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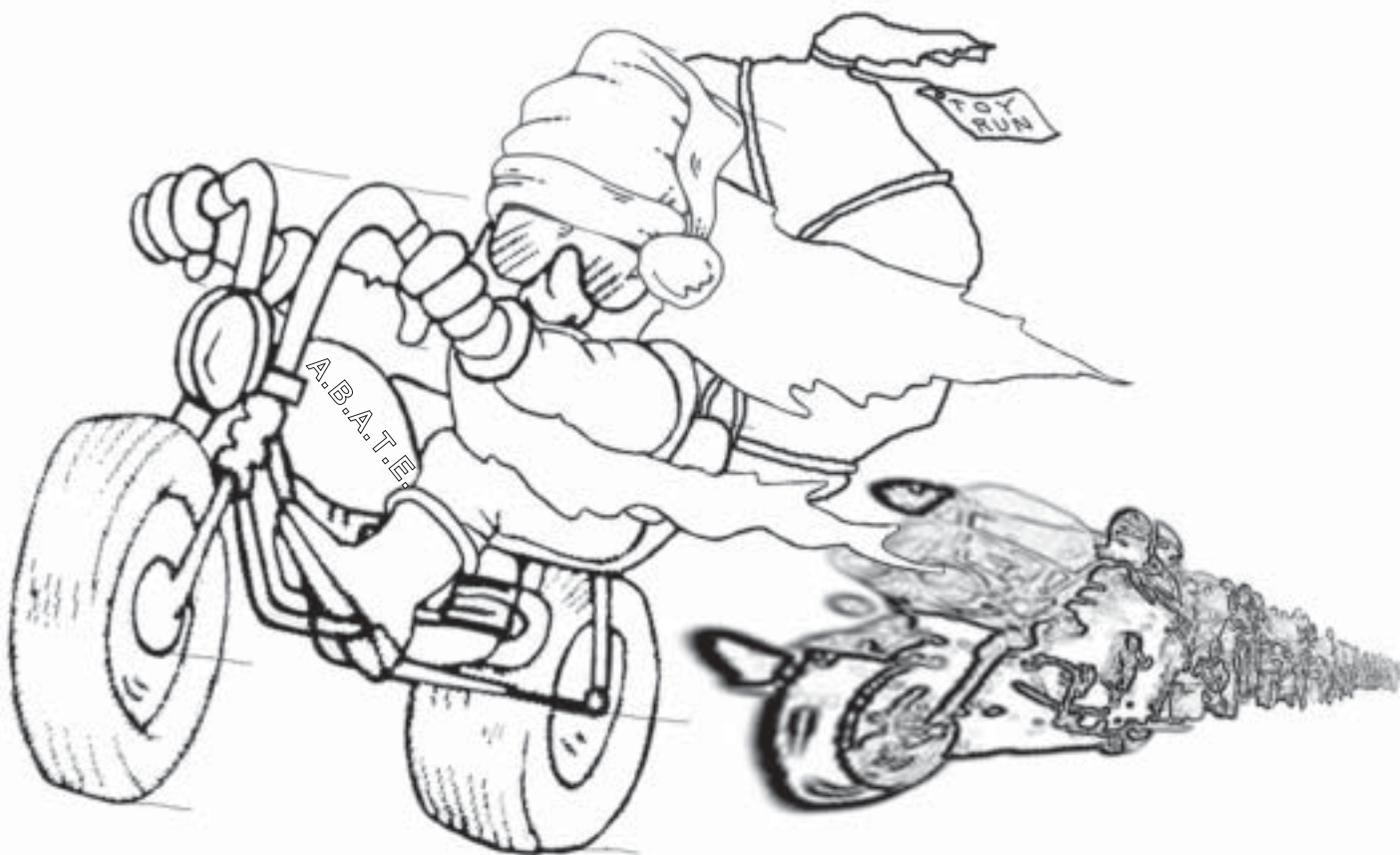


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# December 2003

# A.B.A.T.E. Toy Runs Aplenty

*Help give some happiness this season*



*Hold a cover coloring contest*

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# Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

## 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.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

Instead, *A.B.A.T.E.* is a not-for-profit 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 on.

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 on are important to their community.

So scan through our newsletter. 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

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on Surface Transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

by Bill Bish  
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*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*  
*A.B.A.T.E. of California*

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# Coordinator's Comments

Hello everyone,

As this year comes to a close, we can catch our breath and maybe spare a glance over our shoulder at what we have accomplished.

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* has had a hand in what will become the greatest advance in motorcycle awareness, education and safety in history with the adoption and passage of the *reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (T.E.A.-21)*, thanks in large part to our great friend congressman Peter DeFazio, and the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*, our partner in the fight for motorcyclist's rights at the national and international level.

The membership of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* has grown to its greatest numbers ever, and the largest number of chapters ever. Your legislative strength has made us more respected and effective than ever at all levels of government.

Our participation with other motorcyclist's rights organizations (M.R.O.'s) such as *BikePAC*, which so effectively speaks for us at the Oregon state legislature, *M.R.F.* and state motorcyclist's rights organizations (S.M.R.O.'s) throughout the country has steadily grown. Our involvement in conferences, meetings and lobbying efforts in Oregon and throughout the nation continues to grow.

You have a right to be proud of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, and your participation in the coming year will make it even greater. So get involved and stay involved!

While we've been focused on the "big picture", we've become a little lax concerning organizational matters such as sending chapter minutes each month to the coordinator (send within seven days of the chapter meeting, preferably via e-mail at [josephlaurance@aol.com](mailto:josephlaurance@aol.com) or [U.S.] mail on standard size paper), ensuring participation of your chapter state representative at state board meetings, sending chapter monthly financial reports to the state auditor, and submitting your monthly chapter reports to the state newsletter by the tenth of the month. If your chapter has not done these things, it will go on probation after one month, will be unable to vote at the state board after two months, and may have it's charter revoked after three months. Help us out and get this stuff done.

It is also important that we *A.B.A.T.E.* members and chapters join or renew our memberships to *BikePAC of Oregon*, and the *M.R.F.*, and assist our friends with these organizations in any way we can. For instance, when *BikePAC* wants us at the state capitol for *Biker Days*, show up and bring your friends.

Make plans to be at *S.T.E.A.M.* in February and attend state and national events when you can.

With your help, our best day will be tomorrow!

May God be our guide

Joseph Laurance



by Joe Laurance

## Hem, hem



*Apparently someone took moral umbridge over a typographical error in the photo caption on page 30 of last month's newsletter. The confusion between the "a, d, m, n" keys and the "e, l, o, v, y" keys has been cleared up, however it is presently beyond the newsletter staff's abilities to create a smile where none exists.*

*( Those who have read the fifth Harry Potter book will know what's being said here.)*

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**Central Oregon Chapter**

Greetings from sunny, snowy, and chilly central Oregon,

A big difference from last month. I hope everyone had a good riding season and got some miles on.

Our November meeting was an excellent one with 21 members attending. We made plans for our Christmas party in December, which will be history by now.

We elected two new officers to fill two positions left vacant by Mike K., who is retiring from being sgt. at arms and legislative director. Thank you, Mike for stepping up for those positions thru the years!

Our new sgt. at arms is Samuel C. Duran Jr. and our new Legislative Director is Jeff "Ultra" Violet. Thanks for stepping up guys!

Everyone ate well at this meeting, with chili, corn muffins, chips and cup cakes available. Thanks to Jackie, Marie, Renee, and Gladys for making that happen.

The door prize raffle was won by Kevin Anderson, who went home with a replica *Harley-Davidson* tin motorcycle toy, complete with a certificate of authenticity.

At the end of the meeting the members loaded 320 toys into Gladys' car to be brought down to *South*

*Central Oregon Outreach Toy Run (S.C.O.O.T.R.)* as a donation from our chapter. Thank you to all the members for helping to make that happen. We couldn't have done it without you. Great meeting, good people, good food, good fun.

It was good to see many of our members at the *Reindeer Run*, put on by the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition*. This was a run to make money to buy Thanksgiving dinners for needy families. Many of the motorcycle groups made donations, including our chapter's donation of \$200. Many individuals made donations and people bought many poker hands. The High Hand Prize of \$350 was won by Chopper Dave, who donated it back to the cause.

When it was all said and done the motorcycle community had raised enough money to buy 80 Thanksgiving dinners. It's great to see local riders doing so much for the community.

Don't forget the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition Toy Run* on December 13th at the *Black Horse Saloon*, in Bend. This event is always a very good time, and our chapter will be donating a large amount of toys to this run. I hope to see many of our members supporting this event. We

are all part of the coalition.

The holiday season is upon us and I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. I hope our next year will be as good if not better than our last.

Remember, "Untied we stand . . .," and you all know the rest of that sentence!

Happy holidays,

John

P.S. We finally got you, John M. — Welcome.

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)  
Old Redmond Hotel  
(next to Sulley's Restaurant)  
Redmond, Oregon

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**Columbia River Chapter**

We held our November meeting in the lounge area of *Jubitz* and the consensus was that it is a great location. Thanks to the *Jubitz* management for its generosity. I hope that we can stay there a long time.

The chapter had two guest speakers at our meeting who wanted to make statements on behalf of the local clubs: Wookie and Longview Tom. They spoke concerning the controversy involving a group of riders who have been wearing the "Ride Free" patches. Scottie B from our chapter also spoke about the controversy.

One of the things that Wookie mentioned was that he hoped that *A.B.A.T.E.* members would not patronize those businesses that barred bikers who wore colors. That has been my personal position and I hope that other *A.B.A.T.E.* members will also take that position not support businesses that discriminate.

Longview Tom also questioned the propriety of my reporting in the newsletter the statements made by Scottie B without investigating the facts first and contacting the club involved. However, I and I alone decide what is to be written in this report each month and decline to let anyone tell me what to report. I write what in my own best judgment is appropriate.

Due to heavy-handedness at the local post office where the chapter has maintained its box for ten ears or more, I have closed that box. I had gone to the post office and the key would not open the box. I went to the service desk and asked what the problem was. The post official demanded that I show them two pieces of personal identification. When I questioned them on why I had to do so, they only would say that they were "upgrading" the box and refused to provide me with any legal authority for their demand. So I closed our account there and mail to the chapter for now should be sent to:

4048 N. Overlook Terrace  
Portland 97227

I will look into a private postal box. By the way, one of our chapter members, Wade Lewis, who works for the post office told me that there was no such requirement and that providing such information was voluntary. It was just a bureaucrat throwing his weight around.

Larry reported that the state board had voted to accept his motion that there be no withholding of a chapter's vote due to alleged non-compliance with reporting duties for a period of two months while we try to get a lawyer's opinion about what is necessary to comply with *I.R.S.* and state of Oregon tax exempt status regulations. Our chapter lost its ability to vote on one or more occasions, not because we had done anything wrong, but because the state organization had somehow lost our bank reports. I have some serious reservations about some of the proposals for changes to the bylaws and want to know what someone who knows what he is talking about, that is, a lawyer who represents tax-exempt organizations, has to say.

There was also some discussion about the proposed requirement that the chapter treasurers make their reports electronically. Our treasurer, DC, has looked at the issue and does not want to do it that way. We write fewer than 50 checks a year, often not even one a month. DC believes that electronic reporting is unduly burdensome. My personal problem with it is that such a requirement limits who can be treasurer, a position that is hard enough to fill as it is.

Duane Calkins reported on the *Democratic Oregon Summit* held in Sunriver. He attended on behalf of the chapter and brought back the message that we need to stay visible with the political parties in order to protect our rights. This is especially true with the Democrats who have been less supportive

of our issues than the Republicans even though a majority of our membership votes Democratic. Kudos to Duane for spending his time at this important event.

We voted to have the *Sweet Heart Dance* at the *Blue Eyes Café and Lounge*, 10845 NE Halsey. We will be verifying that location as soon as possible. Thanks to Kathy Sanchez of the *Northeast Chapter* for bringing this venue to us. Rhonda has agreed to locate a band for the event. I will contact the lounge and make sure that we have it booked to us.

Janet reminded everyone about the toy run and collected most of the outstanding raffle tickets.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season and that we survive into the new year. I also want to thank everyone for all of their work this year. Let's keep working for freedom. Ride Free.

Spike  
"55 and still alive"

**COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)  
Jubitz Truck Stop  
10310 N. Vancouver Avenue --  
Portland  
Kids welcomed. Full bar.

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

*Douglas County Chapter*

Hey all,

A lot is going on this month, so lets get right to it.

We're voting in the new officers, so if you think you or someone you know is interested in being an officer, get to this meeting. We can't hear you if you are not there.

We were trying to decided what to do for Christmas. We decided to go with the *U.C.A.N.* ( *Umpqua Community Action Network*). But there will be a slight change from the decsion we made at the meeting! Rick and I have been busy. We have contacted all the major food stores and some other local stores as well to let us put donation boxes in their stores. So Rick and I managed to put a flyer together in time to get to state to get sanctioned. We were able to let other local clubs know as well.

Now it is a *Douglas County Toy and Food Run*. So December 7th at 2:00 pm. after the meeting at *Round Table Pizza*, instead of going straight to *U.C.A.N.*, we will parade to the stores and pick up the food and toys then end up at *U.C.A.N.* There will be someone to accept the donations.

Look for the flyer in the newsletter. Or for more info call me. (541)-677-8282

As some of you know DJ and I went to a *H.O.G.* meeting. They were glad to have us. They have invited us to join their toy run this year: the *Rudolph Run* on December 20th. They will depart at *Community Credit Union* on Harvard Avenue 11:00

The *5th Annual Unorganized South County Toy Run* is December 14th. (Meet at *Pizza Palace*; 919 Highway 99; Myrtle Creek, Oregon. Opens at 9:00 am. Ride at 11:00am. For more information call Randy-Barb at (541)-863-3493 or James-Kathy at (541)-679-9763.

Well that's all for this year.

Talk at you soon.

(That's if you all decide to have me back next year.)

Thanks for having me. It's been fun keeping you all informed and I have learned alot. I'll still be here so see you soon

You all have a Merry Christmas and you know a happy new year.

Looking forward to 2004.

your secretary/public relations/  
newsletter lady,

Tonia Judd

P.S. The next meeting is December 7th at 12:30 pm.(Don't forget your toys and food.) Be gassed up and ready to ride.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEET-  
ING TIME and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1230 ( 12:30pm )  
Round Table Pizza  
Roseburg

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

# Hub City Chapter



Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Forty-six bikes volunteered by Hub City members were on display as our chapter held it's first annual *Bike Awareness Show* at the *Heritage Mall* in Albany. The show included a nice exhibit by *Team Oregon* as well as *Gary's Trailer Sales*.

We also had the *Shriners 2003 Heritage Springer Softail* raffle bike. All proceeds benefit the *Shriners Children's Hospital* and we sold out of raffle tickets the first day (Saturday)! We did the same thing when we were resupplied on Sunday morning. Great job *Hub City!*

We used Jim Burnett's hot rod *Springer* to take 8x10 glossy photos for all the kids and it was amazing how the definition of "kid" suddenly blurred! The photos went over very well and I think we will have to keep this crowd pleaser ready to use at any function.

I must say that the show went so well due to the major effort put forth by our great education director, Carolyn Freeman. She has a great crew and knows how to draw the best from each person.

One more thing: We must have looked like we were having a good time because we signed up nine new members right there at the show! If I start to thank everyone who helped make the show the success it was I will miss someone. Then I'll be in the doghouse, so one time covers it all: **Thanks great Hub City members!!!!**

Our quarterly highway cleanup will be coming up December 13 rain or shine! Meet at the old *Pacific Stonescape* location, just east of the railroad tracks on Highway 34 between Albany and Corvallis. We start at 9 am.

The *Adopt-a-Highway* program is great publicity for *A.B.A.T.E.* and our cause and a good way to get members active. They see their group's name up there on display for everyone to see and it feels good. I highly recommend that each chapter participate in this activity. (Even in the winter!)

The toy runs are starting, so be sure to get out and contribute to the needy. It's a good excuse to check the tires before you load all those toys on there.

*A.M.O.* has a great toy run that starts at the *K-Mart* in Albany and then

proceeds to the *Eagles Club* downtown. That's where you get to eat your fill of hot grub (*free*) and watch as children actually receive the gifts right in front of you. A pretty good deal if you ask me. This run is on December 7 and it leaves the *K-Mart* at 11 am.

*S.T.E.A.M.* will be coming up soon. I can't express what a help *S.T.E.A.M.* has been to me. Geoff White, state education director, has put a lot of effort into bringing seminars (usually one hour long) to *S.T.E.A.M.* that deal with issues you will see every day in

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**HUB CITY MEETING TIME**  
**and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)  
*Ciddici's Pizza*  
133 Fifth Street  
Albany

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**Josephine County Chapter**

Well, by the time you get this Thanksgiving will be over and Christmas will be near.

I hope everybody had a great turkey day!!!

So from *Josephine County* we would like to say to everybody: Merry Christmas !!

Now for our report!!!

On October 25, 2003 we had our chapter *Ice Breaker* pot luck at *Tom Pearce Park* in Grants Pass. It was a dang good day. We had 49 bikes and 89 people show up for it. Not bad for only twenty days to put it together. I can tell you this: there was a lot of old friends there and we made some new ones too. We gave away \$400 worth of raffle prizes. \$80 was won on the 50-50.

I'd like to say this: I had a great time, it was great to see a lot of old friends there.

From it we gained eleven new members too. It was like one big family there. And thanks to Jane Cook, we had karaoke there. It was fun watching the kids singing and a few of the adults too.

Our band had to cancel at the last minute because of having to work their regular jobs.

I want to thank some local businesses that have supported this chapter. Many of the owners are members:

*Dutch Brothers Coffee, Hawg Wild Barbecue, R and J Cycles, Full Throttle Cycles, Southern Oregon Choppers, Hawg Wild Cycles, Grants Pass Suzuki, G.S.T. Bar and Grill, Provolt Store, Mojo Jitters Coffee, Sally's Boutique, Jerome Praire Market, Lonewolf Enterprises, Allcycles & A.T.V.s.*

These are a lot of businesses that support us and we thank them all !!!

This chapter as of November is three months old and we are well on our way as of today, November 9, 2003.

By my count we have a 125 members and by the time you get this we will have more. We are growing weekly. I'm very proud to be part of *A.B.A.T.E.*, and in this chapter. We have a great bunch of people here and there's a very positive feeling going on here in our chapter.

Take care, and from *Josephine County*, we wish you all safe holidays!!!

Spanky

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY****MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 1800 ( 6 pm )

Pizza Hut

1465 6th Street

Grants Pass

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

# North Coast Chapter



Greetings and happy holidays from the *North Coast* chapter,

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving enjoying the company of family members and good friends. Hopefully some of you out have managed to get in a few miles between the rain and colder fall weather. Be safe out there considering those slippery leaves we encounter this time of the year.

I have still yet to make a regular chapter meeting since July since my new job has taken me out of town. I wish to once again thank all of our current officers who have assisted with chapter business in my absence, your help is greatly appreciated.

By the time this report hits the streets our *15th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction* will be history, and I certainly hope it was one of our best. Many thanks to all of our run committee members and chapter members who put lots of hard work into this annual fundraising event.

Our *15th Annual Toy and Poker Run* is coming up on Saturday, December 13th. The run departs at 11 am from *Rob's Family Restaurant* (1815 S. Holiday Drive) in Seaside and ends at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria. We'll have raffle prizes, awards for the best and worst poker hands, food and fun for everyone. Join us and get in the holiday spirit, the proceeds from this event as always will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the

children of Clatsop and Pacific counties.

The process of electing new chapter officers is underway. Mail-in ballots with the names of those who were nominated and agreed to run will be in your mailboxes soon. Please take the time to make your voice heard by casting your vote and getting it back in the mail shortly after receipt.

I'm really excited about the process this year with all the new energy we have generated by the chapter's growth (see next paragraph). Should prove to be a great year ahead for the *North Coast Chapter* with new runs and other fun events. Remember, voice your vote for the new chapter officers for 2004.

Sue, our membership secretary, reports that to date the chapter has grown to 96 strong. I still have hopes we will hit our goal of breaking 100 by year's end. My warmest welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to working together in the future in planning and organizing our current and new annual events.

A last note, Ron Bloker's name was pulled out of the hat for the membership drawing at our October meeting. Had he been present he would have won the \$100 in the pot. Just another reminder to those who have been missing our meetings: ya can't win if you don't attend.

We'll look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, (7 pm of the fourth Thursday

of each month at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria).

From all the members of the *North Coast Chapter* we wish everyone happy and safe holidays. Hope Santa brings everyone some cool goodies for your scoots.

All the best and keep the rubber side down.

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NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )

Moose Lodge  
420 17th Street  
Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

## Northeast Portland Chapter



The swap meet at the *National Guard Armory* happened on schedule. I got a new rear tire for my *Springer*. Okay, it has a white side wall but it's new and I couldn't afford a new one at the dealer. At least I'll be riding in the *A.B.A.T.E./Shriner's Toy Run* on the 6th.

The *A.B.A.T.E./Shriner's Toy Run* is on December 6th with a spaghetti feed at the *Brother Speed* club house at 2800 SE 92 Ave., Portland, afterward. We've worked hard all year selling tickets to the raffle bike (a 2003 *Heritage* soft tale springer). Now come see who will be lucky enough to win that pretty head-turner. Bring a gift for a boy or girl. Don't wrap it. I would plan on protecting your gift from the rain. We seem to be blessed with that wet stuff every year. (It *is* Oregon in December, after all!)

I hope our new chapter picture is at the top of this page. We took it at the *Roundtable* at our last meeting right after we presented the flag behind us to *Roundtable Pizza* as our way of

saying thanks for letting us meet there all these years. Thanks again *Roundtable* for your support!

Our *Cabin Fever Party* is on schedule for January 17th at *Roc's Bar and Grill* on 88th between Halsey and Stark. Begins at 8 pm and goes until 1 am. We will have live music, a full bar, and *lots* of door prizes.

Don't forget about our last meeting of the year on December 17th. At the end of that meeting we will draw membership numbers until someone wins the kitty. Right now the kitty is at \$20. 50-50 and door prize money both goes into it. Could be up to \$50 by the last meeting. It will make a nice Christmas present for someone.

We meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at *Roundtable Pizza*, between Sandy Blvd and I-84, on 122nd in Portland. 7:30 is the kick off time. Meetings usually run around an hour and a half. Soft drinks are provided by *Roundtable* and you can buy beer, the salad bar or (duh!) pizza.

Motorcycle-friendly places are getting hard to find. *Roundtable* rolls out the red carpet for us. So come support the people who support us. Hope to see you there.

Stay warm and dry  
(Tough things to do this time of year!)

Crow

N.E. PORTLAND MEETINGTIMES and PLACE

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1930  
(7:30pm)

Round Table Pizza  
4141 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> -- Portland

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**River City Chapter****November 4, 2003**

We had a fifteen person meeting with lots of good humor and fun for all. Our Chapter members are very good natured about each other's choice of rides. We tease each other a lot and nobody gets upset. What a great bunch of bikers!

We talked about federal legislation and also the Patriot Act presentation here in town last week. Our Chapter will be hosting the BikePAC Legislative Summit in March. Plan now to attend this important political function for Oregon bikers.

Shelley won our 50/50 at \$7/\$7 and donate her share back to the Chapter. Thank you, Shelley. We did not have a membership drawing tonight due to not having a current list.

Brian

**Regular meeting**

Called to order by Lee at 7:02 pm. 13 people present, two arrived later . Treasury report: \$482.61.

Bills submitted: \$17.39 to Debra on a motion by Steve, passed.

Membership report: none.

Board report: none.

Legislative report: Brian reported on federal health care legislation progress. Steve asked about the *P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* presentation that happened last week and Brian and Pat reported on that.

Old business

Poker Run committee meeting tonight to set jobs. Next meeting = January 20 at 6:00 pm.

New business

*BikePAC* legislative summit March. Adjourned 7:40 pm

**November 18, 2003**

Big meeting tonight, 21 members is 29% of our membership. That's good. We had quite a long and intense discussion about the Fossil library donation idea and we are working on getting more information in order to make the best decision. We consider Fossil to be in our chapter area and feel some responsibility to help.

We also had a big discussion about our t-shirt development and decision making. We have one drawing submitted and hope to see more. The final choice will be made at a chapter meeting in the near future.

Tonight Debra, our ways and means officer, brought in Rudy. He is a knockout metal sculpture of a reindeer on a bike. We are raffling him off as a fundraiser. The drawing will be at our meeting on December 16. Tickets or \$1 or 6 for \$5. Rudy will be at the annual meeting, so you can get tickets there or just send money and a note to our chapter at:

P.O. Box 1422

The Dalles, OR 97058

(It will work because I finally went and paid the fee and got our post office box back.)

Vernon Wade would have won our membership drawing for \$10 tonight if he had been present. Lynne sold herself the winning 50/50 ticket and got \$12 which she split with our guest, Spencer. She donated the rest of her share back to the chapter.

Thanks Lynne

Brian

**Regular Meeting**

Called to order by Lee at 7:00 pm. Nineteen people present, three arrived later .

Guests: Spencer Baker

Minutes were waived on a motion by Tim because they were presented in written form. No correspondence.

Treasury report is \$474.22

Membership report: 73

Board report: Brian reported on officer nominations and motions made. Also, the challenge to donate to the Fossil library was discussed at length and we decided we need more information.

Ways and means report: *Rudy Raffle* until December 16. Meet Rudy and buy a ticket at the annual meeting.

Old Business

Planned rides: December 4-6 Intl motorcycle show in Seattle; January 10 Portland motorcycle show.

New Business

2002 *Pig Bowl* tickets. See Bob.

Adjourned 7:55 pm

Upcoming meetings

December 2, 2003 7:00 pm

December 16, 2003 7:00 pm

**RIVER CITY MEETING****TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7pm )

Lone Pine Restaurant

335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles ( I-84 & US-197 )

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

*Salem Chapter*

Greetings,

The *Biker Nights* are in full swing hopefully you have made it to one or both of these fun get togethers.

Thank you to all who donated door prizes to the October 17th *Biker Night* at the *Bottle Factory*. This was an extremely successful party with our own Teri Rollman winning the 50/50, Al and Mo (from *Hub City*) dancing up a storm and the team of Marlene and Louie keeping the action going. If I have forgotten to mention anyone please forgive me.

On November 22nd we had our second *Biker Night* which was no doubt a rousing good time at the *Wooden Nickel*. Thank you to all, once again.

December 14th, 2003 is our *Annual Toy Run*. We gather at 10:00 am for coffee provided by those fine people of the *C.M.A.* Leave at 11:00 am. While at the *Big K-Mart* on Mission and 25th there may be Santa and Mrs. Santa sightings and most certainly free candy canes. Please bring the children by even if you aren't going on the toy run. Bundle them and yourself up as it is always chilly.

The proceeds this year from the *Biker Nights* and kind donations from other parties will go to *Silverton Community Resource Center* and *Stayton Firemen's Toys for Joy* program. Nothing like lending a helping hand to warm the linings of your soul.

We had a very special guest at our meeting on October 28th. Mary Poulin, mother of Jeff Poulin who is away doing his soldier thing and mother-in-law of Cindy Poulin, our treasurer. Hope you come back to visit soon.

Hey, here is something I had never considered: When sending pictures to Rot Path you can send them in black and white! Isn't it amazing how much that makes sense but I never even considered it.

On December 16, 2003 we will be having our gift exchange at *The Chalet* on Market Street. This will be our chapter's christmas party and the voting for officers and support people will be in the offing. Looks like we will be staying at *The Chalet* for our permanent meeting place. Every fourth Tuesday, every month (except this December) at 7:00 p.m.

We have a couple of gentlemen who have stepped up to be the run coordinators for the *Toy Run*. They are Ted Minden and Louie Schroeder. Both are already *Sgt-at-Arms* and willing to do double duty. Thanks a lot guys!!!

With 107 members and 16 people at this meeting we have a bit less than 16.5% of our membership showing up. This exceeds the idea that the same 10% of a membership is always the same people doing 100% of the work.

*Salem Chapter*, give yourself a hearty

"Arrrr, matey!" as you have exceed the norm once again.

May you be well and happy as the winter solstice moves closer.

Kindest regards,

Michelle Jayne FitzHenry  
*Salem Chapter* goddess

**SALEM MEETING TIME  
and PLACE**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
Chalet Restaurant  
Market Street, Salem

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**South Coast Chapter**

Winter has arrived, and only the hardiest of folks go out in this weather. Enjoy your ride.

*Coos Cycle Supply* hosted a benefit for the *Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run* Sunday November 2. The food was great with two kinds of chowder, salads, barbeque pork, etc. The turnout wasn't as good as it has been in the past because of the weather not cooperating. Those who did attend had a great time. Walt and Sandy work hard all year raising money to purchase toys for the toy run in order for the less fortunate kids in our community to have a great Christmas.

A bit of bad news. One of the property owners of our *Coos River Run* site (Jim "Spook" Flanagan) was diagnosed with a brain tumor and has only three months to live. The doctors operated, but were unsuccessful in getting all of it and it's a fast growing type of cancer. The family is requesting cards and contributions be sent to:

Flanagan's  
c/o P. O. Box 4175  
Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Upcoming events here on the south coast include the *Flash Baker Memorial Food Drive* benefiting the *Salvation Army* scheduled for November 16, leaving *Gino's Pizza* in North Bend at 11:00am; the *Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run*, also benefiting the *Salvation Army* scheduled for December 21, leaving *Gino's Pizza* in North Bend at 11:00am; and volunteer hosting at *Shore Acres Christmas Lights* in Coos Bay on December 26. Information on these events can be found on the *South Coast A.B.A.T.E.* website at <http://www.southcoastabate.org>. The event list for 2004 is also available on the web.

Nominations for *A.B.A.T.E.* offices should be already made by the time this is printed. Please participate and

**SOUTH COAST MEETING****TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1100 ( 11am )  
Gino's Pizza  
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

*Southeast Portland Chapter*

Well here it is December already.

Thanksgiving has come and gone. I hope that during your festivities you all took time to remember our many brothers and sisters who went down this year. Many of them are still recovering and will need our support this time of year, even if it's an invitation for a holiday meal or a ride to the store to pick up a gift. Any offer I am sure will be greatly appreciated.

Toy Run time is here. Be safe riding in those tight packs folks.

I would like to say thank you to *Brother Speed West Side* for hosting the spaghetti feed after the *Washington County Toy Run* on the 15th of last month, and to *Brother Speed Portland* for hosting their annual spaghetti feed after the *Shriners Toy Run*. The hot meal and fellowship after a chilly and emotional ride was greatly appreciated. So here it is: "Thank you guys".

Hey, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ride safe.

Mammy Tami

*S.E. Portland MEETING**TIMES and PLACE*

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

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**Southern Oregon Chapter**



**SOUTHERN OREGON**

**MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 1900 ( 7 pm )

*Abby's Legendary Pizza*

2550 Crater Lake Highway

Medford, Oregon

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Phoenix, OR 97535

## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**Washington County Chapter**

Here it is November.

You will be reading this in December.

The year has flown by, bringing lots of changes, both personally and in our motorcycling world. The work is far from over. We did not make as much headway as we had hoped to.

The battle over freedom of choice continues. We all have to fight this battle every day. From conversations with friends and acquaintances to letters to our elected officials, we need to keep our agendas at the forefront of our minds.

It is quite easy to let an opportunity slip by. Once it is gone, it can never be retrieved.

Take a moment and write a letter or make a phone call to an elected official and let them know how you feel about an issue that is important to you.

Take another moment and call a friend or family member to let them know you are thinking of them and how much you appreciate everything they mean to you.

You never know when you may have another chance to do it and the opportunity may not arise again.

I have discovered (or remembered) how important it is to tell loved ones how important they are to me. I am glad I had the opportunity to spend my father's final days with him and we had the chance to talk of different things. There is still so much more to say, but the conversations can only take place in my heart.

Unfortunately, others are taken from us so quickly that we never have time to say the words we need to say.

The same can be said of the legislative session. It is over and the

decisions that were made cannot be changed — at least not for a couple of years.

We can be more useful making sure that decisions being considered are in our best interests than trying to change decisions that have already been made. That is just time spent chasing after opportunities that have been lost.

Enough of the philosophical stuff. A melancholy mood can lead to rambling.

Winter weather will offer less opportunity for riding, but the occasional sunny days and mild temperatures will encourage those with the ambition to cast off the winter doldrums and hit the streets.

Enjoy the days that you can, but always be aware that not only is it tricky weather, the cage drivers are even less attentive than usual. They are all tucked away in their metal cocoons and oblivious to the world around them.

As always, watch for what they are doing because they are usually not watching for you. After all, what kind of fool would be riding a motorcycle in December or January?!

December will bring the *Shriner's Toy Run* with a couple thousand riders attending.

After that, the new year will bring polar bear rides and *WaCo's* own *Ice Cycle Run*. This event will be the final event for 2003, even though it takes place on Saturday, 03 January 2004.

The day after that will be the *First Sunday Ride*. (As we do every month.)

November's *First Sunday Ride* turned out to be a day to take care of home work. Only our chaplain and education director, Roger Yarnell,

rode. Lucky Roger got to ride home in the snow. Even he said he was going home to take care of some work around the house.

Neither Mark Cody nor Kat Whitney were present to win our membership drawing. The pot continues to grow above \$100.

We have begun chapter officer nominations, so please come to our only December meeting and enjoy a meal provided by the chapter and vote for the 2004 officers.

Oh, and we draw the membership members until someone is present to win.

Be safe, be careful, and please watch out for the other guy.

Linda Wells

*WaCo* secretary



**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1930  
( 7:30pm )  
Prime Time Sports Bar  
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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Cornelius, OR 97113



## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

## Willamette Valley Chapter



Well!

I believe winter has finally arrived in the "great state of Oregon."

Where else do you find this much diversity in weather.

Just a couple weeks back (October 24th – 28th) we were enjoying beautiful sunny days (70 – 75) in central Oregon and *bam*, Tuesday night everything changed. The wind came up, thought it was going to blow us away that night. It even snowed on us a couple of times as we made our way home.

Anyway, on with the chapter report at hand.

I'll be ~~damned~~ [lovely], *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* is now in it's ninth year and we finally broke 200 members. In fact it was 205 for last month.

Speaking of nine years — that means we're up for our tenth anniversary come next year. Sounds like a ~~damn~~ [lovely] good reason to celebrate and have a party.

Hey, did you know that our chapter actually got its start back in 1994 when the local *Springfield H.O.G.* chapter was disbanded. That happened at the October *H.O.G.* meeting and we had our first *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting in November. January 5th was our first official meeting, and that's where it all got started.

The *Willamette Valley Veterans Day*

*Parade* has come and gone. (Though it almost didn't happen.) Thanks to the Eugene city mayor, business manager and especially the *Eugene Policeman's Union* the bills for last year were all taken care of. This enabled the parade to march on! The veteran's day parade wasn't as big as in the past years, (third year) but the *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* riders were present as usual to rally support for our veterans. It started out as a cool and cloudy day, but that all disappeared and the day turned out great!

At the October chapter meeting it was decided that instead of giving the full \$1,500 to *BikePAC* this year, we would split it up as follows: a motion was made and we decided to re-up our *BikePAC* membership at \$1,000 and our *M.R.F.* membership for \$500. The plan right now is to present these checks to *BikePAC* and *M.R.F.* officers at the end of the year *A.B.A.T.E.* annual meeting. I'll be getting that set up for the December meeting.

We're at it again as Hal says. Yep! The *Willamette Valley Chapter* is changing their meeting days again. You ask, why for we do this again? Remember, we changed our Chapter Meeting Day from the 3rd Thursday to the 3rd Wednesday to allow members to attend the Lane County Dem. PCP Meetings. Well, Wednesday hasn't worked out for us for a number of reasons.

So, starting in January: officer's meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month at *Robinson's Restaurant* and the chapter meetings will be on the second Thursday of each month at the *Veterans Memorial Building*, in Eugene. Both meeting will still be at 7:00 pm.

Changes, changes....

Another little change in the coming year will be with our *Rhody Poker Run*. Plans are already underway and it's been decided that *Ramsey Waite* of Eugene will be our starting point next year. Of course we're not pulling away from *Greg Coen's Motor Company*. We'll be back at their door in 2005. And speaking of *Greg Coen*, they have supported the *Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.* chapter from the get go and we really appreciate the support they have given us from the beginning. At our last officers' meeting we discussed the need to involve more of our supporting businesses thus we decided to make a few changes. More on this later.

As Hal already said in last month's chapter report, here are a couple important dates to remember:

December 7th is our *Eugene Mission Run*. be at the *Quacker's Tavern* at 2:00 pm or meet us at the mission at 2:30 pm.

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December 13th will be the regular state board meeting and the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* annual meeting and awards party.

December 17th is our regular chapter meeting and christmas party. We will be having a gift exchange (\$10 or less) and a prepaid dinner for \$10 a person. (See the November state newsletter for more details.)

January 8th will be our first meeting of 2004 and our officer elections will be held then.

February 21st is *S.T.E.A.M. 2004* and we are hoping to have a great turnout from all chapters.

February 28th will be our first *Casino Night* for 2004

For the rest of the year:

May 1st is motorcycle awareness month kickoff at the capital.

May 15th in our *Rhody Run*.

June 18th is the *Iron Horse Run*.

July 4th social.

That's enough said for now...

Rick

#### WILAMETTE VALLEY

#### MEETING TIME and PLACE

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
Veteran's Memorial Building;  
1626 Willamette Street  
Eugene

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Springfield, OR 97478

## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports Hub City Chapter

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dealing with the chapter. The national president of the *M.R.F. (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)* will be the keynote speaker. If you care about political issues concerning biker rights, don't miss this one!

Please attend *S.T.E.A.M.* and make sure all your chapter officers pick up on the information that is laid out for each position. It only makes your group stronger. Stronger chapters make a stronger state organization and that makes our combined voice harder to ignore!

Watch for announcements concerning *Hub City's* first overnighter! I think our always energized run coordinator Shawn Harwood has something up his sleeve but he's not quite ready to show all his cards. The way *Hub City* puts things together I have a feeling this might be a run to watch for. More info as Shawn firms things up.

Our last meeting drew forty-three hardy members. Due to the meetings of the different committees, our meetings are conducted in about an hour and then we "socialize". All the behind-the-scenes work by officers sure helps the regular meetings go smoothly while still getting all the necessary business done. This keeps members coming back and more willing to get involved in the committee work. The phenomenal job done by officers and volunteers make this group what it is. My thanks to them.

Doug Stiles won \$48.50 in the 50/50. Congratulations- That's a nice pot. Steve Wilson won the membership drawing. For showing up at the

meeting Steve took home a nice set of coasters emblazoned with the *Hub City* logo.

Please come by and enjoy one of our meetings!

We meet at *Ciddici's Pizza* in old town Albany on the third Thursday of every month. *Ciddici's* is found at 133 5th street in downtown Albany. Stop in and support this American small business if you're in Albany. Good food, cold drink, good prices, and always with a smile. What more could a biker ask? (Don't answer that!)

Our next meeting is on November 21 at 7 pm.

I'd like to say thanks to Tim and his crew at *Ciddici's Pizza*. They have all been excellent hosts and *Hub City* really appreciates the welcome.

See you on the highway of life!

Al Sims

*Hub City* coordinator  
(541)-926-2161

hdalandmo@comcast.net



*A bevy of Hub City beauties who were responsible for the sign below.*





Geoff

# Education Directors

by Geoff White



Nora

Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

The holiday season is almost here, and its time to think about family, celebrating, sharing, and oh yeah . . . toy runs. These events are a perfect opportunity to share our motorcycling world with the public in a very positive way. I can't emphasize enough about the terrific public relations exposure we may obtain at these gatherings.

Please make every attempt to support your local charities, and when attending any of these functions, remember that you are representing *A.B.A.T.E.*, motorcycle rights organizations, and motorcyclists all over the state. Make a good impression, and have a very warm, happy holiday season.

The schools have begun to call for our motorcycle awareness program presentations, and we will be busy bringing a message of safety, courtesy, and friendliness to the new drivers of this state.

Motorcycle awareness is a necessary element in the training of new drivers everywhere. Our roadways are getting more crowded every year, and the chances of making mistakes increases when people give less space and less courtesy. We must attempt to teach the new drivers about the needs of all the motorists who share the road with them.

Motorcyclist's lives will depend on our success in this attempt.

Many new drivers may also be considering the use of a motorcycle for their means of transportation, and

we can help them to make the proper decisions regarding their safety and attitude in this choice.

Once again, I can't overstate that lives will depend on our success in this area.

Play a part in this important effort, and become a certified *Motorcycle Awareness Instructor*.

Our *Seminar To Educate And Motivate ( S.T.E.A.M. )* is approaching, and it is time to begin planning and coordinating to bring this event to reality.

For those of you who have ideas or wish to participate in this program on a teaching level, I want to hear from you soon. For those of you who wish to attend or learn more about the program it is time to see your chapter, organization, or group members to learn what *S.T.E.A.M.* is all about.

It is our goal to help motorcyclists become involved in our many functions, positions, and duties within our organizations. It is also a time to build upon the enthusiasm that we have for our activity and our work in the motorcycling world. Educating and motivating is the key to the success of our organizations, and *S.T.E.A.M.* is one of our most powerful tools to ensure that our people obtain both. Get involved in the *S.T.E.A.M.* project, and help to make our motorcycling activity strong and exciting. The date for the *S.T.E.A.M.* conference is the third Saturday in February. We hope to see many of you

there. New officers are strongly urged to attend. This conference will help officers to understand, enjoy, and carry out their duties successfully.

See you at *S.T.E.A.M.*

Have a happy holiday season and ride very safely. Watch out on those crowded roads. Share some time with your loved ones. Spend some time with your friends from your motorcycling world. Spread the thankfulness and . .

*Spread the awareness, y'all.*

Take care,

Geoff White

Nora Rohde



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## Our Officers at Work

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

08 November 2003



by Charlie Hill  
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator, Joe Laurance at 12:16 with ten of the fifteen chapters represented. Nine of the ten chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from October 11, 2003: Motion made by Larry Brown, seconded by Brian Stovall to approve minutes as printed; motion carried.

**Coordinators comments:** Joe thanked all for coming.

*Hub City* rode in the rain to get here which included Steve Gerke, Al Sims, Monica Sims, Kathy Gerke, Steve Sorensen and James Barnett. Gordon of *Douglas County* chapter also made it to the meeting for the first time.

At 9:30 a.m. this morning, *M.R.F.*, *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* had a meeting with *Team Oregon*. This program is dependent on the number of instructors and at this time they only have 130. If you would like to make about \$300 being an instructor, please contact them.

A *S.M.R.O.* leader that had applied for motorcycle insurance with the same company that he had used before, was denied due to his bike being over 1,200 cc.

Joe said he would like to honor Veterans Day today and had all veterans present, stand up.

Correspondence: Joe read an e-mail from Diesel Dave which read: *"It is the veteran, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion. It is the veteran, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press. It is the veteran, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the veteran, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble. It is the veteran, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the veteran, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote. Is the veteran, who salutes the flag,*

*who serves under the flag. Grant them eternal rest, o lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. I don't know if you saw this in the news, but it really impressed me. Because of the danger of Hurricane Isabelle approaching Washington DC, The U.S. senate/house took two days off as they couldn't work. The military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They refused. 'No way, Sir!' Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7 since 1930."* Joe said he toured the *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* and was left with love and admiration for a country that would so greatly honor a hero "known but to God."

Joe has received flack from *C.M.A.* [about] being an *A.B.A.T.E.* member. *C.M.A.* wants to have priority over all other clubs and organizations and have their officers sign a pledge that *C.M.A.* and their meetings have priority over any others. Joe noted that his service to *A.B.A.T.E.* took priority.

\*\*\* **Officers reports** \*\*\*

**Legislative Director:** Rick Maish said he attend the October *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state planning meeting and had the pleasure of leading the legislative group discussion and had some great proposals from the committee. He then took the proposals to the November 1st *BikePAC* meeting in search of support from *BikePAC* and boy did he get it.

Have you noticed lately there has been a large number of urgent *M.R.F.* "Calls to action". Hopefully, your all getting the messages. If not, you need to either become a member of *M.R.F.*, or at least get on their e-mail list for their *Action*

*News*, and the *M.R.F.* leaders reports. Call Rick, or e-mail him, and he can help.

Make calls to senator Nighthorse and tell him or his staff *yes*. Please send the letter of concern to *N.H.T.S.A.*. Call your U.S. senators to senate *Envior./Public Works Committee* to include the motorcycle safety agenda in *T.E.A.-21*. We all make calls to Smith and Wyden.

Good news, U.S. senate committee passes *Healthy Care Remedy* October 29th.

*M.R.F.-N.H.T.S.A.* pushing to get United Nations acceptance of mandatory rider apparel.

Besides the 100th Anniversary of *Harley-Davidson*, *A.M.A.* is also celebrating 100 years of motorcyclists and political activism. It all started with a guy licensed to ride his motorcycle in Connecticut. He then rode his bike into New York City and got arrested for not having a New York license. Wow how things to change. You can get the complete story at:

<http://www.ama-cycle.org>

or

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisln/1200yrs/index.asp>

Be sure to check out the paper in the packets on Oregon motorcycle laws.

A new way to take that last ride instead of going to your final resting place in a Cadillac hearse, do it with a *Harley* trike pulling a motorcycle styled hearse form *Tombstone Hearse Company*

<http://www.tombstonehearse.com/>

*N.H.T.S.A.* is it again! *N.H.S.T.A.* has released another report on two states that have recently repealed their helmet laws and of course they claim it raised the motorcycle rider death rates. See more details in the packet.

From the *M.R.F.* 11/7, *N.H.T.S.A.* study demonstrates need for safer riding. Also check out Hal's number crunches on the *N.H.T.S.A.* data. He has some

interesting points.

Rick had more information than he wanted with 22 copies of *O.D.O.T./D.M.V.* rule changes. Everything from changing driver's licenses from 4 to 8 years, filing of a bond or cash verses having insurance, to allowing medical transports to use metal devices (studs) in their tires. Special note: there was interest to do a regular recap of these rules from motorcyclist point of view and Rick agreed to do this.

*A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC* representative: Geoff White reported that the *BikePAC* meeting was held on Saturday. One point that came out was they will be having an *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC Summit* which will be held March 27th & 28, 2004 in The Dalles. Geoff encourages anyone with concerns or ideas to share them. Join *BikePAC* to help support them. Joe suggests you belong to both *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC*.

*Confederation of Clubs* representative: Ed Vaughn was not present—excused.

*Confederation of Clubs* representative II: Bob Earl was not present—excused.

*Education director*: Geoff White said *S.T.E.A.M.* is coming up and they are in need of ideas. Slots are still open. Please contact him if you have an idea on a class.

*Education director II*: Nora Rohde reported that an instructor from *Josephine County* and she are going to do a couple of classes at *Rogue Community College*. Geoff thanked Nora for doing such a great job.

*Membership secretary*: Jill Tracy reported our membership continues to grow. Jill said she will not be able to attend the swap meet in Portland but Cindy Henderson will be staffing the booth.

*Newsletter editor*: Rot Path was not present—excused.

*Products*: Michelle Hobbs has *A.B.A.T.E.* dress shirts at the board meeting. They are \$20. Other places = \$30. T-shirts and courtesy cards available and soon dew rags with "*A.B.A.T.E.*" embroidered on them. She also reported

she would be stepping down as products director.

*Public relations*: Melinda McCrossen reported she found a C.P.A. who works with non-profits. She also thanked everyone for sending her to the summit. Also, thanks to Randy, Duane, Pat Ryan and his wife Christine as they have done a fabulous job with the democratic party talking motorcycles. Melinda has been putting the run calendar together and getting the swap meets together. She has also revised the expense form.

*State run coordinator*: Rotten Roger has fliers for the *Portland Swap Meet*. Newsletters are available. He said he gets lots of calls out of *Easyrider* and the *Nickle Ads*. Will need help at the swap meet in Portland. Need help Saturday 9 a.m. to set up vendors and on Sunday they will need more help.

If you see in the newsletter your phone number wrong or the wrong date, get in touch with Rot Path and Maddog to correct them.

*Roseburg Swap Meet* was a success. Lots of vendors and great weather.

*State run coordinator II*: Michelle Lipchitz was not present—excused.

*Treasurer*: Ted Tracy was not present as he had to work. Jill reported he is well into the learning mode. We started the month with \$33,078. Deposits totaled \$10,449. Checks written totaled \$7,716. Approximately \$4,000 of the total deposits were from the *Roseburg Swap Meet*. Ted says thanks to all who helped make the event a success. As you can see, without the swap meet income, we would about [have] broke even. We need to keep an eye of our expenses until he develops our budgets. Jill also reported there were 23 new members signed up at the swap meet and they sold \$140 in products.

*Chapter auditor*: Nancy Curran was not present—excused.

*Historian*: Iris Yeager was not present—excused as she and Mel went to Idaho for the birth of a great grandchild.

Iris e-mailed her report that said:

"We as a group are citizens who like to

*ride-to enjoy the free feeling of wind as we go. The feeling of being in the wide open. There are those in our society who do not want those same activities, they have their own ways to enjoy life 'I sure do hope so, anyway.' Unfortunately, many of those do not appreciate our right to be individuals enjoying life our way, and want to control our way of doing so. We have groups of motorcyclists in clubs with different names. All are to some extent, concerned about the efforts of those who do not understand motorcycling to control our activities. Therefore, we have an organization of these groups called BikePAC of Oregon. BikePAC is a coalition of motorcycle organizations working together to make sure the laws concerning motorcyclists are for our benefit, not someone else's convenience (or mistaken fear.) BikePAC spends its time and funds on efforts to sway our legislators to our way of thinking, helping them understand the needs and reasons for those needs. Please give serious thought and action to joining BikePAC. This can help all motorcyclists, both financially and most important, the use of your good clear thinking. Please join us in our efforts to stop society controlling us and making it so we control ourselves, since we know best what is needed. Please, A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments members-support BikePAC both financially and with your brain power."*

*Web page editor*: Maddog was not in attendance—excused.

*Vice-coordinator north*: Matt Hobbs reminded all that the *Portland Swap Meet* is next weekend and they will need help with parking and security.

*Vice-coordinator south*: Tim Rohde reported he was excited to attend the *Roseburg Swap Meet* and that it was good. Tim attended *Josephine County* chapter meeting which was on Tim's birthday. He reported that the chapter wanted more information on *BikePAC*. The 22nd he will be attending the *Team Oregon Awards* conference.

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

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Tim also told us of Jim who went through the *Team Oregon* class on the 20th and passed. He then went straight to *D.N.S. Harley* the same day, bought a bike, his family followed him home, he lost control on a corner, went down and was ran over by his own family.

**Vice-coordinator east:** Bob Hadley was not present—excused.

**Sergeant at arms north:** Matt Hobbs reported he has been trying to get to lots of chapter meetings but it's a difficult task. Please have representatives visit other chapters to get ideas.

**Sergeant at arms south:** Cole Hembree was not present—excused.

**Sergeant at arms east:** Keith Odoms was not present—excused.

**Sanctioning officer:** Ron Bloker was not present—excused.

**Quartermaster:** Steve Baton reported after reading the planning session notes, he will stop looking for a truck. The map of packing is something he was already planning to do.

### Committee reports

1. **Run committee:** Did not meet but Roger reports that Cindy Henderson will be the next vendor contact person.

Joe presented Doc Squires of *Josephine County* chapter with their officer rockers.

### Unfinished business

1. *O.D.O.T. Safety Conference* in Eugene October 15-17, 2003. Nora Rohde and Randy Phipps were the only ones [who] attended. They tried to split up the classes. They would like to see more people attend next year as it will be in Salem. There were classes on legislative safety, bicycles etc. Nora went to the graduated drivers license class. Nora thinks this is a good program. Others were *Mobility in your Community*, *Getting Your Safety Message Out to the Public* ie; radio and tv, *Crime Scene Animation*, *Motorcycle Safety Meeting* and *Traffic Law Enforcement*, raising the speed limit to 70 for cars and 65 for trucks. Fines are no

longer reduced by judges. You have to pay the full ticket price. She also had handouts available. Randy said he attended the classes with engineering. Engineering of safety lights and signs over the years. New school zone legislation. The speed in school zone may apply 24/7 and some will lose interpretation by city. He also said the *National Safety Board* spokes person talked.

2. Oregon summit: Brian said they had a good crew in Bend, lots of people came to the hospitality room. A lot was going on in the general sessions. You get to see legislators and how people shmooze each other and learn of peoples roles and how to approach them in the future. A lot being said about national politics and a lot of bitterness between parties this last year. We can be proud of the people we have working our party. Roger said we need more P.C.P.'s or as Brian said as a candidate. *Northeast* [chapter] sent Melinda and Randy. Randy talked to some of the legislators and one of them recognized him and remembered his name.

3. Annual meeting: The annual meeting will be in December. Jill is taking care of the food. Send acknowledgments to Melinda for certificates.

### New business

1. Motion made by Larry Brown, seconded by Stephan Baton that until we have all the information from auditors and attorney, all chapters should have a right to vote! An amendment of a two month time limit was added. Six were in favor with four against; motion passed.

2. Motion made by Randy Phipps, seconded by Rick Maish for

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* participate in a "summit" meeting in conjunction with *BikePAC* on March 27 & 28, 2004. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* participation in the upcoming election/legislative cycle. Location is The Dalles garage (Brian and

Teresa's house). Motion passed unanimously.

3. Motion made by Brian Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps to endorse and monetarily support Ken Ray as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's* state representative to the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* for the next year. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Motion made by Joe Huff, seconded by Doc Squires to send two people from the state to Washington D.C. in February 2004 or early March 2004 with nominations at the December state board meeting with two alternates. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Nominations for state board of directors:

State coordinator - Joe Laurance  
 Vice coordinator north - Larry Brown  
 Vice coordinator south - Tim Rohde  
 Vice coordinator east - Bob Hadley \*  
 Membership secretary - Jill Tracy  
 Recording secretary - Charlie Hill  
 Treasurer - Ted Tracy  
 Chapter auditor - Nancy Curran \*  
 Newsletter editor - Rot Path \*  
 Legislative director - Rick Maish  
 Sgt. at arms north - Matt Hobbs  
 Sgt. at arms south - Doc Squires  
 Sgt. at arms east - Keith Odoms \*  
 Products director - Michelle Hobbs  
 Education director 1 - Geoff White  
 Education director 2 - Nora Rohde  
 Public relations - Melinda McCrossen  
 Run coordinator 1 - Michelle Lipchitz \*  
 Run coordinator 2 - Michelle Lipchitz \*  
 Historian - Iris Yeager \*  
 Run sanctioning - Ron Bloker \*  
 Run sanctioning - Ron Vonsild  
 Web page editor - Maddog \*  
 Quartermaster - Stephan Baton  
*BikePAC* Representative - Geoff White  
*BikePAC* Representative - Rick Maish  
*Confederation of Clubs* rep 1 - Ed Vaughn \*  
*Confederation of Clubs* rep 2 - Michael Schneider

\* Have not confirmed acceptance of nomination

**Announcements**

Another way to support *M.R.F.* is to purchase *M.R.F.* coins from Brian Stovall. He will have coins next month commemorating 100 years. \$5 for bronze, \$15 for copper.

On Tuesday [11 November 2003], *McCormick & Schmidt* will be giving a free lunch or dinner, just show your veteran's identification.

*Willamette Valley* chapter newsletter and Christmas event fliers available for you to take back.

*Veterans Day Parade* tomorrow [09 November 2003] in Eugene.

5:06 p.m. this evening, lunar eclipse.

Chapters should have members attend first aide classes.

Melinda said Tina Wright says hello.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**Businesses That  
Donated at the  
A.B.A.T.E. Roseburg  
Swap Meet**

October 26, 2003

- Classic Leathers*
- Mother Nifty Motorsports*
- Love Leathers*
- Bike Gear*
- Bike Parts and Paints*
- Anon?*
- Stardust Enterprises NW*
- Cat Designs*
- Fast Eddie's*
- Meerzo*
- Amsoil*
- Winky's*
- II Crows*

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CRYPTOGRAM**

-- November --

From too much love of living,  
From hope and fear set free,  
We thank with brief thanksgiving,  
Whatever gods may be.

-- Algernon Charles Swinburne

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**2003 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Circle Type of Membership

**INDIVIDUAL**

- Associate .....\$15
- Full .....\$30+
- Family .....\$40+
- MAB \* .....\$60+

**CORPORATE**

- Sponsor .....\$150
- Supporting .....\$300
- Platinum .....\$750
- MAB \* .....\$1000

**GROUP OR CLUB**

- \* Member of the Advisory Board
- General .....\$75
- Supporting .....\$150
- MAB \* .....\$300

Your contribution will be directed into the BikePAC General Fund, which includes the Education Fund, unless you specify the following:

Put \$\_\_\_\_\_ of my contribution into a dedicated fund supporting Motorcycle friendly candidates (Qualifies for Oregon Tax Credit up to \$50 individual and \$100 couple)

I am in State Senate District \_\_\_\_\_ I am in State Representative District \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Historian

by Iris Yeager



We as a group are citizens who like to ride to enjoy the free feeling of wind as we go. The feeling of being in the wide open. There are those in our society who do not want those same activities. They have their own ways to enjoy life. (I sure do hope so, anyway)

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Thanks.

Keep on riding,

## A.B.A.T.E. State Planning Session

Cottage Grove, Oregon -- Recap minutes for October 18, 2003

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 9:10 a.m. with 10 of the 15 chapters represented. The five chapters not represented were *Central Oregon*, *Lincoln County*, *North Coast*, *River City*, and *Southern Oregon*. Forty-three people were present which included: Joseph Laurance, Duane Calkins, Robert Sanderfeld, Rick Grout, Mary Cruz, DJ, Steve Watkins, Cliff McCalley, Nora Rohde, Tim Rohde, Kat, Crow, Melinda McCrossen, Katrina Fearn, Ken Mortellaro, Paul Hering, Jordan Kelley, Cari Yohnka, Karl Fraser, Bob Earl, Tonia Judd, Michael Mustae, Doc Squires, Randy Phipps, Al Thompson, Rotten Roger, Rena, Michelle Lipchitz, Charlie Hill, Nancy Curran, Ted Tracy, Jill Tracy, Rich Virchow, Margo Carnevale, Cindy Henderson, Rick Maish, Lyn Maish, Hal Fletcher, Fred Reyes, Jim Singhose, Rosie Singhose, Andrew Moran, Kay Sipple. (Please accept my apology for any names mis-spelled)

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

The following topics were decided and broke into four groups to discuss the issues and propose recommendations:

### Runs and events

- Purchase of box van
- Fossil* games (apprenticeship)
- Sanctioning
- Group rate at events
- Additional entertainment

### Public relations

- Brotherhood
- Individual chapter runs
- Advertising (response time to media)

- Charitable events / causes
- Define totalitarian
- Public image / schools
- M.A.P. - drivers education
- Money matters
- Electronic chapter treasurer reporting
- Financial policies and guidelines
- Budget / director
- Hired hand office staff
- Team Oregon
- Budget information to members

### Legislative

- BikePAC* Support
- P.C.P. information
- Better communication
- Organization
- Mentoring
- Lemon list "preferred companies"
- Phone tree
- Member involvement
- Promote M.A.P.
- Officer training (state and chapter level)

- Proposals and recommendations

### Runs and events

**Box van:** Recommendation is that it is too much liability. Rent equipment as necessary. Make packing map for state and equipment trailer. Quartermaster will make a packing map. Request \$400 refundable deposit from chapters for use of state and equipment trailer.

***Fossil* games - apprenticeship:** Continue with volunteer chapter rotation. *Hub City* is doing them this coming year.

**Group rates at events:** Should be one gate boss. Minimum of 50 people with \$15 each paid in advance by May 1. No tickets issued. No day pass.



**Sanctioning:** Someone needs to step forward and help Ron Bloker. State board issue. Chapters need to do a better job submitting information to make job easier.

**Additional entertainment:** *Trial Riders* not available on weekend as they have their own event that weekend. Need chapter involvement to do things like a poker run. Fire Dancers as a possibility. Roger is open for ideas and volunteers willing to do the work.

### Public relations

Brotherhood.  
Individual chapter runs.  
Advertising (response time to media).  
Charitable events / causes.  
Define totalitarian.  
Public image / schools.  
M.A.P. - drivers education.  
All state and chapter officers are given means to electronic communication. Set up newsgroups for instant information (such as rumors, bad press, etc.) Encourage social gatherings and recognition events:

- reward volunteers.
- include community and members of the media.
- we need more promotional stuff with *A.B.A.T.E.* logo on it for recognition.

Establish shop buddies.

Develop starter kit for ways and means (or other officers too):

- include a letter of introduction.
- include web address and "For more information."
- include F.A.Q.s and sound bites.
- include contacts with the community.

Add *People Skills* and *How to Talk to Public Relations People* classes to

*S.T.E.A.M.*

Mentor new officers.

Support other chapters (through events, meetings, rides, etc.)

Continue to promote and expand the *Motorcycle Awareness Program* (M.A.P.).

We need more active officers.

### Legislative

#### P.C.P. Information

Breakdown / simplify write-up on what a P.C.P. is and how to become one.

Review democratic and republican P.C.P. guidelines.

Review Frankie's description on his website, update as needed.

*BikePAC* has brief?

2. Work-up a motorcyclist P.C.P. history and accomplishment document.

3. Work-up reasons for becoming a P.C.P.

Shows involvement in the community.

You can make a difference.

Make change in your party.

Get the biker point of view to legislators.

You become known by both your party and some of the legislators.

Run P.C.P. information in state newsletter and on *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* website.

### *BikePAC* support

#### 1. Funding

Create a document on how chapter's and individuals can help support *BikePAC* with funding.

#### 2. Involvement.

Create document on why we want to support *BikePAC*.

#### 3. *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* connection and differences

Create document that explains

differences between *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* (Tax status, etc.) And what that means to both groups and how they work together.

### Better communication

Do an *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative summit.

Involve all chapter legislative representatives, *BikePAC*, etc.

Accomplishments from meeting.

- a. Get to know each other.
- b. Set up communications agreements.
- c. Sharing of information and concerns.
- d. Work ideas for next legislative session, create an idea list for *A.B.A.T.E. / BikePAC*.
- e. Bring in ideas / input from the chapter level.
- f. Work session to better understand *A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* relationships, legislative process, etc.

### Money matters

State treasurer to have thorough evaluation of state books completed to report to state board at December board of directors meeting. Preliminary budget by February board of directors meeting.

State to hold back on any increased spending propositions until evaluation completed by Ted.

Amend state treasurer's job description to include expanded monthly reporting at state board of directors meeting.

State treasurer to investigate best ways to make our money work for us (i.e., interest bearing accounts, liquidity of funds, possibly shopping banks.)

From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK



The 2004 West Coast Regional N.C.O.M. (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) Convention is coming right up, so I don't want anyone to miss the opportunity: This year, it will be January 10-12th, 2004 in Sacramento, California at:

*Holiday Inn*

5321 N.E. Date Avenue  
Sacramento, California

The \$79 plus tax per night room rates are special and you should ask for them under the *Regional N.C.O.M. Convention* reservations arrangements. Call them at: (916)-338-5800. Well worth the cost to get valuable information regarding the western part of this country, and there are lots of cheap flights there. There will be seminars and work rooms just like the national forum. We have them around the country, in between the big one every year. Don't miss this if you can help it. This one is in our own backyard! I'll see ya there. For more information, you can also call N.C.O.M. at 1-(800)-On-A-Bike.

**Another victory** — This month, our Oregon A.I.M. attorney Sam Hochberg is the figure we look to for the good news. What follows is proof of the puddin' as to what our own A.I.M. attorneys do for us all over the country. They really deserve our support and gratitude. Don't forget too, that they're nationwide 24/7, at 1-800-On-A-Bike, for biker discrimination issues and injury wrecks. So take a look at what's up in Eugene now:

**Eugene, Oregon** — Civil rights isn't just for racial minorities, it's for us

*vehicular* minorities, too. Or more to the point, it protects *our* right to display our freedom of speech and association, as bikers. I'm proud to announce that our Oregon *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)* attorney, Sam Hochberg, just settled a civil rights claim on behalf of a member of the *Free Souls Motorcycle Club*, in Eugene. We'd talked about it here in the *Sack* before. This was the case with *Free Soul* Ray Fowler. He was at the *Lane County Fair* in Eugene with his wife, and the local police threw him *out* of the county fair, solely on the basis of his motorcycle club patch. A big no-no, particularly if there is *no* history of any problems with the club! Ray was whistle-clean, and our favorite police agency, Eugene police department, decided that this was a "gang-free" event.

When will they learn? Absent prior problems or *some reasonable* basis, a government agency can't discriminate on the basis of the *writing* on your back! Sam was involved in the same **damned** lovely sort of case twice before in this state in other municipalities. *Next* issue of the *Sack*, we'll print the *letter of apology* that the *Lane County Fair Board* agreed to sign, as part of the settlement. Oh yeah — there's also that \$10,000 they're going to pay. Like I said, when will they learn? Sam is very happy about it, but he says he'd *still* rather spend his time helping his injured clients than having to stop idiotic police and government policies. Well, if somebody's gotta do it, I'm glad we have Sam. Thanks for your ongoing efforts in our behalf Sam, from all of us.

*N.H.T.S.A.* is at it again — Whenever they can they will distort facts in order to forward the notion that if you don't wear a helmet you're gonna die on a motorcycle. The *Associated Press* ran a story recently about "facts" put out by the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*. They studied deaths caused by accidents in which helmets were not worn in several states that had modified their helmet laws recently. It would seem that indeed deaths have gone up some but so has the number of riders and the number of miles! They are saying there was up to 100% ridership increase in some states. It looks to me like they are manipulating figures for some states to distort the real facts.

*N.H.T.S.A.* went so far as to admit that *some* of the increase in motorcycle deaths could be attributed to the increased number of riders on the road. U.S. bike registrations increased by 12 percent between 1996 and 2000, and the amount of miles motorcyclists traveled increased by 5.6 percent. There must be something that can be done to reign in these folks and make them realize that in this country there is a thing called liberty for all

**Miami, Florida** — Two Miami-Dade police motorcycle officers collided while providing a traffic escort for a *New York Yankees* bus before game five of the *World Series*. One officer was airlifted from the *Pro Player Stadium* parking lot, and was listed in stable condition at *Jackson Memorial Hospital*. The other officer was treated

on the scene and released. I don't know what they do in Miami about training officers to ride, but here in Oregon they go through an intensive riding course and flunk out a *lot* of them before they turn them loose on the public.

*San Francisco, California* — With new guidelines about police surveillance, law officers are being told *not* to attend political, religious, social or educational meetings unless they have reason to believe a crime is planned or has happened. This is in answer to the public outcry over increased surveillance by the California attorney general. Maybe all the *pissin'* and *moanin'* over the *P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* is reaching some ears after all. And in this case, it seems those ears have some clout. This contradicts the intent of U.S. attorney general John Ashcroft. It's about time someone hears what the public says.

*The Herpes Thing Again!* — Last month I commented on the biker image on herpes medication ads. I must have stirred the pot because the website has pulled the ad! I'm sure its thanks to the comments from so many people who were offended by it. See? When ya stick together, things happen. We can win this stupid war over our identities as motorcycle-oriented citizens.

*Flandreau, South Dakota* — It appears the driving record of representative Jancklow is sacred as far as the judicial system is concerned. This is the man, if you've been following the story, who killed a man on his *Harley* because Jancklow was speeding and ran a traffic device. The judge said he didn't think the public *needed* to know what was contained in his record because it might

prejudice the jury in the case. This guy is a public servant and in my mind *anything* on record about him is public property. If it had been some of us out here that had done what he is alleged to have done we would have been tried, convicted, and in jail serving time by now. Why does the fact that he is an elected official give him special privilege? This sickens me.

Thank God, the records that were unsealed indicate Janklow was ticketed for speeding twelve times and involved in seven accidents since 1990, not including the August crash. That doesn't make him guilty of this one but it is strong evidence that he should never ever get behind another steering wheel as far as I'm concerned.

*Tire recall* — Safety note here, on the *Metzler Sported 120/17 ZR17 M-1 P* motorcycle tire. If your bike wears this one check with your dealer. You might be on a dangerous ride. *Metzler* is recalling and replacing several of these tires due to a manufacturing defect. *See your dealer now!* You can contact *Metzeler* direct with this number: (706)-368-5426

*Mount Everest, Nepal* — I mentioned in an earlier issue the Swedish lady rider Annie Seel was going to attempt to ride a motorcycle up the slopes of Mount Everest. Well folks, she did it on a 20 year old dual-purpose *Honda XL250* and reached an altitude of 17,404 feet! She beat the previous record set by a Japanese man by over 200 feet. She had to ride the old bike because importation of new motorcycles to Nepal is forbidden. Quite an accomplishment, Ms. Seel. Congratulations from those of us who couldn't do half of what you did if our lives depended on it!

*Gunny again* — I just want to say

we are blessed by the people we associate with and we lose many every year to avoidable accidents. Please folks, if you can *find a rider course during the off season* for riding do yourself and the rest of us a favor and avail yourself of the training provided. You will not only make yourself a better rider, you might avoid being one of the statistics none of us wants to be. The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* has enough ammunition as it is. Let's don't make it any easier for them to get us off the highways, not to mention the loss we create for our families who love us even if we don't think so sometimes. Merry Christmas to all. Have the best holidays this year ever.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny

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

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# American Motorcyclist Association

## NEWS and NOTES



*A.M.A.* is hosting a Washington, D.C., seminar for motorcyclists who want to learn how to influence governmental decisions, whether it's in congress or at their own local councils.

The seminar, to be held March 6-9 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, DC, allows participants to meet and learn from the *A.M.A.*'s Washington staff as well as other political experts. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government-agency officials and on lobbying elected officials.

Participants will also prepare to meet face-to-face with members of their congressional delegation. But the seminar isn't all work; there will be a welcome reception as well as a luncheon and a banquet over the course of the training.

The seminar registration fee is \$75. The registration deadline is February 11. *A.M.A.* membership is required.

For more information or to register, contact Sharon Titus at

(614)-856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at: [stitus@ama-cycle.org](mailto:stitus@ama-cycle.org).

The *U.S. Forest Service* has closed all 833,988 acres of the *Cleveland National Forest* in California to all recreation.

Officials closed the forest after the Cedar fire began October 25 because of "extreme fire activity and the continued threat to life and property." The closure notice is on the forest service web site at:

<http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/cleveland>

The length of the closure is undetermined.

The *Bureau of Land Management's (B.L.M.) Imperial Sand Dunes*, known in the off-highway vehicle community as Glamis, plan for reopening 49,000 acres to motorized recreation is once again on hold.

A federal plan that would have reopened a portion of the dunes that has been closed to off-road traffic in recent years was delayed as the U.S. district court in San Francisco ruled that the *B.L.M.* must wait for more input from the *U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife* before issuing a plan to reopen 49,300 acres to vehicular traffic. The court action was in response to a suit filed by the *Center for Biological Diversity*, which claimed the biological opinion from *Fish and Wildlife* in the plan was flawed.

A bipartisan bill to end health-care discrimination against motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders has cleared a key U.S. senate committee.

By a unanimous voice vote, the senate health, education, labor and pensions committee on October 29 approved S. 423 that would bar health plans from denying benefits to people injured while riding motorcycles, A.T.V.s, horses, or engaging in other legal recreational or transportation activities.

U.S. senators Susan Collins (R-ME) and Russ Feingold (D-WI) co-authored the bill. A similar measure, HR 1749, is being considered in the U.S. house of representatives.

In 1996, congress passed the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)*, which prohibits companies from denying access to employer-sponsored health insurance for motorcyclists and those who participate in other recreational activities. However, federal regulators created a loophole that allows the denial of benefits under various conditions.

The *A.M.A.* is among a number of groups working to get this legislation approved. *A.M.A.* is working with groups like the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, *American Horse Council*, *American Council of Snowmobile Associations*, *Blue Ribbon Coalition*, and many others.

The blueribbon coalition board of directors has just announced that Bill Dart, presently the public lands director for blueribbon, has been selected to become the next executive director for the national coalition.

Dart will become only the second executive director for the coalition. Previous executive director Clark Collins, a co-founder of the organization, served for 16 years in this position. Collins will stay on with blueribbon in a newly created development director position.

Dart has been involved in motorized recreation and land use issues for over two decades. Prior to coming to work for the blueribbon coalition in June of 2002, Dart worked as the legislative officer for district 36 of the *American Motorcyclist Association* in California for nearly 15 years.

## American Motorcyclist Association



The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) is an agency within the department of transportation. The primary mission of *N.H.T.S.A.* is to reduce fatalities, injuries, and monetary losses resulting from accidents on America's highways.

As background, in 1966 William Haddon, an epidemiologist, testified before congress that traffic safety is a science. Dr. Haddon focused on injury prevention through new design changes in automobiles and other forms of transportation. On the strength of his testimony and others, congress passed the highway safety act of 1966 to address the rise in highway fatalities. The *National Highway Safety Bureau*, later called *N.H.T.S.A.*, was vested with the responsibility of administering the statute. Hadden became the first administrator.

The *American Motorcyclist Association* (*A.M.A.*) believes that the means to accomplish this mission is fundamentally flawed. To focus on injury prevention as opposed to accident prevention is the proverbial "cart before the horse." The statutory goals *N.H.T.S.A.* attempts to achieve are doomed for failure. It accepts the idea that accidents will occur and therefore there is a governmental need to mitigate its affects.

The *A.M.A.* believes that the statutory limitations on *N.H.T.S.A.* have and will continue to prevent the agency from fulfilling its stated mission. That is why the *A.M.A.* is encouraging you to use the *Rapid Response* icon on

[www.A.M.A.Directlink.com](http://www.A.M.A.Directlink.com)

to write your Member of Congress, and urge them to support a change in

*N.H.T.S.A.*'s direction within the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century* (*T.E.A.-21*) reauthorization process.

Just three weeks after the bill was introduced in congress, the house resources forests and forest health subcommittee held a hearing on a proposal to crack down on people who willfully damage public land.

The bill, HR 3247, is called the *Trail Responsibility and Accountability for the Improvement of Lands* (*T.R.A.I.L.*) act. It would create consistent standards for law enforcement on federal land.

Also, the proposal substantially increases the penalties on recreational users of the land who willfully cause damage to public land. The fines would be used for rehabilitation, education, and awareness.

At the hearing, Mark Rey, *U.S. Agriculture Department* undersecretary for natural resources and the environment, and Larry Parkinson, *U.S. Interior Department* deputy secretary for law enforcement and security, offered support for the goals of the bill and offered to work with the subcommittee on the final language of the bill.

The *A.M.A.* supports responsible riding on public land and believes that those who intentionally damage land should be punished, whether they're motorized vehicle users, horse riders, campers or hikers. The *A.M.A.* decided to endorse the Tancredo legislation, in part, because another measure — HR 751, commonly called *R.O.V.E.R.* — targets only motorized vehicle users, and doesn't provide for

consistent penalties among the various federal land agencies.

Pennsylvania house bill 2133, introduced by representative Kerry A. Benninghoff (R-Bellefonte), proposes to amend Title 75 of the Pennsylvania consolidated statutes by adding a section 4310 to read, "Auxiliary lighting may be added to a motorcycle to protect the driver, including blue dot illumination, standard bulb running lights and various colors of valve stem caps, light-emitting diode (L.E.D.) pods and strips, light wire, neon tubes and strobe lights." The bill was referred to the house transportation committee on October 27, 2003.

Motorcyclists and safety experts know that additional lighting increases visibility of motorcycles to other motor vehicle operators. Many enthusiasts have decided that stock lighting on their motorcycles is not enough. The addition of after-market lighting boosts conspicuity, especially at night. Even during daylight hours, adding more lights may help other drivers more clearly identify motorcycles.

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit organization.

Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

[www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com)

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# M.R.F. Announces Board of Directors Changes



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (M.R.F.) is pleased to announce the following changes to its board of directors. Several of these changes were approved and announced at the M.R.F.'s *Meeting of the Minds* in Green Bay this past September. Two other changes occurred this week.

Vice president: Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, Wisconsin

Secretary: Deb Butitta, Arizona

Treasurer: Chuc Coulter, Idaho

Director of product and procurement: Lynn Oldenburg, Maryland

Director of state representatives: Tim Nelson, Iowa

State representative to the board: Miles France, Colorado

Supporting S.M.R.O. representative: Dave Dwyer, Wisconsin

Supporting S.M.R.O. representative: Steve Zimmer, Ohio

The M.R.F. board of directors would like to offer its sincere gratitude to Dave and Noriene Mann, who retired from the board at the *Meeting of the Minds* after 20 years of dedication to the motorcyclists' rights movement. In addition, we would like to thank Chris Maurich for agreeing to continue serving as an ex-officio member of the M.R.F. board.

We would also like to thank Wayne Thomas and Paul Cote' for their continued dedication to motorcyclists' rights and the M.R.F. Wayne made the difficult decision to step down due to his employment travel responsibilities. Paul announced his decision to step down due to his increased S.M.R.O. and P.A.C. responsibilities in

Massachusetts.

Please join us in welcoming the new members of the M.R.F. board of directors, as well as extending our sincere thanks and best wishes to our former board members for their years of service. We invite you to visit the updated "officers/directors" section of the M.R.F. website at [www.mrf.org/directors.php](http://www.mrf.org/directors.php) for contact information and to learn more about the exceptional team of leaders representing you as your M.R.F. board of directors.

## The Leader's Report

November 10, 2003

### Kudos

Commendations to every S.M.R.O. that has weighed in on this T.E.A. effort in the senate. I am particularly gratified that the following S.M.R.O.s have done so very much in working with their senators: *A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma*, *A.B.A.T.E. of Alaska*, *Freedom of Road Riders* (Missouri), *Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association*, *A.B.A.T.E. of New York*, *Motorcyclists for Nevada* and *United Motorcyclists of Vermont*. *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa* have played an instrumental role as well, urging U.S. representatives Pete DeFazio (D-Oregon) and Lennie Boswell (D-Iowa) to telephone their counterparts on the committee. Well done to all!

## The Money Issue

The difficulty at present surrounds our "motorcycle safety incentive grant" - \$100,000 to any state that maintains its rider training/motorist awareness commitment from one year to the next during the life of T.E.A. (through 2009). (See [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) and click on "NHTSA/TEA.") We have learned that this element of our joint M.R.F.-S.M.R.O. agenda enjoys solid support by many senators on the committee. Some, however, are critical, simply because it may involve "new" money. *Just emphasize this:* First, training works. Second, states are cutting. Third, fatalities have risen for five straight years. Fourth, it is high time to reverse this tragic trend!

## No New Tax On House Bill?

When the next issue of *M.R.F. Reports* finds its way to your door, you will see an article by U.S. representative Don Young (R-Alaska), house transportation and infrastructure committee chairman, on the issue of indexing the gas tax to inflation which would boost the current 18.4 cents-a-gallon tax by about 8 cents over 6 years. Word on the hill is that the house T&I T.E.A. bill may include the spending (up to \$300 billion for road-related programs), but without the gas tax. The house bill is said to be more than the Bush administration bill (\$201 billion for surface transportation) and the senate version (a draft version calls for \$255 billion for surface programs).

## Pushing Safety In The Press

An influential news organization in Washington, the *Bureau of National Affairs* (B.N.A.), called M.R.F. for our

reaction to the “Kentucky/Louisiana study.” In this interview, we emphasized the personal liberty issue and also drew attention to our *T.E.A.-21* effort. *B.N.A.* wrote, “The *M.R.F.* is hoping to launch the first-ever motorcycle incentive safety grant program as part of the *Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (T.E.A.-21)*. He said that the need for a grant program has arisen as states have cut programs that educate motorcyclists and drivers of passenger vehicles to drive safely and be aware of motorcycles on the road.”

### **E.P.A. Rule Still “Under Review”**

While the administration is still reviewing the *E.P.A.* rule, one friendly member of congress has written to newly appointed *E.P.A.* administrator Mike Leavitt at *M.R.F.*'s urging. The member's letter to Mr. Leavitt raised the issue of the agency excluding independent shops from the process designed to protect small businesses. Because this is a pending rule, Mr. Leavitt may be precluded from responding specifically. Nevertheless,

raising the issue was an important step in sensitizing the new administrator to the stakes involved. When might the proposed rule on street bikes be finalized? Any day now . . .

Yours for the right to ride, and your friend,

Tom Wyld  
 Vice president — government relations  
*Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*

#### **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 MRF is involved in federal and state legislation and regulations, motorcycling safety education, training, licensing and public awareness. The MRF 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 MRF REPORTS.

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists



# Congress Acts To Protect Medical Benefits For Bikers

An important step toward protecting medical benefits for motorcyclists was achieved on October 29, 2003, when the senate health, education, labor and pensions committee voted unanimously to approve S-423, *The Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act*, co-authored by U.S. senators Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Susan Collins (R-ME). The bipartisan act would eliminate a loophole that allows insurance companies to deny medical benefits to persons injured while participating in so-called "risky activities," including riding a motorcycle or A.T.V..

The measure will now move to the senate floor for consideration, while a similar bill in the house of representatives, HR-1749, awaits committee action.

Motorcyclists across the country successfully lobbied congress in 1996 to enact the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)*, which prohibited insurers from denying health care coverage to insureds based on their participation in activities such as motorcycling, skiing and horseback riding, but the legislation was later misinterpreted to require insurance companies to provide coverage, but still allowing them to deny benefits if a person was hurt as a result of such involvement.

Help close this discriminatory loophole by contacting your U.S. senators and congressman today and urge their support of S-423 and HR-1749!

## Louisiana Governor Lambasts N.H.T.S.A.

Just hours after the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* released a report to the national press indicating that fatalities had increased dramatically in Arkansas and Louisiana following the repeal of those states' mandatory helmet laws, Louisiana governor Mike Foster called *N.H.T.S.A.*'s numbers into question and accused the federal agency of misleading the public regarding the facts.

"You can make statistics say anything you want," lectured Foster in a press release issued October 30, 2003 to counteract the *N.H.T.S.A.* disinformation campaign. "The *N.H.T.S.A.* wanted to hear that fatal crashes have doubled, and they looked for statistics that supported that. It's true that the number of accidents has increased, but the report leaves a lot out of the picture, like the increasing number of motorcycle riders."

Foster pointed out that *N.H.T.S.A.* looked merely at raw numbers and not at the circumstances of the crashes.

The number of registered motorcycles rose by over 12,000 in the years covered by the *N.H.T.S.A.* study, according to the governor's press release. In 1998, there were 60,000 registered motorbike operators in Louisiana; two years later, 72,445 were registered with the Louisiana office of motor vehicles.

According to a 2001 report by the Louisiana highway safety commission,

*Traffic Crashes Involving Bicycles or Motorcycles*, fatalities per 100 crashes only rose by 0.2 percent from 1998 to 2000, and in 2001 that percentage actually went down to 3.8 percent. In 1998, 3.9 percent of every 100 crashes resulted in deaths. During that time, the number of crashes in general rose from 889 to 1,410, a fact that cannot be attributed to helmet usage rates.

"Bottom line, it's a matter of personal choice. No one is forcing or encouraging motorcycle riders to ride without helmets," said Foster. "But the *N.H.T.S.A.* says that there were twice as many fatal crashes, but doesn't want us to know how many of those riders were wearing helmets. There are times where helmets are protective and times when they actually can do harm."

## Motorcycles Are "Smart Growth"

*Carter*, a full service real estate company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia has recently put the finishing touches on a pioneering mixed-use development that has been heralded as the premiere transit oriented development in the country. Lindbergh City Center, which will eventually incorporate 4.8 million square feet of office, retail and residential facilities is located on top of the second busiest transit station in Atlanta.

Michael Hoath, director of real estate development for the project, is an avid two-wheel enthusiast who rides and races. "I ride to work regularly and often notice how many



urban environments discourage motorcycle use. We felt it was important to encourage all smart growth principles — motorcycles as commuter transportation is smart growth. They are a frequently overlooked ingredient in providing solutions to urban sprawl and traffic congestion.”

The development incorporates a mix of smart growth design principles such as pedestrian access, transit access, and reduced parking. One of the most important design principles is free parking on Main street for motorcycles. Whereas other vehicles pay for parking, the prime street locations are reserved for free motorcycle parking. Additionally, the project incorporated concrete parking pads to prevent bikes from tipping over due to melting asphalt on hot summer days.

### Brown Out

A recent print advertisement by *U.P.S.*, seeking Christmas help, features a glaring, stereotypical leather-clad biker, with the following parody to a familiar holiday tune:

“Oh, the leather on Clyde is frightful.

And not paying him back is painful!

Before holiday bills make you sob,

Part-time job, part-time job, part-time job!!”

The ad goes on to say, “Borrowing money from someone like Clyde to cover holiday expenses is a very bad idea. Wouldn't it be better to get a part-time job at *U.P.S.*?”

The ad appeared in the Sunday, October 5 edition of the *Delaware County Times* in Pennsylvania, and was brought to the attention of the

*National Coalition of Motorcyclists* board of directors during the *N.C.O.M.* regional meeting in Philadelphia on November 1st by past board member William “Moon” Laber.

If you have a better idea on how *U.P.S.* could be spending their advertising money, give ‘em a holler at *u.p.s.* Corporate Headquarters, 55 Glenlake Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30328.

[*c.o.e. note — The advertisement in question has been subsequently been pulled by U.P.S. with an apology.*]

### Internet Scams Use Motorcycles As Bait

If you're shopping for a new motorcycle, beware of a new internet scam that may take your wallet for a ride. In an October 21 *Problem Solvers* report on *Local 6 News* in central Florida, commentator Mike Holfeld uncovered internet scam artists who are pirating legitimate e-Bay accounts and are reportedly using *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles as bait to rip off users.

In his report, Holfeld interviews a woman who wired \$4,600 to a man in Berlin, Germany to purchase a *Harley Fatboy* in an on-line auction. The money was picked up 24 hours later, but then the bike and the impostor disappeared.

Now, it appears phony auctions are being set up by account impostors, some using *Harley-Davidson* motorcycles as the bait, according to the news report.

Holfeld reported that more and more e-Bay members are discovering their accounts have been hijacked, and industry insiders say 30 or more bogus auctions are running at the same time. Buyer beware!

### Weird News Of The Month: For A Buck, Naked

When a Rappahannock county deputy sheriff was dispatched to a rural Virginia residence to investigate a noise complaint about a motorcycle blasting up and down the street at 7:30 in the morning, he was shocked to find 54-year old Peter Kreyling, a county building contractor, roaring along on his *Harley* buck naked, except for his shoes.

The rookie officer, who just started the day before, stopped the motorcyclist, took a moment to size up the situation, and then calmly asked Kreyling, “Where's your helmet?”

The deputy soon found out that Kreyling was involved in a photo shoot for a calendar being put together by his wife to raise money for a new track at Rappahannock county high school, and is now the hottest topic in this rural and picturesque county.

It features more than a dozen local men—some as old as 80—parading around—tastefully, of course—in their birthday suits. Besides the naked motorcyclist, there are nude apple pickers, a daring beekeeper and a 70-year-old blacksmith presenting the bare facts.

The most famous of the calendar models is former *Dukes of Hazard* star and ex-U.S. representative Ben “Cooter” Jones. The Rappahannock resident has no regrets or apologies.

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## A Noel Delivery

*a holiday gift to readers of this rag*

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by  
Rot Path  
(c.o.e.)

Last night's snow crunched under the tires as DR carefully wheeled her ruby red motorcycle out from the garage. It was going to be a chilly toy run this year. She made sure the side stand was completely down this time before leaning the bike onto it, then closed the garage door.



Jenny awoke from an uneasy sleep troubled by excitement, though she couldn't quite remember the cause while her mind was still groggy. The scar tissue on her legs itched and she rubbed it absently while becoming aware of other stirrings on the ward. She heard whisperings off to her left, caught the words "They're coming today!"

Suddenly Jenny's mind cleared. They would be coming today with toys and stuffed animals and even wheel chairs and walking braces.



While the engine rumbled roughly, warming up, DR considered the snow-covered driveway. The fresh snow was perhaps only an inch and a half deep. There might be some icy spots concealed under the cottony surface. She could push her bike down to clear pavement or ride it to the road.

The frequently ignored cautious part of her mind didn't want to endanger all the brightly wrapped gifts and stuffed toys bungeed to the bike.

She decided on the bolder course.

She recklessly threw her leg up to straddle the bike. Her other foot began slipping on the tramped snow. She tried to catch her balance, arms windmilling wildly, hopping backward.

But all to no avail.

She sat down heavily in a small snowdrift beside the driveway just as another bike pulled to a stop in the road.

"Are you going to sit on yer butt all day or are we going to do this run?" called her friend Mona from the rumbling bike in the street.



From long habit, Gladys tried to suppress a groan as she woke, not wanting to add to the ache of her bruises with fresh ones. She lay still in the bed, listening for the usual snoring beside her. But it was absent. She sensed a weight on the bed beside her, not the heavy one that pulled everything to it.

Her eyes were becoming used to the dim, strange light from a window that barely lit the small room.

This was not her room.

Where was she?

She looked around in alarm. Here was her daughter in bed beside her, there was her son curled up on a cot.

Memory suddenly flooded back into her mind: the careful planning, waiting until he'd gone out, hurriedly packing a few essentials, hustling her confused and scared children into a cab, the absolute fear of what would happen to them all if he'd caught them.

She forced herself to relax, to breathe, to let tension ebb from her ridged body.

They were safe for now. Here in this shelter house, this refuge for the battered wounded.

They were free.



Biting back an angry retort, DR got to her feet, wincing, and began brushing snow from the seat of her red leathers that had been trimmed in fake white fur for the occasion. Her back arched suddenly as a little bit of melting snow found its way under the back of her panties and a small rivulet of cold water trickled down. She shivered involuntarily. She hated that cold wet feeling back there.

Stalking back to her bike, DR grabbed the handlebars and got her leg over, then snapped up the side stand and tapped the transmission into first gear as the bike began rolling.



Jenny's breakfast, like many others, had been consumed in hurried excitement. For some, this would be their first holiday season away from their families or homes.

There were parts of Jenny's arrival last year that were vague in her memory. Pain and

operations had been so much of her early experiences here in the ward. But the staff had been so kind and helpful to her and others. And there had been that time during recovery and therapy when the ward had buzzed with excitement over some event that was going to happen.

Others had explained what to expect. Now it was her turn to reassure newer arrivals.



The resistance of the snow actually helped keep the bike from building up too much speed on the slight incline, though the rear wheel tended slip sideways. She gingerly used clutch and rear brake to keep the bike barely moving under control, not even considering to use the front brake.

There was slushy water in the gutter at the foot of the driveway with a small berm of snow left by a plow just beyond it. This was going to be tricky. Just as she reached it, she heard Mona warn, "Car!"



Gladys was feeling just plain scared as she got her children ready to go down to their first breakfast in their new environment. So desperate had she been to get her children to safety that she had spared no thought to what life would be like after fleeing.

Their previous lives had been nightmarish but predictable. And there had at least been some small comfort in the known. But the future that stretched out before them now was unknowable and therefore scary.

She must hide her anxieties, not worry the children. She could sense their fretfulness, yet they were being so brave. She looked forward to the counseling sessions that would help them come to grips with their new lives.

As they descended to the shelter's dining room, there was an atmosphere of expectant excitement in the air.



As DR's front wheel splashed into the water slowing the bike, the rear end started to slide. DR rolled on throttle and let the rear wheel spin, quickly digging down through packed snow to pavement. The bike lurched forward, straightening as the rear wheel found purchase.

Just then an SUV zipped past dangerously close to Mona despite there being no other vehicles on the road, its driver steering one-handed while talking on a cell phone. Both bikers were splattered by a curtain of dirty slush thrown up by its wide tires.

Powering through the snow berm, DR was too busy trying to miss the vehicle's rear bumper while staying upright to acknowledge the soaking she had just received. Mona was under no such constraints, roundly cursing the driver and making allusions to his ancestor's lack of morals, particularly concerning various domestic animals.

DR got her bike slewed around and pulled up beside Mona, slowing just enough to call out, "Let's ride."



"Here they come," called a young voice excitedly from near a window, though with the glass panes being rattled by a heavy rumble, it was hardly necessary to call attention to the arrival. Everyone in the ward who could made their way to the windows facing the main parking lot. Pickups, vans, and motorcycles of all kinds and colors were pulling in to park — some with one person on them, some with two, all with brightly wrapped packages and stuffed animals strapped to them.

"There she is!" squealed a young voice.

It seemed like it took forever before the bikers with all their gifts were lead into the ward by a tall woman clad in red leathers trimmed in white, wearing what was so obviously a white wig of curly locks.

"Mrs. Claus! Mrs. Claus!" cried the younger children in delight, crowding around her. Young people like Jenny hung back, eyes sparkling, but not wanting to appear childish in front of these leather-clad smiling adults who were busy stacking gifts under the ward tree. They were also bringing in walkers, braces, and even two electric wheel chairs.

The crowd around Mrs. Claus eventually dissipated in the excitement and she looked around the ward, eyes bright, gulping to firm her quavering smile. She found Jenny looking

at her and a flicker of recognition crossed her face. She began making her way over to where Jenny was sitting.

"I remember you from last year, don't I?" asked Mrs. Claus when she was closer. "Your name is Jennifer. Or is it Ginny?"

"It's Jenny, actually," she stammered, both pleased and embarrassed that this grownup remembered her.

Mrs. Claus looked both ways furtively, then leaned in closer lifting a corner of her wig to reveal bright red hair pinned up under the wig. "I'm Deep Red, but most folks and my friends just call me DR. That's what you can call me." She stuffed her real hair back into concealment.

Jenny giggled. "That's *really* a bad wig, DR."

"Don't I just know it," said DR, smiling wryly. "That's what I get for buying it at a Halloween sale." She glanced around. "Is one of those electric chairs for you?"

"I . . . I don't think so," stammered Jenny, eyes downcast on her twisting fingers in her lap.

"Oh hey, I'm sorry," said DR swinging back.

"I still have more operations and occa . . . occu . . ."

"Occupational therapy?" supplied DR.

"Yes, that's it. Then they'll know if I can . . . you know . . ."

"Tell ya what, Jenny," said DR reaching over to lift her chin gently. "When you're as well as you can be, I'll come give you a ride on my motorcycle. How's that?"

Jenny could only grin and look back happily before nodding.



With thrill and fear Gladys suddenly became aware of a growing background rumbling outside. Her children looked up from where they were examining decorations on the lobby fir tree. Uncertain of another new experience, they sought refuge with their mother. She engulfed them in her arms while trying to quiet her heartbeat.

The sound outside had grown to a low level thundering that seemed to rattle the very walls of their sanctuary. She tried to appear calm, not wanting to alarm her children, while glancing around at other residents and the staff members. She saw her own concerns and fears echoed in the eyes of other parents. Yet when she looked at staff members, she

noted their eager interest and smiling faces.

Gradually the thunder outside began dying away, finally mumbling into relative silence. There was a tramp of feet on the entrance stairs. The door opened, admitting crisp air that ruffled the curtains.

Black leather-clad people began filtering into the room, their cheeks flushed from the chill. All ages, all sizes, men and women and young people, long hair braided or tucked under pointed caps, some wearing fake antlers, each carrying sacks or bundles.

Gladys felt her children cling to her uncertainly, looked down to see their wide eyes.

Suddenly the air was rent by a loud familiar voice declaiming, "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

And a familiar red form appeared from the middle of the leathered bikers.

There was in instant of quiet disbelief, then with every child delightfully shouting "Santa!" his white bearded smiling form was engulfed by young admirers.

Gladys smiled through her happy tears.



Now wasn't that a bit better than being editorized at?

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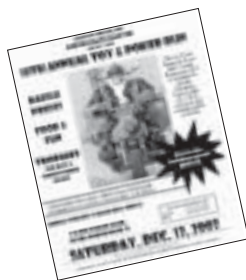
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# 2003/2004 RUN LISTINGS

( Boldface indicates state sanctioned A.B.A.T.E. events )

Date:	Event:	Location:	Contact number:
06 December	Portland Chapter's Shriners' <i>Toy Run</i>	Portland	(503)-771-0188
07 December	Willamette Valley benefit	Eugene	
07 December	Douglas County <i>Toy Run</i>	(unknown)	(541)-677-8282
13 December	North Coast <i>Toy Run</i>	Astoria	(503)-325-6686
13 December	<b>ABATE of Oregon</b> annual meeting	Junction City	(503)-231-2701
14 December	Salem <i>Toy Run</i>	Salem	(503)-371-7550
21 December	South Coast <i>Toy Run</i>		(541)-759-2388
03 January 2004	WaCo <i>IceCycle Run</i>	Hillsboro	(503)-648-7129
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# December 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)  <i>the day after the first of December day</i>	<b>3</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>4</b> Josephine County 1800 (6:00 pm)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Shriner's Toy Run</b> <i>Portland</i>
<b>7</b> <b>Benefit</b> <i>Willamette Valley</i> <b>Toy Run</b> <i>Douglas County</i>  Douglas County 1230 (12:30 pm) ----- Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	<b>8</b>  <i>the first of December day</i>  <i>full moon</i>	<b>9</b> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>10</b> Southern Oregon 1100 (11:00 am)  <i>not-quite-so-full moon</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Toy Run</b> <i>North Coast</i>  <b>STATE BOARD MEETING and ANNUAL MEETING</b> Junction City 1200 (12:00 pm)
<b>14</b> <b>Toy Run</b> <i>Salem</i>  Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>17</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm) ----- Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>18</b> Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Toy Run</b> <i>South Coast</i>  Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm) ----- South Coast 1100 (11:00 am)	<b>22</b>  <i>winter solstice</i>	<b>23</b> Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)  <i>new moon (full factory warranty)</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>christmas eve</i>	<b>25</b> North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm) [ ? ]  <i>christmas day</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>boxing day</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>two days after christmas day</i>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <i>used moon</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>new year's eve a.k.a. -- "amatuer drinker's night". (A good evening to stay off the road.)</i>			

# WILLAMETTE VALLEY A.B.A.T.E.'S EUGENE MISSION CHRISTMAS BENEFIT

**EVERYONE WELCOME  
TO JOIN US.  
BRING USABLE  
CLOTHING:  
SOCKS, COATS,  
GLOVES...ETC.**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH!!!!  
LEAVING  
QUACKERS TAVERN: 2 PM  
OR MEET AT  
EUGENE MISSION: 2:30 PM**

This Event is Sanctioned By A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. Contributions or Gifts to ABATE of Oregon are Not Deductible as Charitable Contributions for Federal Income Tax Purposes. Funds Raised Will Be Used To Support Our Activities Defending YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE FREE.

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NORTH COAST CHAPTER  
PRESENTS THEIR**

**15TH ANNUAL TOY & POKER RUN**

**RAFFLE  
PRIZES**

**FOOD &  
FUN**

**TROPHIES  
FOR BEST &  
WORST POKER  
HANDS**



Meet at 10 am,  
Depart at 11 am:  
Rob's Family  
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schedule will be  
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**SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 2003**

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Douglas County  
**A.B.A.T.E.**

# CHRISTMAS TOY RUN

and

# FOOD DRIVE

**Sunday, 07 December 2003**

**2:00 pm**

***Roundtable Pizza***

**meeting starts at 12:30 pm**



After a brief meeting we will ride to drop sites, pick up donations, and proceed to U.C.A.N. All donations benefit local families through U.C.A.N. (Umpqua Community Action Network)



For more information call  
Tonia Judd (541)-677-8282

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***K-Mart***  
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***J&J Market***

***All That Video***  
(Diamond Lake Blvd.)  
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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

# Annual Meeting

Following the regular ABATE State Board Meeting at  
7th and Kalmia, Junction City, Oregon

## Saturday

## December 13, 2003

2:00 - 3:00 PM Free Buffet Lunch for ABATE members

3:00 - 4:00 PM Officers present volunteer awards

4:00 - 5:00 PM Entertainment and general frolicking

### For More Information Call:

Melinda McCrossen  
503-231-2701 (Portland)

Jill Tracy  
503-615-3101 (Portland)



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# ANNUAL TOY RUN

Sponsored By  
Salem Chapter A.B.A.T.E.  
Of Oregon, Inc.

All  
Riders



All Bikes

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2003

K-MART on 25<sup>th</sup> & Mission Streets

Salem, Oregon

10:00 am Gather/Coffee by CMA

Leave 11:00 am

Proceeds benefit:

Silverton Community Resource Center &  
Stayton Firemen's Toys for Joy

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For drop off points or other information, contact:

Marlene (503) 873-2492 or Michelle (503) 371-7550



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.,  
South Coast Chapter  
Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run  
Come ride with us, all riders welcome

Starting Point: Gino's Pizza  
11:00 a.m.  
December 21, 2003

After a brief meeting we will ride to  
a couple of toy drop sites, pick up the  
toys and proceed to the Salvation Army  
All toys to benefit local kids through the  
Salvation Army  
For more info call Charlie (541)-759-2388

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# WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER ABATE OF OREGON

PRESENTS

# ICE CYCLE RIM 2004



## JANUARY 3RD 2004

Sign In:

**10 AM**

Leaves At:

**12 PM**

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ABATE of Oregon  
NE Portland Chapter's  
**CABIN FEVER  
PARTY**



Roc's Bar & Grill

2530 NE 82nd, Portland

across from Madison High School's field

Saturday, January 17, 2004

Starts at 8:00 PM

Live Music and Prizes

\$5 donation

at the door



Bike parking **ONLY** in the front  
with a **HUGE** parking lot in the back.

Full kitchen with a dinner special especially for us. Full Bar.

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**A.B.A.T.E. State Planning Session**  
( continued from page 25)

Combine current P & P's into one document to be distributed at the November board of directors meeting.

Make sure that chapters understand that requirements for reporting are to protect our *I.R.S.* status and insure that we don't lose it. To that end, state to enforce existing policies regarding reporting compliance.

Amend chapter treasurers job description to state, they must be willing to learn electronic reporting and that the state will provide tools such as software, training, and mentoring.

Propose by-laws change: state coordinator and state treasurer are required signers on each chapters accounts, and that chapter signature cards are required to be updated with new signatures within 30 days of chapter elections.

**Suggestions:**

State create policies and procedures manual for each state position to

promote formal training and protocols for smoother transition of new officers.

Chapter elections dates be standardized at/about year end to insure consistent new officer training at *S.T.E.A.M.*

**Mentoring**

Let chapter officers know that state officers are available, use understudies, mentor support staff and willingness to share officer information.

**Organization**

Flow chart for state and chapter officers will be designed.

Joe Laurance is willing to write an article in the state newsletter to encourage two way communication between chapter and state, by state officers visiting chapters, and chapter members attending *S.T.E.A.M.* and a state board meeting.

**Phone tree**

On chapter level assign people to utilize chapter phone tree for *A.B.A.T.E.* business only!

Chapters should submit road list

contact to Rot Path for state newsletter.

**Biker-friendly companies**

Write article / spotlight the biker friendly companies in the state newsletter.

Possible corporate membership (corporate membership cost?) Would also include "x" number of advertisements in state newsletter.

**Member involvement**

Possible class at *S.T.E.A.M.* to have chapter coordinators and vice coordinators meet in an open forum to brainstorm and share ideas and/or what works for them.

**Officer training**

*S.T.E.A.M.* is the best venue for this Melinda also suggested that at the annual meeting we recognize business that have contributed to *A.B.A.T.E.* and also make those business a stop on a poker run.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m  
Planning session recaps taken and submitted by  
Charlie Hill,  
State recording secretary

# 2003 ABAATE Planning Session October 18th Cottage Grove, Oregon



( Photo by Duane Calkins )

**A.B.A.T.E. State Officer Guidelines**

Revised 13 April 2002

**State Officer Descriptions****A. Coordinator**

The coordinator shall:

1. Preside at board of director and executive board meetings.
2. Exercise the general supervision and administration of *A.B.A.T.E.* organizational affairs.
3. Follow and comply with the directives of the board of directors and executive board.
4. See that the *A.B.A.T.E.* Bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations are maintained and followed.
5. Oversee all state level committees and all chapter operations.
6. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
7. Be the official spokesperson for *A.B.A.T.E.*.
8. Be one of the 3 (three) authorized signers for state funds.
9. Perform such duties as assigned by the board of directors or executive board.
10. Exercise any and all duties, powers and functions, for or incident to the office of the coordinator.

**B. Vice-coordinator ( 1 - 3 people )**

The vice-coordinators shall:

1. Work under the direction of the coordinator and perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator or executive board.
2. In the absence of the coordinator exercise the duties of the coordinator.
3. Be responsible for smooth continuous operations of the state board.
4. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
5. Assist the run coordinator in the operation and planning of state fund raisers, with the assistance of the state sergeant of arms.
6. Supervise and oversee all entry/exit gates at state runs. (amended 8/8/97).
7. One of the vice-coordinators may be designated by the coordinator to be in charge of the *A.B.A.T.E.* inventory list and the inventory locations.
8. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or board of directors.

**C. State secretary**

The state secretary shall:

1. Take accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings of the the state board of directors or the state executive board.
  - a. Date and sign all minutes taken to verify authenticity.
2. Make all minutes available for use at state board or executive board meetings.
3. Read minutes from prior state board meetings.
4. Forward a copy of any meeting minutes to all board member and officers within one week ( 7 days ) of the meeting.
5. Submit a copy the state board meeting minutes to the newsletter editor for publishing in the state newsletter.
6. Verify the proper writing of motions and keep a running record of all motions made in a motion logbook.



- a. The motion logbook is to be available for viewing at all state board meetings.
7. Keep a record of all correspondence received by *A.B.A.T.E.*.
8. Write all correspondence - letters, notes, cards and etc.
9. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
10. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or board of directors.

#### D. Membership secretary

The membership secretary shall:

1. Maintain and keep an accurate list of names and addresses of all members.
2. Process all new/renewal memberships and changes of address.
3. Send an updated monthly membership list to all chapter membership secretaries and provide membership forms and packets to the chapter membership secretaries.
4. Assist the treasurer in maintaining an accurate account of all dues and fees collected.
5. Make all possible efforts to assist the chapter membership secretaries in the recruitment of new/renewal members.
6. On a monthly basis, send renewal notices to members whose membership is due for renewal.
7. Provide updated mailing lists and labels as required for monthly Newsletter mailing or other *A.B.A.T.E.* business.
8. Obtain and maintain legislative district information for each member.
9. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
10. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or board of directors.

#### E. Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

1. Be responsible for all *A.B.A.T.E.* financial transactions and keeping accurate records of all *A.B.A.T.E.* financial transactions.
2. Be responsible for all accounting and record keeping at state fund raising events.
3. Oversee all chapter treasurers and chapter bank accounts in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* financial policies and procedures.
4. Cause to happen, all tax filings, records, etc. and any tax payments required by law.
5. Be one of the 3 ( three ) authorized signers for state funds.
6. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
7. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or board of directors.

#### F. State auditor

The state auditor shall:

1. Receive all chapter bank and financial statements on a monthly basis. This can be in the form of *Quicken*, general ledger or hand written, if necessary. Refer to the current financial policies and procedures.
2. If a chapter does not submit their monthly financial report on time, the state auditor must make contact with the chapter treasurer in a timely manner. If the chapter treasurer is unresponsive, the state auditor must then make contact with the chapter coordinator. If neither the chapter treasurer, nor the chapter coordinator are responsive, then the state auditor will report non-compliance to the state treasurer and/or the state board of directors.

3. Print and review all chapter reports and compare with bank statements. The state auditor is responsible for filing and maintaining a hard copy of all transactions.
4. Create a reconciliation summary.
5. Import chapter transactions into state accounting package.
6. Generate a status of chapter financial reports statement for the monthly state board meeting and send to the state treasurer. The state treasurer will then present the statement to the board of directors at the state board meeting.
7. The statement must be received by the state treasurer at least one full week prior to the state board meeting.
8. At the end of the calendar year, all information acquired should be transmitted to the person responsible for doing the state tax report.
9. Should have both fax and full time online ( computer ) services to receive and deliver reports.
10. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
11. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or board of directors.

#### G. Newsletter editor ( media officer )

The newsletter editor shall:

1. Produce a monthly newsletter which shall include at a minimum.
  - a. Minutes from the state board meetings and chapter reports as submitted.
  - b. A list of the state officers which shows their phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses, as applicable.
  - c. A list of chapter contacts, chapter meeting place addresses and meeting times.
  - d. Appropriate correspondence or information of interest to the membership.
2. Report all advertising income to the treasurer for records with a list of advertisers
3. Monitor chapter newsletters and report inappropriate literature to the state board.
4. Have the authority to edit, approve or reject material submitted for publication.
5. Have the authority to "speak" publicly on behalf of the organization, for the good of the organization.
6. Involve other media officers when making a potentially controversial decision. An opinion must be sought from at least one other media officer or the coordinator when making these decisions. In accordance with the media guidelines, these decisions should be brought to the attention of the state board, through the coordinator, if there are liability concerns.
7. Recommend any additions or changes to the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws, guidelines, policies, and/or procedures as it relates to the media operations of *A.B.A.T.E.*.
8. Recommend organizational media priorities.
9. Assist other media officers in their efforts to acquire materials for publication.
10. Assist chapter officers in their media efforts.
11. Receive cooperation and support from individuals members. Media officers shall also have the authority to establish a committee with the purpose of getting assistance with establishing priorities, projects and other work tasks.
12. Recommend vendors, electronic services and etc. to the state board for approval.
  - a. Be responsible for contracting for services as needed.
13. Meet publishing deadlines.
14. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
15. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### H. Web site editor ( media officer )

The web site editor shall:

1. Have overall responsibility and authority for construction and maintenance of <http://www.abateoforegon.org/>, which shall include at a minimum:
  - a. A list of the state officers which shows their phone numbers, fax numbers and e-mail addresses as applicable.
  - b. A list of chapter contacts, chapter meeting place addresses and meeting times.
  - c. Appropriate “hot links” for state officers and chapter web sites.
  - d. Distinctive “Recommended motorcycle links” and individual member “links”.
  - e. A list of state and chapter runs, events, fund raisers and etc
2. Be responsible for editorial content of the web site.
3. Establish general guidelines for material to be published, subject to approval by the state board of directors.
4. Have the authority to edit, approve or reject material submitted for publication.
5. Have the authority to “speak” publicly on behalf of the organization, for the good of the organization.
6. Involve other media officers when making a potentially controversial decision. An opinion must be sought from at least one other media officer or the coordinator when making these decisions. In accordance with the media guidelines, these decisions should be brought to the attention of the state board, through the coordinator, if there are liability concerns.
7. Recommend any additions or changes to the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws, guidelines, policies,
8. Recommend organizational media priorities.
9. Assist other media officers in their efforts to acquire materials for publication.
10. Assist chapter officers in their media efforts.
11. Receive cooperation and support from individuals members. Media officers shall also have the authority to establish a committee with the purpose of getting assistance with establishing priorities, projects and other work tasks.
12. Recommend vendors, electronic services and etc. to the state board for approval.
  - a. Be responsible for contracting for services as needed.
13. With assistance from the newsletter editor, shall acquire materials for publication.
14. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
15. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### **I. Public relations director (media officer )**

The public relations director shall:

1. Provide and coordinate public relations on behalf of *A.B.A.T.E.*. Which includes, but is not limited to: public speaking, multi-media productions, press releases and other means of communications.
2. Coordinate the education of non-members and the general public about the existence, policies and objectives of *A.B.A.T.E.* with the assistance of the chapter public relations officers.
3. Arrange and communicate information to non-*A.B.A.T.E.* organizations.
4. Responsible for actively promoting *A.B.A.T.E.* and individual contributions by *A.B.A.T.E.* members internally, as well as to the general public, media sources and other motorcycle organizations.
5. Maintain and provide advertising for *A.B.A.T.E.* with multi-media, tri-folds, press releases and other means of communication.
  - a. Responsible for the tracking, handling, distribution and return of public relation materials, such as tri-folds, flyers, psa tapes and etc.
6. Clear any advanced promotion materials with the coordinator, or if unavailable, a vice-coordinator or another media officer. All official press releases for chapters must be cleared through the public relations director or coordinator before release.
7. Have the authority to edit, approve or reject material submitted for publication.
8. Have the authority to “speak” publicly on behalf of the organization, for the good of the organization.

9. Involve other media officers when making a potentially controversial decision. An opinion must be sought from at least one other media officer or the coordinator when making these decisions. In accordance with the media guidelines, these decisions should be brought to the attention of the state board, through the coordinator, if there are liability concerns.
10. Recommend any additions or changes to the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws, guidelines, policies, and/or procedures as it relates to the media operations of *A.B.A.T.E.*.
11. Recommend organizational media priorities.
12. Assist other media officers in their efforts to acquire materials for publication.
13. Assist chapter officers in their media efforts.
14. Receive cooperation and support from individuals members. Media officers shall also have the authority to establish a committee with the purpose of getting assistance with establishing priorities, projects and other work tasks.
15. Recommend vendors, electronic services and etc. to the state board for approval.
  - a. Be responsible for contracting for services as needed.
16. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
17. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### J. Legislative director

The legislative director shall:

1. Keep the executive board and board of directors informed about legislative developments which could or will affect the aims of *A.B.A.T.E.* as per the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* bylaws ( article III - purpose ).
2. Be responsible for disseminating legislative information to the membership by any means available.
3. Submit legislative information to the newsletter editor for publication when appropriate.
4. Make recommendations regarding *A.B.A.T.E.* legislative activities to the executive board and board of directors.
5. Chair the *P.I.T. (Political Involvement Team)* committee.
  - a. The *P.I.T.* committee will be comprised of the chapter legislative directors or the chapters designated person(s) as members.
6. Be responsible for preparing/presenting a class on legislative activities/information at the *A.B.A.T.E. S.T.E.A.M. (Seminar to Educate and Motivate)* event.
7. Promote member involvement in legislative activities through education, training and assistance.
8. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
9. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### K. Education director ( 2 people )

The education directors shall:

1. Coordinate and administer the efforts to educate the motorcycling public and public road users at large, on the positive aspects of motorcycles as transportation.
2. Be responsible for the continuance of the *Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)*
  - a. Monitor teaching techniques, program content and outreach efforts.
  - b. Update the program materials and information as available.
  - c. Responsible for training *M.A.P.* instructors.
  - d. Keep records of classes given
3. Be responsible for the logistics, organization, scheduling and presentation of the *Seminar to Educate and Motivate.*

( *S.T.E.A.M.* )

- a. Monitor teaching techniques, program content and outreach efforts.
  - b. Update the program materials and information as required.
  - c. Works with the media officers to promote *S.T.E.A.M.* to the membership.
  - d. Keep records of classes given.
4. Work to find new avenues of educating the public and meeting the education needs of the motorcycling community.
  5. Administer any education programs established and/or operated by *A.B.A.T.E.*.
  6. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
  7. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

**L. Run coordinator ( 2 people )**

The run coordinators shall:

1. Make all arrangements and contracts to provide any properties or permits required to have an *A.B.A.T.E.* run, event, fund raiser or etc.
2. Coordinate all functions related to staging a state run, event, fund raiser or etc.
3. Coordinate with the vice-coordinators and sergeant at arms to provide gate and security functions at state runs, events, fund raisers and etc.
4. Operate the state runs, events, fund raisers and etc. in accordance with the relevant *A.B.A.T.E.* policies and procedures.
5. Assist all chapter efforts to have chapter runs, events, fund raisers and etc.
6. Work with the media officers in promoting the state runs, events, fund raisers and etc.
7. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
8. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

**M. Sergeant at arms ( 3 people )**

The sergeant at arms shall:

1. Be responsible for security at state board meetings, state runs, events, fund raisers and any other state functions requiring security.
2. Be responsible for the orderly operation of state board meetings, and shall carry out their duties with the assistance of the vice-coordinators for proper parliamentary procedures.
3. Be responsible for the proper handling of the *A.B.A.T.E.* banner and U.S. flag.
4. One of the sergeant at arms may be designated by the coordinator to be in charge of the *A.B.A.T.E.* inventory list and the inventory locations.
5. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
6. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

**N. Products director**

The products director shall:

1. Be responsible for the purchase, storage, distribution, display and selling of *A.B.A.T.E.* products at state runs, events, fund raisers and etc.
2. Be responsible for the ordering and distribution of *A.B.A.T.E.* products to the chapter product directors and keep records of the transactions.

3. Keep accurate records of orders, purchases and funds received; and report these transactions to the state treasurer.
4. Cooperate with the treasurer in maintaining a working capital account for the purchase of *A.B.A.T.E.* products.
5. Work with the media officers in promoting the *A.B.A.T.E.* products to the membership.
6. Conduct the raffle drawings and/or 50/50 drawings at state runs, events, fund raisers and etc.
7. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
8. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### **O. Historian**

The historian shall:

1. Have the responsibility of maintaining a running record of the *A.B.A.T.E.* activities that occur throughout the year.
  - a. Keep an album/albums of appropriate photos, articles, flyers, newspaper clippings and other items of interest or information about State runs, events, fund raisers and activities.
  - b. Insure that all albums or records are preserved as well as possible and that they are made accessible for events or fund raisers upon request.
2. Be responsible for the recording of events by means of a camera, video equipment or sound equipment as applicable.
3. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
4. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### **P. Sanctioning officer**

The sanctioning officer shall:

1. Be responsible for the proper sanctioning of all *A.B.A.T.E.* events that require sanctioning.
  - a. Have an exact understanding of, and act in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* sanctioning guidelines.
2. Be responsible for maintaining records of the sanctioned *A.B.A.T.E.* events.
3. Transmit/deliver the flyers of sanctioned events to the newsletter editor and the webpage editor prior to or by the 10th of the month.
4. Be responsible for obtaining event insurance coverage for *A.B.A.T.E.*
5. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
6. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

#### **Q. Quartermaster**

The quartermaster shall:

1. Be responsible for the procurement, purchase, maintenance, storage, inventory, distribution, disposition and record keeping of the entirety of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s properties.
  - a. Keep accurate records of orders, purchases, work orders, incurred costs, monies handled and etc. and report these to the state treasurer.
  - b. Cooperate with the state treasurer in maintaining a working capital account for the management of *A.B.A.T.E.* properties.
2. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
3. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

R. *A.B.A.T.E. BikePAC* representative

The *A.B.A.T.E. BikePAC* representative shall:

1. Be responsible for attending all *BikePAC* meetings.
  - a. Make a report of the meeting events to the *A.B.A.T.E.* state board of directors at the next regularly scheduled state board meeting.
  - b. Be responsible for the transfer / relay of communications between *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC*.
  - c. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
  - d. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

S. *A.B.A.T.E. Confederation of Clubs* representative ( 2 )

The *A.B.A.T.E. Confederation of Clubs* representative shall:

1. Be responsible for attending all *Confederation of Clubs* meetings.
  - a. Make a report of the meeting events to the *A.B.A.T.E.* state board of directors at the next regularly scheduled state board meeting.
  - b. Be responsible for the transfer/relay of communications between *A.B.A.T.E.* and the *Confederation of Clubs*.
  - c. Operate in accordance with the *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws and all other *A.B.A.T.E.* documents that are relevant to *A.B.A.T.E.*'s operations.
  - d. Perform such duties as assigned by the coordinator, executive board or state board of directors.

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## Ride For Pride

photos by Crowlady



*a poem*

First, Last, Always  
 When November pushes past  
 And streets have iced and turned to glass  
 I'll stay inside and build a fire.  
 Yet, deep within my heart there grows  
 A feeling, a hot desire,  
 To swing high my big ol' leg  
 And place it down upon the peg.  
 Turn the key and squeeze the clutch  
 Oh God, I'm not asking very much  
 Winter makes me out the whore  
 I'm horny for my Harley's roar.

Winter, for all its beauty — sucks,  
 And if I had a few more bucks  
 I'd leave this cold and rainy place,  
 To feel the sun upon my face.  
 Ridin' free, at least for me  
 Is the most natural place to be.  
 It's like the need to quench a thirst  
 My ride, my scoot is always first.

Getting close to my ol' man  
 Is fine as fine can get,  
 He makes me moan, he makes me sweat.  
 But put that hog between each leg  
 And honey you can hear me beg  
 To let me feel the wind rush past,  
 It's a high I want to last.  
 So, when I tell my man he's cursed  
 It's 'cause my bike's gonna come first.

Rachel Wynne

## What I did on my Summer Vacation ( *The Southwest Geology Tour* )

part 1

by Jill Tracy



Ted and I had planned a ride to Denver, to attend the *Motorcycle Rider's Foundation's Best of the West* conference. Several others were interested in riding along, so a dinner was organized to pick the route that excited the participants.

Since Ted and I both participate in the *Rose City Motorcycle Club's Grand Tour*, we looked for a route that allowed us to pick up a couple checkpoints. We settled on heading out from Hillsboro to highway 22, taking the Santiam highway to central Oregon. That route features some great tree-shaded miles, and a nice view of Detroit Lake. The morning was cool, but as we crested the pass, things started to warm up rapidly.

Bend, Oregon was a quiet, sleepy town years ago, but is now a bustling metropolitan. We snaked our way through the city, then turned off on highway 20, towards Brothers, Oregon — a checkpoint on the *Grand Tour*.

We arrived in Fields in the late afternoon, checked in at the motel, then sat on the shady front porch of our room, and enjoyed the afternoon breeze, before heading over to the café for dinner. The food was good, and the milkshakes were fantastic.

Next morning we were off at 8 am, already warming up quickly. The roads between Denio and Winnemucca were very isolated, and not much in the way of scenery, although the sheer number of grasshoppers was incredible. They sure make a big slick spot on the highway when they get run over!

We met up with another pair of riders heading for Denver. Rick and Mary are from southern Oregon, and we had made arrangements to meet in Winnemucca.

We had to take a 53-mile stretch of highway 80 to get to Battle Mountain before we turned back south. Man, I really hate those interstate highways — especially when my speedometer started to act up! I knew I was moving close to the speed limit, but the *speedometer* needle would swing from 20 to 90 and back, very erratically. (*No, it wasn't me!!*).

The group turned south on highway 305 through some backcountry, 88 miles of nothing, but hay and alfalfa, and the occasional cow. Sandwiches out of the cooler in the trailer were on the menu for lunch, along with lots of water, as the temps were headed up into the mid-90's.

Turning east onto highway 50 at Austin, Nevada began the climb up into the mountains. Austin looks like one of the old-west mining towns that hasn't totally been overtaken by "tourist traps". It was hot and we didn't spend any time poking around. I would like to take an afternoon and explore some of the older buildings, including finding out what the big stone structure was just on the other side of the ridge as you enter the town.

The afternoon had us going through the Toiyabe National Forest. Lots of pine forests and rugged landscape.

We arrived in Ely, Nevada for the night, staying at the K.O.A.. The park host was extremely nice, setting us up in a grassy area close to the facilities. You know you're getting older when you have to make several middle of the night potty trips! The park hosts also rounded up a portable outdoor fireplace, so we enjoyed a nice evening campfire!

( *to be continued* )





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## Love Outpost Events & Road Schedule

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### Saturday December 13

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Sign up 9:30-11:00 at Love Leathers

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### Saturday December 13

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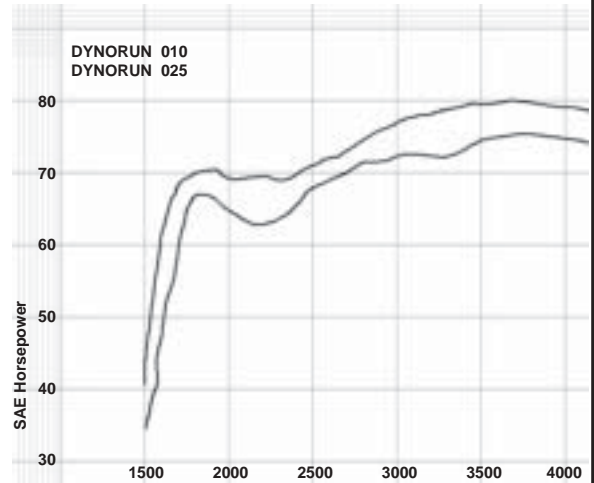


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name: phone number: location:

**Central Oregon area**

Duffy Sweeney (541)-480-8553 Terrebonne(Redmond) X X X X

**North Coast area**

Curve Hagert (503)-325-6383 Astoria X X X X X X X

**Portland area**

Scott Tuthill (503)-630-2419 Estacada X X X X X X X

**Salem area**

Walt Allegar (503)- Salem X X  
 Ray & Kathy DeMelo (503)-393-2201 Keizer X X X X X  
 Terry Edwards (503)-856-9281 Salem X X X  
 Tylor Johnson (503)-856-9180 Salem X X X  
 Michelle FitzHenry (503)-371-7550 Salem X X X X X  
 Ted Minden (544)-327-2192 Jefferson X X X X X  
 Rot Path (503)-838-6893 Independence X X X  
 L.R. Schroeder (503)-873-2492 Silverton X

**South Coast area**

John Ireland (541)-572-4300 Bridge/Myrtle Point X X X X X X  
 Larry Winter (541)-572-0207 Bridge/Myrtle Point X  
 Tom Curran (541)-888-2572 Charleston X X X X X  
 Susie Worthington (541)-269-2354 Coos Bay X  
 Sherm Acord (541)-888-6672 Coos Bay X X X X  
 Brian Bryan (541)-269-2934 Coos Bay X X X X X  
 Bill&Judy Shineflew (541)-269-0553 Coos Bay X X X X X X  
 Ross Pipe Works (541)-290-1958 Coquille X X X X  
 Greg McNair (541)-396-6477 Coquille X X X X X X  
 Joseph Laurance (541)-679-3775 Dillard X X X X X X  
 Charlie Hill (541)-759-2388 Lakeside X X  
 Bob Kudrna (541)-759-4164 Lakeside X X X  
 Brian&Paula St. Louis (541)-572-6108 Myrtle Point X X X X X X  
 Mike Richards (541)-396-2609 X X X X X X

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



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**Washington County area**

Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny and Sue Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Debbie and Brian Done	(503)-357-5620		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283 toll-free		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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**Willamette Valley area**

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X			X	X
Jay & Kathy Hadley	(541)-676-6768	Eugene	X	X		X	X
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X			X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X			X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348		X			X	X
Michael&PeggySchneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X			X	X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X			X	X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X

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**Oregon Road Maintenance Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways**

**Oregon Department of Transportaion (O.D.O.T.)**

Region 1 (Portland and metro area)	(503)-731-8200
Region 2 (Salem and northwest Oregon)	(503)-986-2600
Region 3 (Roseburg and southwest Oregon)	(541)-957-3500
Region 4 (Bend and central Oregon)	(541)-388-6180
Region 5 (LaGrande and eastern Oregon)	(541)-963-3177
(Clackamas County)	(503)-655-8521
(Multnomah County)	(503)-248-5050
(Washington County)	(503)-629-0111
(Clark County, Washington)	(360)-699-2446

Road and weather information:

**1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)**

( For street maintenance and signal problems associated with safe motorcycle operation in your *local* community, check in your telephone directory for the city, county, or state maintenance section in charge of the street with a safety problem that you have identified. Ensure that you have the names of the streets or roads and give accurate infromation about the safety problem. )

Revised: May 2002

**A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS ORDER FORM - PRICE LIST**

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	AYP2	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP3	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP4	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP5	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP6	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP7	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP8	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP9	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP10	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue ....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP11	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP12	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP13	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP14	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold ....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP19	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold .....	3.00	_____
_____	AYP20	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue ....	4.00	_____
_____	ALAN	ABATE Anniversary Pin .....	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIG	ABATE Logo Pin - gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	ALPIS	ABATE Logo Pin - silver .....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIS	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver .....	5.00	_____
_____	AEPIG	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	AWP	ABATE Wing Pin - silver .....	5.00	_____
_____	AWPG	ABATE Wing Pin - gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	ASP	ABATE Supporter Pin .....	5.00	_____
_____	AUWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color .....	5.00	_____
_____	ALOP	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold .....	5.00	_____
_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color .....	3.00	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin .....	5.00	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white .....	5.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold .....	7.00	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops) .....	6.00	_____
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_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts .....	15.00	_____		
	Sm	_____	Med	_____		
	_____	Lg	_____	X-Lg	_____	
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts .....	22.50	_____		
	Sm	_____	Med	_____	Lg	_____
	_____	X-Lg	_____			

**ABATE T-SHIRTS**




Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$15.00 (One time charge)



NOTE: Assorted Colors.

(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, orders must be a minimum of 12 shirts or more.)

**NOTE: A.B.A.T.E. Chapter orders -- Please contact Products Director before placing order.**

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL	
_____	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side) .....	3.00	_____	
_____	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side) .....	3.00	_____	
_____	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color .....	5.00	_____	
_____	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color .....	3.00	_____	
_____	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small .....	1.00	_____	
_____	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small .....	1.00	_____	
_____	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It" .....	2.50	_____	
_____	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers .....	3.00	_____	
_____	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers .....	3.00	_____	
_____	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch .....	5.00	_____	
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available .....	1.25	_____	
_____	CHPT	Chapter Rockers (indicate Chapter _____) ....	5.00	_____	
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small _____ 1984-1993 avail. ..	2.00	_____	
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large _____ 1984-1992 avail. ..	2.00	_____	
_____	Courtesy Cards .....			_____	
_____	License Plate Frames — Cars with .....			7.00	
_____	"Let Those Who Ride Decide			_____	
_____	License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with .....			7.00	
_____	"Let Those Who Ride Decide"			_____	
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives .....	3.00	_____	
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	FAP	Free America Patch .....	5.00	_____	
_____	FAB	Free America Pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin .....	5.00	_____	
_____	Chapter Coordinator .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Vice-Coordinator .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Secretary .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Membership Secretary .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Treasurer .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Historian .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Legislator .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Educational Director .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Ways & Means Director .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Public Relations Director .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter State Representative .....			5.00	
_____	Chapter Rockers- (Need to be ordered by Chapter Ways & Means Director)			_____	

**STICKERS**

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**Portland, Oregon 97208** **E-MAIL: mhobbs256@yahoo.com** Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO:

Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205  
ATTN: Gunny Hutch.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_  
MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ a m / pm  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance date: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm  
COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_  
ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Did officer follow normal traffic laws in making the stop? **(YES) (NO)**  
If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did officer treat you fairly and respectfully? **(YES) (NO)** If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**  
If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH  
If verbal, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

If you pled NOT GUILTY, have you gone to trial? **(YES) (NO)** If no when is your court date? \_\_\_\_\_

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

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

WORK TIME LOSS HRS: \_\_\_\_\_ LOST WAGES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO

Label permanently fastened inside? **(YES) (NO)**

Was helmet modified? **(YES) (NO)**

If modified describe: \_\_\_\_\_

## Member's Classified Advertisements

### For Sale

1999 silver Harley Sportster 883. Front end and frame damage only. Will sell as whole or will separate parts as needed. **\$3,000** or best offer.

Joe  
(503)-521-8422 (h)  
(503)-453-7861 (c) (Dec 2003)

1959 Lincoln Continental, stock. 135,000 miles, runs good, clean. Needs home. \$5,500.

1978 Sportster XLCH. Low miles on rebuild. Apehangers, dual disk brakes, black with gold cross. Sharp bike. **\$5,800.**

1977 Superglide. Sharp bike. New top end, flowed heads, chain tensioner, new early model throwout bearing, Avon tires, color orange. Asking **\$9,000.** Leaving Oregon.

Cowboy  
(503)-493-6020  
(Dec 2003)

Portable dishwasher **\$30.**  
1965 Chev 2-1/2 ton truck, 16' dump bed, mechanically sound. **\$3,250.**

1951 Chevy 2-1/2 ton truck. New motor, new brakes. **\$2,500** or some trade.

Phone (503)-285-4329  
Rotten Roger (Dec 2003)

1970 Dodge Polara, 4-door, 18 mpg freeway. 383 with Carter 2 bbl. Stock and a runner!

(503)-371-7550  
Crow Lady (Dec 2003)

1979 Suzuki Special 650. **\$1,495** or best offer.

(503)-667-3312  
Jimmy Bear Dec 2003

1985 Ford F-350, crew cab dually 1-ton pickup. Less than 11,000 miles on new 460 crate engine, transmission cooler, RV-ready for camper, wired for trailer, two batteries, two fuel tanks, dual pipes, chrome wheels and running boards, too much to mention. Licensed untill 2005. Bargain price \$6,250 or best offer

Frank (541)-926-0333 (Albany)  
(Jan 2004)

Harley-Davidson jacket, top of the line! Fits women size 12-16. Perfect condition, all the bells and whistles, zip-out windbreaker/rain jacket can be worn alone. Removable back, shoulder, elbow armor and kidney belt. Embossed "Harley-Davidson" on sleeve. Paid \$549 new, asking \$400 or best offer. Beautiful jacket, only worn on one ride.

Call Karla "Scoutee" at (503)-774-2502, leave message if no answer.  
(Jan 2004)

1996 Triumph Speed Triple, 108 HP. Buell-eater. \$4,000.

1974 early MGB with overdrive \$4,500.

1965 GTO, 421, 4-speed, power steering and brakes, show winner, \$17,000.

(503)-648-1367 (Jan 2004)

### Make no bones about it!

Genuine buffalo skull. Wuz \$150, now **\$100** (until christmas), plus shipping and handling in lower 48 states.

Jay (541)-389-6773 (Jan 2004)

Three incomplete 16-speed 3/4 HP floor-style heavy duty industrial drill presses. Many extra parts. Must sell to make room. Come one, take all. **\$65** or best offer. Sacrifice. Call (503)-257-7390 They won't last long.  
(Feb 2004)

Little girl's motorcycle jacket, size small. Fringe and silver conchos. \$50 firm.

(541)-265-6850 (Mar 2004)

1965 Ford F-100 pickup, teal green with two-tone gray interior, 351 Dart Windstar, C6 transmission, Saginaw power steering, 9inch rear end, Blaupunkt CD player with six CD deck, tonneau cover, new headliner. **\$13,500** or offer. Contact

Lynn Patterson at  
(503)-861-9815 or  
lynnpatterson@charter.net

(Feb 2004)

2000 Suzuki Intruder 1400, 5K, windshield, "copper" brown/black, always garaged and maintained; Sharp! **\$4,850.** Call Sheryl, (541)-327-2192 (Feb 2004)

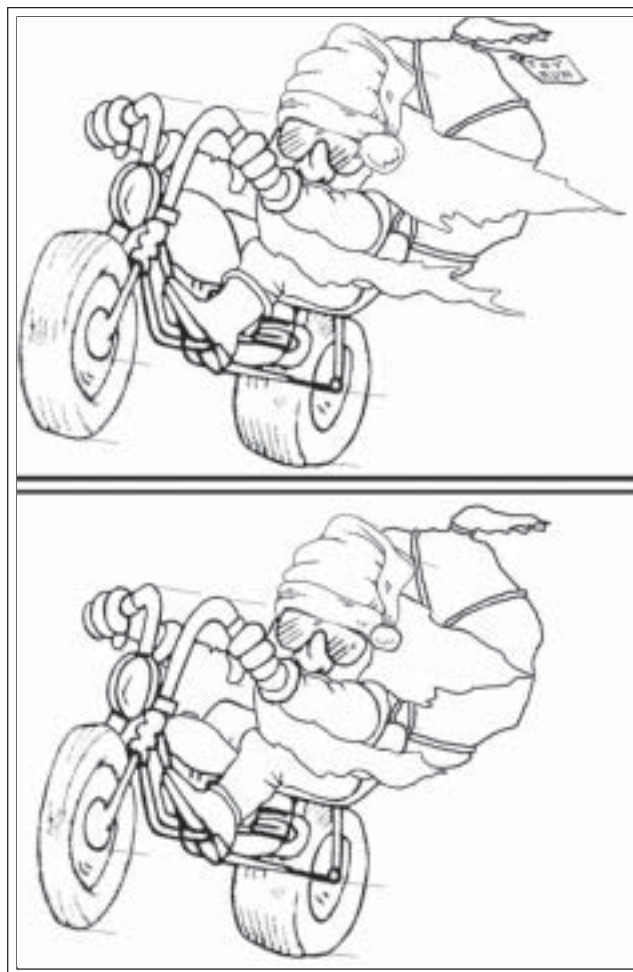
### Wanted

Electric treadmill.  
DANA 70 rear end, 411 ratio.  
Call Rotten Roger at (503)-285-4329

(Dec 2003)

### Can you find six differences between the two Santas?

(answer in January newsletter.)



Answer for November's cryptogram is on page 23.

These advertisements are for personal items only and are free to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members. Each ad will run for three months. (Date in parenthesis is the last issue in which the ad will appear.) Business and services will need to place *paid* advertisements.

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Solstice is a gift of December,  
Causing most bikers to remember,  
Although the trees may be bare,  
And warmth of sunshine rare,  
Daylight is increasing to summer.

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**NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:**

Saturday, 13 December 2003 at Noon  
7th and Kalmia  
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**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1400 (2:00 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Old Redmond Hotel</i> ; Redmond
Columbia River	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1230(12:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Jubitz Truck Stop</i> ; 10310 N. Vancouver Ave.; Portland
Douglas County	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1230 (12:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 1800 (6 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Pizza Hut</i> ; 1465 6th; Grants Pass
Lincoln County	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1900 (7:00 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> ; Portland
River City	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Lone Pine Restaurant</i> ; 335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles ( I-84 & US-197 )
Salem	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Chalet Restaurant</i> , Market Street, Salem
South Coast	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1100 (11 <sup>am</sup> )	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M/M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Southern Oregon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 2550 Crater Lake Hwy; Medford
Washington County	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 1930(7:30 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene