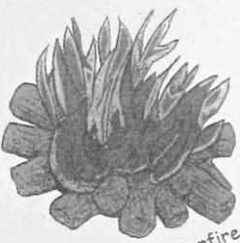
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August 10 11 & 12th 2012
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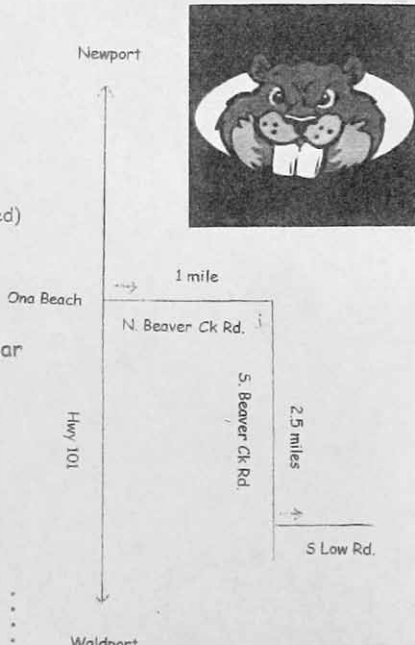

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Camping (Trailer and Motor home space is limited)
Food
Games
Run Pins
Note: Beer will not be sold on site this year

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SEPT. 15, 2012



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Payout for the high and low hands.
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Registration: 9:00 am
Start Place:
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Ride starts at 10:00am

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Contact: Bob Terrill
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**Help plan and guide our efforts
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20-21 October 2012

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Cottage Grove, Oregon

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Exit 170 Notes:

- Can only exit from freeway when heading south.
- Can only enter freeway heading north.
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Exit 170



V.F.W. Hall

Exit 174

• Use this exit when arriving from or departing to the south.

North (ish)

Exit 170

(Taylor Butte Road)

3160

V.F.W. Hall

3160 Hillside Drive

43° 46' N

123° 03' W

(detail)

Group Riding Hand Signals



Start your engines



Stop



Go ahead and pass me



Bikers ready



Hazards on the road



Don't pass me



Stop your engines



Turn off your turn signals



Single riding



Left turn



Slow down



Staggered riding



Right turn



Speed up



Time for a pit stop

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Hub City	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	Ciddici's Pizza I	Albany
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Josephine County	3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.	Fruitdale grange	Grant's Pass
Lincoln County	1st and 3rd Tuesdays – 7 p.m.	American Legion	Newport
Lower Columbia	1st Sunday – 7 p.m.	Colvin's Pub	Clatskanie
North Coast	3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.	Moose lodge	Astoria
River City	1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Shiloh Inn	The Dalles
Salem	1st Tuesday – 7 p.m.	Hitching Post	Salem
Southeast Portland	1st and 3rd Sunday – noon	M&M Restaurant	Gresham
Washington County	2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.	Grape Vine	Portland



American Motorcyclist Association

July 30 – August 5

Sound RIDER! Motorcycle Week in the Gorge

The city of Stevenson, Washington has declared July 30 to August 5, 2012 as *Sound RIDER! Motorcycle Week* in the gorge. The week itself celebrates the 10th anniversary of the *Sound RIDER! Rally* in the gorge, which began in 2003.

“Sound RIDER! has certainly given a lot to our community over the years,” said mayor Frank Cox.

The motorcycle magazine/promotion company puts on the largest private run recreation event in the city each summer with its five-day motorcycle rally each August. The *Rally in the Gorge* is the A.M.A.’s northwest regional rally.

Premier Touring Series

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce that *Kawasaki Motors Corporation—U.S.A.* has signed on to sponsor the association’s long-running selection of the summer’s best touring rallies, along with the all-new A.M.A. *Flash Tours* for riders who follow the A.M.A. on *Facebook*.

The A.M.A. *Kawasaki Vulcan Vaquero Premier Touring Series* encompasses a great variety of A.M.A.-sanctioned rides and rallies that are open to all riders, from mega-events like A.M.A. *Vintage Motorcycle Days*, *Americade*, and the *Golden Aspen Rally* to national-level events like the *Rally In The Gorge*, *Gypsy Tours*, and signature events.

New for 2012, the A.M.A.

Kawasaki Vulcan Vaquero Flash Tours are *Facebook*-based riding challenges that encourage motorcyclists to ride to towns or roadside attractions near them, where they take pictures and submit them to be published on the A.M.A. *Facebook* page. A winner is chosen at random to receive prizes.

With *Kawasaki*’s new sponsorship, prizes will include gift certificates to the voluminous *Kawasaki* product and accessories catalog.

A.M.A. Responds To C.D.C. Helmet Study

A study released on June 14, 2012, by the U.S. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* claimed that annual cost savings in states with universal motorcycle helmet requirements were nearly four times greater (per registered motorcycle) than in states without universal helmet requirements, the *American Motorcyclist Association* reports.

A press release announcing the study stated: “According to a C.D.C. analysis of fatal crash data from 2008 to 2010, 12 percent of motorcyclists in states with universal helmet requirements were not wearing helmets. In comparison, 64 percent of riders were not wearing helmets in states with partial helmet regulations, and 79 percent of riders were not wearing helmets in states with no helmet [requirements].”



*Motorcyclists rode everything,
Some with less clout,*



Searching for bargains,

Inside and out.



AUGUST Cryptogram Answer

A perfect summer day is when
The sun is shining,
The breeze is blowing,
The birds are singing,
And the lawn mower is broken.

--James Dent

Motorcycle Riders Foundation The C.D.C. and Propaganda



Recently the Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.) presented a study on motorcycle safety. Specifically the C.D.C. national center for injury prevention and control, division of unintentional injury prevention.

The study is nothing new. In fact, it is a collection of conclusions drawn from past studies and old statistics. Some of the C.D.C.'s conclusions even seem to be drawn from thin air.

C.D.C. uses the same tired, worn out examples we have seen again and again. They cite the Florida study that said fatalities increased 63.4% from 2000-2009. Which is true, but like every other instance of using this statistic, they fail to mention that motorcycle registrations increased over 100% during the same time frame.

The study goes on to use imaginary numbers to back up their position that motorcycle helmets save money. They claim that in 2008, the United States saved \$3 billion because of helmet use and then claim that the U.S. could have saved an additional \$1.8 billion if mandatory helmet requirements were on the books. They provide absolutely zero evidence of this supposed financial burden.

The C.D.C. makes no mention of rider education.

We know rider education to be the best way to prevent crashes.

Take New Hampshire for example. According to Robert LeTourneau (New Hampshire state official motorcycle education specialist)

they have had 15 fatal motorcycle crashes of riders who took the class since 1990. That's out of over 44,000 students trained in the same time period and 0.034% of fatal motorcycle crashes. All with no mandatory helmet requirement.

Of course, the C.D.C. uses N.H.T.S.A.'s 1997 base year for motorcycle fatalities, which was also the lowest point of motorcycle fatalities over the past 30 years. In 1997, there were 2,116 fatalities for 3,826,000 motorcycles registered. Or 0.055% of the motorcyclists were killed.

In 2010, there were 4,502 fatalities for 8,368,000 motorcycles registered. Or 0.053% of the motorcyclists were killed.

So we have more than doubled the motorcycle population and we have actually reduced fatalities.

The study also contends that states without helmet requirements have higher insurance costs.

According to Insure.com, that's not true. Out of the top five most expensive states to buy insurance, only one allows for helmet free riding.

The supposed findings of this study are likely to show up in your local media. Do not let them get away with this.

The M.R.F. encourages you to continue to use the "Fact or Fiction" pieces published by the M.R.F. to combat the junk science in this study and all future attacks on our freedom.

The M.R.F. is working with federal legislators on this report and to help redirect the priorities of the C.D.C. on actual disease issues, not transportation.

To keep things in perspective, let me remind you that the C.D.C. is the same organization that uses the idea of a zombie apocalypse as a way of scaring people into preparing for disaster.

Seriously, read it here:

http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/zombies_novella.htm

Congress Clears Highway Bill

As reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in a previous release, the U.S. congress has passed the much anticipated highway funding legislation.

The bill soared through both chambers this afternoon. Both chambers did have some nay votes, all coming from republicans because of a few riders that were attached concerning student loan rates and the national flood insurance program.

President Obama is expected to grant the measure swift passage into effect.

The highway bill has been in the past, a vehicle for pro- and anti-motorcycle issues. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has worked closely with the primary authors of the legislation to ensure that this bill was all pro-motorcycle and had no anti-motorcycling issues.

The bill continues the grant program that was designed and implemented into effect in 2005 by the M.R.F., along with many state motorcycle rights organizations (S.M.R.O.s). Since 2005, the program has infused over \$46 million dollars directly into the motorcycle safety community. By regulation, the cash can only be used on rider education and motorist awareness campaigns. The new program continues this tradition.

Historically, the bill has been used

to implement nationwide mandatory helmet requirements. Due to the hard work of the citizen lobbyist motorcyclists of this country, that's not the case this time. Such good work in fact that there was never any official talk of attaching helmet regulation on this bill. (The last time congress passed a highway bill, senator Lautenberg ((D-NJ)) offered an amendment on the floor of the senate, just prior to passage. That amendment was defeated 68-29.)

The M.R.F. would like to thank everyone who has helped work on this legislation by coming to D.C., making calls, and visiting with their members of congress.

The reauthorization of the highway bill goes through 2014 and is expected to cost roughly \$120 billion dollars.

The M.R.F. will keep you updated on this and every issue affecting motorcyclists in the nation's capital.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

N.C.O.M. Convention Laps The Circle City

Indianapolis is known for its world famous racetrack, but few people realize that the first race ever ran at the “brickyard” was with motorcycles way back in 1909.

After more than a century, we’re still in a race. Early motorcyclists didn’t face many restrictions on themselves or their machines.

This time it’s not a shiny trophy we’re out to win, but our rights as riders.

Our goal as grass roots activists over the years has been to maintain our freedom of the road, while promoting a pro-motorcycling agenda to make roads safer for future riders.

The 27th annual *N.C.O.M. Convention* was held over Mother’s Day weekend, May 10-13, 2012 at the luxurious *J.W. Marriot* in Indianapolis. It was hosted by the *Indiana Confederation of Clubs*. This yearly gathering drew bikers’ rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, such as biker discrimination, motorcycle-only roadblocks, and mobilizing motorcyclists to advocate motorcycle-friendly legislation and defeat anti-biking bills.

During the *Silver Spoke Awards Banquet* on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to “Improving The Image of Motorcycling”, including:

Government: Indiana governor Mitch Daniels and former congresswoman Gabrielle “Gabby” Gifford (D-AZ)

Media: Jeff “Twitch” Burns (*Outsiders Motorcycle Club*, *Washington Confederation of Clubs*) and Jerry “Rotten” Remington (*Unchained Brotherhood Motorcycle Club*, and *Washington Confederation of Clubs*).

Commerce: Pastor Ron Baptiste (*Covenant Confirmer Ministries M/M*, founder of the first biker medical clinic).

Legal: John Daugs, South Carolina *A.I.M.* attorney.

Special recognition:

- Annette Torrez, Chairperson of the *New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (N.M.M.R.O.)*

- Gene Mortimore, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*

- Kimmy Chapman, publisher of the *Biker Information Guide*. (Posthumously.)

Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award: Presented to South Dakota state senator Jim “Putter” Putnam, longtime member of the *N.C.O.M.* legislative task force.

Next year’s 28th Annual *N.C.O.M. Convention* will be held May 9-12, 2013 at the *Silver Legacy Resort-Casino*, 407 north Virginia street in Reno, Nevada. For further information, contact *N.C.O.M.* at **1-(800)-525-5355** or visit **http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com**

All motorcyclists are welcome to attend *N.C.O.M.* conventions. Attendees encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars, and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride.

Motorcyclist Fatalities Remain Steady

U.S. motorcyclist fatalities have remained roughly the same over the past three years, following a sharp decline in 2009, according to preliminary data recently released by the *Governors’ Highway Safety Association*.

In a May 21 report, the *G.H.S.A.* projects the final tally for 2011 will be very close to the 4,502 fatalities reported for 2010 and the 4,469 deaths in 2009, which represented a dramatic 16% decline from 2008.

Earlier, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* projected that overall motor vehicle fatalities declined 1.7% in 2011, reaching their lowest level since 1949, but the *G.H.S.A.* says high gas prices are driving more people to ride motorcycles.

Motorcycle deaths increased in 26 states for the first nine months of



last year, declined in 23 states, and remained unchanged in one.

“States with fewer motorcyclist fatalities attributed the decrease to poor cycling weather, reduced motorcycle registrations and motorcycle travel, increased law enforcement, rider training, and motorcycle safety education,” according to the *G.H.S.A.* report.

“States with more fatalities cited good cycling weather, increased motorcycle registrations and travel, and a return to normal levels after an abnormally low fatality count in 2010.”

Federal Legislators Seek To Ban Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

Federal legislators have sent a bipartisan letter to the leadership of a key house-senate conference committee to urge support for legislation that prohibits federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Representatives Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Tom Petri (R-WI) were joined by twenty-nine congressional colleagues who sent the letter on May 25 urging the panel to include house rule 904 and house resolution 239 in the surface transportation reauthorization conference report.

HR-904 would prohibit the U.S. transportation secretary from providing grants or any funds to a state or local government to be used for programs to check helmet usage or to create motorcycle-only checkpoints.

HR-239 would support efforts to retain a ban on the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (N.H.T.S.A.’s)* ability to lobby state legislators using federal tax dollars and urges the agency to focus on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education and training.

“There is broad bipartisan support on capitol hill and among motorcycle groups across the country for efforts by congress to prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) from funding motorcycle-only-checkpoints (M.O.C.s),” the letter states, further noting that “We

take motorcycle safety seriously and want N.H.T.S.A. to focus its safety efforts on proven lifesaving methods.”

Congressional Record Recognizes Viability Of Motorcycles

Congressional motorcycle safety caucus member and house highways and transit subcommittee chairman John Duncan (R-TN) entered a statement to the congressional record on May 18 recognizing motorcycles and scooters as viable transportation options for many Americans.

Previously, president Obama had proclaimed May 15 through May 21 as *National Transportation Week* and acknowledged that America needs a safer transportation network that will provide more transportation choices.

“As a Member of the congressional motorcycle safety caucus, I would like to highlight one such choice and point out that two wheeled vehicles can be transportation options for many Americans,” said Chairman Duncan. “In his proclamation, the president called for increased transportation options that cut commuting time, ease traffic congestion, reduce oil consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Motorcycles and scooters are options that can help to meet all of these goals. Motorcycles and scooters also have the advantages of being much cheaper than cars or trucks as well as considerably easier to park – and a lot of fun to ride.”

“I own a scooter myself and I enjoy riding when I get the opportunity,” said Duncan. “I encourage all riders to get trained, licensed and obey traffic laws, and I remind all road users to be aware of motorcyclists.”

Outdoor Recreation Represents Multi-Billion Dollar Industry

Americans spent over half a trillion dollars enjoying the great outdoors last year, according to a newly released joint study that documents the continued growth and significance of outdoor recreation to the economies of our individual states and the nation overall.

The *Motorcycle Industry Council*, along with the *Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association* and

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Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, collaborated with the Western Governors' Association and other outdoor industry groups to fund a report on the combined economic impact of motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation. The findings of this first-of-a kind study show the outdoor recreation industry generated \$646 billion in national sales and services in 2011.

The full report is titled *A Snapshot of The Economic Impact of Outdoor Recreation* and can be found at: <http://www.westgov.org/reports>

According to *M.I.C.* senior vice president, government relations, Kathy Van Kleeck, the *M.I.C.* will soon release information specific to the motorized recreation sector. The *W.G.A.* and the outdoor recreation industry partners will release state-by-state data later in the year.

"The state-by-state information will be particularly useful in our government relations efforts to promote motorized recreation and advocate for off-highway vehicle opportunities," said Van Kleeck.

Constitutional Right To Do Burnouts

When officials cracked down on motorcyclists doing burnouts at this year's annual *Myrtle Beach Spring Rally*, a local biker bar made a federal case out of it, literally.

Now it will be up to a judge to decide if doing burnouts (revving a motorcycle's engine while applying the front brake to let its back tire spin to create noise and smoke) is a constitutionally-protected right.

Horry county cracked down on burnouts during bike festivals last year, issuing a special event permit to *Suck Bang Blow* that limited the activity to between noon and 9 p.m. and only at the rear of the bar's building. This year, the county issued a permit that banned burnouts altogether.

S.B.B., which claims the activity has been a regular feature of bike rally events at the bar since it opened in 1996, obtained a temporary restraining order against the county just before the May rally, allowing the burnouts to continue at least for now.

In a lawsuit filed in state court,

S.B.B. claims that burnouts are among several activities patrons participate in while *"expressing their manliness and macho, as all males are prone and inclined to do to a greater or lesser degree."* The bar says burnouts are *"expressive performances to the public"* and are protected by the first amendment.

Horry county, in its response to the lawsuit, calls burnouts a *"public nuisance"* and says it *"is expressly authorized by state statute to abate public nuisances."* The county denies that it has violated any constitutional rights, but since the lawsuit deals with federal rights it should be heard in federal court. A decision could come just in time for next year's rally, with a jury trial scheduled to begin on May 6, 2013.

Quotable Quote

"I'm gonna go ride my Harley all around the state of Wisconsin. Who knows where I'll end up. I'm just getting on the motorcycle and riding."

-- Wisconsin's embattled governor Scott Walker, following his strong win in the state's recent recall election.

About N.C.O.M.

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* is solely sponsored by the *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* nationwide legal services program and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 *N.C.O.M.* member clubs, organizations, and associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists. *N.C.O.M.* has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legally and legislatively, becoming an unifying voice among North America's motorcycle rights organizations (*M.R.O.s*), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

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Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor

A.B.A.T.E. legal services

Audio Electronics and Hawg Wired The Cat's Meow For Old Harley Radios

For those of you who have older *Harleys* still equipped with radios/cassette players and can't find a modern radio that will still connect to your handlebar controls, I have found the fix.

After miles of hard roads and worse, the AM/FM/cassette player on my *FLHTC* hung a left on me. I called *Harley* and they do not carry a new radio that connects to the handlebar controls or has the volume/speed control. (I guess they are not in the antique business.)

My choice then, was to put in a radio that bypasses the handlebar controls or try to get my old radio repaired by the original manufacturer.

Bob Schulteti (*Harley South-Side*)

did a wonderful job getting my '96 fixed, but the original manufacturer (located in Cincinnati) thinks a lot of their repair skills. The radio works like new, but remember it has a cassette player and is not up to par with what *Harley* sells with new dressers. That is what I wanted.

Enter Bob Nevitt of *Audio Electronics*. He not only runs a wonderful electronics shop for cagers, he does a good business outfitting all kinds of motorcycles with the latest in audio equipment. Most significantly he has stereos with a wiring harness that fits older *Harleys* like mine.

If you need a radio/stereo that has all of the modern conveniences he (or someone in your area) can fix you up for a reasonable cost. 1-(317)-253-2495. They are using wiring harnesses and systems made by *Hawg Wired*. (<http://www.hawg-wired.com/>)

They say it is good stuff and most importantly, it fits our old stuff.

Private Companies: Special Rules For Motorcyclists?

Q. *Is it legal for my employer to require employees to wear a helmet on plant property or face penalties even though our state regulations does not require endorsed riders to wear a helmet?* -- A.B.A.T.E. member.

The following is the response of Jay Jackson, executive director of *A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana* and board member of *M.R.F.*

"We find it distasteful, but it definitely is not "illegal". The property owner (certainly the employer) can have whatever policies they choose. You may remember the situation a few years

ago with *Sturm-Ruger*. If you recall, a number of "bikers" purchased stock and attended the shareholders meeting to express their displeasure. Given an opportunity, I'd love an audience with the powers that be at this particular facility to discuss this (education, not legislation), but I expect this is a corporate decision."

P.S. from Rod.

You might try offering the company a waiver for the motorcyclists who work at that plant as a way of resolving this issue. If the company needs a form waiver that would work, let me know as it would give their lawyers a head start. I suspect those lawyers in the front office may be trying to justify their existence. If that is the case, advise them that in all my years of representing bikers, I have never had a parking lot case involving serious injuries with a

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motorcycle. And that my friend, is a lot of decades and a lot of parking lots.

Can My Employer Get Away With This?

Q: I'm a mechanic in a local bike shop, and my employer recently told me I need to sign an agreement that I won't work for another shop within a ten mile radius if I leave my current job. I don't think that's fair. There are a number of bike shops around here, and almost all of them are within ten miles from my current employer. Can they really enforce that agreement against me?

A: Probably. What they have asked you to sign is called a non-compete agreement.

It used to be that non-compete agreements were used only with managers or sales personnel. They are becoming more common with service personnel who can develop relationships with customers and then have the ability to entice those customers to follow them to a new employer.

Even though non-compete agreements are not favored by the legal system, if employers follow the rules, those agreements are generally enforceable, provided the employer can show a reasonable belief that a departing employee can take advantage of customer relationships. But, non-compete agreements have to be reasonable in their restrictions. They can restrict a person from working in the same field, but only for a reasonable time period or within a reasonable distance from the employer's service area.

If your employer makes it a condition of your employment, you may have no choice but to sign the agreement if you want to keep working there. If you sign the agreement and leave the job later, the employer can ask a court to prevent you from working for a competitor. If the court finds that the agreement contains reasonable restrictions, and doesn't unfairly limit your rights to find a new job, the court could enter an order preventing you from working for the competitor or assess damages against you.

Add Insult To Injury

Q: I work at a local manufacturing shop. I got hurt on the job recently, and filed a worker's comp claim. Shortly after I returned to work, I got fired, and I don't think they had any reason. Also, when they fired me, they didn't pay me my accrued vacation pay. What can I do? -- A.B.A.T.E. member.

A: Maybe quite a lot.

One of the first issues to consider is the reason or reasons you were fired.

Generally, employers will give some reason as to why an employee was being fired.

Most states, including Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, have provisions in their statutes that forbid so-called "retaliatory discharge," or being fired for filing a worker's compensation claim.

While it may be obvious to us to make the connection between the worker's comp claim and the firing, employers will often attempt to justify the discharge with evidence that there were other reasons for the discharge.

Good record-keeping and sympathetic witnesses can help overcome this hurdle.

Penalties for retaliatory discharge can include back pay, reinstatement, and attorney's fees.

In addition, the wage claim statutes in Indiana and Illinois also require that, upon discharge, employees are to be compensated for accrued vacation time, usually by the next scheduled payday. Failure to do so may lead to additional penalties and an award of attorney's fees.

The answer is much less clear under Ohio law and may depend on whether the employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement or employed by a state or municipal agency. There may be disagreements, however, over whether the time has been accrued or not, or how much has been accrued. It is important that you speak to someone about these issues as soon as possible to determine your rights and remedies.

Raised Medians: Friend or Foe?

Q. I was just wondering if anyone has commented on, what I feel, is a

new (or old) motorcycle hazard: raised medians.

It is as though some college is turning out road engineers or villages, towns, and counties are getting into a raised median fad.

Sadly, in our area the other night a great person, Richard Johnson, was killed after running into a raised median. Last year we lost another motorcyclist who ran into a raised median.

When I look at these medians that seem to be installed in all kinds of weird places, some with no lighting at all, I can see marks where cars have had their undercarriages scrape over them as well as many tire marks and breakage caused by snow plows in the winter.

Is this really for traffic safety or some fad gone wild?

I know of no one who can tell me they were protected from a crash by a raised median, but I can tell you I have heard many stories of folks damaging their vehicles hitting the medians and more articles about motorcyclists being killed by them.

Is it just me or is this a problem?

If we can't stop them from being built all over the place maybe they need to be very well lit. Maybe low level lights on the medians themselves so folks won't hit them.

Only my opinion. -- A.B.A.T.E. member Jerry Taylor.

A. Jerry, we are looking into the matter and will ask Jay Jackson, executive director from A.B.A.T.E. of Indiana to wade in on the issues that you raise as well. Stay tuned.

Shameless Insurance Company

Say It Ain't So

Say that your 19 year old son gets home from basic training for a break before he heads off to further duty with the Army. He asks to borrow the family *FLH* that he learned to ride. While riding, a ne'r-do-well drunk with no insurance hits your boy and he loses a leg.

You have *Shameless Insurance* on the bike with high uninsured motorist coverage in case the drunk-from-hell runs over you or the person to whom you have loaned your bike.

You call your *Shameless* agent and make a claim for your son.

The Army will pay his medical bills, but you are counting on *Shameless Insurance* to pay for the tremendous pain, suffering, and disability of your son.

The agent tells you that your high limits are dropped to the lowest limits for your son because only the named insured gets the high limits. You ask how can this be? You are directed to the fine print in your policy allowing *Shameless Insurance* to lower the limits to the state minimum for anyone riding your bike but you.

This is called a "drop down provision". This is a bad provision that some companies bury in the fine print. Companies that do that should be shunned. I believe that they are counting on the fact that you will not notice. (Until it is too late.)

Recall that we reported a similar problem regarding *Farm Bureau Insurance Company* last year. That company stood tall and changed that policy language to allow coverage for the higher limits for those who borrow your bike.

If you have *Shameless Insurance*, call your agent immediately. Inquire as to whether you have that drop down provision in your policy.

If you do demand that it be removed. If they refuse, call *Farm Bureau Insurance*. They are doing the right thing.

Ride safe and free,

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Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

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Hungry For *Fossil* Pics ?

Here ya go, thanks to Nic Oliver and his elf



Fun and games at the Fossil rodeo grounds.



Some folks put on Burning Man, but since this is Oregon we settle for "Muddy Man".



(This is one tasty way to streak yer hair.)



Rare indeed is the rider with three balls in his cup.



They didn't have plank riding in the basic rider course.



There's got to be an easier way to feed a date.



*"Hey, I found a chocolate egg!"
"Uh, don't eat that.
This straw is from a farm yard."*



Why you could only get scrambled eggs for breakfast.



Foot down! Race over for you, dude. The dudette wins.

Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS
John Jelderks
United States Magistrate Judge

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- Kinzua Reunion – Father's Day, June 17th
- River City Chapter Meeting – July 7th
- Fossil Cruizers Car Show – July 7th
- Bluegrass Fest – July 7th & 8th
- Wheeler Co. Fair & Rodeo – Aug 7th
- Betty's Quilt Show – Sept 22nd to Oct 13th
- Knight's Tip-Off Tournament – Dec 1st & 2nd

• Kinzua Golf Schedule •

- Fund Raiser 2011 June 9th
- Father's Day Scramble June 17th
- Ladies Tourney June 23rd & 24th
- Couples Tourney June 30th & July 1st
- High Deals July 14th
- Redmond Door/Mlwrk Tourney July 21st
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August's Events and Activities

• Saturday, August 4 th Band and Barbeque

Join us for our band and barbeque party!
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• Saturday, August 18 th Band & Run for the Leather

7th Annual Run for the Leather!
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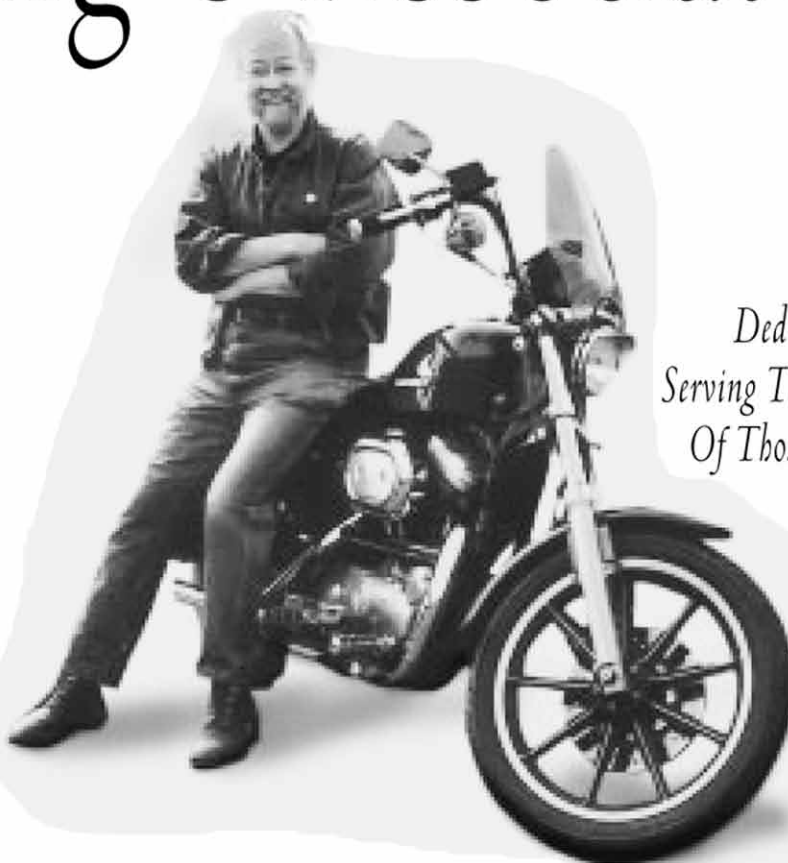
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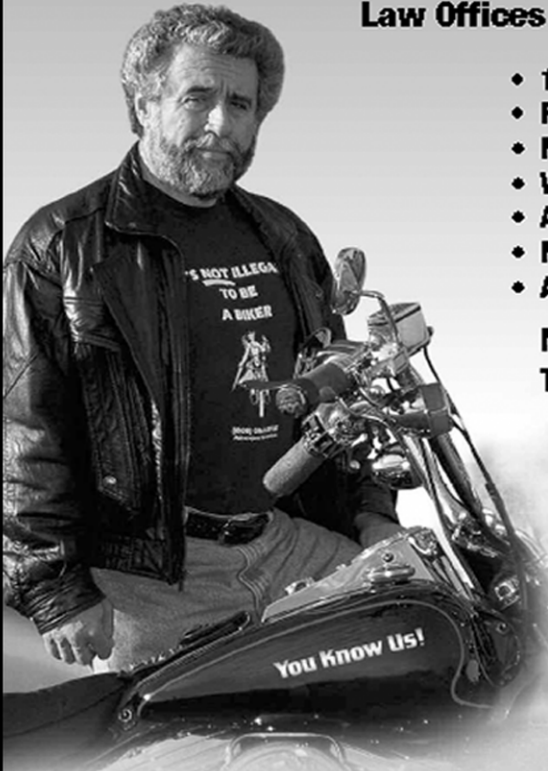
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Revived Road List

name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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North Coast area										
Curve Hagert	(503)-325-6383	Astoria	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Ralph, Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X						X	
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Greg "Goatboy" Vaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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name:	phone number:	location:	P	T	G	P	I	M	G	L
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Salem area										
Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X	X						
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Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X			
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Michael Boggs	(541)-367-9728		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X							X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X						X	X
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Central Oregon area										
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David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X			X		X
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NAME: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: _____

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? (YES) (NO)

If no explain: _____

Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? (YES) (NO) If no explain: _____

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

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

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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


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STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 11 August 2012

1100 (11 a.m.)
American Legion Hall
424 west Olive street
Newport, Oregon
(map on page 14)

With Siris' rising, so is the heat,
Too hot for riding on melting streets,
Wait for the night's cool air,
Get as bare as you dare,
Then cruise darkened back roads riding free.

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2012 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run
BN = Biker Night

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
04 Aug 2012	34th Run to the Coast / JoCo	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
6-12 Aug 2012	72nd Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	Sturgis, South Dakota	
10 - 12 Aug 2012	Beaver Creek Run / LinCo	Newport area	(541)-265-7586
10-12 Aug 2012	Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Ride	Medford	
10 Aug 2012	Bike Night / Douglas Co.	Canyonville	
11 Aug 2012	4th Annual Poker Run/ AKSMEU	Gladstone	(971)-241-9356
17- 19 Aug 2012	S.O.S. Run / DC & JoCo	Wolf Creek	(541)-733-4069
18 Aug 2012	Poker run / SMMR	Wood Village	(503)-888-9053
24-26 Aug 2012	End Of Summer Run / WaCo	St. Helens	http://eos.wacoabate.info
14 Sept 2012	Bike Night / Douglas Co.	Drain	
15 Sept 2012	Teddy Bear Run / CentOr	Bend	(503)-887-3032
20-23 Sept 2012	Meeting of the Minds /	North Carolina	1-(800)-325-3535
06 Oct 2012	Toy Run / JoCo	Grants Pass	(541)-659-8715
12 Oct 2012	Bike Night / Douglas Co.	Oakland	

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)-504-1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	The Zen; 1969 SE Stephens; Roseburg	(541)-637-5552
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC)	6th Friday	2359 (11:59 pm)	(anywhere we feel like it)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	D & S Harley-Davidson; 3846 S. Pacific highway; Medford	(541)-
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.)	Hitching Post; 8046 River road NE; Salem	(503)-393-1404
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.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)-597-0300