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

-- Rot Path

### 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 Rasor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California and Ed Armstrong of *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

Executive Coordinator,  
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*A.B.A.T.E. of California*

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## Coordinator's Comments

First this month, I'd like to thank all of you who have been involved with the many toy runs and other public service events that our biker community participates in during this season.

Your big hearts and deep pocketbooks have helped thousands of our neighbors and have earned us an enormous amount of goodwill with the public and our legislators. You do us proud!

One of the biggest things on our calendar this month is our annual election of state officers. This will take place at our December board meeting. Additional nominations for the various positions will be accepted at the beginning of the meeting with a vote to be taken near the end of the meeting. Following the board meeting, which usually lasts until 2:30 or 3:00 pm, we will have our annual membership party. All members are invited to attend both the board meeting and party and share in the good food, good times, and the recognition of many of you who have done so much for *A.B.A.T.E.* this year. Please plan on being there.

In looking back over this past year of many miles and smiles, we can all be proud of our accomplishments, none of which would have been possible without the unity and brotherhood we all share. Our many voices joined together are a powerful chorus closely listened to in both Salem and Washington, D.C. When you are asked to travel to the capitol or contact your legislators this coming year, please resolve to do so.

This month is also one of elections at the local chapter level so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have served *A.B.A.T.E.* in any capacity and to welcome aboard all of you who will serve in the coming year. If you have questions or need help regarding your new job, feel free to contact the state officer listed at the back of our newsmagazine who holds a corresponding job and give them a call

or send an e-mail. Your new job may be the most satisfying thing you've ever done.

This time of year is also the time for toys and thanks to *Washington County Chapter* and Cindy, the raffle ticket I bought won a new toy. Well, sort of a "toy" motorcycle. Its wheelbase is 25 inches, pegs to seat is 12 inches, and seat to handlebars is about 15 inches. We're talking itty bitty here. I didn't have the nerve to try riding it 'till my kids all converged on the house this past weekend and insisted we crank it up and give it a whirl.

This little black and chrome cruiser-style cutie was rolled (carried) out of the living room to the front porch, fueled up and fired up, warmed up, and taken to the end of our driveway which connects to a rarely used one mile paved straight stretch of pavement. Tim, the design engineer, was first. He kind of hunched up, put his knees together so as not to interfere with the handlebars, and wicked up the throttle. After a wobble or two he went screaming off down the road, laughing and hollering over the enraged bumble-bee drone of the bike. Next was daughter Kristi, studying to become a school teacher, whose only experience with bikes was a ride years ago on the back of my bike from the house to the mailbox. She walked back to the house. I thought she hated bikes, but couldn't get her off this one. Down the road she went, leaned into the wind, with our dog chasing hard and barking harder. She even raced up and down the neighbor's (cousin's) driveway terrorizing their paranoid golden lab. Son Michael, serving in the Navy with the SEA-BEEs then tried his luck. With a concerted effort at a military demeanor and a most serious facial expression, away he went past another curious neighbor. I know he was having fun, even though he didn't smile or



by Joe Laurance

laugh. Until later. When it was my turn. It may have been when I sat on it and then did a stationary wheelie, or maybe when I attempted my first turn in front of my screaming fans and nearly dumped it 'cause I couldn't get my knee out of the way of the handle bar. No, it was probably when the throttle stuck and I did a little cross country work, whooping and hollering while trying to decide whether to lay the thing down, hit the brakes, or slam the kill switch. After simultaneously doing all of the above, I looked back to wife and kids 20 feet away. They clearly couldn't decide whether to laugh or cry, so they were doing both. A deeply caring family, mine.

Please accept heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas from my family to yours. May your joy be as full as mine.

Remember, he is the reason for the season,

Joseph Laurance  
*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*

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

**Central Oregon Chapter**

Greetings from sunny central Oregon!

Here it is, the second week of November and we have just experienced a round of sunny weather with temperatures in the 60's and 70's. I hope everyone got some riding in.

On Saturday, November 6th the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition* held its *Reindeer Ride*. It was good to see many of our members there supporting the coalition. The *Reindeer Ride* was a poker run throughout the central Oregon area, leaving and ending at the *Black Horse Saloon*.

The purpose of this ride was to raise money to buy fully cooked Thanksgiving dinners for needy families in the area. The last count I herd was that the coalition will be able to buy and distribute 150 meals the day before Thanksgiving. Our chapter was fortunate enough to donate \$200 to this great cause.

The weather cooperated with a sunny day in the high 60's. A good time was had by all except one of our members. City Mike got into some

gravel and went down. Mike did not sustain any life threatening injuries, but did land on his face and has a compression fracture in his back. The incident did not do his motorcycle any good either. We as a chapter need to do everything possible to help him out, whether it be giving him a call, sending him a card, running errands, or helping him get his bike up and running if it is not totaled. Mike is a brother and we all hope he has a speedy recovery.

Coming up on Saturday, December 11th is the *Central Oregon Motorcycle Coalition's Toy Run* to be held at the *Blackhorse Saloon* from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. There will be an in-house poker run, raffles, and live music. This event is usually a very good time and nets a large amount of toys for needy children in the central Oregon area. Our chapter has also donated \$200 for this cause. I hope to see many of our members there.

When you receive this newsmagazine, Christmas and New Years will be right around the corner. I would like to wish you all a Merry

Christmas and Happy New Year. Our chapter has had an excellent year thanks to the hard work and participation of our members. Hopefully the *Central Oregon Chapter* will have an even better year in 2005.

I would like to thank Richard for stepping up to be our sgt. at arms and Steve for stepping up to be road captain. Thanks Guys.

That's about it for now. Remember "united we stand" and you know the rest.

Later,

John

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

*Black Horse Saloon*

Bend, Oregon

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Our November 2004 meeting was dominated by A.B.A.T.E. election issues. Duane advised us of the current nominations for state officers with the election to take place next month at the state board meeting. However, many of us had an issue with the nominations remaining open up to the time of vote: How can chapter members instruct their state board representative to vote if they do not know who is running?

This issue led to a lengthy examination of how Duane viewed his authority as our state board representative. It was his view that he had the authority to vote however he wanted regardless of how the chapter wanted him to vote; he viewed his position similar to that of a state legislature who once elected decided how he should vote. We had some discussion about this issue and the chapter nearly unanimously voted that the state board representative should vote as the chapter decided he should vote and not otherwise. Duane agreed to abide by this principle.

We then went over the list of candidates for the contested state officer positions and indicated to Duane our selections including Lee Austin for state co-ordinator, Larry Brown for vice-co-ordinator north and Kornfed for either of the *Confederation of Clubs* representatives.

Perhaps it would be helpful for each chapter in the state to determine how its state board representative decides how to vote. Certainly there will be times when the chapter has not had a chance to consider a particular issue before it is voted on and then the board representative must vote as how he thinks the chapter would vote. But those situations should be minimized by the state board giving all chapter



ample time to consider issues and then to instruct its representative how to vote. On the other hand, it may be that a chapter wants to hand over its decision-making authority to its state representative completely. That's not how *Columbia River* has decided to do it, though.

We also discussed our chapter officer elections. We will have the nominations and the elections at the next meeting. The following positions are open: co-ordinator, historian, ways and means. I do not know if Jimbo, the current vice-co-ordinator intends to continue in his position next year. The current secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, and state board representative have all indicated a willingness to continue to serve in their positions. However, if anyone thinks that they would like to hold one of those positions, they're entitled to be nominated and seek to be elected at the next meeting. Because there will be an election, all members should make every effort to attend so your views can be heard.

Jean McCarty has offered to create a web page for our chapter and bring us into the digital age.

The *Sweet Heart Dance* is still awaiting confirmation of its location. It will be held on February 12th and *Billy Hagan's Band* will be playing.

We earned \$101 in our ways and means drawing. Brandon Rodriguez

lost the membership drawing but his mother, Brandy Murdoch, won the short drawing.

This will be my next to last report as coordinator for this chapter. I expect to give a farewell address in my last report.

Spike

## SWEETHEART DANCE

Sponsored by the Columbia River Chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

**FEBRUARY 12, 2005**  
**8 p.m.**

Blue Eyes Café and Lounge  
10845 NE Halsey

Live Music by Billy Hagen

Door Prizes

Hot Times/Cool Drinks

contact: Spike (503)-282-4694

### COLUMBIA RIVER MEET- ING TIME and PLACE

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

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

## Hub City Chapter



*Hub City* held a bike awareness show at *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon in October. It was a huge success. Carolyn Freeman, our education director, did a fantastic job of organizing the event. There was a wide range of motorcycles represented this year. The exhibit of 52 motorcycles included sport bikes, cruisers, vintage bikes, as well as bike with trailers. *Team Oregon*, *BikePAC*, and memorial fundraiser for Afgan troops were among the displays presented. The *Team Oregon* display was especially attractive with a video set up which drew the attention of many of the people passing by. We also had the *Shriners* bike on display and sold approximately 125 tickets. Mike was still selling tickets as we were being ushered out of the mall after closing. *Hub City* would like to express our gratitude to Mike for bringing the *Shriners* bike to Albany and picking it up again on Sunday evening. It was a good addition to our show.

*Hub City* is holding a *Texas Hold 'Em* tournament on January 22, 2005 staring at 3 p.m. The location will be at the *Eagle's Lodge* in Albany. The buy in is \$25 and we are looking to have

100 players. So all you poker player out there be sure to mark your calendars and join us for the fun. For the address and times, see the flyer in this issue or contact Richard Androes at (503)-619-4361 if you have any questions. On a side note, a big thank you to one of our members, Bill Foss, for donating his winnings from a recent *A.M.O. Texas Hold 'Em* tournament to the chapter.

By the time this issue comes out Christmas season will be in full swing. There will be many toy runs taking place. Please remember to take extra precautions in the area of safety. I do not know about other parts of the state but it has been pretty dang foggy in the valley lately. This can be extremely dangerous for the motorcycle rider. Although many of these things have been said before, I believe some things are worth repeating so here are a few things to keep in mind if you are riding in winter.

1. Get a windshield. Many think a windshield spoils the beauty of the bike. However, riding in 20 degree temperatures with severe wind chill factors will change your mind about getting that windshield.

2. Many motorcycle batteries won't last more than two years. Winter riding puts even more strain on a battery. Use a battery charger to keep it charged.

3. Use proper oil. Usually 10W - 40 weight oil designed for motorcycles is sufficient.

4. If you have a liquid-cooled bike, be sure that the reading on the anti-freeze is sufficient for the temperatures you expect.

5. Make sure the bike has been thoroughly inspected for any mechanical problems. There is nothing more frustrating than being stranded in 20 degree temperatures because of a breakdown.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7pm)  
*Ciddici's Pizza*  
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

## Josephine County Chapter



Hi from *Josephine County Chapter* everybody!

Well by the time you get this December will be here and Christmas is coming soon.

On November 7, 2004 we had our first chapter toy run! With less than two months to put it together it came out *fantastic!!!!* It started out Sunday at 1 pm. We all met at the *Fruitdale Grange* for the afternoon event. Let me tell you it's been a lot of work to put this on in a short time by just a few members and myself doing it. But *wow* was it worth it.

Within 30 minutes we had 157 bikes that showed up. There were over 300 people there. We were going crazy just getting things together as they pulled in.

The band *Leadfoot* played for the toy run for free. By the way, there were also chapter members too. We had a potluck and our chapter brought the meat that was barbecued. Several

merchants from the Grants Pass area donated raffle prizes, money, and auction items plus we had a few business who donated money to put it on. Some of the auction items were great too, like a hot tub and suites in local hotels worth \$150 each. We had over 100 raffle prizes and 31 auction items plus a 50/50. There was so much food that we had a lot left over.

At 1:30 pm I coordinated our ride through town with the local police and they let me know they would be out in force watching and boy, they were too.

We pulled out of the grange to ride up through town with myself and Jeff Adams leading dressed like Santa Clause and he looked great too. This ride went so good with nobody being stopped and all laws being observed that the police came to me and said we was great and thanks.

The outcome of our first toy run was great with over 300 toys collected.

Over \$2,000 [was raised] for *Project Baby Check* here in Josephine county. This was an awesome event that everybody who went to it is still raving about how great it was.

I'd like to thank everybody who was part of it.

*Thanks!!!!!!*

It was the coolest toy run.

Merry Christmas from *Josephine County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter!*

Spanky

**JOSEPHINE COUNTY**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
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Grants Pass  
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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

**North Coast Chapter**

Greetings and happy holidays from the *North Coast*,

As I write this December report our historic *16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* is right around the corner. While I can't predict the future, I'm quite certain it was one of our best. We wish to extend our deepest thanks to all the many businesses and chapter members who donated auction and raffle items, to our run committee and chapter members who put lots hours and hard work into this annual fundraising event, to the *Moose Lodge* and its staff who hosted the event and support us so much throughout the year, to Mary Todd and the gals at *Mary Todd's Workers Bar and Grill* (not to forget her patrons who make it happen at *Mary's*) who work year round to raise money in support of our *Toys for Tots* cause and to all the folks who attended this year. Many thanks to everyone for making a difference at Christmas time for our community's children. God bless you all !!!!

Don't miss our *16th Annual Toy and Poker Run* coming up on Saturday, December 11th. The run departs at 11 am from *Rob's Family Restaurant*

(1815 S. Holladay Drive) in Seaside and ends at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria, with a few fun stops between. We'll have raffle prizes, awards for the best and worst poker hands, food and fun for everyone. Please consider joining us on this run, the proceeds from this event as always will be used to buy Christmas gifts for the children of Clatsop and Pacific counties. On that note, we'll be looking for help with the Christmas gift shopping process, if you would like to help and have a great time, please contact Sue at (503)-325-2823 or Amelia at (503)-325-6686 for more information.

Thanks to Mad Dog for linking our ever expanding *North Coast Chapter* web site to the state's web site, just click on *North Coast* and you'll be whisked away to our new site, or you can access it at the following address: <http://groups.msn.com/ABATENorthCoastChapter/home.htm> Many thanks again to *North Coast Chapter* member John Waterbury for his time to put up and maintain the site.

Once again the election process for new chapter officers is underway, mail-in ballots 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. The *North Coast Chapter* has grown again this year due to the energy and hard work by our current chapter officers and membership. The year ahead should once again prove to be a great year for the *North Coast Chapter* with new runs and other fun events in the works. We look forward to new and exciting things from our new chapter officers in 2005, voice your vote, and cast your ballot. Get out the vote!!!

Just another reminder to those who have been missing our meetings, ya

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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 River City Chapter

October 19, 2004

We are in our winter season now and due to restaurant closing time we must be done by 8:00, so meetings will be efficient. This one had a lot in it and still ended right on time! We paid bills, reviewed the board of director meeting and the planning session, talked about planning rides for the year, set a working fund for our poker run, ate cookies that Norm made himself (in honor of his new bike), said congrats to the new Mr. and Mrs. Prentice, argued some chapter policy and diplomacy and still had time to poke fun at each other.

Whew!

Larry won the 50/50 at \$6/\$7 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Larry.

We drew for the chopper throw and it was won by Wayne McCall of Vancouver. Deb will contact him and it will be sent. Sandra Loop would have won the \$110 chapter membership drawing if she had been at the meeting. It will go up to an astounding \$115 next meeting.

Brian

### Regular Meeting

Called to order by Lee at 7:05 pm. 17 people present.

Pledge of allegiance: Led by Lee

Minutes were waived on a motion by Teresa because there weren't any.

Correspondence: *M.R.F. Reports*, *B.O.A.* statement, a P.O. box renewal bill and a newsletter from *South Coast Chapter*.

Treasury report: \$1208.35 during this report time. Bills submitted: \$50 reimbursement for Brian for travel expenses. \$38 for P.O. box and \$68 to Teresa for printer cartridges; passed.

Membership report: 58

Board report: Turned in date for our poker run. Decision to print and mail

*BikePAC* voter info sheet due to mistake in publication. Planning session

report. *Fossil* changes proposed. Legislative/organizational changes proposed. Public relations ideas.

Legislative report: Possible new sponsor for helmet law modification bill.

Ways and means report: The chopper throw was won by Wayne McCall of Vancouver. We made \$44 on the raffle. Motion by Brian to set up a \$200 petty cash fund for the poker run committee; passed.

### Old Business

Group riding protocols: Careful.

Planned rides: *Biker Day*, Salem, 14 february 2005. Lee will work on a ride calendar.

Fossil library issue: Possible new contact through Cheryl.

Troop support: Nothing new.

### New Business

Cookies: Norm got a new bike - a decked out 2003 *Vulcan* 800.

Klickitat county fair thing up again.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

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### November 16, 2004

Well, I got home late from work and finished making agendas late and got to the meeting late only to find that the meeting was mostly over and Tim had taken minutes for me. (Thanks again, Tim). Oh well, some days it just doesn't pay to get up in the morning.

We did a few more pieces of business and the all important drawings. We nominated all the old officers for the same positions and will review that next meeting and then vote on them at the 21 December meeting. By the way, that meeting will also be a white elephant gift exchange party, so wrap up something funky, fun, or useless and bring it to the meeting. It should be fun!

Don Cael would have won the member drawing for \$5 if he had been there. It will go up to \$10 for the next meeting. Teresa won the 50/50 at \$8/ \$7.

She left the waitress a dollar tip and donated the rest back to the chapter. Thanks Teresa.

Brian

### Regular Meeting

*Note:* I would like thank Tim for taking most of these notes for me , as I was late getting to the meeting tonight. Brian

Called to order by Steve at 7:05 pm. 10 people present, two arrived later.

**Correspondence:** *B.O.A.* statement; flyer and letter for *Biker Build Off* at Expo Center 20-21 November.

**Treasury report:** \$837.35 during this report time. Bills submitted: \$50 reimbursement for Brian for travel expenses. \$38 for post office box. \$68 to Teresa for printer cartridges. Passed.

**Membership report:** 54

**Board report:** Nominations were made for next year's officers. R.S.V.P.s for annual meeting taken. Short meeting.

**Legislative report:** More info surfacing about *M.S.F.* anti-rider education activities.

### Old Business

Group riding protocols: Two weeks ago we went through Centerville to Goldendale and back by way of Klickitat. Last week we went on highway 14 to I-205 and into Portland to the *Suzuki* shop.

Planned rides: *Biker Day*, Salem, 14 February 2005.

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### RIVER CITY MEETING

#### TIMES and PLACE

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

*Lone Pine Restaurant*

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

## Salem Chapter

Wow, what a year this has been.

Halloween has come and gone and the big bird day is right around the corner with Santa following soon.

We had a visitor at our last meeting: Larry Brown from *Columbia River Chapter* came by. You may also know him as vice coordinator-north and sgt. at arms-north.

Our *Biker Night* of October 16, 2004 was held at *Macleay Inn*. A great big *thank you* to them for their help. They had tables set up for us and we had the use of the pool room. (Pool table, that is.)

We raised \$245.50 for the upcoming toy run on December 12, 2004. Jefferson fire department will provide lunch to us during the toy run with the CMA keeping us warm in the morning with their free coffee and cocoa.

Thanks to the folks who brought in toys, food and non-food items. Myrna Hunter won the 50/50 of \$21.50. *Hot Rod Betty's* donated a \$50 gift certificate for tattoos. Thank you so much!

Another thanks goes out to Michelle who called all the members on our membership list who were not long distance from Dallas, Oregon.

Sgt. at arms' Panhead Ric was vending at the swap meet in Roseburg. He said he did okay but there didn't seem to be as many vendors this time. The next swap meet for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* will be on November 21, 2004 in Portland.

Reminder: please remember to renew your membership!

Hope you all remembered to vote!



Mona would like to thank Panhead Ric, Marlene, and Sheryl for donations of door prizes and raffle prizes for *Salem Chapter's* events this fall. Michelle donated gift certificates for crab snares.

Two motions were read by our alternate secretary, Mona. Number one was an advance of \$20 to the historian for the purchase of film to document the next biker night and the toy run. Passed.

Number two was that \$40 be donated the *White Wolf Sanctuary* in Tidewater, Oregon from the proceeds gathered at the *Lime Ride*. Passed.

Mona was graced with a certificate of appreciation for outstanding fundraising.

If you would like to find out more about the *Salem Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* please go to: <http://home.earthlink.net/~abateinfo>

Remember, February 14th, 2005 is Oregon's birthday and *Biker Day* at the capitol in Salem.

May 7th, 2005 is *Motorcycle Awareness Day*, at the capitol. Contact your local *BikePAC* representative for

more information.

Thank you to Mona (a goddess in her own right) for putting these minutes together and getting them to me in a timely fashion.

Kindest Regards,

Michelle J. FitzHenry  
*Salem Chapter* goddess  
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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**

Greetings from the soggy south coast,

Our chapter has really been busy. We were all asked to ride our bikes to the October meeting for a calendar shoot. However, the only person to show up on a bike was the photographer. (In our defense the weather was awful.) We all did a shoot after the meeting standing around the one bike. After the shoot there was a drawing for the \$50 door prize. Mike Richards won the money.

November was our food drive for the *Salvation Army*. Our members did an outstanding job (as usual). We gathered more food this year than last. Many local families will benefit from our efforts this holiday season.

Now that the national and state elections are over we are concentrating on our chapter elections this month. Charlie Hill has said she will not run this year for an office (she needs a break), so the search is on to find candidates for the coordinator's office as well as other positions.

Every year we go all out for the *Andy Proctor Memorial Toy Run* and this year is no different. After the chapter elections this month we will form a motorcade to deliver the toys to the *Salvation Army*. We are hoping that "Santa" will show up to lead the parade

(I guess it will depend on his schedule ).

As the holidays approach please use good judgement and don't drink and drive. Remember Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Christ and spend time with our families. It is a season of giving, peace on earth and good will to all men. Give the greatest gift you can give by not driving if you have been drinking. It just isn't worth the price and besides we want you all at the January meeting.

I wish everyone a very merry Christmas or happy Hanukkah and hope the new year brings you great joy and happiness. If all goes well at the chapter elections I, ll be doing this same job next year.

Until then  
*ride safe and free,*

Kris

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1300 ( 1 pm )  
*Gino's Pizza*  
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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

*Southeast Portland Chapter*

Hello there once again folks,

Hope this finds everyone preparing for the Christmas season with a smile on their face. With all the toy runs happening this month it shouldn't be hard for each one of us to help spread a little joy to those in need.

As you read this, our chapter elections will be over with. Our new chapter secretary will have more information on new officers in *Southeast Portland Chapter's* report next month. Good luck and thank you to them all.

Our chapter's membership has been declining the past few months. Don't forget to renew your membership folks. You can even do it in person by coming to a meeting. We'd love to see you.

*Southeast Portland Chapter* has met the challenge for *BikePAC* donations. At the last meeting in October a motion was made and passed to donate \$1 for every member of *A.B.A.T.E.* in the state. The motion was amended to round off the total donation to \$2,500. We encourage other chapters to do what they can to help *BikePAC* fight for our rights.

*Southeast Portland Chapter* each month will recognize an outstanding member. This month we would like to recognize Dick Edmonds for his great job as legislative director in the past years and his dedication and hard work as our toy run representative. Thank you Dick.

Following my report will be an additional report and a letter from our Miss Vicki a.k.a. Killer.

I'll see you at the *Shriner's Toy Run* and the *Black and Gold Spaghetti Feed*.



Happy holidays folks,

Mammy Tami

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#### Family Picnic

The family picnic was a big success. The weather was great and everyone seemed to have a good time.

On top of the kid's games we also had a three-legged race for the adults. It was fun to watch.

Matt Hobbs won the cribbage tournament. I hope you enjoy the basket of goodies that you won. Congrats.

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the picnic and the people who brought extra door prizes. I especially want to thank Kathy, Melinda, Danny, Mammy Tami, and Wyoming for helping me get this picnic together.

Every body ride safe,

Vicki

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To *FedEx*,

My name is Vicki Messinger and I am a member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Southeast Chapter*. I would like to thank your company very much for the donations that we receive from you.

It has helped us to raise money in our drawings to help with our promoting of motorcycle rights and education. It has also been my pleasure to donate to other chapters of *A.B.A.T.E.*, other motorcycle groups, *Habitat for Humanity*, and *Jean's Place* (one of the numerous women's shelters that are located in Portland).

Again, thank you very much. It is very appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Messinger  
*Southeast Chapter A.B.A.T.E.*

#### 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

**Washington County Chapter**

The weather has gotten cooler and the leaves are changing colors. The nights are longer, the rain is colder, and the fog is thicker.

Welcome to Oregon!

I am sure that everyone is telling you to be careful, watch the pavement conditions, and watch other drivers for clues that they do not see you.

Let me join in the chorus.

Please be careful.

At our first meeting in November, Cindy Henderson mentioned that *Thermacare* patches make excellent heaters for cold winter rides. This is quite true, as I have used them in the past and they are effective not only in relieving aching muscles, but also in boosting the body heat factor. The riding is a bit more enjoyable when you are warm. Also, be mindful of dehydration. Yes, it can happen in a rainstorm too!

Many thanks to Jill Tracy for submitting the newsmagazine article for November. I forgot to mail it from Portland and found it at Dallas-Fort Worth international airport. Thank you also to Jill and to Becky Ramirez for their parts while Jim and I were on vacation. We had a great time in Cozumel, but opted to not rent the scooters available on the island. This was probably wise on our parts as they were considerable less power than we

are used to, the road conditions were marginal at best, and the driving techniques were interesting, to say the least. We did see four people on a scooter – that was the max number. I doubt most of the rides were above 250 cc, although there are a couple of motorcycles on the island.

We have begun nominations for chapter officers. We will vote at our only meeting in December. Please come by and help elect your new officers. We will also hold our membership drawing until someone wins. Sherry Altes and Jennie Cedillo have helped to guarantee the pot will be over \$200. They missed out on their chances at the October meetings. Eric Ryder missed out in November, so lets see how many draws it takes for a winner in December.

Also, just a reminder that our *Ice Cycle Run* has been canceled due to concerns over cost versus income. We took a real hit in the pocketbook for *End of Summer Run* and are working on watching expenses and using the money to help grow the funds again. Check the web site for upcoming events and don't forget the rirst Sunday rides, which are free.

As always, please be careful and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Henderson  
*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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## A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports



Well here we are again and it's the holiday season once again. We'll try not to screw it up this time so Michael B. won't have anything to give me hell about.

We all need to take time to remember all those who are scattered across the world, working to keep us safe and free.

We didn't make it to the veteran's parade in Eugene this year, but with reports from others it sounds like we had a great turnout from the chapter (21) to show support and thanks to our veterans, both past and present. Rosie reported that they estimated 50 to 60 bikes total. She even remarked that Peggy did a great job keeping us all organized, she even supplied *Willamette Valley* name tags for all of them to put on the front of their bikes. The parade went much better this year. The route was an improvement and at 10 miles/hour it was a little quicker ride making it easier on hot running air cooled bikes. On top of it all we had beautiful weather and special parking right in front of the Eugene *Veteran's Hall*, a great place to watch the parade.

**Attention all who may be interested**

S.O.S. run followup and planning meeting, January 8th after the state board meeting at 2:30 pm.

The S.O.S. run coalition of A.B.A.T.E. chapters (*Willamette Valley*,

*Douglas County*, and *South Coast*) will be having an S.O.S. 2004 run review and 2005 run planning meeting for all who have been involved or are just interested. Please come and join us.

We want your input, the good, the bad, and even the ugly.

How else can we improve if we don't get good quality constructive ideas?

Meeting is scheduled to be held after the January 8th State Board Meeting at 2:30 pm. Location is at the *Viking Inn Restaurant*, Main Street in Junction City. Contact Hal at (541)- 688-4268, Mary Ann at (541)-988-5779, or Charlie at (541)-759-2388

**Willamette Valley Chapter Officers**

As most of you all ready have heard, at our October chapter meeting we voted and elected our 2005 chapter officers. Please note we still have some very important positions that are still open.

coordinator—Peggy Schneider  
 vice coordinator—Hal Fletcher  
 secretary—Rosie Singhose  
 treasurer—Anne Cokeley  
 state representative—Michael Schneider  
 state representative alternate—Michael Boggs  
 legislative/BikePAC—Michael Boggs  
 membership—Lonny Cokeley  
 products/ways and means—Lyn Maish  
 safety and education—Sam Dannevik  
 road captains—Lonny Cokeley, Vern Hoffman, Sam Dannevik, Michael Schneider, Jim Singhose

Sgt-at-arms—Vern Hoffman  
 newsletter editor—Hal Fletcher  
 chapter webpage—Jay Hadley  
 photographer—Michael Johnston  
 historian—(vacant)  
 chapter chaplain—Bob Lowell  
 activities coordinator—Ruth Johnston  
 casino nights coordinator—(vacant)  
*Rhody Run* coordinator—Suzanne Mills-Hubbs  
 July 4th coordinator—Sandy Fletcher  
 S.O.S. coordinator I—Hal Fletcher  
 S.O.S. coordinator II—Mary Ann Goll  
 public relations—(vacant)  
 chapter promoter—(vacant)

So there you have it, some new, some old. But if anyone is interested in any of the open positions please contact one of the officers and make it known. We could really use the help and spreading things out a little more makes it easier on everyone. If you are interested in any of the positions don't hold back because you're thinking you wouldn't know what is expected of you. You will have the support and mentoring from the person who previously held the position. Many of you have brought ideas of what you would like to see happening in our chapter and this is your opportunity to make it happen.

We had our chapter's planning meeting last month and the only people there were the officers. In last month's report, Hal made a very apt comment, "As with most things, *you* get back what you put in to it". Well folks, where were some of the rest of you? We were really disappointed in the lack of attendance from the chapter for this important event. We would like to have more people than the few of us making these important decisions about what we hope to accomplish and ideas for building membership and a better chapter. We talked of ideas for expediting the



meetings and hope to have more guest speakers and also discussed having the road captains plan chapter rides on a regular basis. For this to happen we need the involvement of more of our chapter.

Note: chapter Christmas party December 9th. R.S.V.P. for the dinner before December 6th. The cost is \$11 per person. If you want to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift. The limit is \$10 to \$15 for the gifts. December 5th is our *Annual Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E. Eugene Mission Christmas Benefit*. We pay for the Christmas dinner, the *Eugene Mission* cooks it up, and then we get to serve everyone at the mission. Come join us. It's a great time and you just might get a special feeling from doing it. We have over the years. We will again be meeting at *Quackers* at 2 pm or you can meet at the *Eugene Mission* at 2:30 pm.

Have a great holiday season and remember our troops and their families that are scattered across the world these days protecting our freedom.

Rick and Lyn

#### WILAMETTE VALLEY

#### MEETING TIME and PLACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7pm )  
*Veteran's Memorial Building*  
 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene

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## Hub City

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6. Get the proper attitude. You will need to be covered up and motorists will not be expecting to see a motorcycle. Be prepared for additional risks.

7. If you plan to travel any distance from home, check out the weather forecasts over the route you'll be taking. It may be clear at home but icy and snowy elsewhere on your route.

8. You need to cover your body and eliminate places where the cold air can easily enter. Some riders have been known to wear heavy clothing and seal up openings with duct tape.

9. Many riders just dress in layers much as a skier does. There comes a time when most will get tired of being so cold and opt for some electric clothing. Electric vests, gloves, chaps and socks are available.

### Additional tips:

Winter riding can be fun and safe. Just make sure that both you and your motorcycle are prepared.

If you opt for electric apparel, be sure to get a thermostat to control the delivery of heat.

We had 61 members at our last meeting. Perhaps the membership drawing for coming to the meeting is getting the members to turn out. I think Brenda Myers was pretty happy she came to win \$40. Our 50/50 winner this month was a visitor, Paul Darnell, who said he was going to use some of his winnings to join *A.B.A.T.E.*

Well that about does it for this time.

Ride safe, participate in some toy runs, and put some smiles on some children's faces this holiday season!!  
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## North Coast

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can't win if you don't attend. Jack Greenwood would have won the \$80 pot if he attended but now it bumps to \$85. And don't forget the monthly 50/50 and door prizes. We'll look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. (7 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria).

Last but not least, the membership of the *North Coast Chapter* wishes to extend to everyone our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe out there when traveling for the holidays. Watch out for Santa this year, I hear he pulled out his '49 pan for the jolly ole ride on Christmas eve.

Ho. Ho. Ho to everyone !!

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## River City

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Troop support: *Homeward Bound* was happy to receive our check (55 from The Dalles, 12 from Hood River)

### New Business

- Motion by Tim to have a white elephant gift exchange at the 12/21 meeting. Passed.

- Klickitat county fair parking project looks possible. Need exact dates and review again at the next meeting.

- It was suggested to set up a prompt in the agenda for next September for the veteran's day parade.

**Announcements:** Dale Ruff had a wreck last Sunday, but is okay with just rash and bruises.

Adjourned 8:00 pm

### Upcoming meetings

December 7, 2004, December 21,  
 2004  
 7:00 pm

## Our Officers at Work

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

13 November 2004



by Charlie Hill  
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 12:14 with 14 of the 14 chapters represented. All present were eligible to vote with the exception of Lincoln County due to treasury reporting out of compliance.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Guests and first time Attendees: Al Cruz of Salem, Tony White of North Coast.

Reading of the minutes from the October 09, 2004. Motion made by Doc Squires, seconded by Duane Calkins to adopt the minutes as printed in the newsmagazine. Motion carried.

**Coordinators comments:** Joe thanked all for coming. The reason we are meeting in a new venue (*Viking Sal Senior Center*) is due to the church having an event and parking is a problem. We are looking at having future meetings here or the grange.

Joe salutes all those who participated in the election process by posting signs, helping candidates and by voting.

Please carefully consider various state board positions today as we are going to have nominations and if you feel you would like to be considered, please put your name in or even if you are interested in a position for next year and would like to be an understudy, let us know.

Joe had all veterans stand in observance of Veteran's Day.

**Correspondence:** E-mail sent to Mad Dog

"Hello Oregon A.B.A.T.E. members,

*I just want to send a very special and personal thank you to your members, from a biker in New Mexico.*

*My cousin Regan Backer was recently the recipient of a hand pedaled bicycle because of your hard work and caring. He is a Shrine patient, who was debilitated by a drunk driver days before his fifth birthday. He is now a teenager and this bike is one more step for his personal independence. I can't begin to tell you how excited the family has all been for this gift. The look on his face in the pictures was awesome indeed! I personally was so excited when my Aunt wrote and told me who sponsored this gift. My own thankfulness that it was 'bikers' who gave this give to them, made me so proud. I have been riding for just under two years myself, and am familiar with the Abate groups here in New Mexico, and their charity events, namely the Rio Rancho Toy run last year. Keep up the wonderful work, and ride free!*

*Krystal Rains*

*Albuquerque, New Mexico"*

\*\*\* **Officer Reports** \*\*\*

**Legislative director:** Rick Maish – *BikePAC* still needs your help and support!

**Right of way violation incident reports:** Brain still needs information sent to him on any motorcycle [crashes] involving another vehicle, where the other vehicle "turned left", or "pulled out in front" of a motorcycle causing the [crash] and the driver was not charged or prosecuted for killing or hurting the rider. Brain

has received two but still need more. The information you report to Brian cannot be hearsay.

**Health insurance reviews:** Be sure to check your exclusions regarding motorcycle riding on your insurance policies, especially if you know a student who has insurance through school.

*A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC* rapid response team: This is an item *BikePAC* wants to create to respond to a call to come to the capitol on 24 hours notice in support of our legislation.

Have you personally joined *BikePAC* yet?

Important dates to remember for the start of 2005:

January 10th is opening of the Oregon legislative session.

February 5th is the next *BikePAC* board meeting, but keep an ear open for an earlier special meeting, if needed. The meeting will be held at the Salem public library at 12 noon.

February 14th is our first *Capitol Bike Day*. That will also be Oregon's birthday.

February 19th will be S.T.E.A.M.

May 7th *Motorcycle Awareness Rally* at the capitol.

Planning meeting legislative suggestions. Please look at those minutes and take the information back to your chapters and get their input regarding the suggestions we made on legislative support. Also chapters need to have a legislative coordinator dedicated to the chapter to maintain critical communications and legislative activities and have a



good working relationship with *BikePAC*. This person could be part of the rapid response team too. Another suggestion we had was with *A.B.A.T.E.* board of directors approval, build a new section in our chapter *A.B.A.T.E.* by-laws/guideline book that covers all legislative activities, guidelines etc.

**A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:** Geoff White was late to the meeting due to a [crash] on the highway.

**Confederation of Clubs representative:** Ed Vaughn – excused.

**Confederation of Clubs representative II:** Michael Schneider was attending a Ducks game.

**Education director:** Geoff White was late to the meeting due to a [crash] on the highway.

**Education director II:** Nora Rohde – Not here, excused.

**Membership secretary:** Jill Tracy was excused.

**Newsmagazine editor:** Rot Path was excused, Joe read his report:

“Rot Path will be unable to attend the November state board meeting due to an increased workload caused by a co-worker running a borrowed motorcycle off a road and colliding with a planet. (Earth.)

First of all allow me to apologize profusely for my major mental moment in forgetting to process and publish the *BikePAC* voter's guide in the October issue. From reading the minutes I sense that it caused a considerable amount of debate for action. I am truly sorry. The material was submitted in a timely manner, but was overlooked in the heat of putting together the October issue.

On a related note, I extend my apologies to Salem chapter as well for

not publishing their November chapter report in this month's issue. I use a double filing system to prevent material from being lost but failed to put their report in the November news file, so that it appeared to be un-received.

My ultimate goal is publish an issue with no mistakes and no omissions. Sadly I missed the target completely and shot myself in both feet the last two months.

On a lighter note, thank you to all the people and chapters who have sent in reports, photos, recipes, non-child-slave-labor-produced chocolate, praise, etcetera.

Unfortunately no reports have been received from Douglas County, Josephine County, Lincoln County, Northeast Portland, or Willamette Valley chapters.

Please emphasize that reports are due on the 10th of each month unless prior arrangements have been made to send the material later or deliver it at a state board meeting. Note the “prior arrangement” provision. Please do not try the crusty ol' editor's patience. He doesn't have any when the print deadline is looming and people feign misunderstanding of when material was due.

As to officer nominations, perhaps someone who makes such monumental mistakes with the state newsmagazine is unworthy to hold the position of editor? (Just a sec . . . did he make “mistakes” just to get out of the job? Let's punish him by making him stay on yet another year.) The forces that be at work are actually trying to arrange the December schedule so that crusty ol' editor can get to the state board meeting on the 11th, so I hope to see you all then.

— Rot Path”

**Products:** Michelle Hobbs – Excused.

**Public relations:** Melinda McCrossen was not here, excused.

**State run coordinator (Fossil):** Duane Calkins – The next meeting will be at Duane's house at 7:00 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving. We will be looking at changes for the flyers etc, and want your input. 6238 NE 17th in Portland (503)-282-6488.

**State run coordinator II:** Michelle FitzHenry – Not present, excused.

**Swap meet coordinator:** Stephan Baton came in later. He too was held up in traffic due to the [crash] on the highway.

**Treasurer:** Ted Tracy was not present, excused. Joe read his report. Checking as of 10-31-04 \$1,581.76, money market account \$34,618.86 for a total of \$36,200.62. *Roseburg Swap Meet:* vendor fee income \$1,035.00, gate \$1,565 for a total of \$2,600.00 Expenses were: rent \$1,300.00, insurance \$125.00, printing \$100.00, door prize \$500.00, miscellaneous \$73.00 and *Nickel Ads* \$102.00 for total expenses of \$2,200.00 which gave us a net of \$400.00. Joe said at the planning session it was discussed to having the *Roseburg Swap Meet* only once a year and possibly holding another further south at a different time of the year.

**State auditor:** Nancy Curran – Excused. Joe reported that Nancy reminds all treasurers that reports are due 10 days after your bank statement ending date, not the 10th of the month.

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**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***( continued from previous page )*

**Historian:** Iris Yeager wished all a happy holidays. She and Mel have been busy with motorcycle awareness classes and really enjoy doing them, but want all to have a chance to do them too. It is so fun and inspiring to see the kids excited about learning to drive. Remember those days gone by? Once you are in the school and do well, they will invite you back.

If you attend or have attended any events, please send Iris your pictures.

**Web page editor:** Mad Dog was not present, excused.

**Vice coordinator-south:** Tim Rohde – Not present, excused.

**Vice coordinator-east:** Bob Hadley – Excused.

**Sergeant at arms-north:** Larry Brown – Excused.

**Sergeant at arms-south:** Doc Squires – Excused.

**Sergeant at arms-east:** Keith Odoms – Excused.

**Sanctioning officer:** Ron VonSild reported he has certificates for *Shriner's Toy Run*. They have a new start location at *K-Mart* located at NE 122nd and Sandy Boulevard. {Portland} The parade will leave at 12:30 pm, December 4th.

**Quartermaster:** Steve Baton was late due to the [crash] on the highway.

**Committee Reports**

Nothing more to report.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Planning Session will be deferred till January.

2. Annual Dinner- 65 possible attendees.

**New Business****State board of directors -officer nominations**

**coordinator** – Joe Laurance, Lee Austin  
**vice coordinator-north** – Ed Vaughn, Larry Brown

**vice coordinator-south** – Tim Rohde, Hal Fletcher

**vice coordinator-east** – Ed Miller

**membership secretary** – Jill Tracy

**treasurer** – Nancy Curran, Cliff McCalley, Carole Abshire

**recording secretary** – Charlie Hill

**state auditor** – Nancy Curran

**Fossil run coordinator** – Duane Calkins  
**run coordinator 2** – Ted Tracy, Michelle FitzHenry

**swap meet coordinator** – Stephan Baton  
**newsmagazine editor** – Rot Path

**products director** – Merge Gunter, Al Thompson

**education director 1** – Geoff White

**education director 2** – Ricci Laurance, Nora Rohde

**public relations** – Joe Laurance, Richard Andores

**historian** – Iris Yeager

**run sanctioning** – Ron VonSlid

**web page editor** – Marty Soehrman

**BikePAC representative** – Rick Maish

**legislative director** – Rick Maish

**quartermaster** – Steve Baton

**sgt-at-arms-north** – Randy Phipps

**sgt-at-arms-south** – Al Sims, Doc Squires

**sgt-at-arms-east** – Richard Shurley

**Confederation Of Clubs rep #1** –

Ed Vaughn

**Confederation Of Clubs rep #2** – Michael Schneider

More nominations can be taken next month before the elections.

Shaina Hill presented Geoff White, *BikePAC* representative a check in the amount of \$42 for the *BikePAC* legislation P.A.C. fund. This was money she earned making ice mochas.

**Announcements**

Marty said *Quik.com* has offered *A.B.A.T.E.* a group discount for dial-up service. If you prepay you will also receive from 5%, 10% or 20% discounts depending on if you prepay for 3, 6 or 12 months. Joe said he was interested in it.

Toy run-Portland chapters – Steve has tickets. This is your last chance to get one.

*Josephine County* held their toy run last week with 250 participants and 200 bikes. They raised \$2,000 and this was their first toy run.

Portland toy run has a web site:  
<http://www.toyrun2004.com>

*M.R.F.* is looking hard into *M.S.F.* issues as this will be their focus this year.

*WaCo Toy Run* next Saturday. 2nd and Walnut in Hillsboro. The swap meet is Sunday.

*Hub City* doing a *Texas Hold'em*.

Next state board meeting and annual dinner and awards: December 10th, Junction City.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill

state recording secretary

**Attention!!**

The toy run for the *Shriner's Children's Hospital* is starting at new location this year:

Saturday, December 4th

*K Mart* parking lot

NE 122nd & Sandy Blvd.

Portland, Oregon

Parade leaves the parking lot at 12:30PM

Check out the Toy Run Website for more details!!!

<http://www.toyrun2004.com/>

# Education Directors



Geoff

Nora



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

We hope that you had a terrific summer with loads of great rides and experiences. Fall has still been a very pleasurable time to get in some motorcycling here in the northwest. Here at *A.B.A.T.E.* we still have many events and functions to look forward to. Before you know it, the holidays will be here and that means time for the toy runs throughout our chapters and organizations. These events offer a great opportunity to spread the motorcycle and rider awareness throughout our community.

Get out there and become a part of our lively group of riders and revelers.

State officer positions and many chapter officer positions are coming up for election soon. Now is the time to consider what *A.B.A.T.E.* needs and your interest in the organization. If you have ever thought that you have some good ideas for running one of our positions, now is the time to step up to the plate and take a big swing. The experience of coordinating a program or group can be a very challenging, enjoyable, worthwhile, and fulfilling undertaking. I have enjoyed the opportunity to be a representative for the education segment of *A.B.A.T.E.* I feel that working with *BikePAC of Oregon* has helped me greatly in my efforts to work with our government and the desires and needs of motorcyclists throughout Oregon. I'm grateful for the faith that people have had in my abilities and desires to play a valuable role in the success of our organization. Let the truth be told.

I believe that there are individuals

in our organization who could be very effective in many of our various positions. I for one would not be offended in the least if someone were to announce to *A.B.A.T.E.* that they feel that they would like to be the new education director or *BikePAC* representative.

I feel that there are probably people that could perform the tasks better than myself at this time. There are circumstances in my life lately that have limited my abilities to be as effective as I would wish to be. For the good of the organization, I would be very proud to serve under anyone who wished to take a leadership role in a position that I have been currently holding. I have every intention of continuing my work with *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC*, however I know that there are people who could possibly bring a greater level of effectiveness and quality to our efforts. If you are one of these people, run for an office. I will be delighted to serve your cause.

I will always be willing to help in any way that I can if you feel that you do not want to "go it alone". I would personally like to see multiple candidates running for the various officer positions.

The *Seminar To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.)* is not far away. We will be planning the sessions and making the arrangements for the one - day event.

If you have ideas and topics that you would like to see offered at this conference, please contact us soon. We are also interested in your ideas for a guest speaker.

This conference is important to the successful education and coordination of our various motorcycle organizations. This is your opportunity to find out what we do, and what you can do to help us be more efficient, effective, businesslike, skilled, and organized. If you have decided to fill a position as an officer within one of our organizations, we will have sessions and workshops to help you with the process. Come to *S.T.E.A.M.* to learn from those who have been around the track a few times. Mark your calendars for the next *S.T.E.A.M.* conference. The event will be held on the third Saturday in February 2005 at the *Chemeketa Community College* campus in Salem, Oregon on north Lancaster Drive.

The schools have begun to contact us about our motorcycle awareness program this year. We are happy to visit the driver's education classes with a message of safety and mutual respect between automobile operators and motorcyclists throughout our communities. If you are interested in seeing what our program has to offer, please contact any one of our instructors for details and schedules of upcoming classroom visits. We are always interested in your feedback on our presentations, and anyone who is curious about our awareness work is encouraged to attend our classroom visits. You do not have to be an instructor to attend one of these presentations as an observer.

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## Legislative Report Rick's Ramblings On Stuff

# BikePAC still wants and Needs your Help and Support



Rick Maish  
legislative director  
lynandrick@msn.com

### Right of Way Violation Incident Reports

Brian still needs information sent to him on any motorcycle crashes involving another vehicle, where the other vehicle turned left or pulled out in front of a motorcycle causing the crash and the driver was not charged or prosecuted for killing or hurting the rider. He wants detailed police reports, any witnesses you have, all pertinent information to make some cases for our assault legislation.

### Health Insurance Reviews

Have you checked in detail your health insurance? We need examples of language denying you benefits if you are hurt doing something deemed hazardous like riding a motorcycle. Brian also needs this information if you find it and he needs it now.

### A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC Rapid Response Team

BikePAC also wants to create a Rapid Response Team to respond to a call to come to the capitol on 24 hours notice in support of our legislation. We need committed communicators in all chapters to be responsible for helping to make this happen on a priority basis.

Have you personally joined BikePAC yet? If not, when are you going to?

Every Oregon A.B.A.T.E. member should at least be an associate member for \$15. You'll get the BikePAC

Bulletin along with feeling good about doing your part to help motorcyclist of Oregon.

So what in the heck are you waiting for? You have a membership form right in your A.B.A.T.E. newsmagazine. All you have to do is fill out the form, send in at least \$15 or better yet become a full member for \$30. And if you really want get wild become M.A.B. (member of the advisory board) then you can really help make things happen. Come join us at a meeting. All the contact information is also in this newsletter.

Key issues that BikePAC will be pursuing this coming session in 2005:

Helmet law modification; motorcyclist's health coverage discrimination; violation of right of way; and support of Team Oregon against the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. (M.S.F.)

### Important Dates to Remember for the start of 2005:

January 10th Is the opening of the Oregon legislative session.

February 5th is the next BikePAC board meeting. But keep an ear open for an earlier special meeting, if needed. The meeting will be held at the Salem public library at 12:00 pm, noon.

February 14th Is our first Capitol Bike Day. Yeah, that's Valentines Day (Monday) at the Oregon state capitol and we plan on celebrating it with our legislators. That will also be Oregon's 146th birthday. It should make for an

interesting day at the capital.

February 19th will be S.T.E.A.M.

May 7th: Motorcycle Awareness Rally at the capital

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### National I.D.s For Everybody?

Representative David Dreier, a California republican and chairman of the house rules committee, wants to force all Americans to carry a national I.D. card around with them. The real problem with Dreier's plan is not that it creates an I.D. card. Driver's licenses do that today. The real problem could be the information collected from the use of it and how it could be used.

The legislation would prohibit employers from hiring people unless the job applicants have a federal I.D. card with their picture on it along with other required information.

Dreier legislation isn't the only such bill on the floor. There's also a senate bill that was introduced just last month in response to the 9/11 commission's report. Both measures say federal agencies will only accept licenses and I.D. cards that comply.

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### 2005 Planning Meeting, Legislative Suggestions

Well, if you all took a read on the 2005 October planning meeting minutes you'll note that there were a large number of items discussed in a number of areas concerning how to improve what we do as A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon. What I want to mention of

course the legislative discussion. First I want to thank my cohorts involved in the legislative discussions, Brian Stoval, Mel Yeager, Doc Squires, Ed Vaughn, and Al Sims.

Over the years we have had plenty of great ideas. Some got accomplished or at least improved on and some of course fell through a crack some where. But we do keep improving in all aspects of *A.B.A.T.E.* business. This coming legislative session we will be breaking some new ground with *BikePAC* and Wayne Schumacher.

With that, we need to have our act together for the upcoming year and be ready to support *BikePAC* in their efforts, after all, we are *A.B.A.T.E.* and *A.B.A.T.E.* is *BikePAC*, there is no difference. If we don't support them, then who will? Like someone said awhile back, "If we as bikers don't support our legislation, then why should any of our legislators support it?"

I would like to see all of what we have discussed the last few years be accomplished, but let's at least work on accomplishing this years planning suggestions with the approval of the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* board of directors. Some of it is *very important*. It aids us in what we need or want to accomplish this coming year in the Oregon legislature. What I'm asking for at this time is your review and approval of the following suggestions in all or part. Please review at your chapter meetings. I will be presenting motions for discussion and approval at the next board meeting. Thank you.

I can accomplish some of it and others have already committed to do certain parts, while some of the updated written material is already

completed. It will serve no purpose if we don't have committed people to help us follow through with what needs to be done next year to support the legislative process with *BikePAC*.

I'd like to accomplish much of this by the end of January. But first we need to get the state board's approval to change certain items that could affect our *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* bylaws.

Remember, the legislative session kicks off January 10th, 2005 and our first *Capitol Bike Day* is February 14th, Yeah, that's Valentines Day at the capitol.

1. All chapters need to have a legislative coordinator dedicated to the chapter to maintain critical communications and legislative activities. It was suggested at the planning meeting that we should make the chapter legislative director one of the required positions for all chapters. (Again, this needs board approval.) If that's not possible as a separate office, it was suggested that we combine the position with one of the regular officers committed to being that chapter contact person.

a. To assist this position we need to develop a chapter legislative person's job description/ responsibilities such as:

1) They will be the chapter's main contact person and be the chapter's information dissemination person. Be part of a *Rapid Response Team* to support *BikePAC* at the capital as needed.  
2) Attend a number of *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.* board meetings to become familiar with officers, lobbyists, get first hand information, etc.

3) Work with their chapter secretary

to track and maintain legislative information for the chapter.

4) Be responsible for chapter legislative communications from *BikePAC* and *A.B.A.T.E.*, etc.

5) Help the chapter's road captain and/or run coordinator plan the chapter's capital rides.

2. With the *A.B.A.T.E.* board of directors approval, build a new section in our chapter *A.B.A.T.E.* bylaws/guideline book that covers all legislative activities, guidelines, etc. It could include the following information:

a. P.C.P. information, like how to become a P.C.P., why to become one, what to do once you're a P.C.P., meeting places/times/ contacts, etc.

b. All legislative action materials for the particular year.

1) Develop legislative talking points for all speaking on legislative matters so everyone is talking the same talk when speaking to legislators, etc.

c. How to contact legislators, get information, etc.

d. A write-up on the differences, relationship, history, etc. of *A.B.A.T.E.*, *BikePAC*, *M.R.F.*, *A.M.A.*, etc.

e. Information dissemination how to and why. The chain of communications from our lobbyists, *BikePAC*, *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter's and membership, etc.

f. Voter information, the how to register, *BikePAC*'s guidelines on candidates, etc.

g. Maintain within each chapter's book a district map of their area, list of legislators for the area and

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who each chapter member's particular legislators are.

With your help, the approval of the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state board of directors, and a commitment, we as A.B.A.T.E./BikePAC of Oregon can accomplish our goals next year, protect and expand our freedoms.

Thanks for your commitments,

Rick Maish  
your A.B.A.T.E. legislative director  
LynandRick@msn.com  
(541)-746-7837

### Education Report

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The hour long presentations are actually rather lively and often quite fun for both the students as well as our instructors. The feedback from the students really does point out that they do take our messages seriously and that watching out for motorcycles will be a part of their safe driving practices.

We are always looking for more instructors, so here is your opportunity to become a valuable contributor towards the safety of motorcyclists throughout the northwest. With more instructors we will have the ability to reach out to more classes and more new drivers. Our safety and many years of happy riding relies on the efforts of our instructors. Thank you to all the

individuals that have stepped in to provide this service

Be sure to take extra care this fall and winter when you ride. The conditions here do not prevent our activity, but they are always something that we must respect. Cold temperatures, rain, wet roads, leaves, ice, darkness, and many of our winter conditions can be handled with some common sense and simple patience.

We want to see everyone riding for a long time out there. Have a very enjoyable, warm holiday season. Celebrate your passion for riding and your enjoyment of each others company. Spread the cheer and spread the awareness, y'all.

Take care,

Nora Rohde, Geoff White  
education directors



## BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

### Membership Application

PO Box 5612  
Salem, OR 97304  
www.bikepac.com

(please circle desired type of membership below)

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>Group or Club</b>
Associate \$15	Sponsor \$150	General \$75
Full \$30+	Supporting \$300	Supporting \$150
Family \$40+	Platinum \$750	MAB* \$300
MAB* \$60+	MAB* \$1000	

\*Member of the Advisory Board

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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state senate district \_\_\_\_\_

I am in state representative district \_\_\_\_\_

**BikePAC of Oregon** – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

**Political Action Committee (PAC)** n. A committee formed by a special interest group to raise money and make contributions to the campaigns of political candidates whom they support and to create or directly influence legislation on behalf of that group.

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



## Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen  
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Ten years ago, I was on fire with biker politics. It was the 1995 legislative session and almost every single elected official knew who I was and what I wanted. I had been an *A.B.A.T.E.* member for over thirteen years and could fondly remember riding on motorcycles without a helmet.

It's as if I woke up in 1995. I started attending *BikePAC* meetings and the most amazing people were gathered there. Bikers who had been fighting the good fight for years: citizens passionate about defending their liberties. I was inspired into activism.

Then one day, I was making calls for my chapter's phone tree and the *A.B.A.T.E.* member I got a hold of told me that he was too busy mowing his yard to write a letter to his legislator. This conversation blew a hole in my optimistic way of thinking forever. I was stunned, shocked. I was naive.

It was at that very moment, I realized that if change in the world was going to happen, it would happen because of the work that I was willing to do, and nobody else. Nobody on the phone tree, nobody at work, nobody, but me. So, I jumped in with both feet and became state public relations director.

Don't be mistaken, I am just as passionate about freedom of choice politics today! It is just time for someone new to step into the state public relations director position that I've had for all these years because I'm moving on into politics full time.

Over the years, I have listened to plenty of members with good ideas

drift in and out of meetings and planning sessions. The bottom line is that most people don't understand what the job is all about. As glamorous as the job title sounds, it is mostly a clerical position. Here's what I did on a regular basis:

1) Work with the run coordinator to organize and type up the next year's run calendars. There are two. One is all motorcycle events in the state and the other calendar is just our events. *A.B.A.T.E.* calendar is submitted to web page editor and newsmagazine editor.

2) Fax and e-mail the *A.B.A.T.E.* calendar to biker media and bike shops throughout the west coast and western states. Individually submit all five state events to *Thunder Press*.

3) Work with the education director to help set up classes for S.T.E.A.M. and prepare the brochure and flyer for publication.

4) Prepare flyers for both spring swap meets. Send to sanctioning director, web page editor and newsmagazine editor. Send to other *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletters for flyer exchange.

5) Assist the run coordinator in mailing out the *Fossil* and swap meet flyers to motorcycle shops throughout the west coast.

6) Co-prepare and co-present two to three workshops at S.T.E.A.M..

7) Set up and confirm *Nickel Ads* for swap meets.

8) Write and distribute press release to Oregon media about both swap meets.

9) Work one swap meet.

10) Write and distribute press release to Oregon media about *Fossil*.

11) Work at *Fossil*.

12) Prepare flyers for both fall swap meets. Send to sanctioning coordinator, web page editor and newsmagazine editor.

13) Assist the run coordinator in mailing out the swap meet flyers to motorcycle shops throughout the west coast.

14) Set up and confirm *Nickel Ads* for swap meets.

15) Create flyer for planning session and send to sanctioning director, web page editor and newsmagazine editor. Send to other *A.B.A.T.E.* newsletters for flyer exchange.

16) Write and distribute press release to Oregon media about both swap meets.

17) Attend the planning session. Actively chair sessions and help facilitate.

18) Work one swap meet.

19) Create flyer for annual meeting and send to sanctioning coordinator, web page editor and newsmagazine editor.

20) Help to facilitate and participate in the Annual Meeting.

I have helped out other chapter public relations directors and I've connected with people all over the state (and United States). I have attended at least half of all the state board meetings and I am quite active in my local *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter. I also used to be good about writing a monthly officer's report.

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Then there's all other duties as unassigned, such as when I was asked to create the wording for the sign on the *Team Oregon* container on Swan Island. I've made door prize tickets, vendor forms and letters, and swap meet postcards. I found our C.P.A. and got our audit going. However, my personal favorite remains the annual report, even though the officers hated writing their part. I still think it is a necessary corporate tool.

In reflection, I'm most proud of facilitating a year-long committee which produced the media guidelines. They are thoughtful and well crafted guidelines in place to protect *A.B.A.T.E.*'s media officers.

The revised bylaws, financial policies and procedures, the trifold, and *Southeast Portland Chapter's* grievance procedure were all projects I spent hundred of hours working on with the likes of Rotten Roger, Clark Brooker, Geoff White, and Jim Niece. I am very proud of these working documents.

Then sometime around 1997, I decided to produce a half-hour television program. There were three programs in all. It was a great project, but a lot of extra work. Hundreds of hours of extra work.

I have been criticized over the years for not being proactive enough in producing mass media messages, even though I have provided an advertising cost analysis to the board of directors on a number of occasions. I know production costs intimately and it's outrageously expensive both in terms of time and money. If someone wants this job because media production is their top priority, then I can assure

you, they are in it to make some money.

I could go on and on, as you know, but my last point, I'll now make. I did all this work while being a single mom, head of household (no child support), and home owner. I finally finished college and went through graduate school while working at the same time. I did it all myself. *A.B.A.T.E.* got me involved as a precinct committee person, and that takes up more of my time, even though it is time well spent and the direction I'm heading.

What's different about me today is that when I talk to people, like the guy on the phone, I can look them in the eye and tell them that I am able to find the time to mow the yard and write a letter, all in the same day! Yet I remain convinced that it is still up to me to change the world and I don't expect the same of anyone else.

Overall, the best part of my job is the people I have had the pleasure to work with in years past (and the hugs). Many of you are family now, and as the t-shirt says, "The only place we're not going, is away."

Thanks for the memories and I wish you well.

It's been a blast and I'll see you around.

## What Is A Precinct Committee Person?

by Mel Yeager

secretary, Linn county democratic central committee

This is the first of a series of articles that explains in simple terms the makeup of a precinct committee person. Some of the information is taken directly from the democratic party of Oregon's handbook. This information applies directly to both major parties in Oregon. There is no conflict as to the makeup or duties of a precinct committee person. (P.C.P.)

The state of Oregon is re-divided into several congressional voting districts every ten years to keep up with the changing demographics of a moving and growing population.

The congressional district is further divided into *precincts*. The numbers of people who live in a particular area determine how many representatives are needed. The effort is to keep the number of people in each precinct approximately even without regard to political affiliation of the inhabitants. The area of a precinct may be very small, as in a big city, or very large, as in rural parts of Oregon.

Each precinct is then allotted a certain number of positions that can be filled with representatives living in the precinct. The positions are equally divided between men and women. In the event all positions are filled, a P.C.P. can represent an adjacent precinct if there are slots available. A P.C.P. is an unpaid, volunteer position.

The next installment will tell what a P.C.P. does.

Stay tuned to this space.

## State Run Coordinator Report

by Duane "Big Daddy" Calkins

Even with as hard as we work, sometimes things still get lost in the shuffle. Last month's newsmagazine report was not complete. So it is being resubmitted this month.

The new updates being the *Fossil* run committee meeting will be held at my house at 6238 NE 17th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97211, starting at 7 pm promptly on Wednesday, December 29, 2004.

And don't forget to attend one of the upcoming toy runs in your area. Portland chapters' *Shriner's Toy Run* is Saturday, December 4th, and the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* annual meeting held in Junction City on Saturday, December 11th.

Okay, on to other things. All chapters need to submit their run dates for sanctioning in 2005. The dates are based upon first-come, first-served. So get them in absolutely no later than the next state board meeting in Junction City, November 13, 2004.



Its been said "That the people that run the world, are the people who bother to show up." As I write this, I am planning this weekend to attend the *A.B.A.T.E.* planning session. I hope that many of you wanted to

see the direction that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* is heading by having attended the *A.B.A.T.E.* planning session that was held in Cottage Grove October 15th and 16th. And thanks to all those that attended.

Yes, we are planning for the future right now which brings me to the subject of "The Largest Motorcycle Run in Oregon", the "granddaddy" of all motorcycle runs in Oregon, *Fossil Campout 2005*. We have already had two run committee meetings and your next year's state run is shaping up and taking form. If you would like to have input and contribute to the committee, then you are invited. The next run committee meeting will be held at my home November 24th 2004 at 5:30 pm. Yes that's the day before Thanksgiving, so bring a pie or something. You may phone me at (503)-282-6488 for my address and directions to the meeting.

Nominations for state officers, as well as many chapter officer positions are being recruited at this time. If you know of someone that wants to step up to the plate, and to give back to their organization, (maybe yourself?)



then submit their name(s) to the state board for nomination.

Well that brings me right up to my last entry for this article. If you have ever liked the smell of seafood on the grill or better yet eating seafood right off the grill, then maybe you have been to one of *Brother Speed's Oyster Feeds*. I got there early on October 2, 2004 and polished off my "mandatory dozen oysters" right off the bat. It was a good time and well attended. And I'm proud to say that *Big Daddy Productions* was asked to schedule the entertainment for their event. *Black and Gold of Portland* and *Big Daddy Productions* brought in two bands for the party. *The Yanks* again headlined the afternoon with the band *Saving Mary* playing music until the wee hours of the morning.

I would like to thank *Brother Speed of Portland*, Wookie, and Turtle for their generous hospitality and another great oyster feed. I can't wait until spring.

Well not bad for just a few lines, even if you are one of those people that are reading between them right now and you know who you are.

(;-)

With much love, respect, and peace with understanding to you, this is Big Daddy "Load in His Pants" Duane wishing to all of you and yours, a very happy Thanksgiving and cheerful holiday season.

Duane





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American Motorcyclist Association

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

The seminar is March 6-9, 2005 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, DC. Participants will 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 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 seminar.

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 final government figures are in on motorcyclist fatalities for 2003, and the numbers aren't good.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* reports that 3,661 motorcyclists were killed in 2003, compared to 3,270 in 2002, for a 12 percent increase.

Sales of new motorcycles were also up sharply in that time period, but the underlying causes for the increase

remain unclear.

These figures underscore the need for a comprehensive study into the causes of motorcycle crashes so that effective countermeasures can be developed to improve motorcycle safety. The *A.M.A.* is pushing for such a study in congress. To see how you can help, go to the *A.M.A.* web site at: [www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com) and click on the "Rights" link on the left.

The *A.M.A.* set up an information booth at the annual meeting of the *National Conference of State Legislatures* to talk about the association's *Justice for All* campaign. <http://www.amadirectlink.com/justice/index.asp>

*Justice for All* advocates legislation establishing tougher penalties when traffic offenses or criminal actions by motorists result in death or serious injury. The campaign was launched in response to motorcyclists' reaction to a case in South Dakota, but inadequate sentencing is an issue nationwide.

*A.M.A.* state affairs director Sean Maher and western states representative Nick Haris staffed the booth at the annual meeting in Salt Lake City. They answered questions not only about the *Justice for All* program, but also about other motorcycle-related issues.

The *National Conference of State Legislatures* is a bipartisan organization that serves legislators and staffs of the states, commonwealths and territories. It provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policy

makers to exchange ideas on state issues, and is an advocate for the interests of the states at the federal level.

A British campaign for the introduction of a minimum age limit of 16 years for motorcycle passengers, which would essentially ban children from riding pillion on motorcycles, has been initiated after the recent death of an eight year old in East Sussex.

The child's mother and campaign organizers have visited the *Department for Transport* to hand in a 3,000 signature petition which has the initial support of their local representatives.

The *Motorcycle Action Group (M.A.G.-U.K.)* has looked closely at this sensitive issue as well as conducting a members' survey in order to understand views on young passengers. The result has been the publication of *M.A.G.*'s document *Young Pillion Riders: Should they be banned?* which is available at <http://www.mag-uk.org>.

New Jersey assemblymen Michael Panter (D-Red Bank) and Robert Morgan (D-Red Bank) have introduced A3425 which prohibits operation of motor vehicles on race tracks in the state located within a one-mile radius of residential housing. In addition, the bill prohibits the use of public address systems at race tracks on any day before 11 am or after 10 pm, except for Sundays, during which the



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prohibition is before 11 am or after 7 pm.

Garden State motorcyclists are encouraged to contact their respective representatives and urge them to oppose A3425. You can find your elected representatives on the *A.M.A. Statewatch* section of <http://www.amadirectlink.com/>

North Carolina highway safety agencies including, the governor's highway safety program, North Carolina *Motorcycle Safety Training Program*, and the North Carolina *Motorcycle Education Fund* are distributing motorcycle awareness post cards at dealerships and agencies. The cards have colorful artwork and the message "Your Friends Ride, Your Neighbors Ride, Share the Road."

The 2004 U.S. congressional election proved to be one that was an important to all Americans, especially motorcycle and A.T.V. riders.

With 435 U.S. house races and 34 U.S. senate races there were some interesting numbers involved. There were 44 open seats (36 house/8 senate), 69 races where the Republican or Democrat has no major party opposition, with just over 1,300 total candidates (900+ Republican and Democrat). Of these 72% have web sites and e-mail, 84% were male, and 16% were female. 19% are attorneys and 25% have served in the military. One surprising figure was that of all the candidates for U.S. congress 49% held no prior elected office and only 33% have state

legislative experience.

The *American Motorcyclist Association's Political Action Committee (A.M.P.A.C.)* donated \$37,250 to 52 Congressional candidates with a success rate of 91% of our recipients being elected into office.

The *A.M.A.* recently represented the *Motorcyclists' International Cooperative*, comprised of the *A.M.A.*, *Federation of European Motorcyclist Associations (F.E.M.A.)*, and *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)*, at a United Nations meeting on worldwide standards for motorcycle braking systems.

*A.M.A.* legislative affairs specialist Imre Szauter attended the U.N. working group meeting in Montreal, Canada, as a non-voting participant, to provide the motorcyclists' perspective regarding the harmonization of motorcycle braking standards and to observe the proceedings.

The *A.M.A.* holds non-governmental-organization (N.G.O.) status with the U.N., which allows the *A.M.A.* to participate in the world forum for the harmonization of vehicle regulations, a U.N. group that is considering international motor-vehicle standards. The forum is charged with setting regulations in areas such as safety, emissions, energy efficiency and theft prevention. The United States is one of the countries that signed the agreement creating the forum, raising the possibility that standards set by the international

agency could become law in America.

Kentucky state representative Fred Nesler (D- Mayfield) has introduced BR216 for the 2005 commonwealth legislative session. This bill permits any local government to erect motorcycle awareness signs to increase the awareness of the traveling public to the possible presence of motorcycles in the right-of-way of any highway in all of the Bluegrass State's 120 counties.

If passed the fluorescent yellow-green signs authorized to be erected consist of two (2) signs. The upper sign will be diamond shaped with a motorcyclist pictured on the sign. A second rectangular sign being placed directly below the diamond shaped sign and contain the words "Share the Road."

The *A.M.A.* encourages all Kentucky motorcyclists to contact their respective representatives and urge them to support BR216. You can find your elected representatives on the *A.M.A. Statewatch* section of <http://www.amadirectlink.com/>

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:

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## Motorcycle Riders Foundation



# 2004 Presidential Election Wrap-up

Jeff Hennie

VP government relations

*Motorcycle Riders Foundation*

Now that the greatest contest the comes around every four years is over we can sit back and take a close look at what happened. Through out this election I have realized two things. First is that we live in the greatest country in the world, hands down. I mean how many so closely divided countries can hold a public election and not have it result in riot? The fact that we are not taking aim at our brothers and sisters because they supported a different view that you or I is a real testament to the strength of the American people. Secondly, America is still a place of dignity and pride. When a ticket comprised of two lawyers would rather admit defeat, in a very close race, than see the election drawn out in court rooms with armies of lawyers to me evidences how much faith we can have in our election system.

### Presidential

While it was obviously a very good night for republicans it wasn't necessarily as bad for democrats as some folks would have you believe. For the Bush-Cheney team to start taking up the rhetoric of mandates as Ronald Reagan did in 1984 is hardly fair, carrying 30 or so states and 51 percent of the popular vote is not exactly the same as Reagan's 49 states and 59 percent of the vote, but I digress. However Bush does have something a Reagan did not, an almost true executive, legislative and judicial majority.

Something of a republican juggler-

naut has been amassing in Washington over the past ten years and now it has realized near total control (contrary to popular belief, 55 votes in the senate is not total control). The question is what will they do with it? Is it time to lay partisan bickering to the side? This motorcyclist hopes so but I think we all know that won't be the case. The democratic party is so stunned that they lost in a big way that they will be looking down every parliamentary avenue to derail any legislation that has large republican support, just as the republicans did during their 40 years in the minority. Do not expect any love to be gained between the parties. Washington is not any kinder or gentler since November third and it won't be this time in four more years either. It's just not possible when you have a such a closely divided country. Especially when both sides have a lot of good people with a lot of good ideas.

### Limits

Bush does have limits to his power and they are:

- 1) Iraq. The war in Iraq will continue to be a main priority for Bush, as he has stated many times. However this deviates time and resources for other, mainly domestic, issues.
- 2) Deficit. The deficit continues to disgruntle the conservative base Bush constantly looks to for support. They want the deficit gone so this too will limit spending, again mainly in domestic arenas. I would like to say that these

problems would have been main issues no matter who won.

### Priorities and Decisions

**Supreme court nominations.** Looks like we may see up to three, maybe four judges look to step down from the high court: chief justice Rhenquist is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer right now. The senate must confirm all supreme court nominations. An easy task to accomplish if you have 60 solid votes. The republicans have 55 and if the democrats stand united as they have in the past it will be very difficult for Bush to appoint any one who is viewed as too conservative.

Bush will have to make some tough decisions on his second-term agenda that he avoided during the campaign. If he is serious about overhauling social security by adding private savings accounts, he will have to endorse a specific plan and figure out how to cover as much as \$3 trillion in transition costs.

The same goes for his proposal to simplify the tax code. Bush has not said whether he favors a flat tax or a consumption or sales tax, either of which would be controversial and alienate a sizable number of republicans.

Several things will have to be accomplished next year regardless of the president's agenda.

Congress will need to send Bush another supplemental spending bill to fund operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The cost will depend on



how many troops will be on the ground and how much equipment will need to be replaced, but congressional aides have indicated that Bush may request as much as \$70 billion.

Lawmakers will also have to reauthorize parts of the anti-terrorism law known as the *U.S.A.P.A.T.-R.I.O.T. Act*. Several of its provisions expire at the end of 2005 and the effort to renew them is sure to provoke much more debate than occurred when the law was

enacted in 2001. Both democrats and republicans have raised concerns about its impact on civil liberties.

Bush has asked congress to reauthorize the law and expand it, calling it a critical tool that has been used to stop terrorist activities in several states. But he could run into problems with some of his republican colleagues, including senator Craig (R-ID), who has introduced a bill to rewrite the law to include greater civil liberties protections.

And there is a strong possibility

that congress will have to make another run at restructuring the intelligence community, given the current stalemate between senate and house republicans over how much authority a new national intelligence director should have.

**Congressional Changes Senate**

The United States senate makeup changed much more drastically than anyone predicted. For starters the republicans increased their majority from 51 seats to 55. The senate is not only more republican but also more conservative than the previous republican majority. The new senators in the 109th congress will include Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, Jim DeMint of South Carolina, and David Vitter of Louisiana, all strong conservatives who will probably resist any efforts to compromise on ideological principles.

One of the closest, most watched races in the country was the contest in South Dakota between former G.O.P. representative John Thune and senate minority leader Tom Daschle.

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**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



# Killers Among Us

New motorcycle registrations have continuously increased since 1990, which means more riders on the road, but at the same time motorcycle crashes are down. This good news is compounded by a 47% drop in injury involvement from 1990 through 1998 when it began to rise, though even in 2001 the rate was still 30% lower than in 1990. However, now for the bad news: motorcycle fatalities are way up and have doubled in the past five years to now equal the 1990 fatality rate.

The reason for this dramatic increase goes far beyond the simple formula: more motorcycles = more fatalities. In a recent special report written by Wendy Moon for *Motorcycle Consumer News*, the author looks deep into the numbers and explains that this epidemic is more than just a function of the numbers. In 1990 there was one fatality in 37 crashes, but now it's one fatality in 22 crashes – a rise in crash-to-fatality rate of 40.5%.

While safetycrats insist that this is a result of more states easing helmet requirements, *N.H.T.S.A.'s Recent Trends in Motorcycle Fatalities* states that helmet use in all motorcycle fatalities has increased from 43% to 53% from 1998-2001, even though more states did not require adult helmet usage.

Speed and engine size are also not to blame for the increased motorcyclist fatality rate. Speed-related motorcycle fatalities have

dropped from 41% in 1998 to 38% in 2002, and states with higher posted limits have the lowest percentage of motorcycle fatalities.

Booze-blaming also doesn't hold water, because alcohol-involved rider fatalities have fallen from 40% in 1990 to 28% in 1999.

All in all, considering the decline in crashes despite the increase in ridership demonstrates that today's motorcyclists are more educated, better trained and safer than ever before!

So, what's the answer? What has changed since 1990 to account for such a dramatic increase in motorcyclist fatalities?

According to *M.C.N.*, the one thing that explains why more die while less are injured is the radical change in the traffic mix. Specifically, since 1990, the light truck vehicle (L.T.V.) market, which includes sport utility vehicles (S.U.V.s), has increased 200 times and now represents approximately 50% of new passenger vehicle sales!

In 2002, car vs. motorcycle crashes claimed the lives of 662 motorcyclists, but that same year L.T.V. vs. motorcycle accidents killed 645 bikers. Now, to put this in perspective, passenger cars outnumber S.U.V.s by a margin of 3-1! Therefore, L.T.V.s are enormously over-represented in fatal motorcycle accidents.

These L.T.V.-related accidents are referred to as "mismatch crashes" and

explains why more of those collisions are fatal. This mismatch has been well documented in terms of the danger to passenger car occupants involved in collisions with L.T.V.s, as size, bumper height, frontal geometry, frame stiffness and mass contribute to a lethal combination. So it's not just that there are more L.T.V.s on the road today, but that it's their design that creates the ultimate mismatch with motorcycles.

So, the next time legislators call for a mandatory helmet law, ask 'em what they drive!

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### Helmet Repeal Passes Michigan House

A bill to amend Michigan's 38-year old mandatory helmet law was passed by the house, but the leader of the senate has stated that the bill will not be taken up before the end of session.

HB-4325, sponsored by representative Leon Drolet, was approved by the Michigan house of representatives by a vote of 69-37 on November 10th, and the bill now goes over to the senate where it has a companion bill, s-321, sponsored by senator Alan Cropsey.

Bikers over 21 who've been licensed to ride a motorcycle for at least two years and finished a safety course wouldn't have to wear a helmet under the bill, which must pass the senate and be signed by the governor before becoming law.

## Chicago Drops Helmet Proposal, But May Confiscate Noisy Bikes

Motorcyclists packed the Chicago city council transportation committee meeting as city officials were preparing to consider alderman Burke's proposal for a city-wide helmet requirement, but were informed that the proposed ordinance had been pulled.

Alderman Allen, chairman of the committee, gave no explanation as to why the ordinance was pulled, but before the committee adjourned, he did commit to informing *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois* in advance should the proposal be placed back on the agenda at a later date.

However, alderman Natarus, who reportedly "will never like *A.B.A.T.E.*", has agreed to consider an equally bad ordinance that would allow the city to confiscate motorcycles for noise violations. *A.B.A.T.E.* is scheduled to meet with alderman Natarus about this ordinance after the veto session.

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## Illinois Bikers Sue Over Discrimination

Two Chicago-area motorcyclists are suing a Cary marina and restaurant, alleging workers there curtailed their free speech rights by denying them service because of their biker attire.

The bikers wore jackets displaying motorcycle club insignia, and workers at the *Broken Oar Marina* in Cary, Illinois and its adjoining restaurant told them they would not serve them unless they removed their colors, co-plaintiff Peter James said.

"What if I found a *Bulls* jacket offensive?" plaintiff James said.

James, of suburban Brookfield, and Scott Patterson, also of suburban Chicago, are seeking \$20,000 in damages from the business for violations of their first amendment rights to free speech and expression.

The complaint, filed in McHenry county court, says James and Patterson went to the *Broken Oar* in September 2002 after a ride. James said other motorcyclists were on the ride, too, and they all stopped at the *Broken Oar*. Employees parked the group's bikes.

"We got inside and they said, 'We can't serve you. If you go back and take your vests off we would consider serving you,'" James said. "It's gotten to the point that we're not going to stand for this anymore."

James wore a jacket with the *Outlaws Motorcycle Club* emblem on it. Patterson belongs to *Brothers Rising*. Other bikers in the group, who are not a party to the lawsuit, wore insignia from their clubs, which include religious and clean and sober clubs.

The groups are members of the *Northern Illinois Confederation of Clubs*, which aims to end discrimination against motorcyclists. James is chairman of the confederation.

James said he believes motorcyclists are discriminated against because most people just don't understand their lifestyle. He said businesses and the general public should overcome stereotypes left over from decades ago about motorcycle clubs.

"We are the last truly free Americans," James said.

## Weird News Leaky Motorcycle Destroys Home

The Pasadena fire marshal's office has determined that a motorcycle with a possible gasoline leak is the cause of a fire which led to the destruction of a home and a garage and damaged a neighboring home.

Arson investigators discovered two motorcycles inside the garage and the homeowner had been working on the carburetor of one of the motorcycles. A possible fuel leak may have caused the gasoline vapors to spread to the water heater that was inside the garage where the fire originated, according to *The Citizen Reporter*, a Texas newspaper.

So if you're working on your bike, do so in a well-ventilated area. If you're storing your bike over the winter, make sure your fuel petcock is turned off.

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## Quotable Quote

"If you expect to be ignorant and free, you expect something that never was, and never will be."

Thomas Jefferson

(1743-1826)

third president of the United States

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From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK



I just returned from the annual west coast regional meeting of the *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)*, this year in Federal Way, Washington. We were guests of the *La Quinta Inn* and I had the nicest room ever for the weekend.

As always, this was an eye-opening experience. *N.C.O.M.* flew in Jim "Putt" Putnam from South Dakota, a biker and state legislator, to talk about how to get our people elected to office. Oregon *A.I.M.* attorney Sam Hochberg talked more about the value of having *high limits* of liability coverage on our bikes, in order to take advantage of what is usually matching under-insured and uninsured coverage. This extra coverage must *be specifically requested, and is fairly inexpensive.*

*N.C.O.M.* also paid to fly in our *A.I.M.* attorney (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) from the great state of Wisconsin, Michael Mandleman, concerning the effects of the *U.S.A.P.A. T.R.I.O.T. Act* on bikers. That's the one that "protects the citizen from himself," the legislation that flew through congress shortly after 9-11.

This is one of the *scariest* pieces of freedom-grabbing legislation I've ever witnessed. Thank God there is a sunset clause that is supposed to let it die a natural death. Make sure your congressman knows how you feel about it, because there *are* some fighting to *extend* that sunset clause!.

There was also a terrific seminar on the current state of the law for bikers here in Oregon and Washington, with *A.I.M.* lawyers Sam Hochberg for Oregon, and Marty Fox for Washington, along with Carla Starr, the *A.I.M.* criminal defense lawyer (*Aid to Incarcerated Motorcyclists*) for Washington.

After the seminars, there was a

*Confederations of Clubs* meeting that brought us up to date on judicial happenings around the region.

The Washington state *Confederation of Clubs* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Washington* then topped it all off with a spaghetti feed and hosted us for drinks and a band after our business day was over.

All in all the whole thing was a great success. Be sure and attend your regional conferences when they come your way. They're a regular feature of *N.C.O.M.* You can contact *N.C.O.M.* for more information at: [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com) or [www.On-A-Bike.com](http://www.On-A-Bike.com). They will light yur fire.

Even more important, at least in my mind, is getting ready to attend the *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists* convention the 5th thru the 7th of May 2005 in Nashville, Tennessee. This's gonna be a *doozie*. Don't miss it. I'll get more info to ya as soon as I get my meat-hooks on it.

### Newsbits-N-Pieces

*London, England*—British singer Marc Almond, who had a worldwide hit in 1981 with *Tainted Love* is recovering in hospital after a motorcycle crash. He was a passenger on the bike. The rider was also in the hospital.

It's amazing to me that famous people get press when they are involved in a crash but the rest of us are ignored unless we're killed. Then they say "Well, it was just a biker and they tempt death every time they get on one of those donor-cycles." It really aggravates me. *All* of us bleed the same. Bottom line is to try to stop the injuries and pain for *all* of us. I hope someday the law will insist on incarceration or something stiffer than mandatory driving school. And for lesser offenses that do require traffic school,

they need to include *motorcycle awareness.*

*Panama City, Florida*—Now this is what *should* happen to drivers who kill people on the roadway, whether it's bikers, bicyclists, or pedestrians. A man who admitted ramming a stolen pickup truck into six *Outlaws Motorcycle Club* members, killing two, was convicted of *premeditated* murder.

Jurors recommended a sentence of life in prison without parole for Timothy Pilgreen, 26, rather than the death penalty. I'll bet this guy will think again before he admits to cops he meant to do the deed. It could have been one of us he hit.

*St. Paul, Minnesota*—This is good news folks. *Honda Motor Corporation* and the retail sales unit of *General Electric* consumer finance have a multi-year agreement that allows folks to finance *Honda* power sports equipment with more attractive interest rates.

It's called the *Honda Card Financing Program*. Look into it, just might save a dime or two. You can buy a new motorcycle even. *Honda* also provides rider safety training in or near their sales facilities.

*Carson City, Nevada*—Two members of a California biker group are challenging Nevada's motorcycle helmet law in federal court. They say the law is unconstitutionally vague and impossible to follow. Boy, have we heard that before. If they are successful the precedent could be used all over the country. Some of you longer-toothed riders might recall our Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer, Sam Hochberg, ran that one up the flagpole back in about '93, with the support of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and *BikePAC of Oregon*. Although the Oregon supreme court said that our

helmet law was not *unconstitutionally* vague, they said our concerns were best addressed by the legislature. It so happened the legislature was in session at the time, and the court's opinion surely helped us get our modified helmet definition passed, to at least try to end the harassment of bikers wearing beanie helmets.

I for one hope this *new* case makes it. Although it's been tried before elsewhere, this time it's in *federal* court. We'll keep an eye on this case for ya, here in the *Sack*.

*Dana Point, California* – As part of a global expansion plan *Patriot Motorcycles* now has the exclusive rights to sell and promote the sales of *Yamoto Motor Corporation* motorcycles and A.T.V. rigs in Mexico. That's a feather in their cap. Gonna make some pesos there.

*Goa* – The *Motorcycle Action Group (M.A.G.)* is mostly a European motorcycle political action group and they have leaped to the defense of riders in Goa, because the riders are being actively harassed by police and *M.A.G.* aims to bring it to a stop. If they succeed, I'd like their formula so we can use it in this country.

*Irvine, California* – *Pagsta International, L.L.C.*, has signed Barrett Corporation to handle all U.S. and Canadian distribution for the *Pagsta* brand of motorcycles.

*Pagsta* specializes in the manufacture of small and mid-size mopeds and motorcycles that are easy to ride. Boy oh boy, there are *so many brands and types of rides* out there now, ya don't know what to ride any more. I guess these small machines are supposed to be competitively priced, though. I'm told they look like small *Harleys* and are very reliable transportation.

*Buenos Aires, Argentina* – You're gonna *love* this one. Remember the good old days when you'd find a dark quiet spot to take yur squeeze for a little slap and tickle?

Well this guy and his sweetie decided to park near a cliff. Everything was

apparently going well until their jumping around in the back seat caused the car to roll over the edge.

They traveled 300 yards into a ravine. Amazingly, the police said the couple had no serious injuries, besides their bruised egos. The man walked away from the car unharmed, but his lady- friend needed to be pried from the wreck. I have to think getting a no-tell-motel might have been a better idea

What's your story? Who else can relate to this scenario?

I know in my younger days I did some pretty stupid stunts too but nothing quite that good. That ride off the cliff must have been a real surprise. I know Sam paved the way when he confessed in these very *Sack* pages to his wreck while popping wheelies in a big garage back in about '72.

Anyone else care to contribute their *own* embarrassing story for publication in the *Sack*?

Just drop an e-mail to Sam at: [SamBikeLaw@aol.com](mailto:SamBikeLaw@aol.com), and he'll get it over to me. We'd love to publish your dumb story!

If you don't have e-mail, FAX it to Sam's office in Portland to:

Gunny, c/o Sam Hochberg at: (503)-224-3869 and we'll get it.

## Gunny Again

As always I remind all my brothers and sisters that the *A.I.M.* attorneys in our organizations work for us and many times it doesn't cost us a dime.

If you find yourself in a pickle grab a phone and call your nearest *A.I.M.* guy. He isn't one of the people that doesn't know a bike from a can of peanuts. *These folks ride with us* and defend us from all manner of grief including those rare occasions when we are wrapped up in something criminal or get wrapped around a car.

At least on the accident claims, they do their work and *then* get paid. I shouldn't say it but I've sometimes seen

*A.I.M.* attorneys cut their fees in a tight spot, just so the biker could at least get something for the pain and suffering. You don't see *that* out of your everyday lawyers.

If you don't know your *A.I.M.* attorney's name and number, call 1-(800)-On-A-Bike or get online and go to: [www.On-A-Bike.com](http://www.On-A-Bike.com), or [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com).

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Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny

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# Salem Chapter Biker Night At The Bottle Factory

It was a very foggy night, but about 30 bikers showed up anyway. Not nearly as many as usual, and only four bikes made it. We sure missed George riding in the front door.

There was a band after all, not the karaoke that was expected, which was real good. Our steak and salad for \$5 was excellent and we had a great time visiting with all of our friends.

There were a lot of really good door prizes. Tacie, Joani, and Louie won the most, I think. A lot of trading of door prizes went on, which was so funny.

The cook won the 50/50 which was \$77 and he was thrilled, especially as he was complaining about not winning any of the door prizes.

It was a smaller crowd, but it was also a lot of fun. George looked so cute with his curly black long hair. (Well sort of!)

Mona and Michelle did a great job with the door prizes and they even got to use the band's mic, so they didn't have to yell out the numbers.

Thanks to all who showed up: *Salem A.B.A.T.E.*, *Salem H.O.G.*, and *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*

We hope to see more of you at the toy run on December 12th. It starts at *K-Mart* on 25th. and *Mission* in Salem at 10:00-11:00 am. We will be riding to Stayton and Jefferson to deliver the toys.

Marlene Schroeder



Bill (*Salem H.O.G.* and *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*), Judy (*Salem H.O.G.*)



Tacie Little (*H.O.G.* and *Hub City*) with all the door prizes she won.



Big Tim





Big Tim (*Hub City* and *H.O.G.*) on left. Don't know who the guy in the back is. George Hann on right. (*Salem H.O.G.*)



Joani sitting by herself.



Bill in back, Dave Elam in front, Kathy in back, and Tacie. (All *Salem H.O.G.* Tacie is also with *Hub City.*)



Bill and Peggy  
(*H.O.G.* and *Hub City.*)



George and Bill goofing off. George has long curly black wig. (c.o.e.'s note: And Marlene claims she doesn't know who Billy Lane is.)



George with a door prize he just won.

# Albany Veteran's Day Parade

(photos by Mel Yeager and Rot Path)



*(The source of all those road apples we kept dodging.)*



# Josephine County Chapter Has Its First Toy Run



*If Walt is smiling, should we be nervous?*



## December Cryptogram

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ZXTTI EZ UQT UM COT

RUZC ERIUJCHQC HACEWECETZ

UM COT PHK.

— YQAXT REST GYJVTZZ

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

HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)

Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldruggery.

Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.





## M.R.F.

( continued from page 29 )

John Thune and the republican party were able to unseat the once mighty Daschle. Republicans are finding almost more joy in winning this race as the presidency itself. Some insiders say republicans will have an easier time with the new leader, probably Harry Reid (D-NV), than they ever had with Daschle and his seemingly obstructionist tactics.

Senate outlook for next congress pertaining to motorcycle rights looks down right great. We may have lost the "motorcycling senator Campbell" but we gained or retained just about all of the motorcycling supporters we have.

Senator Lisa Murkowski who had a very close race was able to pull it out and win. With everything she has done for motorcycle safety in her brief first years in the senate, her return to Washington will be welcomed with open arms by the M.R.F.

Tom Coburn(R-OK) who bested Brad Carson has been a long time supporter since his days in the U.S. house and has the full support of *A.B.A.T.E. Oklahoma*. Richard Burr(R-NC) defeated former Clinton white house aide Erskine Bowles in the open seat race to replace former presidential nominee John Edwards. Mr. Burr has been friendly to motorcyclists since his days in the U.S. house. Russ Feingold (D-WI) easily coasted to reelection, Mr. Feingold is the lead democratic sponsor for the *H.I.P.A.A.* legislation.

### House

The republican increased their majority in the house, just as in the senate.

There were very few surprises when

it came to the motorcycle supporters with the exception being the loss of Phil Crane(R-IL). Mr. Crane, a 17-term incumbent and long time supporter of *A.B.A.T.E. Illinois* was defeated by new comer Melissa Bean (D-IL).

In the race to succeed Scott McCinnis (R-CO), democrat John Salazar was chosen to represent the southern Colorado district. Mr. Salazar never returned our questionnaire but on his campaign website he pledges to "keep government out of our lives", I like the sound of that.

In upstate New York, John "Randy" Kuhl defeated Samara Barend (D) to succeed the retiring Amo Houghton (R). Mr. Kuhl was a speaker at *B.E.A.S.T.* this year and has been honored by *A.B.A.T.E. New York* for being a motorcycle friendly legislator, now he is in congress. Enough said.

As for all of our other supporters, we can rest easy. For starters every single member of congress that has signed onto the *M.R.F.* motorcycle letter to the conferees was re-elected to another term, every one. Not only that but all of biggest supporters all won an invitation back to Washington for two more years, some that come to mind are Steve LaTourette who beat relative newcomer Capri Cafaro by a solid margin. Peter Defazio (D-OR) trounced his opponent; Mr. DeFazio originated a letter along with Mr. LaTourette asking for support of the language in the highway bill. Don Young (R-AK) ran unopposed; he is our main supporter of the *M.R.F.* language in the highway bill.

I would like to think that presence of bikers on these campaigns helped

all of these outstanding people get back in congress.

### Governors

Perhaps the one arena that is not a republican victory could be the governors races. Out of eleven races each party has won five and one race(washington state) still has yet to declare a winner. The Washington race is of great interest to the *M.R.F.* and motorcyclists in Washington including our own *M.R.F.* president, Karen Bolin. Dino Rossi was up 861 votes at press time. A motorcyclist from the state of Indiana was elected governor, Mitch Daniels(R-IN) a long time *A.B.A.T.E. Indiana* supporter ousted the incumbent 53 to 46 percent.

### Breakdown

Will we see democrats and republicans join together as never before? Will the country fill the partisan rift that is deepening daily here in Washington? Will Bush reach out and embrace democrats and their ideas? The answer to all of theses questions is no. We will not see R's and D's walking hand in hand from the capitol. Nor we will not see this president welcoming democrat ideas. What we will see is a continued effort on behalf of motorcyclists across the country by the *M.R.F.* to keep our liberties to ourselves and our roads as safe as they can be at the same time. That much I can assure you.

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From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

# Conned Out

*Now to enjoy the holidays*

c.o.e. -- 35



by  
Rot Path  
(c.o.e.)

Man, am I conned out.

I've been to more motorcycle runs (two), renaissance faires (two), writer's conferences (one), and science fiction conventions (six) in 2004 than I have since the turn of the century. (The twenty-first.) I used to worry about loosing excessive vacation time – now I'm scraping by with just enough to attend all the interesting activities happening throughout the year.

It's too easy to get into a rut just going to work, then coming home to veg out in front of the telly until going to bed. (A rut is a groove with smooth vertical sides . . . which reminds me, my winter project is to convert my vinyl collection to digital.)

On a happy note, it looks like my co-worker, John Strauch, who was severely injured in a motorcycle crash with a borrowed bike on 01 October is making speedy progress towards recovery and may be home in time for the holidays. It's going to be awhile before he flies his hack again, but at least he's going to be around to try. (The main thing is to heal properly.) His survival is one more thing to be thankful for this year. I haven't minded the extra effort at work to cover for him (it took three of us to do his job initially – we have a small staff), but I have been sorely tried attempting to maintain his sense of humor and jokes for him while he's been out. I can only harass people so long before my wit goes dry.

Where were you on veteran's day last month? If you weren't in Albany, Oregon then you missed a wonderful experience, especially if you're a veteran or have family members who are on active duty. Albany holds the biggest veteran's day parade this side of the "M'sippi." We had a

contingent of 180 bikes, trikes, hacks, and scooters there and the folks who came to show their thanks and support *loved* us bikers. For watchers, the parade was over two hours long, yet they never lost their enthusiasm. For participants, the actual parade is less than an hour. But it seems both longer and shorter than that.

What we need now is to get all those bikes plus three to fours times as many to come to the state capitol on 14 February for our first biker day. We should also get a parade permit and ride through the streets of Salem afterward to show residents and legislators that "We're here, we steer, no fear."

*With the winter equinox, we turn  
once more toward light.*

Less politically, keep in mind that it is our humanity that draws us closer to each other while institutions tend to isolate us into individuals. There can be a closeness of spirit when we come together as bikers, a camaraderie as strong as our commitment to each other. You can feel it when sharing experiences with others. It is this unity of experience that serves as the basis for our self vision – who we are and where we want to be. Let go of "me" and think of "we". Biking is our tribe.

Let the spirit of the holidays infuse your being.

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This is the month of the longest nights. They'll be considerably lengthier and darker if the power goes out. (All it takes is a bird in a transformer – ask downtown Salem.) With that possibility in mind, here's some lighthearted reading material to wile away the time until the electrons begin to flow again. So swing by the hardware store for a couple of oil lamps and the library or a used

book store for the papery things with ink on them. (Don't forget matches.)

*The Mouse That Roared* series by Leonard Wibberley (including ...*On The Moon*, ...*On Wall Street*, and *Beware Of...*)

Richard Armor's series, *It All Started With ...* (*Eve*, *Columbus*, etc.)

The *Callahan's Crosstime Saloon* series by Spider Robinson.

P.S. If anyone ever finds a copy of *Arsenic And Red Tape* by Edmond G. Love, please let yer crusty ol' editor know so he can buy it. (Maybe Multnomah library will sell their copy some day.) Same goes for *Wake Of The Wahoo* by Forest Sterling. (The book yer c.o.e was reading in engineering calculus class at O.S.U. when he got too far behind to understand what was going on. Can you say "draft notice"?)

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12 December	Toy Run--Salem	Salem	(503)-371-7550
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# December 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>2</b> Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> fourth quarter moon  <i>Portland chapters</i> <b>Shriner's Toy Run</b> » new start location << K-Mart NE 122 & Sandy Portland leaves - 1230 www.toyrun2004.com
<b>5</b> <i>Willamette Valley</i> <b>Mission Benefit</b> <i>Eugene</i>  Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>8</b>  <b>Hanukka begins</b>	<b>9</b> Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> new moon  <i>North Coast</i> <b>Toy Run</b> <i>Astoria</i>  <b>STATE BOARD MEETING</b> Junction City (maybe) 1200 (12:00 pm)
<b>12</b> <i>Salem</i> <b>Toy Run</b>  Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>15</b> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)  <b>Hanukka ends</b>	<b>16</b> Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> first quarter moon
<b>19</b> South Coast 1900 (7 pm) ----- Southeast Portland noon	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>22</b>  yule/winter solstice	<b>23</b> North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Christmas</b>
<b>26</b> full moon (long nights moon)  <b>Kwanzaa begins</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>new year's eve</b> (And Rot Path's midnight nude ride. Want to ride along?)	



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# Oregon's Election Results Reflect an Electorate Deeply Divided

by Wayne Schumacher  
lobbyist for *BikePAC of Oregon*

While the nation seemed to vote in republicans including the reelection of president George W. Bush and larger republican majorities in both the senate and congress, Oregonians bucked that trend. Kerry won in Oregon by 51% of the vote and Oregonians reelected democrats to all of the statewide political offices, as well as giving them control of the senate for the first time in a decade, by winning an 18-12 majority. Democrats Al Bates (Ashland), Joanne Verger (Coos Bay) and Laurie Monnes-Anderson (Gresham) all prevailed in open state senate seats previously held by republicans.

With the democrats now in the majority, they quickly elected senator Peter Courtney as president of the senate. This does not bode well for the *BikePAC* legislative agenda, as senator Courtney has consistently opposed the voluntary use of helmets and has not been particularly responsive to other legislation recently put forth by *BikePAC*.

In the house of representatives, democrats were also able to make gains, where republicans controlled 35 to 25. Now the margin of control for the republicans has been reduced to 33 to 27. Democrats won two open seats being vacated by republicans: Betty Komp of Woodburn and Larry Galizio of Tigard, and in District 29, democrat Chuck Riley won in his race and was likely aided by the 1,700 votes that

libertarian Tom Cox drew. However, *BikePAC* has a strong relationship with the house republican leadership, a fact that will hopefully aid in moving motorcycle related bills.

With a democrat governor, the senate controlled by the democrats and the house led by republicans, the 2005 session is ripe for gridlock with neither party likely to be able to get its pet issues addressed satisfactorily. As it is, the legislature will have its hands full trying to balance the budget. Analysts have estimated that the state will be more than \$600 million short of maintaining programs at current levels when accounting for inflation.

During the 2003 even with a republican majority many bills including those entered by *BikePAC* did not make it out of the house. The reason primarily was that most of the attention was on the state's growing budget deficit and a short fall of funding that was crushing the Oregon health plan leaving many without coverage.

The legislative session convenes January 10, 2005. *BikePAC* has a very aggressive agenda this session with three bill proposals on the table. Representatives of *BikePAC* have been talking with legislators and preparing bills that will: 1. Increase the penalties for violators of "right of way" that result in an injury or death; 2. Eliminate the ability of health insurance companies to reduce or

eliminate benefits for a claim that is a result of legal activity; and 3. Allow for voluntary use of helmets by an adult 21 years of age or older.

*BikePAC's* bills, which traditionally find introduction in the house transportation committee, will this session, likely be spread among three committees, the house judiciary committee (1), the house health & human resource committee (2), and the house transportation committee.

*BikePAC* and its supporters have always been noted for strong grassroots effort. This session it is paramount that this effort be even more intense and better organized. When asked to talk to your legislator, and you will be, it will be necessary that you are familiar with the issue you are asked to discuss and to ask for their support when it comes time to vote. Around the first of the year *BikePAC* will develop fact sheets for each bill. So to be well informed on the topics, log on to [www.bikepac.com](http://www.bikepac.com) and click on "fact sheet." Use these fact sheets to deliver consistent and factual information that your legislators will need to properly cast their votes.

## Attention!!

The toy run for the *Shriner's Children's Hospital* is starting at new location this year:

Saturday, December 4th

*K Mart* parking lot

NE 122nd & Sandy Blvd.

Portland, Oregon

Parade leaves the parking lot at 12:30PM

Check out the Toy Run Website for more details!!!

<http://www.toyrun2004.com/>

# A.C.T.S. Conference Report

by Randy Phipps

November 12, 2004

What a good time to be safety folks. Right off the top let me thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for sending me to this conference, again. A.C.T.S./O.D.O.T. enjoys our presence and I enjoy meeting and learning about future developments in the state of Oregon, transportation-wise as well as renewing old acquaintances.

Let me start by saying that due to the unfortunate illness of Michelle, we were saved the cost of a room which lowered the over-all cost of the conference. I'm sorry she was unable to attend as I know she was looking forward to it, however, there is always next year. Since Michelle had called me the night before and Ted had already given me the check for lodging, the hotel stated that they would refund the extra moneys to the post office box. I assume that Ted got the refund since he hasn't called me about it.

Nora Rhode, Mel and Iris Yeager and I were the ones who attended. You've probably seen or heard the reports for these folks already.

On to the conference. As I was there way too early I helped a little bit with setting up some of the displays for the some of the vendors. Basically lifting and toting. I did not put out the *A.B.A.T.E.* education display this year due to not wanting to get *A.B.A.T.E.* in a go-round with *M.S.F.* over their film. (They were at that time attacking Arizona over their use of the film in the education classes they teach.) When the dust dies down, we'll see about next year

putting out our display.

The first day (Wednesday) we heard a fairly nice opening speech and welcome to the conference while having lunch and then went on to class. Although there was some overlapping of us attending different classes since we were mainly looking at issues that would affect motorcycles. Child safety seats may affect some of our members, but not the majority. This accounts for the overlap on occasion. Sat in on the legislative review and we discussed legislature that was passed in the last session, and things to come in this session.

First session:

1. *Planning Tools For Better Streets*
2. *Vetronics Crash Data Retrieval System*
3. *Speed Management Round Table*

*Vetronics* crash data retrieval system or the little "black box" (which turns out to be actually orange or yellow) is found in the more modern models of vehicle and can record the last 5-10 seconds of what the vehicle was undergoing at the time [before a crash]: speed (65/10 mph), brakes applied and how hard, gear the tranny was in at the moment of impact and other info which is used in crash reconstruction. Also several gruesome photos of crashes and their victims, including the firefighters who were killed returning from Idaho awhile back. That still showed burn victims still in the carcass of the van. Remember, most people who attend these things are law enforcement, etc. so they're used to gory pictures, whereas the public is not. However,

prior to showing these shots, the instructor did allow those who were squeamish to vacate as necessary. [The room, not their bowels.]

That was the only class that afternoon. We then turned to the social hour and eventually bedtime.

**Thursday**

A.C.T.S. had their annual meeting and breakfast where the board of A.C.T.S. was introduced and the main speakers as well. On to class.

The first session classes were:

1. *Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program*
2. *Following To Closely Technology*
3. *Protecting Yourself And Your Organization From Liability*
4. *Bike Tour- Ride yourself around Willsonville and see engineering remodeling of their city streets.*

I opted for the technology class and we learned that the normal issue R.A.D.A.R. gun has been improved by the original manufacturer. It is now capable of not only how fast are you going, but how close are you tailgating the vehicle in front of you. It now registers not only speed but can calculate distance between vehicles. In order to do that, the law first shoots the back (or front, if you're headed towards the cops) of the guy in front of you and then shoots your back/front and gets a readout which can be downloaded into the computer in the car for evidence. This is coming soon to a cop car near you. It may take a couple of years, but there is a portion of the law which states you can be cited for following too close. Now the cop can prove it. It won't be just a "No, I didn't / Yes, you did"

thing in court. More green stamps for the government.

#### *Get Your Message Out*

How to go about identifying your audience, message, and communication methods. They also talked of how to utilize community resources to maximize your education efforts.

#### *Awards Lunch*

With Brian M. McLaughlin, N.H.T.S.A. senior associate administrator for traffic injury control. Also the "beyond the ticket" awards to cops which is an annual item. Patting themselves on the back type of deal.

1. *Public Safety Grant Seeking*
2. *Oregon Crash Data User's Forum*
3. *Partners For Rural Traffic Safety*
4. *A Conversation About Congress*

This time being the political dog that I am, I started in the last category, but they had about 30 people in a 15 x 30 room with the heater running and the doors closed. The temperature got too damn hot for me and I bailed after about 30 minutes. The panel was one from each of the following offices:

- Government relations, O.D.O.T.
- Office of senator Gordon Smith
- Office of senator Ron Wyden

Troy Costales, administrator of O.D.O.T. transportation safety division. (And a friend of ours who has helped us indirectly with some traffic issues with the Legislature.

The last class of the day :

1. *Public Grant Seeking* (continued)
2. *School Zones: The Morning After Senate Bill 179*
3. *Open Forum For Child Passenger Safety Technicians*
4. *Clackamas County Trolley Trail: Citizens Making A Difference*

I hit the *Morning After* concept and we were updated on how the law will affect most of the school zones that are not already updated. Until signage is posted telling you of the change be it a 24/7, certain hours, when kids are present, etc. there won't be too much push to enforce this change. **But**, once the signs are up, wait for the money making machine to kick in.

#### *More Socializing*

#### **Friday**

Last class:

1. *Safe Routes To School*
2. *Highway Safety For Non-engineers*
3. *Young Novice Drivers – Careless Or Clueless?*
4. *Willsonville Tour* (this time in a bus, not a bike)

Here we had some overlap as El and Iris and I were all in the same session. El and Iris have already filed their reports, so I won't bore you with a repeat.

#### *Closing Luncheon*

A motivational speaker who was really good. Again, El mentioned her in his report. Here is where I wrap up.

Again, thanks for sending me and here's hoping Michelle can make it next year as well as some other new folks.

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## ***BikePAC Report***

We have a new webmaster who volunteered to put new life and energy into our web site. It is Jay Hadley from the *Willamette Valley Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.* He had us rebuilt and going in a couple of days. I am excited about his help and hope you will all tell him thanks. Like all the *BikePAC* positions except lobbyist this is a volunteer position. As he makes a living with web design he is actually donating his vocation to *BikePAC*. We sure appreciate it.

I also want to take a minute to acknowledge the great support that *BikePAC* receives from the *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters. *Willamette Valley, Washington County, Lincoln County, Central Oregon and Southeast Portland* have historically been there when Oregon's bikers needed them. Other chapters have contributed as well and I don't mean to leave anybody out. But I want to single out a couple that recently renewed their memberships. *Willamette Valley* and *Southeast Portland* have renewed their *BikePAC* memberships with sizable donations. I want to thank them for their long-standing support and also putting their money where their heart is.

Yours in freedom,

Ken Ray  
 executive director  
*BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.*



## Ron Bloker Ships Out

[ *crusty ol' editor's note: Ron Bloker served as Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state sanctioning officer.*]

September 24th, 2004

Dear *A.B.A.T.E.* members,

Greetings from Fort Bliss, Texas.

I recently completed training for deployment to Iraq and will be arriving in country in December. We are scheduled to be deployed for about a year.

In the past two and a half months I've had some time to reflect on what's important to me. It's funny how time away from the things and ones you love gets you thinking about what's important. I wanted to write to share some of my thoughts over the past few months.

During our training I've had the opportunity to meet with people throughout the country who are also preparing for the deployment.

Many of the soldiers, like my self, voluntarily reenlisted in order to join this deployment. We all have our reasons, whether it is money, patriotism, or commitment to fellow soldiers.

One thing that all of the soldiers have in common is a commitment to do their job and to make a difference. This includes those that asked to be here and those that were ordered to be here.

I reenlisted to try to make a difference as many of you have done in the past. I was reminded of the sacrifices made by those who served before me during a recent trip to

Washington D.C. this last spring.

What amazes me is the continued efforts by some who continue to serve in the efforts to protect our freedoms and rights in the motorcycling community. To serve means to make sacrifices. There are definitely parallels between serving in the fight for freedoms abroad and the fight for freedoms on the road.

Soldiers sacrifice time away from friends and family to serve. Ask Joe Laurance, Rotten Roger or Mel and Iris if they've sacrificed time from family in order continue the fight for motorcycle rights. I guarantee they will tell you that they've made similar sacrifices.

To be a soldier means that we must train to fight.

To gain and maintain motorcycle rights, we must also train. We must train to be knowledgeable in the issues, whether they are *E.P.A.* regulations or local restrictions on exhaust noise. We must also train to be ambassadors of the motorcycling community. We are the image that we project, all of us. If we are courteous and tolerant, then that is the image we project for all motorcyclists.

Soldiers must practice and perfect their tactics.

Within the motorcycle rights community we must also practice our tactics and perfect them. With each legislation session we learn lessons that allow us to better present our issues in the future. Randy, Brian, Mel and Iris talk about the lessons learned regularly at the state board meetings.

Soldiering is a team effort. Each one of us depends on the soldier to the left and to the right to do their job

and help accomplish the mission.

Much like soldiering, motorcycle rights depends on team work. A few people alone cannot accomplish the mission. It takes a team of people willing to make sacrifices of time and effort to get the word out. It takes time and effort to make events happen so that the funds are available to aid in the fight for motorcycle rights as well.

An army is not effective if there are not enough soldiers to take up the fight.

*A.B.A.T.E.* is not effective without people willing to answer the call "to arms". In my short time with *A.B.A.T.E.* I met many people who answered the call and volunteered time and time again to help with events and legislation efforts. I have also struggled at times when there were too few people answering the call to volunteer. Ask your chapter coordinators and run coordinators if they've ever struggled to get people to volunteer at your events. At times I felt awful as I literally begged for help at the gate, with security, or just cleaning up after a run. That has to be one of the worst parts of coordinating a run!

The bottom line is that the fight for motorcycle rights is a worthwhile fight that needs to be fought by an army of volunteers. I'm not saying we need to take up arms, but I am saying that if we want to continue to gain and protect motorcycle rights, then we need to be willing to make sacrifices. We don't need to give up every weekend, but we need to give when and where we can. We need to make the fight for motorcycle rights a priority.

Can you imagine what we could do if every *A.B.A.T.E.* member gave an hour each month? That's about 2,000 hours a month! That averages to over 60 hours daily!

We as freedom fighters must train to be ready to answer questions or discuss the issues. We must practice and learn from our efforts. We must also ensure that others can continue our efforts by sharing our knowledge. That means we must ensure there are people to share that knowledge with, specifically by recruiting and retaining *A.B.A.T.E.* members.

Lastly, we must remember that this is a team effort. We must be willing to help out where and when we can. I would love to hear an event coordinator say, "Thanks but I've got more than enough people to clean up!" This is our lifestyle for which we are fighting, it is a worthwhile fight!

I look forward to getting involved in *A.B.A.T.E.* again upon my return. I will to continue to fight for what is important to me. I hope to see more people involved in the fight when I return.

Thank you again to all of those who have preceded me in the fight for my freedoms both on and off the battle field. To you, I am truly indebted. I hope that I too can make a difference for future generations.

Respectfully,

Ron Bloker  
<rbloker@mac.com>

## Man Lies About A.T.M. Motorcycle Thief, Reinforces Bad Biker Stereotype

— Rot Path, c.o.e.

*Monmouth, Oregon* – A story in the Polk county *Itemizer-Observer* for 06 October 2004 stated that as Scott P. Esther was using an automated teller machine at a local bank on 02 October, a motorcyclist rode up, brandished a gun, and demanded that Esther withdraw \$300 from his account. The cyclist then took off with the money. Esther said he couldn't provide a detailed description because of the biker's helmet and visor, though he said the bike was a blue-grey *Suzuki* or *Honda*.

Only none of it really happened.

In a small *Itemizer-Observer* article of 17 November 2004, police now say that Esther made up the story. He has pleaded guilty to initiating a false police report after eyewitness accounts and video surveillance cameras convinced authorities that he had lied about the event. He was fined \$300 and is to enter a diversion program.

Fair enough, but it's not enough.

Esther used a stereotype to disparage the lawful activity of Oregon citizens. He needs to pay for an ad in the local paper where the stories appeared apologizing to the motorcyclists of Oregon.

Throughout the year, Oregon bikers donate time out of their lives and money out of their pockets promoting safer driving on our state's roadways and performing charity

work for communities where they live. Where are the stories about those civic activities? On 04 December, hundreds of motorcyclists will ride through the streets of Portland to deliver wheelchairs and toys to young patients at the *Shriner's Hospital*. That will get one day of coverage, then bikers will sink into oblivion again.

Yet despite all the good work we do, commercial mass media, large and small, still cling to outdated Hollywood stereotypes instead of applying journalistic standards of research to stories. As a result, when scoundrels need scapegoats for their lies, who gets blamed? Yep, bikers.

Are motorcyclists going to give up and just go with the stereotype?

No.

We don't perform civic activities for glory. We do them because we're members of the community, because we care about our communities, about their people.

You know us. We're your neighbors, the people you work with, the people who provide professional and mundane services, the people who represent you in government, the people who teach our young people.

Look beyond the biker stereotype and you'll discover the rich world of bikers.

Scott P. Esther, you owe motorcyclists an apology.

## Ride Report by Duane "Big Daddy" Calkins

Greetings to my fellow brotherhood, Big Daddy Duane here.

Now that summer has wound down, and the seasons are changing I have a little more time to sit at the computer, and do this hunt and peck thing for all the little letters that make up these words. Not!. No time at all. But I will put a few lines down anyway.

I could possibly title this article as *How I Spent My Summer Vacation*, but then I would have to bore you with all the juicy details of all the different motorcycle runs that I attended this riding season. So I will just name off a few of the great parties I had the opportunity to attend.

After *Fossil Campout 2004* and with one day in between, Big Daddy, and Little Mama (Erin Smith) headed off with some trailer trash friends to the *Spring Opener* in North Idaho.

We met up with a few more friends along the way and had a good showing of bikers from Oregon. *A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho* always puts on a great party.

We decided that we would take our



own way home and went south by the way of Lewiston, Idaho, and then crossed over the border and through Hell's Canyon. This is the first time that I had coursed over that land and

it is hard to believe that being a homegrown mountain man from Oregon all my life, I have never been through that canyon before. It truly was an awesome display of mother nature. And I thank God for his creations.

Then on July 4th we had the opportunity to go to a fun party up a few miles into Washington state called the *Perkins Ferry Party*. Again another good time was had by all.

The next weekend included a state board meeting and getting to see all the longtime friends at *Paco's* on the little fork of the Nehalem River. There were games like twister and fireworks and homemade root beer.

This always proves to be the closest



thing to a reunion that I know of.

A couple weeks later we pack the car and the *Harley-Davidson* and headed off for *Southeast Chapter's Run 21*. All the great music and good times were enjoyed.



I had originally planned that Little Mama and myself in August would ride to Montana for *Ride'in The*

*Rockies*, but things were becoming a little strained on the home front, so I opted to head over to Newport, Oregon and attend the *Beaver Creek Run* and party with my friends from *Lincoln County*. Yaba daba doo!!



Damn those people sure know how to throw a party. Also we attended the state board meeting that was held in Newport that month. The *Lincoln County Chapter* also holds bragging rights for the largest bonfire that I attended this summer. That bonfire must have been at least 80 feet tall. Thanks Kurt Spears and *Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.*

Well right out of the frying pan and into the fire. My own chapter's run was coming the very next week, *Summer Run 2004* hosted by *Columbia River Chapter*.

Little did I know that a storm was brewing and boy what a storm it was.



We had a great time partying Thursday and Friday and some of you who may be reading this got a chance



to catch Big Daddy's musical debut as part of *The Kevin Fields Quartet* on Friday night.



That was a blast and there is truth to the saying "the drunker you are, the better it sounds". Actually we got some good reviews from the people in attendance. Thank you.

Then Saturday night right in the middle of *The Yanks* headlining performance, man did it start to rain and that didn't stop for the rest of the weekend.

There is nothing worse than being drunk with a hangover, soaking wet, sitting in the rain, and then realizing that you've lost a lot more than your pride.

You still have to pack your camp and gear and ride home in the rain. Wah! Wah! Wah!

Well needless to say I needed at least a couple of weeks to lick my wounds and regroup from that run.

On the weekend of September 11th I still had a few options and so sad to say we had very few options. We were invited to the first annual *Kick Back Run* hosted by *Lewis County Chapter, A.B.A.T.E. of Washington*. Yes, another shot at some fun before the summer ends.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Well, we made the best of it and the weekend was spent with our friends who really know how to treat company from out-of-state. A private

pig roast on Friday night and then the open party on Saturday.

As the state run coordinator for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* I presented *Lewis County* with their trophy that they won for being the *Largest Out-of-state S.M.R.O. Attending Fossil Campout 2004*. That chapter really has a good thing going and I believe that the *Kick Back Run* will be the next *Cowchip Boogie*. You won't want to miss any their future events.



I did not know that this would be the last run for Erin "Little Mama" Smith and myself. But this would prove to be true.



I wish it could have lasted. Goodbye my friend and thanks for all the memories. I will never forget you. Little Mama departed 1:30 pm September 15, 2004.

## Mark Your Calendars

Please join us at *Yukon Jack's Steakhouse and Saloon* (corner of 4th and Broadway in Veneta) on Friday, December 3rd, for the *2nd annual Calendar Girl Party for Charity*. *Calendar Girls* will be available to autograph calendars from 9 pm until 2 am. There will be live music and we will be auctioning off some limited edition autographed items. 100% of our sales are donated to the *Free Souls* toy run to help buy Christmas presents for children in the area.

It is a lot of fun and all for a good cause. Come on out, meet some *Calendar Girls*, have a great time, and help us help kids at Christmas.

Melinda Hoeye  
*Reel Fish Calendars*  
 P.O. Box 24606  
 Eugene, OR 97402  
 (541)-685-0963  
<http://www.calendardates.com>

## Attention!!

The toy run for the *Shriner's Children's Hospital* is starting at new location this year:

Saturday, December 4th  
*K Mart* parking lot  
 NE 122nd & Sandy Blvd.  
 Portland, Oregon

Parade leaves the parking lot at 12:30PM

Check out the Toy Run Website for more details!!!

<http://www.toyrun2004.com/>

# History Of The Three-Piece Patch

Received this in an e-mail from Gypsepashn of *Biker-Bits*

Found it rather interesting. Thought the rest of you might enjoy it.

The *A.M.A.* was founded in 1924 as an organizing arm of motorcycle manufacturers and mainly supported by the motorcycle manufacturers to promote motorcycle riding in America. They sanctioned groups of riders from the same area who rode together as motorcycle "clubs". Some wore complete matching dress outfits with the name of their motorcycle club stitched on the back of their shirts and jackets.

At events, the *A.M.A.* gave awards for the best-dressed club so this was the start of motorcycle club's patches.

During an event in 1947 in Hollister, California a member of the *Booze Fighters Motorcycle Club* made the headlines with an exaggerated news story that was later made into a movie called *The Wild Ones*.

The *A.M.A.* wrote an article in their magazine shortly after this stating, "99% of all of their members are law-abiding citizens and only 1% are 'outlaw'." This began what is today known as outlaw motorcycle clubs and one-percenters. Clubs that were not sanctioned by the *A.M.A.* and non-members of the *A.M.A.* were banned from attending *A.M.A.* events.

In order to designate themselves as an outlaw club to all other clubs, the one percenters cut their club patches into three separate pieces. The top rocker was the name of the club, the center was the emblem of the club, and the bottom rocker was the local

from which they came These outlaw motorcycle clubs put on their own events and parties and did the opposite of what the *A.M.A.* had been doing. There were no best dressed awards, they "chopped" down their bikes to go faster and look different, rode with no mufflers, they would drink, and do other "wild" things. Such is history.

The term "colors" is used in referring to a motorcycle club's patch with two "rockers". One is placed over the top of the middle large graphic patch and one placed underneath it. The "rockers" are usually curved bars with the top bar designating the club name and the lower bar designating the location of the club. The two rockers are separate from the middle, larger graphic type patch, hence the term three-piece patch. Motorcycle clubs differ from motorcycling organizations as they traditionally have "prospecting" time required before the club members decide whether the individual will be accepted into the group and allowed to wear or "fly" the "colors" of the group. Most club "colors" will also have M/C printed on the "rocker" to further clarify it as a club rather than an organization.

Many national organizations in the early 1980's set policy to unite their "rockers" with their patch to make it one piece to avoid any designation or confusion within the motorcycling club community. *H.O.G.* (*Harley Owners Group*) and the *Blue Knights* (police officers) are examples of motorcycle club patches that are recognized today:

\* A one-piece patch signifies a family club or law abiding motorcycle club.

\* A two-piece patch signifies a motorcycle club in transition to an outlaw club, awaiting approval from the outlaw motorcycle clubs to become a three-piece patch.

\* A three-piece patch signifies that the club is an outlaw club. The three-piece patch is given out in three parts as a prospective member earns the privilege to wear the full three-piece patch. When one is just hanging around, he has no part of the patch. Then when he is sponsored by a full member and approved by the club he may wear the lower rocker and he is considered a "prospect" for the club. If he is approved then he is allowed to have the upper rocker and the insignia and is considered to be a full member, having all three pieces

It's from a web site called *Hell Bent MC*

<http://hellbentmc.homestead.com/PatchHistory.html>

Rick Maish

Oregon A.B.A. T.E.-legislative

## Veteran's Day Google Design Challenge

Date: Fri, 12 Nov 2004 05:58:10  
Subject: Veteran's Day *Google*?

Greetings,

I really enjoy using *Google* and always use it as my default search engine.

A bonus to *Google* users is the clever artwork used on the *Google* logo that draws attention to special days of the year that would go unnoticed otherwise.

Therefore I was rather surprised that *Google* didn't have any special logo art for Veteran's Day this year. Is there a reason for that?

Thank you for all that you do for interent users worlwide,

— Pat Henderson

U.S. Navy (Viet Nam, Persian Gulf)

Date: Fri, 12 Nov 2004 10:02:59  
Subject: Re: Veteran's Day *Google*?

Hi Pat,

Thank you for your note. We're glad that you appreciate *Google*'s holiday logos and would like to explain why we didn't post one for Veterans Day this year. Please be assured that the decision whether to display a special logo for a holiday does not reflect any judgment on our part about the holiday itself.

*Google*'s special logos tend to be lighthearted in nature. If we were to commemorate Veterans Day, we would want to express reverence, rather than mirth. This would be a particularly challenging design. We would not want to, in any way, create a graphic that could be interpreted as disrespectful. In light of the mail we've received about this, we're actively considering designs we could display on this day next year. We welcome any suggestions you may have.

Regards,  
The *Google* Team

## S.O.S. Run Followup And Planning Meeting

The *S.O.S. Run* coalition of *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters (*Willamette Valley*, *Douglas County*, and *South Coast*) will be having an *S.O.S. 2004 Run* review and 2005 run planning meeting for all who are interested. Please come and join us.

We want your input, the good, the bad, and even the ugly.

How else can we improve if we don't get good quality constructive ideas?

Meeting is scheduled to be held after the January 8th state board meeting at 2:30 pm.

Location is at the *Viking Inn Restaurant*, Main Street in Junction City.

Any one interested in the review process and/or the planning for the *2005 S.O.S. Run* are welcome to join us.

Contact Hal at  
(541)-688-4268  
or Charlie at (541)-759-2388

## Winter Thunder Quietened

Due to a slow turn-out over the course of the last few weeks, we are unable to continue *Thursday Night Thunder* at *Rock-a-Billy's* during the winter months. We will resume the festivities and the fun this spring, kicking off the riding season with a hell of a party. Thank you all for coming out and trying to make our winter continuation successful.

Please stay tuned to:

<http://www.nw-motorcycling.com>  
for more information as spring draws near.

Stay warm, keep the shiny side up, and I'll see you in the middle of someplace great!

~ The Web Mistress ~  
NW-Motorcycling.com  
mobile: (360)-931-7222



## Millenium Ride

Arua, NW Uganda  
Sunday 7th November 2004

Round the world motorcyclist Simon Milward is in *Cyber City*, an internet cafe in a shipping container installed in the bustling dusty town centre of Arua in northwest Uganda. A cockroach lands six inches from his head on an electrical socket. He is making last minute preparations because he expects two to three weeks of dirt tracks now at the tail end of the rainy season. Tomorrow he heads northwest into the Democratic Republic of Congo visiting Aru and Aba, before turning northeast to Yei and Tambura in southwest Sudan, then west into the Central African Republic. With refitted *Michelin* nobbly rear tyre, new clutch cable and timing belt, adjusted valves and refilled Scottoiler, new cans of WD40, oil, and sardines, he is ready.

In his pocket is a US\$35 permit sold by the rebel Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (S.P.L.A.) representative in Kampala. Despite a recent peace agreement there is still said to be a war on. Nevertheless it is the less severe conflict of the separate one to the south in the D.R.C. and the other to the west in central northern Uganda.

The Ugandan five weeks is a humanitarian boost for the *Millennium Ride* with donations of over US\$1,800 lead by *Worldwide Movers Ltd Uganda* ([www.wvmovers-africa.com](http://www.wvmovers-africa.com)) with US\$500. It is the largest single charitable contribution since 2003 by the European School in Costa Rica. The total raised is now nearly US\$112,000.

Continuing his theme of

motorcycles in health work, Milward finds an increasing need for a training and maintenance system of health ministry vehicles used to reach out to rural areas. He meets members of the *Uganda Bikers Association* ([www.ugandabikers.com](http://www.ugandabikers.com)), fresh from a South Africa-Uganda A.I.D.S. ride now reeling under a discriminatory new hike in annual road tax.

Recently *Uganda's Wildlife Association* ([www.uwa.or.ug](http://www.uwa.or.ug)) sponsored Milward with a mountain gorilla safari and a visit to *Murchison Falls National Park*, "an unforgettable wildlife highlight of my journey", he said. Milward rode to Rwanda and Burundi, which he announces have the best motorcycling roads in south and east Africa.

Milward heartily thanks all Ugandans and hotels and businesses, particularly the *Namirende Guest House*, who have made his visit so special. "In spite of its other natural attractions, the hearts of Ugandan people," he says, "are the principal attraction of Uganda. Therefore I do not understand why they have let political interests at home and abroad keep the northern humanitarian crisis out of the global spotlight. Almost two million people have been displaced and accusations fly that donors and government have vested interests in maintaining the shameful status quo. Ugandans must insist on an end to the abduction of children, their exploitation murder and rape and appeal for international pressure. I would be appalled if tribalism had anything to do with the inaction."

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"Fine, how are you?"



Simon Milward

"Fine, how are you?"

... goes the greeting with many Ugandans. I say "Hello" and they answer "Fine, how are you?" So I start to leave off the hello and simply open with "Fine, how are you?" and get a "Fine, how are you?" back. It makes me laugh and sometimes I get a strange look too!

It was a superb excursion to the mountain gorillas in *Bwindi Impenetrable National Park* in western Uganda and to the small countries of Burundi and Rwanda.

In fact here are the best motorcycling roads in Africa. The well surfaced twisty mountain main roads of these countries brought me back to Colombia. Cyclists hang on to the rear of trucks going uphill and spiderman-like hitch-hikers cling on above. Up and down and round and round it is a pleasure once again to scrape the bike's undercarriage and arrive with a buzz at Bujumbura in Burundi. This is the city at the northern tip of Lake Tanyanika, forming the western border of Tanzania. Indeed with three more days riding I could have completed a big east Africa circle and ended up back in Malawi.

Burundi men at junctions in towns cheer and clap as I ride past. Could a tourist be a sign of the end of the tribal strife? Full of soldiers wearing three different uniforms, one tries to extort a fine for lack of working indicators.

“Go on, make my day,” I think. “Show me your documents. I want to see your document now,” I demand. He nervously gives my passport back and walks away. Women in the hills wear strikingly colourful dresses in fluorescent oranges, greens and yellows. Hoards of them walk along the road at anytime, anyday!

Some city dwellers confide that though I will have no problem as an *mzungu*, there are still big inter tribal problems. One said that problems are worsened by inter-tribal positioning of the Anglophones and Francophones, who are there to help. That story is a little hard to believe. I fit front tyre number ten (*Metzeler Enduro 3*), the last Brazilian made *Pirelli* lasting a very surprising whole year from Sao Paulo! I thank *Novotel Bujumbura* for the two sponsored nights and the local *Pirelli* dealer for the engine oil.

Rwandans appear to be motivated and industrious. People walk and carry all forms of farm implements as well as crops. Women and children lend a hand at roadworks, whole villages seem to be involved.

I pass 1994 genocide memorials, when the Hutu majority murdered 800,000 Tutsis in 100 days of slaughter. I recall my visit to the war crimes tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania last month, enough to see one suspect admit the slaughter of a whole village. I take a photograph of a memorial and pointed to it asking a group of local women and children walking past “Tutsis?” The response is a laugh that sends a shiver up my spine.

The five peak *Volcano National Park* in Rwanda, which hosts the Rwandan gorilla population, was beautiful. The

scenery here, right on the border with D.R.C., would be complete with a few dinosaurs.

It was nice to get back to Uganda especially since the wildlife highlight of my journey was about to start, the gorilla trek.

### Gorilla Tracking

Uganda’s *Wildlife Authority* takes no chances on security during gorilla visits these days. The Bwindi *Impenetrable National Park* entrance at Buhoma sometimes appears like an army barracks and three armed soldiers escort our ten strong party as we trek out in search of the most human-like of beasts.

A short truck ride and an hour’s walk through banana, millet and tea farms brings us up to the forest. The advance trackers radio to our guide. We are on track as we leave a main path and head into thick forest and jungle. We stop to deposit day packs and see bushes rustling 20 metres ahead. We move slowly forward with cameras at the ready. The guide grunts as we approach, signalling contentment and ease to the gorillas. He pulls away foliage to reveal a happy gorilla face eating fruit and casually glancing in our direction.

Wow. A gorilla looking right at me, it is a special moment! They have got used to their hour long daily visit by humans. There are about 50 gorilla groups and in total about 700 gorillas, four of which are “habitualised” (trained to tolerate human presence). One of them climbs a tree for us then swings around a bit.

The back hair of males turns grey with age (hence the term silverback) and are at least twice the size of any of the females and youngsters who are

the other group members. The lazy silverback in our group sleeps for almost the entire hour whilst mother plays with the children. One rushes at me to scare but I hold my ground and click off a close up photo, the eyes have it. A toddler digs a hole and falls in head first, emerging covered in soil (just like I used to do!) and then beats his little chest.

These mountain gorillas exist only in this mountaineous area of Uganda, Rwanda and the D.R.C. Authorities here have been recognised for their efforts at preserving and promoting the gorilla population in face of continuing traditional threats: local farmers who need the land for growing food and poachers trading in gorilla steaks. The *Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund* ([www.dianfossey.org](http://www.dianfossey.org)) is the best site for them and the best pictures are here: <http://homepage.mac.com/dianfossey/PhotoAlbum2.html#>

Thank you to the *Uganda Wildlife Authority* ([www.uwa.or.ug](http://www.uwa.or.ug)) for sponsoring this US\$370 trek. Is it worth it for tourists? A resounding yes!

### Kampala Revisited

I share African motorcycle stories with veteran overlander Mika Kuhn and his girlfriend Damaris. On two bikes they are heading south to Namibia then up Africa’s west coast which is the current favorite route for overlanders going east-west in Africa.

I get quite busy again giving presentations at the *Uganda Tourist Board* exhibition:

[www.visituganda.com](http://www.visituganda.com),  
the *Ugandan Bikers Association*

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## Millenium Ride

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(U.B.A. [www.ugandabikers.com](http://www.ugandabikers.com)), the *International School of Uganda*, the *Kampala Rugby Club*, and the *Nile High Full Moon Party of Adrift* in Jinja.

U.B.A, a motorcyclists group of black and white bikers, recently completed a trans- Africa twelve bike motorcycle ride on A.I.D.S. awareness and have fundraised a substantial amount for schooling A.I.D.S. orphans.

Recent road tax increases are disproportionately high for motorcyclists because the government says it is not worth the trouble to collect the small amount justified. As we know, in this case the cost for motorcycles should be waived in view of the positive contribution to mobility that 'boda bodas' make and their negligible wear and tear on the roads. There was quite alot of media coverage of my ride in Uganda and raising US\$1,800 was comparatively easy. I regret not putting more time and effort into it.

Back in Kampala I call on the *N.G.O. World Vision*. They get 150-200,000 km from their motorcycles because they are managed. In contrast, health ministry motorcycles, as reported by two rural doctors, get no maintenance. So when Ugandan health work soon shifts from project based activities to a more cohesive approach based at the ministry, that is, when the ministry inherits alot of vehicles from projects, there will be a disaster. That is unless Mr Katende, the senior assistant secretary in charge of transport, implements a management system for the vehicles. One wonders if the copies he took

are gathering dust or what. Anyway, Uganda seems to be a popular among N.G.O.s and so there is an opportunity for hard but worthwhile work if the right people or group comes forward. The ministry could then simply outsource the vehicle management and not gets its hands dirty.

In case you don't know the source of the Nile is Lake Victoria, so it starts big and ends big. From Lake Victoria to Lake Albert (D.R.C. border) it is called the Victoria Nile. From there it is known as the Albert Nile. From Sudan onwards it is the White Nile. When it joins the shorter Blue Nile from Ethiopia is called simply the Nile.

In *Murchison Falls National Park* (sponsored by the *Wildlife Authority*) I take an incredible boat ride up the Victoria Nile for a few hours. We see crocodiles sunning themselves with jaws wide open (some guides try to make you believe it is so that birds clean their teeth by picking off left over chunks of baby hippo), countless dozens of pairs of hippo eyes, rounded rock-type backs, and an occasional massive yawn. Eagles perch on high branches, other birds dive into the river hoping to catch a fish and large buffalo herds turn away from the boat. Murchison Falls come into view and we go as close as safely possible. The 54m (160') wide river is forced through an opening 7m (22') wide by 40m (125') deep where it drops 30m (91'). Crocs wait at the bottom for animals accidently washed down the white foamway.

From there, crossing both the Victoria Nile and the Albert Nile, it was 130km to Arua. The cockroach is still there.

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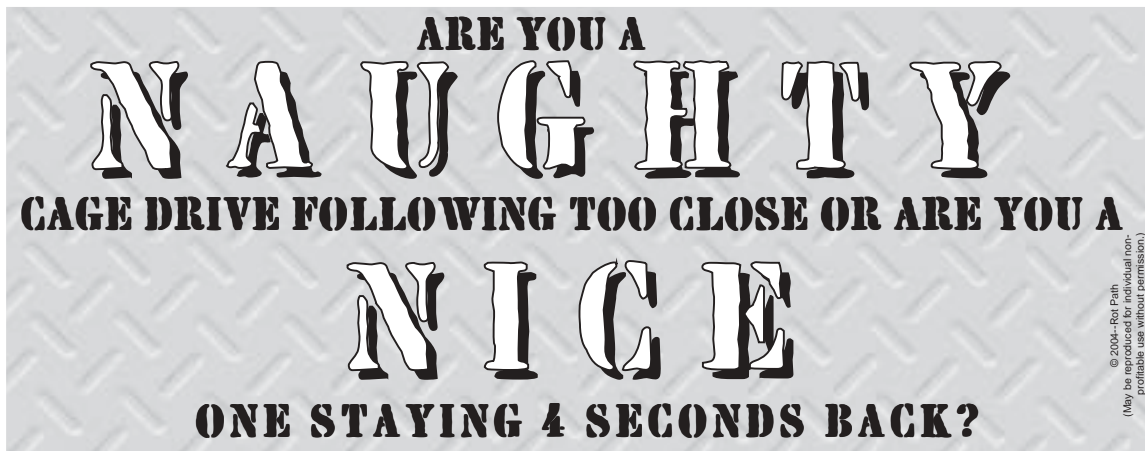
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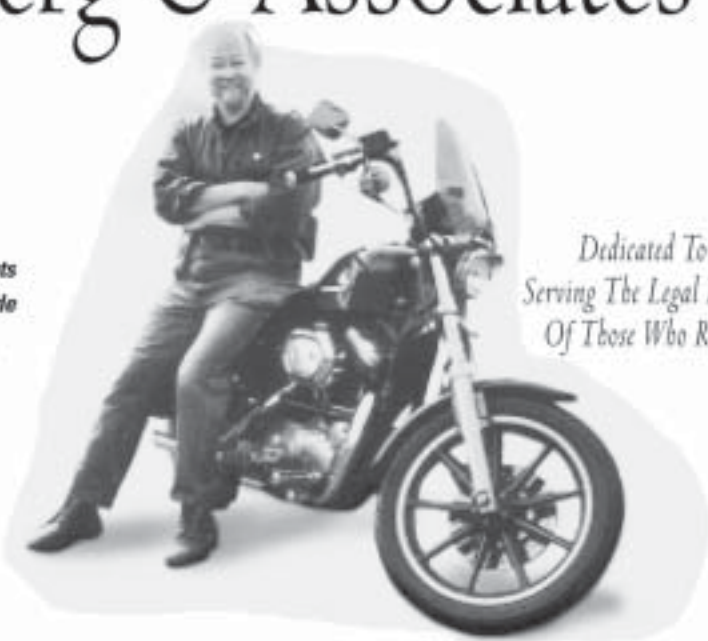
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Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283 toll-free		X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X

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*.

*A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*  
**Duffy's Revived Road List**

P T G P I M G  
 I O A H N E A  
 C O R O F A S  
 K L A T O L  
 U S G O S  
 P E

name: phone number: location:

**Willamette Valley area**

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X			
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X	X
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X
X								
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Jay & Kathy Hadley	(541)-686-6768	Eugene	X	X		X		X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X	
X								
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X				X	X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X X
Michael & PeggySchneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X		X
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	X	X		X		X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X	X
Ron Vonsild	(541)-924-3969	Albany	X	X	X	X	X	X X

**other areas**

Ray & Kathy DeMelo (503)-831-1807

**Attention!!**

The toy run for the *Shriner's Children's Hospital* is starting at new location this year:

Saturday, December 4th  
*K Mart* parking lot  
 NE 122nd & Sandy Blvd.  
 Portland, Oregon

Parade leaves the parking lot at 12:30PM

Check out the Toy Run Website for more details!!!

<http://www.toyrun2004.com/>



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	_____
_____	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	_____
_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats .....	10.00	_____
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin .....	3.00	_____
_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts .....	15.00	_____
_____		Long sleeve T-shirts .....	20.00	_____
_____	Sm___ Med___ Lg___ X-Lg___ 2X___			_____
_____	AFRTL	ABATE Sweatshirts .....	25.00	_____
_____	Sm___ Med___ Lg___ X-Lg___ 2X___			_____
_____		Polo shirts .....	20.00	_____
_____		Ladies V-neck shirts .....	20.00	_____
_____		Ladies crew neck shirts .....	20.00	_____



### YEAR PIN



**New!**  
Long-sleeved black shirt with A.B.A.T.E. logo -- \$40



### ABATE PINS



### MISCELLANEOUS

### 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	_____	<b>STICKERS</b>
_____	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	_____	<b>SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS</b>
_____		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	_____	<b>OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)</b>
_____		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)		_____	

**Sub Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling Charges .....

Under \$25.00 = **\$5.00**  
 \$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$7.00**

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping ..... **\$8.00**

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your order ;-)**

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS**

**att. Products Director**

**P.O. Box 4504**

**Portland, OREGON 97208**

PHONE: **(503)-666-8806**

E-MAIL: **mhobbs256@yahoo.com**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (for UPS shipping) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 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**

1984 *Harley-Davidson Sporster* - Looks runs and sounds fantastic . Loaded with lots of extras and chrome. Excellent bike. Don't wait too long to call Richard at (503)-519-0727 \$4,950 Or best offer. Must see. (Dec 2004)

**Lawn Mower Man Returns**  
4 horsepower, 21 inch cut, rear bagger lawn mower. Real nice, runs good, cuts great. Bag in excellent shape. \$60 Or best offer. Call Bill at (503)-257-7390 Also several other models available soon. Call for information. (Dec 2004)

Two seats to fit 1991-1995 *FXD* or *FXDWG*: *Corbin* 2 wp \$175. *Mustang* single with passenger pillion and backrest \$250. Steve 1-(541)-296-6046 or 1-(541)-980-5211 (Dec 2004)

1964 *Ford* one-ton. *Dully* factory built dump truck. 6-cylinder engine, 4-speed stick. Needs restoring. Frank Harms (541)-926-0333 Albany \$950 or best offer. (Dec 2004)

1992 *Toyota* 4-runner 4x4, V-6, 5-speed, stick, power sun roof, four-door, full power (seats, windows, door locks), alarm system, air, AM/FM/cassette/CD, custom wheels and tires, tow package. Red. Frank Harms (541)-926-0333 Albany \$5,750 or best offer. (Dec 2004)

**For Sale**

1983 *FLHT*. 38,000 miles, 5-speed, S&S carb, 80 ci motor. Runs and looks good. Asking \$9,000. (503)-873-5748, ask for Bob. (Jan 2005)

1967 *Camero* 350 4-speed. Nice. \$10,500 or possible trade for *Harley-Davidson*. (541)-367-2237 (Jan 2005)

1978 *Kawasaki SR650* (custom *KZ650*). Disc brakes, 4-in-1 *Kerker* pipes. Absolutely immaculate. \$600 (503)-640-5766 (Jan 2005)

2004 *Kawasaki KLR 650* with tank bag, soft saddle bags, installed lowering kit, and extra windscreen. \$5,000 or same bike with 2005 *Yacht Club* three-rail motorcycle trailer \$5,700 (Note – trailer not sold separately.) Contact Gary Stewart at (800)- 848-4576 or [garyastewart@earthlink.net](mailto:garyastewart@earthlink.net) (Jan 2005)

1970 *Dodge Polara* four-door with 383 cu.in, 2 bbl *Carter*, power steering. Runs well, good mileage. Asking \$2,000 or best offer. May be viewed at: 528 S.W. Levens #10; Metro Gardens Apartments; Dallas, Oregon. Michelle (503)-831-0459 (Jan 2005)

**For Sale**

1974 *Dodge Open Road* camper van. *Sport Tradesmen 300*, 1 ton chassis, pro-built 360 V-8, power steering, power brakes, A/C, towing package, icebox, oven w/2 burners, propane forced air furnace, sink, shower/toilet/sink. Asking \$1,500 or part trade? 1984 *F.X.R.T. Harley-Davidson*. Extremely rare first year edition, *Evolution* motor, fixed faring, full instrumentation, tour pack, saddle bags, S&S carburetor, 5-speed transmission, *Dunlop Elite II* tires, red, 25,000 actual miles. Asking \$17,500

House for sale or rent-6405 N.Campbell Street, Portland, Oregon. 950 sq. ft. , two-bedroom, one bathroom, basement, washer/dryer/range/refrigerator, single car garage, oil furnace, off street parking, nice yard, near *Max* light rail. A great starter home for \$139,000 or \$825 monthly.

1979 *Corvette*, L-82, high-performance *Elder Brock* 350cid, black, t-tops, three speed automatic w/shift kit.100K. miles, stock rally wheels, *BF Goodrich Excentia GT* white letter tires, interior

**For Sale**

needs T.L.C. Asking \$5,500. Call Duane at (503)-282-6488, or e-mail:

[duane\\_calkins@email.com](mailto:duane_calkins@email.com)  
(Jan 2005)

20 inch *R.C.A.* color T.V. with remote. Real nice set, like new, works great, looks good, excellent color. \$50 or best offer. Call Bill at (503)-257-7390. This won't last long so call now. You know you want to.  
(Jan 2005)

Two studded snow tires mounted on *Ford*, 14 inch five hole wheels. ( Off of an early *Cougar* or *Mustang*.) Real nice tires, lots of rubber and plenty of studs in place for excellent traction in snow and ice. When the snow flies you're sure do need these babies to get you through. Call Bill at (503)-257-7390 \$50 or best offer. And yes the Lawnmower Man does sell tires also. Thank you. He's hurting for money. (Feb 2005)

1979 *Yamaha 650 Special*. Black and chrome. \$500 firm. James at (503)-313-6923 or (503)-667-3312 (Feb 2005)

**Answer to November CRYPTOGRAM**

November is one of the better months. It has dignity, and a quality of sobriety and resignation.

— William Saroyan

**This month's cryptogram may be found on page 37**

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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Contact: (503)-838-6893 (V/F) or A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. att. Member Ads P.O. box 4504 Portland, Oregon 97208

<b>STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2004</b>			
<b>Position/Name:</b>	<b>Phone #:</b>	<b>E-mail:</b>	<b>FAX #:</b>
COORDINATOR		1-(800)-779-3830	
Joe Laurance	(541)-679-3775	josephlaurance@aol.com	<small>Note: Spell Joe's e-mail address with "...ance",</small>
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Larry Brown	(503)-358-5163	CrazyLarry Brown@hotmail.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH	(541)-218-4228 (cell)		
Tim Rohde	(541) 479-4451(h)		
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Bob Hadley	(541)-447-8650	easternorvc@aol.com	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Portland area)		
Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	fourtracys@msn.com	(503)-615-0550
SECRETARY			
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	abateoforegonsecretary@yahoo.com	
TREASURER			
Ted Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283	fourtracys@msn.com	(503)-615-0550
STATE AUDITOR			
Nancy Curran	(541)-888-2572		(541)-888-0810
NEWSMAGAZINE EDITOR			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	(503)-838-6893
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR			
Rick Maish	(541)-746-7837	lynandrick@msn.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS NORTH			
Larry Brown	(503)-358-5163	CrazyLarryBrown@hotmail.com	
SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH			
Doc Squires	(541)-862-7415	(none)	(541)-862-7415
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
Keith Odoms	(541)-385-6840	odoms@hwy97.net	
PRODUCTS DIRECTOR			
Michelle Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	mhobbs@acbc.com	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2			
Nora Rohde	(541)-479-4451 (h)		
PUBLIC RELATIONS			
Melinda McCrossen	(503)-231-2701	melindam@ipns.com	
FOSSIL COORDINATOR			
Duane Calkins	(503) 282-6488	duane@fossilcampout.com	(503) 282-6488
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362		
RUN COORDINATOR-2			
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-831-0459	abateinfo@earthlink.net	
HISTORIAN			
Iris Yeager	(541)-967-1286	mrsyeager@cybcon.com	
RUN SANCTIONING			
Ron Vonsild	(541)-924-3969	watkins@dnc.net	
WEB PAGE EDITOR			
Maddog	(503)-637-5159	madk9@cascadeaccess.com	
QUARTERMASTER			
Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362		
BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1			
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	vaughned699@msn.com	
CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
Michael Schneider	(541)-349-9864	dyna88mike@yahoo.com	

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**att. MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**97208**

(Return address on reverse side)

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**Membership Application**

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

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

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator: \_\_\_\_\_ Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership	\$20
___ Couple membership	\$25
___ Family membership	\$30

Total number of members: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send completed application to:

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



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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

PRESORTED STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**

PORTLAND, OREGON  
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED  
DATED MATERIAL**

As days darken down into December,  
Feelings of compassion begin to stir,  
It makes no difference,  
About disagreements,  
It's what we share that we should remember.

©2004--Rot Path

### NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 11 December 2004 at Noon  
7th and Kalmia  
Junction City, Oregon

**Note:** State meeting location subject to change.  
Check at listed location for directions.

## 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>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend
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	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 1900 (7 <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 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 205 Beacon Drive; 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> Thusday 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 1300 (1 <sup>pm</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
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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1900 (7 <sup>pm</sup> )	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene