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[Yes, that's Steve Baton's scoot.]

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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.

We are not a manufacturer-specific organization. All are welcome: bikes, trikes, on-road or off, riders, passengers, or non-riders.

- You don't have to ride a motorcycle to belong to *A.B.A.T.E.*

Many of our members just enjoy being around motorcyclists. (We're just *that* wonderful.) And they feel that the social and legislative issues we're working with are important to their community.

So scan through our 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
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Coordinator's Comments



by Joe Laurance

This is the month that makes a person proud to be a biker. Most of you will take part in one or more toy runs, serving as Santa's helper with toy filled saddlebags, soggy leathers, and frozen hands. Some of your chapters will adopt families for the holidays, providing both food and gifts to many for whom Christmas is just another day. Your many acts of kindness might not be reported in the media, but will be known to thousands of kids and hundreds of parents as well as your brothers and sisters who knew you would be right there with them. Well done.

This is also the month of elections with many of you assuming new duties at chapter or state level. Some of you will soldier on in officer positions that have become comfortable with experience. To all of you who believe this organization is important enough to sacrifice and work for, thank you. You are what makes *A.B.A.T.E.* great.

As I step down as coordinator, I want you to know how grateful I am for having had the honor of serving you. You have made me feel welcome at your runs and in your homes. You have called me brother and have forgiven my failings and have helped celebrate our victories. You have shared with me quiet desert sunsets and loud laughter around a hundred campfires. Because of you, I've been welcome at the white house, both houses of congress and at the capitol in Salem. You have made me more than I was. You have also reminded me that fighting for freedom is the noblest thing a person can do. You who have served with me in this fight have become valued friends.

The things I have learned as coordinator will serve me well as I take the fight for freedom to the next level by becoming a candidate for county commissioner here in Douglas county.

You and this wonderful organization will remain always in my thoughts and prayers for continued safety and success.

Joe Laurance

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

Central Oregon Chapter

Greeting from sunny Central Oregon,

The chill of winter seems to be upon us and there has not been many bikes out lately. We have a couple icy morning which means the county, state and cities have started putting down the de-icer on the roads. If you do happen to go for a ride make sure you rinse that stuff off your bike A.S.A.P. That stuff is both corrosive and slick.

We saw Bird Dog the other day and he seems to be recuperating from his crash okay. It was good to see him out and about.

We had seven members get together a couple of weeks ago to split and stack fire wood for Rebecca and Jason. We knocked out three cords in three hours. Thanks to Ed, Hazey, Ricco, Richard, Howard, and Steve for the help and thanks to Big Tom for the use of his wood splitter. Rebecca and Jason are slowly recouping from their bike wreck. I'll keep you posted.

When you receive this newsmagazine our chapter Christmas party will be coming up as well as the holidays. All in all I think the chapter has had a very fun and successful year thank to all our members. The December meeting will be held at the Christmas party. If you do not know when it is give me a call.

With January sneaking up on us it is once again time for our election of officers. We try to do this at either January or Februarys meeting.

If you were not at October's meeting I announced that I will be stepping down as chapter coordinator with January being my last meeting as coordinator. Due to my recent business venture I have found myself unable to serve our chapter in the same capacity I have for the last four years. I feel it is time to get some new blood in there to help our chapter grow and remain the great organization that it is.

It has been an extremely rewarding position, knowing I have helped to make a difference not only in the motorcycling community but the Central Oregon community as well. This has not been an easy decision to make. There has always been a great sense of pride every time I could introduce myself as coordinator for the *Central Oregon Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.*

At this time I would like to thank my wife Jackie for all her help, effort, and support over the years. I could not have accomplished what I did without her. "Thanks, Babe".

Please remember that our chapter would not be where it is without the hard work of our officers and members. Thanks to all of you for your support. It's been a great ride".

"United we stand..." you know the rest

Later,

John

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)
Black Horse Saloon
Bend, Oregon

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Shag, vice coordinator, called the meeting to order. He welcomed those who were guests of the meeting.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were waived.

Rhonda, membership secretary, reported the chapter has 148 active members. The chapter has lost about 30 members.

Mary, treasurer reported that the chapter had \$822.00 dollars in the account.

Rob asked that if anyone had tickets left to turn them in. The toy run has a full-page ad in the *Cycle Trader*, with the possibility of mention on the front page of the next issue. The taxes for the toy run are complete and on time. They need 15 volunteers to assist at the toy run. KISN, KGON and KUPL are providing advertisement for the toy run. There is the possibility of a TV commercial and a chance to be on *Good Day Oregon*. Donations are coming from vendors. The *Touchables* will be performing.

Joan, legislative/state representative, [reported] that the swap meet was going well and they need volunteers to assist on Saturday starting at noon and on Sunday starting at 6:00 a.m. Those who volunteer will be paid in *A.B.A.T.E.* bucks. *Fossil* planning will resume in January. Joan made the motion to bring the voting practices up-to-date. The motion did not pass, but will be brought up as a by-law change for next year. The A.B.A.T.E. state dinner will be Saturday, December 10 in Albany at the *Eagles*.

Joan is donating to ways and means two tickets to motorcycle ice racing on Friday, December 16.

Neil, historian reported that all was going well and he is finishing up for the year-end.

New business began with Lee Austin giving a report on Summer Run. Run meetings will be held at the Turtle Shell on Division Street about 118th. They will be at 12:30 p.m. the last Sunday of each month. He has locked in the site at



McCruven Gulch, which is a 60-mile ride. He has a possible second site around Forest Grove if the *McCruven Gulch* does not work out. There will be advance tickets, \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Tickets will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members at the gate. He has requested two representatives from each chapter.

Nominations for chapter officers are as follows with elections December 11, 2006.

- coordinator – Donnie Stephens
- vice coordinator – Mike Stewart and Willie Sanders
- membership secretary – BJ
- recording secretary – Holly
- treasurer – Kyle
- historian – Bill Hunter
- sergent-at-arms – Glen Francis and Shotgun Dave
- state rep – Joan Mcarty
- toy run committee – Aaron Manning and Kyle
- legislative rep – Rhonda Sweitzer
- public relations – Willie Sanders
- road captain – Scotty Barstad and Tony
- ways and means – James Rhoden and Vic Purplee.

The committee was set for the *Sweetheart Dance* in February 2006. The place elected to hold the dance was the *Spare Room*. The motion was made and passed to give \$150 to the ways and means for prizes. It was also encouraged that the chapter members get door prizes from vendors to donate as well.

Willie gave a short announcement on

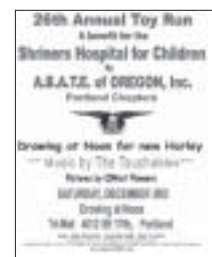
the *E.P.A.* laws of California regulating motorcycle rights, stating that starting in 2006 you would be allowed only one custom bike.

Mike Friend, chapter chaplain, gave a prayer for our fallen sister and brothers; Sherry Marie Boller, Joe Hisculp, and Al Blackford. The prayer also included asking the lord to watch over our brothers and sisters aboard who are fighting for our country.

The 50/50 membership short drawing went to Billy Wilson.

The meeting ended with the ways and means drawing and good prizes going to the lucky winners.

Miss Mary



**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**
 2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
The Spare Room
 4830 N.E. 42nd -- Portland

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Douglas County Chapter

Yesterday (08 November) was national election day, but nothing was on the ballot in Douglas county.

And now you're reading this, and it's already December. Thanksgiving is over, even though parts of the turkey dinner may still remain. We'll already have had our November meeting to nominate new officers, but today I'm willing to bet that meeting didn't pull the kind of attendance and participation that this organization deserves.

So here I sit, on the 9th of November, wondering what amount of our membership will turn out in December to vote for those new nominees. What does it take to muster more than 20 of our 102 local members? Free food? Free beer? Free gas? Free HBO? Freedom?

Recently I read a couple things that sparked these questions. The first was Rot Path's November letter from the crusty ol' editor, titled *Planning Our Future, Finding Our Past*. He spot-lighted a comment, "Politics is the means by which we achieve our legislative goals". By itself, something about that remark seems incomplete.

For months now our statewide organization has struggled with trying to accomplish a legislative agenda on behalf of its membership. A lot of attention and effort was put into highlighting motorcyclists' rights. Yet, for all the dollars and days spent, none of the bills passed and a lot of people were frustrated. And so the natural response will be to focus on only one agenda item next session: helmet regulations.

My rambling mental track now intersects another article I recently read. Bob Hibler, a writer for *RoadBike* magazine, had an article in their November issue titled *Fighting Stupidity*. In it, he shares his e-mail response to the *A.M.A.* (the motorcycle group, not the doctor one) about repealing helmet regulations. He complains that, as a member, their agenda is not his agenda



and that if we, as riders, are to gain any support from the community for our rights as riders, we need to focus on the more publicly palatable issues. I suspect Bob's opinions about helmet regulations differ from those of *A.B.A.T.E.*'s leadership. But one aspect that I carried away from his article was "we all live under mandates that impinge on our personal rights".

At this point, let me emphasize that I am *not* running for any office, and in fact have chosen to not continue as secretary. But I do still have opinions, and hopes, about what *A.B.A.T.E.* can do at a local level to be more successful.

Legislative change requires more than just membership support. To impress legislators to make changes requires broader public support. Perhaps this might be the "politics" that Rot was referring to. And the best way to get public support is to be a bigger supporter of the community. From what I've seen, we tend to operate in a bit of a vacuum and have become pretty inbred. If our organizational opinion is "screw the public and the gubment, we have our rights and we're gonna take 'em", then we're probably not very likely to be any more successful with a singular legislative focus than we were with a multi-topic agenda. If the attitude is just "us against

the world", well, the house always wins.

I encourage as many members as well as non-member riders and even non-member, non-riders to attend our December meeting. Nominate more people. Nominate new people. Nominate yourself !! Do something besides watching from a distance. There are legitimate issues out there that can negatively affect you as a rider. If you do nothing to prevent it from happening, you can only blame yourself.

As my bike plate says: "DY TRYN"

Bill Korpa

secretary

Douglas County Chapter

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

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm)

Round Table Pizza

Roseburg

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Hub City Chapter



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If you all haven't noticed yet, winter is upon us!

Brrrr!

With that comes less riding time but also more dangerous riding conditions. Sudden changes in the weather can make an afternoon ride a challenge. Be sure to carry appropriate riding gear for any unforeseen weather conditions.

There will be many toy runs this month We encourage the support of all M.R.O.'s in efforts to bring joy into the lives of deserving children throughout the state. Toys, money, foods, clothing, and even your smiling face will be appreciated by these children.

As mentioned last month, we had our *Motorcycle Awareness Show* in October at the *Heritage Mall* in Albany. We were informed that our presence increased mall traffic by 35% and most all vendors had an increase in sales. We were able to sell 100 raffle tickets for the *Shriners'* bike and a special thanks to Betty Babcock for buying the 100th ticket as we were closing down.

Remember one of our missions as *A.B.A.T.E.* members is to elevate

public awareness of motorcyclist issues. This could be something that any other chapter could do to promote community involvement and get support at the ballot box when needed in the future.

Speaking of public awareness, *Hub City* has relegated funds to establish a billboard on a local highway to promote motorcycle safety and motorcycle issues. This will happen during the spring of 2006.

Additional ideas are being discussed to also further this cause such as donations to *Team Oregon* and donations to *BikePAC*. These are worth while organizations that deserve our support with the funds that are earned by this chapter and those around the state. Although we do have our good times, it is necessary to reflect on the ideals and goals that this organization was founded for and use funds accordingly.

And again it pays to show up to *Hub City* chapter meetings! Kathy Gerke was the recipient of the membership drawing. And what about Sue Mills? Winning three out of the last five 50/50 .. we are going to have to start rigging her tickets! Rick Wholers won

the first door prize, which was a very nice Hawaiian *H-D* shirt and key chain, donated by Richard Balleaux. The second door prize won by Nick Oliver was a *N.A.S.C.A.R.* six-pack cooler donated by Fred Tucker.

Elections will be taking place this month so hopefully you many be seeing some new faces in the officer ranks.

Merry Christmas to all ... and to all a good ride!!

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HUB CITY MEETING TIME
and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Ciddici's Pizza
 133 Fifth Street
 Albany

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

Josephine County Chapter



Hi everybody,

I don't need to tell you the cold weather is here.

First I'd like to say if you didn't make it to our toy run on 16 October, you missed a great time. We had such a great turnout and good time. It was awesome!!! I'd like to say thank you to everybody who came to the toy run and those who helped make it happen.

At our November meeting we gave the people from *Project Baby Check* a check for \$3,000 along with the fact they loaded up over 350 toys at the toy run. Not bad for our second annual toy run.

Also at the November meeting we nominated our officers for the coming year. They will be confirmed at our next meeting in December.

Which is what I want to talk about next: our next meeting is on December 20th at the *Fruitdale Grange* on Rogue River highway,

Grant's Pass. There will be a Christmas pot luck dinner. The chapter will be buying a ham, turkey, chicken, and sodas. So bring some side dishes and let's all spend a little time together before Christmas. Bring friends. We would love to have them come and meet us for the Christmas holidays.

We're all brothers and sisters in the wind.

So don't forget December 20th, 6:30 p.m. at the *Fruitdale Grange*. Potluck and an *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting. See you there.

One last thing: on 01 January 2006 there's going to be a *Polar Bear Ride* from *Full Throttle Cycles* on Rogue River highway. It will start at 12 noon so come and have fun on the first day of the year. It was great time last year.

Your chapter coordinator and friend,
Spanky

JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Thursdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Abby's Pizza

205 Beacon Drive

Grants Pass

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North Coast Chapter



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

It's a belated wish, but I really mean it.

We have a heck of a lot to be thankful for up here in the northern most corner of the state. Beautiful countryside, great tasting water and the good wishes of our friends and neighbors are but a few things we should be thinking about this time of year and for that matter every single day.

One thing that everyone who knows him is thankful for is that *North Coast* member Tony White escaped the grim reaper in a recent t-bone collision he and his bike had with a local girl higher than a kite on meth. Tony was life -flighted to Portland and into the good doctors' care. He suffered three (3) skull fractures, (we'll have to keep magnets away from the metal plate they stuck in his head) a broken thumb, and many lacerations. Tony will also need to undergo some facial reconstruction to fix the broken bones in his face. Fortunately, he did not sustain any brain damage or spinal injury. We're all pulling for you brother and we pray for your speedy recovery.

The *17th Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* has come and gone by the time you get this newsmagazine in your mailbox. This event is so very important to the children of low-income families in our county and even though we don't get to see the faces of the young recipients of all our hard work, our imaginations are pretty good and we feel great because of it! Thank you to everyone who volunteered soliciting for contributions and to those who worked at the dinner and auction. Every single job performed helped make the event a success, whether it was decorating the banquet hall, being an auction runner, dishing up the chow or going hoarse from being the auctioneer. Another huge Thank you to *A.B.A.T.E.* members who attended and as in years past, were so very generous in their bidding.

The upcoming *Toy Run* on December 3rd is the second installment of our Christmas fund raising efforts. There has been a change in the starting point because the restaurant we usually assemble at (*Rob's*) has closed it's doors and has been sold, so we will take off from *The Relief Pitcher*, 2795 S. Roosevelt

(that's also highway 101) in Seaside at 9:00 a.m. (Check out the flier in back of this issue.) This is a short poker run because the weather is not the warmest in December and this is the Oregon coast, ya know, but 'tis the season to be jolly and how can you not be jolly with a couple of *Harley-ridin'* Santa Clauses and their big, sometimes very hairy elves around? I like this short run. Yeah, I know it's colder than a well-diggers butt sometimes, so probably just to spite that very fact, everyone seems to be really cheerful and full of the proper spirit of the season. We look forward to seeing everyone and hope

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NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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Northeast Portland Chapter



I want to officially apologize, for my lack of submission into the newsmagazine for October 2005. I was having difficulties. Thanks goes to Marty for assisting me with the solution of those problems.

Okay, now I have to apologize for the fact that I am being brief.

Unfortunately, I have too many things going on today.

I am exited to say that, we have several very important runs coming up. Just to name one:

Saturday
03 December 2005
Shriners' Toy Run

Well, until next month,

Wheels
(NE-PDX recording secretary)

Hey gang,

Fist off I would like to sincerely apologize to everybody for my lack of a report for the newsmagazine last month.

As the new recording secretary for *Northeast Portland Chapter* as of the last election, I would like to say "thank you" to everybody in my chapter for giving me this *awesome* opportunity to serve my brothers and sisters within this great organization.

I only hope that I am able to serve to my fullest ability in every way possible.

I am very concerned about the lack of attendance at our chapter meetings. I have been a member of *Northeast Portland Chapter* since Wednesday, 01 September 2004 and I am very worried that we, *Northeast Portland Chapter*, have *not* seen full attendance since. That tells me, unfortunately, that the interest is rapidly decreasing.

Please show up for meetings. We are not fully able to fulfill our goals if we do not have everyone's input and participation in the things that matter to this wonderful organization. Such as:

- 1: Fighting for our rights as citizens.
- 2: Biker's ability love of riding, solo and/or in groups.
- 3: Supporting *Shiners* and *O.H.S.U. Hospital*.

We have so many great things coming up for us that may not actually happen if we do not contribute. We had a planning session that really needed our support.

Anyway, I now want to apologize for this relatively short submission.

However, more importantly, I hope to start seeing more people at the Chapter meetings and runs.

Until next time, please be careful while riding.

Thanks again,

Wheels



N.E. PORTLAND MEETING
TIMES and PLACE
 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
 (7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
 4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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River City Chapter



October 18, 2005

We had a very lively run committee meeting and boisterous regular meeting tonight. We have such a great group and have lot of fun together. We finalized our poker run route and now are looking for volunteers to help do checkpoint and other jobs. Contact Deborah at (503)-296-9303 or come to the next run committee meeting on January 3, 2006 before the regular meeting.

We spent time talking about membership recruiting and getting ideas.

Something will grow out of this discussion soon. Two members renewed tonight: Tim and Johnna Kuechmenn. They are long time steady members but didn't get a renewal notice. Oops!

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

Scott Goad would have won the membership drawing for \$25 if he had been present. It will go up to \$30 for the next meeting.

Fall riding is here.

Watch out for leaves, ice and gravel.

Oh, and watch for the other guy, too.

November 1, 2005

Steve ran the meeting tonight and did a fine job. We had several people who had seen the e-mail notice yesterday about the meeting, so that is a useful thing to do. Thanks, Tim, for suggesting it. We decided to put \$1,000 from checking into savings for the time being. We also allocated \$200 for run expenses.

Our highway cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, November 13. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the *Lone Pine* and go from there. Ride after. Should be fun and easy. Come on out.

Lynne Roberge would have won our membership drawing if she had been present. It will grow to \$40 for the next meeting.

Tim won the 50/50 at \$6/\$5.

I fooled everyone tonight with my bike of the meeting on the agenda. It was a competition relic, a 1939 *N.S.U. Kompressor*. A very nice old single.

We talked about HR-2048, *The Right to Repair Act of 2005* as a legislative action item this month. It is in this e-mail and I hope Rot Path prints it here or on the *M.R.F.* page. [c.o.e. note – the latter.] Peter DeFazio is a co-sponsor, so we need to get the

rest of our representatives on board.

— Brian

Upcoming meetings

December 6, 2005

December 20, 2005



RIVER CITY MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)

Roadstop Restaurant
2nd Street -- The Dalles

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

Salem Chapter

Greetings,

As I write these minutes I am reminded how quickly life can be changed. Joe Huesinkveld has passed from this place and our condolences go out to Paula and family. This chapter is at your disposal. If you have any needs please call (503)-787-4618 (Michelle).

Salem Chapter is looking forward to the upcoming *Annual Toy Run* on the 11th of December. We will be taking off from the *K-Mart* at the corner of 25th and Mission at 11:00 a.m. Begin gathering and dropping off toys/non-perishable food and/or toiletries at 10:00 a.m. The Christian Motorcycle Association will be providing coffee/tea and a warm smile to get us all going on our way to the Stayton fire department to deliver to their *Toys for Joy Program* and *Food Box* items.

Then on to the Jefferson fire department to deliver more toys with more food that will be distributed to the food bank.

We, the *Salem Chapter*, will be delivering moneys gathered through our biker nights and ticket sales from the biker prize chest for which the drawing was on November 27th at our chapter meeting.

The meeting this month is at Kathie's

house with our Christmas party to follow. Everyone is invited to both. The officer elections will be during this meeting which starts at 2:00 p.m. on December 17th, 2005. Please call

(503)-831-1807 for directions to the meeting/party. Dinner is provided by the *Salem Chapter*.

At our October meeting the membership drawing would have been won by Mike Johnson if he had been present. This drawing just keeps getting bigger but you have to attend a meeting to find out how much it is. Michelle won her own coordinator's prize drawing which she promptly donated to the door prize department for the biker night held on November 5th, 2005 at the *Bottle Factory* in Stayton.

The *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* planning session and *N.C.O.M. Regional* were attended by representatives from the *Salem Chapter*. From both we were able to gather information on the direction of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* and what is going on with *E.P.A.* rulings (go to <http://www.mrf.org> for info) that affect your motorcycling future. Another thing is to put I.C.E. (in case of emergency) on your cell phone so emergency personnel/hospital staff will

know who to contact in case of a misadventure.

Anyone from the *Salem Chapter* have pictures of things they did this year? I am bringing the 2005 photo album to the Christmas party (Dec. 17, 2005) and would love to have more stuff to put in it.

Love, peace and great big hugs to all the world,

Kindest regards,

Michelle J. FitzHenry
a.k.a. "chapter goddess"
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<http://home.earthlink.net/~abateinfo>
(503)-787-4618

SALEM MEETING TIME
and PLACE

4th Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Papa's Pizza
4550 Commercial Street, Salem

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

South Coast Chapter



Seasons greetings from the *South Coast*,

Did ya miss us last month???

The c.o.e. has a deadline.

It is today. [10 November 2005]

Turkey sandwiches have come and gone and it's a frantic, headlong plunge into full-blown-Christmas.

Officer elections, toy runs, and all the good cheer that December brings us.

Visit the *South Coast Chapter* as we host the *Christmas Light Show* at *Shore Acres State Park* on December 21. Have a hot cider and cookies and check out the incredible lighting displays. Big time "oohs and ahhs".

And we heard him exclaim as he roared out of sight,

"Loud pipes save lives. Ride free brothers and sisters! And to all, a good night."

*If regular Santa says "Ho-ho-ho",
does pirate Santa say "Yo-ho-ho"?*

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

3rd 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

Hi all from *Southeast Portland Chapter*,

Well, by the time you all read this some of the toy runs will have gone by and more to come. Hope you all went to some of them and gave all that you could.

Our chapter has had officer nominations. We still need some *Southeast Portland* members to step up and fill the spots for vice coordinator, education, *BikePAC* representative, state representative, alternate state representative, ways and means, and chapter chaplain. We would really like to see some new blood step up and volunteer to keep our chapter running.

This will be the last time that I will be writing to you. I would like to thank everyone who worked this last year.

The weather is getting bad and for those of you who ride year round please ride careful.

It makes us sad to hear about people who have gone down. Our thoughts are with all of you who have had terrible crashes.

We have recieved news that Michal Gray was released from the hospital

and that the doctors were able to save her foot. Yeah, Michal ! We all have you in our thoughts.

We would also like to send our thoughts to Tony White senior, *North Coast* coordinator. Tony was in a bad crash and we hope that he is doing better.

Our webmaster has reported that there are new updated pictures on the web page so check 'em out.

One of our new members, Lloyd Buckley, had his bike stolen this last month. There is a picture of it on the web page. If you could all see what it looks like and keep you eye out for it he would appreciate it very much.

The swap meet in Portland will have come and gone by the time this report comes out. We hope that it went well and that everybody found some things that they were looking for.

Well that is it for this month.

You all have a good New Year,

Vicki

26th Annual Toy Run
A benefit for the
Shriners Hospital for Children
by
A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Inc.
Portland Chapters



Drawing at Noon for new Harley
*** Music by The Touchables ***
Pictures by QWest Pioneers
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
Drawing at Noon
Tri-Met 4012 SE 17th, Portland

Info: 503-233-0613 Mail: 503-665-5063 Web: 753-4703
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information please visit our website at www.abateoforegon.com

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

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)

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

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

Washington County Chapter

Well, winter is officially upon us.

There is a layer of frost on the lawn, it takes longer to thaw out the car to go to work, and the thought of riding is not even an option at this point. The bike is better off all tucked in and warm and dry in the garage. There may be a day or two when it will come out, but for now, I'm fine in my cage. Sad to admit.

I will bring the bike out, as many of you will, for the toy runs that mark the season. *Washington County's* run will be over by the time this hits the newsmagazine. We are hoping for about 250 bikes and good weather. There have been some planning challenges with starting the toy run in one city and ending in another. These challenges become more pronounced the closer the day gets. One way or another, we will get from *Paradise Harley-Davidson* in Tigard to the Hillsboro fire department.

We will present a donation to the Hillsboro fire department, then head over to the Hillsboro *Elks* for the after ride party and photo op with all the toys.

Along with toys for the kids, we ask that members also bring canned goods to events and meetings to be donated to a local women's shelter.

Several years ago, we were

inundated with requests for assistance during the holiday season. We could not help everyone and the discussion about how helping others meets our mission statement was spirited and well-thought out.

As a group, we decided that at the beginning of the year, we would nominate charities and organizations within our community and support only one throughout the year. This way we could focus our attention on the matters we need to address and not be torn in many different directions for requests for funds that are limited to begin with.

We will address the issue of nominations for the charities and organizations in January, so please consider how you would address the membership when nominating an organization. We will want to know how this will tie into our mission statement and what kind of assistance the organization will want throughout the year.

As the end of the year approaches, we have also begun the nomination process at the chapter level, with nominations in most offices. This process will also take place at the state level in December. As someone who has held this position for a number of years (seven or eight, I think), I will ask the same that others have

asked over the years. Please consider stepping up for either a chapter or a state position. The job descriptions are available through your chapter secretary. You can always talk with the person who currently holds the position and, in some cases, mentor with them. They may be ready to pass on the baton to the next runner.

I would like to thank Deb from *Lincoln County* for the very nice write-up for our *End of Summer Run* and also for the wonderful picture of the moon rising over the vendor area and stage at the same event. I looked at the cover for a minute and thought how it reminded me of *E.O.S.*, then tried to figure if it could have been *Beaver Creek* or *Fossil*. How glad I was,

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WASHINGTON COUNTY**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2nd and 4th 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

As of this writing, *Willamette Valley Chapter* has joined the homeless.

We will no longer be meeting at the *Vet's* building on Willamette street but we do plan on keeping our 2nd Thursday evening of the month date and time as is. Our officers are working hard on finding a new meeting place and rest assured that this will be accomplished by our January meeting. A phone tree is planned to make sure every member gets the word on the new location. It has been agreed that our new meeting place will have food and beverages available to us so that our members can have dinner before the meeting and time to catch up with old friends and get to know new members.

Anyone who would like to join us for an evening should contact Peggy Schneider (541)-349-9864 or Hal Fletcher (541)-688-4268.

Our chapter Christmas party and dinner is still on at the *Vet's* for December 8th at 7 p.m. Cost is \$12 to the members and \$12 to the chapter. You must make reservations by December 1st. Please remember to bring food donations for our Christmas family.

Our chapter officers have been pulling their hair and wracking their brains over this past year trying to find out just what our members want from *A.B.A.T.E.* Attendance has been dropping off drastically and nothing we do seems to be helping this situation.

Finally, at our last meeting, one of our younger members "laid it on us". We were told that we are a bunch of boring, crusty, old,



Harley riders.

Us ?

Boring ?

Crusty ?

Old ? (Well, maybe a few gray hairs.)

Harley riders ? (Definitely, but not in a discriminating way – at least we didn't think so.)

While most of us kind of laughed this off, I gotta tell you I was pretty hurt by that assessment.

Yes, there are times that our meetings go too long and get too detailed. We've been working on that and we thought this had improved. And it's hard not to have a few personal jokes flying around amongst folks who've ridden together and shared funny experiences. We can understand that they might not be funny to those who don't know the whole story.

There *is* a remedy for these woes.

Participation.

Yep, you read me right. Get yer butt in gear and join in. If you don't like the ways things are swinging, you and only you have the power to change them.

You don't like how the officers are handling things?

No problem.

Elections are coming up and every position is up for grabs. I can

guarantee that if you want to have a say in how things are run you are most welcome to step up to the plate and grab the bull by the horns. Us "old bullshitters" will stand back and give you every chance you want to turn this organization on it's heels.

The private jokes you don't get?

Same word applies folks.

Participation.

When you join us for a day trip or an overnigher, you will be in on those jokes. You will make friends and memories for a life time.

Sit at home and gripe and who do you think is going to listen to you? Actually this pretty well sums up our whole organization.

All those letters, phone calls, and

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WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 2nd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Veteran's Memorial Building
 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene
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 Rick Maish (541)-746-7837
 Ruth Johnston (541)-935-6261
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Report on the Oregon Democratic Summit 2005



Teresa Hepker

Friday

Brian Stovall and I arrived at noon to help set up the 2nd congressional district table in the exhibit hall. Most of the county parties contributed items for two gift baskets that were raffled to raise money to help the 2nd congressional district committee fund its outreach and training activities. The raffle earned about \$500 over the weekend. The welcome reception featured speeches by governor Kulongoski, labor commissioner Dan Gardner, state treasurer Dan Gardner and *D.N.C.* executive director Tom McMahan.

Saturday

U.S. congressman Earl Blumenauer addressed everyone during breakfast, and we also heard from Jim Rassmann, a retired Los Angeles policeman who currently lives at the Oregon coast. Rassmann, a Viet Nam veteran, traveled with John Kerry during the 2004 presidential campaign and stood side by side with him during the swift boat controversy. He was an eloquent speaker, and very thoughtful.

Between breakfast and lunch we heard six presentations.

Tom McMahan and Jason Leon showed a *PowerPoint* presentation on the *D.N.C.*'s 50-state strategy, which county parties will be involved with in the months between now and the 2006 elections. Cornell Belcher, a Washington, D.C. pollster, talked about research into *Bush, Democrats, and What Voters Think*. Superintendent of public instruction, Susan Castillo, talked about Oregon's education system, and Oregon *A.F.L.-C.I.O.* president Tim Nesbitt's theme was *No Unions, No Middle Class. It's That Simple*.

Oregon state representative Jeff Merkley talked about the democratic project to take back the house of representatives, and former governor John Kitzhaber spoke on the challenge of rebuilding the Oregon community in the face of relentless attacks from the ultraconservative right wing.

Lunch: U.S. representative Darlene Hooley and 9/11 commissioner, congressman Tim Roemer.

Afternoon gave us choices of several breakout sessions:

Morality, the Economy & the Media: What Democrats Need to Know with professors David Domke and Mark Smith; *Building You Grassroots Organization* with *D.N.C.* staff Brad Martin and Jason Leon; and a panel on *Winning Value Voters: Activating and Organizing the Religious Left*.

Evening saw more receptions, and a dinner with even more to hear and consider. First, former governor Barbara Roberts presented the *Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Award* to gold star mother Lynn Bradach, whose son Travis was killed by a land mine in Iraq on the day that the president declared "mission accomplished." Ms. Bradach has since become active in raising money to disarm land mines around the world, first in Iraq and later in southeast Asia. When she heard of Cindy Sheehan's protest at the gates to president Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, she joined Cindy in her vigil, and was one of those who were arrested for acts of civil disobedience in Washington, D.C. in late September.

Ron Wyden spoke next, followed by ambassador Joseph Wilson. Wilson was the man sent to Niger to investigate allegations that Saddam Hussein was attempting to buy yellow cake uranium

from Niger to build weapons of mass destruction. When he reported that he could find no evidence to back that claim, a Bush administration official leaked information to the press that Wilson's wife, Valerie Plame, was a covert *C.I.A.* operative. Wilson told us that story, and kept the crowd riveted for an hour and a half that night.

Sunday

We started with breakfast and secretary of state Bill Bradbury, senate president Peter Courtney, and senate majority leader Kate Brown. Next came six more speakers: Laura McClintock of the *Ballot Initiative Strategy Center*; Steve Novik and Chris Coughlin on the Colorado-style "spending limit" initiatives; Dan Carol of the *Apollo Alliance*, on energy independence, Jefferson Smith on the *Oregon Bus Project* and the politics of youth activists. Topping the show, were former governor Kitzhaber and representative Mitch Greenlick on *Hope for Oregon Health Care*.

Sunday lunch, the last major event we attended, featured a fiery, no-holds-barred speech by congressman Peter DeFazio.

I left feeling way too full of ideas and questions, information, hope and doubts.

If you have high-speed internet access or a dial-up connection with an abundance of patience, you can see video of many of these presentations by going to: <http://www.dpo.org> and clicking on the link to the virtual summit.

Our Officers at Work

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12 October 2005



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

Eagles Lodge, Albany OR.

The meeting was called to order by state membership secretary Jill Tracy at 12:20 with 10 of the 14 chapters represented, all chapters present were eligible to vote.

Chapters not in attendance were *Central Oregon, Douglas County, North Coast, and Lincoln County.*

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon mission statement read.

Guests and first time attendees: Bob Devere, *Southeast Portland Chapter.*

Reading of the minutes from October 08, 2005. Motion made by Jill Tracy, seconded by Murge Gunter to adopt the minutes as published in the [state] newsmagazine. Motion carried.

Coordinators comments: None.

Correspondence: *O.D.O.T.* mailed some information stating that now notices can be sent electronically rather than by mail if you choose to receive them that way.

Jeff Merric, P.C. sent a letter stating that he has returned to private law practice and specializes in fighting for the legal rights of people.

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Legislative director: Rick Maish was not here, excused.

***A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC* representative:** Rick Maish was not here, excused.

***Confederation of Clubs* representative:** Michael Schneider reported he has not been to a meeting for months. He reports that since he has not

attended, *A.B.A.T.E.'s* representation is not being done. He will not be seeking re-election and both these positions need to be filled. Michael asked Jill if she could ask Ed Vaughn to attend the next meeting which will be December 10 at 5 p.m. at the *Outsiders* in Portland. Jill said she will ask Ed.

***Confederation of Clubs* representative II:** [position open]

Education director: Geoff White not here, excused.

Education director II: [position open]

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy reported that membership numbers are down as was the toll free phone number which has now been fixed. Also there was a problem with the mail being forwarded. It was free for awhile then they wanted to charge an outrageous amount for the forwarding. Jill has someone picking it up for her.

The swap meet is coming and we will need help at the booth.

Jill has ordered tri-folds as they are a good public relations tool.

American Income Life information was sent out and the mailing list destroyed.

Jill also has several boxes of *A.I.M.* info at her house to get mailed out.

The annual dinner is next month and she will be doing the deli trays again.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path – Thanks for sending in your reports, photos etc.

Missing reports from *Columbia*

River and Lincoln County.

Chapter reports and flyers do not have area codes on them. We do not all live in the same area code and this is vital information that should be on all flyers. Al Sims added that the flyers put on the web page are looked at by people from all over the states and noted too the importance of area codes.

Products: Murge Gunter reported things are looking pretty good. She has checked to make sure she has shirts is all sizes preparing for the swap meet.

Public relations: Richard Androes reported to be listening next week to the radio stations for swap meet advertising.

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Ted Tracy was not here, excused.

Jill reported he has some bands signed.

There will be *no* run meeting in December.

Swap meet coordinator: Stephan Baton reported he has placed flyers in all the state representative packets. Everything has been arranged for the swap meet. They will need help with security. *Hub City* is going to do the parking. He reminds those who are helping on Sunday to be there by 6 a.m.

Charlie asked what happened to the state's *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement banner that was last used at the Roseburg swap meet a couple of years ago when Wendy was treasurer? Stephan said he would look for it and Jill will ask Wendy if she had packed

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it up.

Murge asked Stephan to also look for the product display cases in the storage unit.

State run coordinator II: Rich Virchow—Not present.

Treasurer: Nancy Curran reported we have \$35,481 in the bank and about \$2,500 in bills to be paid at the end of the week.

Nancy said she has filed the 2004 taxes with the *Department of Justice* which includes the *Shriners' Toy Run* for the first time.

The taxes to *I.R.S.* will be mailed out next week.

Nancy discussed some lodging problems as rooms that were quoted for the cost were sold out before we got them booked so the rooms that we did get booked were more expensive than anticipated.

State auditor: Nancy Curran has heard from all the chapters except *Southeast Portland*. All others are in various stages of compliance. Please make sure with elections coming up that your new treasurer knows how to reconcile a bank statement.

Also, as a reminder for tax purposes, if your flyer states proceeds are for motorcycle rights and education, the chapter should spend the money in that direction i.e. *BikePAC*, *M.R.F.*, etc. If the chapter donates only to charitable places and the flyers have stated otherwise, the chapter could get in trouble with IRS.

Historian: Iris Yeager said she looks forward to being history as she is stepping down from this position at the end of next month. Iris read her historian report of *A.B.A.T.E.* officers from 1996 and of those who are still active at state board such as Brian

Stovall.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman was excused due to work but submitted his written report. (His reports are also available on the web page)

Marty needs to be more informed of events. Al said he is working closer with him as many flyer files sent were too large to send to Marty. People need to learn how to reduce the size of pictures before they send them. Rot Path suggested this would be a good class for *S.T.E.A.M.* to learn file size and sending files over the computer.

Vice coordinator—north: Ed Vaughn was not here.

Vice coordinator—east: Ed Miller was not here.

Vice coordinator—south: Hal Fletcher was not present, excused.

Sergeant-at-arms—north: Randy Phipps reported the swap meet is next Sunday and they will need help with security.

Sergeant-at-arms—south: Al Sims reminded everyone we only pay the *Eagles Lodge* \$20 a month rent and probably drink more than that in coffee. Please tip the staff.

Sergeant-at-arms—east: James Brummond—Not present.

Sanctioning officer: Al Sims reported nothing was turned in by *Southeast Portland* for next year's events.

There is some internal scheduling conflicts. Correspondence going out next week to ask for cooperation in resolving any issues. Mostly poker runs held the same time as another chapter in the area is holding a three-day event. Cooperation is needed as we are a brotherhood.

We can't change the insurance

renewal date without all the information to present to the underwriters, so, we will stay with the current system until May. We are covered through the spring swap meet but we may run into problems with *Fossil*. The renewal will be addressed then.

Please use current sanctioning and insurance worksheet which is three pages long. One sheet if the insurance worksheet and the other two pages are the sanctioning forms.

Al attended the *A.M.A.* calendar planning session with Ted Tracy, Rotten Roger, and Ken Ray. Listed all runs turned in about 95% of *A.B.A.T.E.* events listed. Al said the *A.M.A.* insurance presentation was informative and their system was much more strict than ours. Ted Tracy is an eligible "referee" for *A.M.A.* sanctioning if needed. Rotten Roger and Ken Ray also, if needed.

Al apologized for flyer, news magazine and web site issues. He said he is not as computer savvy as he thought he was. Between the material, Marty, Rot Path and he, there has been a learning curve.

Quartermaster: Stephan Baton reported there are a couple of items out but they are out of the rain and he knows where they are located.

Stephan reminds everyone that if you borrow something, you need to bring it back and in the same condition it left in or better.

Unfinished Business

1. Planning session: Jill Tracy suggested that since the planning session minutes had not yet been published that we should wait until

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State Board

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next month to discuss them. Brian Stovall said he is presenting a motion based on information from the planning session and would like to at least discuss that portion.

Brain Stovall discussed under the legislative section of the planning session the information that Rick Maish submitted and the legislative action guide Brian came up with plus commitment needed from *A.B.A.T.E.* for two a year cycle. Also *BikePAC*'s plan to focus on one item which will be the helmet bill issue.

Please note on the donation from *Willamette Valley* to *BikePAC* in the planning session recap of minutes, the amount should be \$1,000 not \$2,000.

2. Oregon democratic summit: Brain Stovall noted that money was paid for people which included lodging fees and they did not show up. That should be addressed as a waste of *A.B.A.T.E.* money. For those [who] attended, they tried to cover as much as possible. Kitzhaber said you can not stick with the *status quo*, you must be with current times. Brian said there was a lot of republican bashing and said Kitzhaber did not engage in those activities.

Brain said Nick Oliver who is a republican and also attended this function spoke to one of the candidates who was open minded to *A.B.A.T.E.* Brain said Walker doesn't have enough of a track record yet to trust her. Brain and Theresa are on the committee to re-write the by laws that have not been revised since 1990. Iris noted you need to be involved with your local politicians and get to know them.

3. Annual dinner: December 10,

2005. Please call or e-mail Jill Tracy with your head count by December 3rd. Rot Path said it would be nice to have a memorial board with obituary clips from bikers who has passed away this last year so they may be remembered. Brian Stovall will do a trivia game.

4. *O.D.O.T.* safety conference: Mel Yeager passed out tri-folds on the *Flashing Yellow[Arrow]*. If you would like more of these tri-folds, write your chapter name on the request and "*A.C.T.S. Oregon*" and let them know you heard about it at the safety conference.

New Business

Motion made by Brain Stovall, seconded by Randy Phipps that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* endorses and fully supports the *BikePAC of Oregon* legislative plan, which includes funding, campaign, and legislative session work by the board of directors and all chapters. (Funding=*A.B.A.T.E.* continues to contribute as they have done in the past)

Joan McCarty moved to table this issue until next month to take information back to the chapter, seconded by Al Sims, all were in favor of tabling until next month.

Motion made by Joan McCarty, seconded by Stephan Baton to update voting procedures to allow a more fair election. Nominations should close by a specific date and chapters allowed to have a clear guide to their voting. Many chapters have meetings after voting and are not getting a fair representation when leaving nominations open indefinitely. It should be held as per election rules-

uniform. (This was regarding state board elections and they are open until elections in December. The people nominated in December right before the election would not give the chapters time to know who to vote for and must trust the judgment of their state representative.) Two were in favor, eight against-- motion failed.

Nominations for

State Board of Directors 2006

coordinator: Ed Vaughn

vice coordinator--north: [open]

vice coordinator south: Al Sims and Hal Fletcher

vice coordinator east: Ed Miller

membership secretary: Jill Tracy

Fossil run coordinator: Ted Tracy

run coordinator II: Rich Virchow

newsmagazine editor: Rot Path

state auditor: Charlie Hill

web page editor: Marty Soehrman

BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps

sgt-at-arms--north: Randy Phipps

sgt-at-arms--east: James Brummond

sgt-at-arms--south: Tom Curran and Richard Andros

Confederation of Clubs rep #1: Pat Williams

Confederation of Clubs rep #2: William Hunter

products director: Murge Gunter and Dave Meeker

education director #1: Nick Oliver, Geoff White and Patricia Carner

education director #2: [open]

public relations: Joan McCarty

swap meet coordinator: [open]

recording secretary: [open]

treasurer: Nancy Curran

historian: William Hunter

run sanctioning: Al Sims

legislative director: Rick Maish

quartermaster: Robert Hale

Additional nominations will be taken prior to elections next month.

Announcements

Motorcycle ice racing coming in December. Joan will send info to Rot Path.

Welcoming home troops tomorrow, meeting in Sweethome at noon.

“Bratt” Sherry Berry passed away from cancer.

Murge attended memorial for Joe.

North Coast spaghetti feed coming up.

WaCo Toy Run is the day before the swap meet.

Jill has raffle tickets for sale.

Friday was Veterans’ Day. Thank you to all vets [who] served.

Next State Board Meeting December 10, 2005 at Eagles Lodge-Albany Oregon

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Charlie Hill, state recording secretary



Historian



by Iris Yeager

Thank you, Jill Tracy, for sending the list of A.B.A.T.E. officers for the year 1996.

I became acquainted with this organization in February of that year. Mel Yeager and I had just begun to date and he took me to quite a few meetings and events that year. We are both old enough to realize that in our society many of our rights to make choices have changed and also that motorcyclists deserve more understanding on the roads.

This list of officers for 1996 has many members still very active and we need to thank them for their continued efforts in our behalf.

I have had this calling since 1997 and thank you for your support. You all are so great to be with. I look forward to seeing you each at future events even though it is necessary to give this job to someone else. Hopefully we can find someone with more opportunity to attend runs, etc. in the years to come. Again I thank you.

Sincerely,

Iris E. Yeager

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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

The *H.I.P.A.A. Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act* was recently introduced in the U.S. house of representatives by U.S. representative Michael Burgess (R-TX-26). HR-2793, senator Susan Collins (R-ME) recently introduced S-577 in the U.S. senate. The bills aim to end health care discrimination against individuals participating in legal transportation and recreational activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, horseback riding, and all-terrain vehicle riding.

The legislation addresses a loophole created by a *Department of Health and Human Services'* rule which made it possible for health care benefits to be denied to those who are injured while participating in these activities.

On August 21, 1996 president Clinton signed the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)*. The act included provisions prohibiting employers from denying health care coverage based on a worker's pre-existing medical conditions or participation in legal activities, such as motorcycling. In 2001, the *Department of Health and Human Services* released the final rule that would implement these provisions.

While the rule recognizes that employers cannot refuse health care coverage to an employee on the basis of their participation in a recognized legal activity, it provides that benefits can be denied for injuries sustained in connection with those activities. Therefore, you were guaranteed the right to health care coverage but not

guaranteed any benefits.

The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* is urging all motorcyclists to contact their congressional delegation and urge them to co-sponsor and support The *H.I.P.A.A. Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act*. For more information and to contact your members of congress visit the *Rapid Response Center* at: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/>

The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* president Robert Rasor has been elected to the position of vice president of the *Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (F.I.M.)*, the international governing body for motorcycle sport and touring.

Rasor was elected during the 2005 *F.I.M.* biennial session, held October 21-24 in Geneva, Switzerland. The *A.M.A.* is the sole U.S. affiliate to the *F.I.M.*, which comprises nearly 70 national organizations, called federations, from countries around the world.

A member of the *A.M.A.* staff since 1973, Rasor served as vice president of *A.M.A.* government relations from the early 1980s until his appointment as the association's president in 2000. He's served the *F.I.M.* as the first president of its commission on mobility, transport, road safety and public policy, increasing the organization's involvement in motorcyclists' rights, and is president of the *North American Motorcycle Union*, one of six such regional

groups within the *F.I.M.*

The Geneva-based *F.I.M.* establishes and enforces rules for international motorcycle competition, and monitors motorcycling legislation and lobbying for riders' rights. The *F.I.M.* also is involved with international touring, facilitates international travel, and is taking a more active role in vintage motorcycling.

Several other members of the *A.M.A.* staff also serve on various *F.I.M.* commissions. Through its affiliation with the *F.I.M.*, the *A.M.A.* licenses its riders to compete in international events and coordinates world-championship competition held in the United States.

In his over 35 years of motorcycling experience, Rasor been an amateur motocross racer and has toured extensively in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The *A.M.A.* has learned that an entity not affiliated with the *A.M.A.* has sent out offers for subscriptions to *American Motorcyclist* magazine. These solicitations are not authorized by the *A.M.A.* and should be considered fraudulent. While the large majority of *American Motorcyclist* readers receive their magazines as part of their membership, some life members and other individuals do purchase subscriptions. All mailings regarding those subscriptions come directly from the *A.M.A.*'s headquarters in Pickerington, Ohio.



AmericanMotorcyclist Association

The *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 in their local communities.

The seminar, to be held February 25-28 at the *Phoenix Park Hotel* in Washington, D.C., allows participants to meet and learn from the *A.M.A.*'s Washington staff as well as other political experts. Besides learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and on lobbying elected officials. The instructors will also prepare participants to meet face-to-face with members of their own congressional delegations.

A registration form is available at: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/2005/dc06.pdf> Mail the completed form to *A.M.A.*, 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147. For more information, contact Sharon Smolinka at: 1-(614)-856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at: ssmolinka@ama-cycle.org

South Dakota's supreme court is scheduled to hear arguments in former U.S. congressman Bill Janklow's request to regain his license to practice law. The state bar's disciplinary board has recommended Janklow regain his law license on February 15th. If the supreme court agrees, it would mean Janklow's license would be reinstated nearly a

year before his probation ends for second-degree manslaughter and other convictions in an August, 2003 crash that killed motorcyclist Randolph Scott.

Tragedies such as this prompted the *A.M.A.* to establish the *Justice for All* campaign, which focuses on inadequate sentencing of drivers who seriously injure or kill others on the road. For more information, visit: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/justice/index.asp>

Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area authorities this year will know exactly how many privately owned off-road vehicles are at the Area at any given time. That's because the permits they are issuing to allow those people to enjoy the dunes have radio transponder chips in them.

Officials say the move means better tracking and better enforcement and will yield the kind of data that will help better manage the popular recreation area. Millions of people each year from October through April flock to the dunes for off-highway vehicle recreation, camping and to enjoy the outdoors.

The dunes, situated on federal land in southern California and Arizona, have an annual estimated \$100 million impact on Yuma, El Centro, and Brawley. The chambers of commerce from all three of those communities last year formed the *United Desert Gateway*, a nonprofit group to promote the dunes.

California legislators next year are slated to deliberate over a bill

imposing a three-year moratorium on state-issued identification using such technology.

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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Congressional Hearing on the *Motor Vehicle Owners Right to Repair Act (HR-2048)*

The energy and commerce subcommittee on commerce, trade, and consumer protection met on November 10th to question the motor vehicle manufacturers and aftermarket part industries on the "Right to Repair" bill. Under current law, motor vehicle and motorcycle manufacturers must make available publicly, only information pertaining to the emissions on board diagnostic systems under an *Environmental Protection Agency* mandate. This results, in some cases forced owners to return to the dealership for other repairs that might have been less expensive and more convenient to fix at a local mechanic or even by getting their own hands dirty.

The rapid advancement in braking, ignition, security, and safety technology has resulted in more sophisticated diagnostic tools and equipment that manufactures are reluctant to make available to the shade tree mechanic or vehicle owner. Without access to the same training and tools made readily available to those within the dealership network, many small shops are being forced to turn away work. In fact in a survey of aftermarket automotive technicians, over fifty percent of them have turned away one to six jobs a month.

Consumer safety is also compromised when local repair shops of choice aren't provided information to

conduct certain repairs causing drivers and riders to avoid some needed repairs due to costly dealership service prices.

This legislation is nothing new. The coalition of groups that supports the legislation has been attempting to right this wrong for almost six years.

So why is it taking so long?

During a hearing on this measure in the 107th congress it was decided that the disputing parties would attempt to resolve the issue with a non-legislative answer. Their answer was to set up an independent council comprised of aftermarket and motor vehicle manufacturers and agree on the way to share the information in question voluntarily. However an agreement was never reached because of a lone holdout in the manufacturers' camp, an expensive and top of the line European manufacturer.

Back to the hearing, chairman Sterns (R-FL) the subcommittee chair set the tone for the hearing in his opening statement when he said "All parties agree that access to repair and service information is a consumer right". Other members at the hearing echoed the chairman's sentiments. Even the full energy and commerce committee chairman Joe Barton (R-TX) was in attendance. His strong statement of support of the bill was almost the nail in the coffin for the

motor vehicle manufactures. Barton went on saying, "Federal legislation is not the answer to everything but in this case, after four years of discussion with no results, it's the only answer". Barton also happens to be the original sponsor of HR-2048 and is the one man who can see this legislation to the house floor for a vote and has vowed to do so. A full energy and commerce committee mark up is tentatively scheduled for sometime the first two weeks of December.

Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* said, "This issue is about access and information but ultimately about consumer choice. Purchasing a motorcycle from your favorite manufacturer shouldn't tie you to them as long as you own the motorcycle. We as the owners should be able to make the decision who performs maintenance or upgrades our motorcycles."

We have the right to remain silent, the right to an attorney and now the U.S. house of representatives wants you to have the right to repair your motorcycle. Call your member of congress at 1-(202)-224-3121 and ask them to please support HR-2048, the *Motor Vehicle Owner Right to Repair act of 2005*. The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* will continue to provide updates on this important

legislation.

M.R.F. Receives Motorcycle Safety Champion's Award

The *Motorcycle Rider's Foundation* (M.R.F.) was recently honored by the *Team Oregon* motorcycle safety program with the *Champion's Award* for contributions to motorcycle safety. The award was presented November 12 at *Team Oregon's* annual awards banquet in Salem.

In making the announcement, Steve Garets, *Team Oregon's* director, recognized the M.R.F. for their longstanding support of motorcycle

safety. "Many groups and organizations champion safety. Fewer become involved in a safety related activity and fewer still tackle large, difficult safety initiatives. This champion has done just that, taking on a long-term congressional lobbying effort, costing thousands of dollars and untold man hours to pry loose from the federal government resources for states to use to improve motorcycle safety," Garets said. "Look up champion and you'll find it means 'defender of a cause or person.' The cause is safety. The defender and champion to all who seek to promote safer motorcycling

is the *Motorcycle Rider's Foundation.*"

"This is an outstanding honor and it is very much appreciated by everyone here at the M.R.F." Said JD DePaolantonio, M.R.F. director of communications and information for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation.*

The entire award letter can be read at:

<http://www.mrf.org/pdf/MRFAward.pdf>

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

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Gas Hikes Fuel Bike Sales

If you think you're seeing more bikes on the road these days, you're right! As gasoline prices escalate, so have sales of motorcycles, as consumers opt for a more economic mode of transportation, and more fun too!

Motorcycles get 50.1 mpg on average, while passenger cars get 22.3 mpg and light trucks and S.U.V.s get only 17.7 mpg.

A motorcycle with a 5-gallon tank can go 200-250 miles between fill-ups, which cost less than \$15, while a luxury car or light truck/S.U.V. can cost \$40-\$50 to travel the same distance.

It's numbers like these that have cost-conscious motorists driving less, trading in their gas-guzzling S.U.V.s for compact cars or hybrids, or going whole hog and buying a motorcycle.

Motorcycle dealers nationwide have reported double-digit increases in sales since hurricane Katrina drove gas prices over \$3.00 a gallon, and even now that the price at the pump has come down slightly, motorcycle sales are still brisk. And most new buyers are citing gas prices and fuel economy as a major factor in their decision to start riding, or to ride again.

Sales of on-highway motorcycles are up 16% compared to the same period last year (July through September), according to the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, and the purchase of new motorcycles is on track to exceed the one-million mark for the third straight year, marking the 13th consecutive year of record sales.

And while cooler weather typically signals the end of motorcycling in many regions of the country, the high cost of fuel has many motorcyclists considering a longer riding season.

Janklow Conviction Upheld

South Dakota's highest court has upheld Bill Janklow's conviction for a 2003 crash that killed a motorcyclist, rejecting the former congressman's argument that there wasn't enough evidence for a guilty verdict.

Ruling unanimously, the state supreme court also found that Janklow had received a fair trial.

Janklow, 65, was convicted of second-degree manslaughter and reckless driving for killing 55-year-old motorcyclist Randy Scott in August 2003 on a rural highway near Trent.

Authorities said Janklow sped through a stop sign. Janklow has said he was in a diabetic stupor and remembers nothing about the crash.

Janklow, a political power in South Dakota who also served four terms as governor, resigned from the house in January 2004, a month after his conviction. He completed a 100-day jail sentence but had hoped to use the appeal to clear the felony from his record. He is attempting to regain his license to practice law in the state.

Ride Against McBride

More than 80 motorcyclists turned Myrtle Beach's city council meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, into *The*

Ride Against McBride, an event to criticize mayor Mark McBride's earlier statements that he would like to "nudge" bikers with his car. McBride's inflammatory remarks came during a council meeting as he was explaining that he wanted to ban explicit t-shirts from sale and from being worn in public because his children shouldn't be exposed to the sort of t-shirt he saw being worn at the fall rally by a biker; "It was very tempting to kind of nudge the guy on the bike (with my car)," McBride told council members.

Some of the outraged bikers attending the city council meeting to protest McBride's comments wore t-shirts that read; "Warning: 'Nudge' at your own risk" on the back. Other bikers wore t-shirts that said, "Bump me, I will bump you back" and "Nudge McBride off the ballot." Most felt that McBride's statements were more offensive than anything they'd ever seen on a t-shirt.

But don't bother calling or writing McBride to complain, as he has since been defeated in his bid for a third term as mayor of Myrtle Beach by 576 votes to a political newcomer, John Rhodes.

"Mayor McBride's reckless comments set off a firestorm of anti-McBride activity within the biker community," said Fred Ruddock, state coordinator of *A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina*. "McBride lost virtually every motorcyclist vote."

Joining McBride in the unemployment line is blatant biker basher

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Cynthia Powell, losing her bid for town council after centering her campaign on her desire to eliminate the two motorcycle rallies held in May each year in Myrtle Beach.

Bikers Shield Mourners

One side rides motorcycles to fight what they believe is an abuse of free speech. The other side uses words and posters that, for some, seem to stretch the boundaries of First Amendment freedoms, but to them are their God-given right.

In August, a group of bikers became outraged when they heard that Fred Phelps and members of his Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, were planning to picket and protest U.S. soldiers' funerals, claiming that God is killing soldiers because he hates America, so the bikers formed the *Patriot Guard*, a grassroots organization that's quickly gaining momentum.

Composed of veterans' motorcycle groups, motorcycle enthusiasts, Christian motorcycle groups and people who simply consider themselves patriots, the group provides a human barrier at funerals to protect mourners from hearing and seeing the protesters.

So far, the riders have attended three funerals. The first was staff sergeant John Dole's funeral in Chelsea, Oklahoma, on October 11 – 40 riders from Kansas participated. The second funeral was for army specialist Lucas Frantz in Tonganoxie, Kansas, on October 17 – 120 riders attended that one. In early November, more than 150 cyclists participated at the funeral for sergeant Evan Parker in South

Haven, Kansas.

For the Oklahoma funeral, the group revved their cycles' engines; in Tonganoxie, they recited the pledge of allegiance; and in South Haven, they recited the pledge and revved their engines to drown out the protestors' chants.

The *Patriot Guard* would like to see laws changed, either prohibiting people from protesting funerals or restricting the area or hours where protesters can be heard.

News Of The Weird Dieing To Ride

Tijuana police discovered a passenger aboard a motorcycle involved in an accident was in fact a corpse which the driver had been carrying through the rough border city strapped to his back.

The motorcycle driver lost control and skidded in the downtown area. When a policeman approached to investigate the mishap, the driver fled on foot. The police officer checked the passenger, who had been seated behind the driver and found it was the corpse of a man who had died at least six hours earlier.

The corpse was wearing a helmet and beneath it his head had been wrapped in a towel and bound with tape, apparently to keep blood from dripping from a head wound. The corpse was also wearing a lifejacket, the straps of which had apparently been used to tie him to the driver.

Police said the dead man had wraps of methamphetamine in his pocket and an unkempt appearance, which led investigators to believe the killing was drug related.

"We think the killer was trying to take the body to a more deserted area to dispose of it," said Francisco Castro, a spokesman for the Baja California state police's homicide division.

Quotable Quotes

"The strongest human instinct is to impart information, the second is to resist it."

Kenneth Grahame
(1859-1932)

Scottish author, essayist

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GUNNY'S SACK



Wow!

Christmas is just around the corner. I don't remember a year that went by so quickly. I guess the old saying that time flies when you're having fun is indeed fact.

As you may know, the *Sack* is written around a month ahead of when we show up in printed biker newsletters. Parts of the *Sack* are reprinted in *Easyrider*s and *V-Twin* magazines. Some of you get it very early by way of e-mail.

If you'd like to get your very own *Gunny's Sacks* in your e-mail in box every month, just submit your request to Bill Bish, public relations for *N.C.O.M.*, the *National Coalition Of Motorcyclists*, at:

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You can also get Bill's monthly e-newsletter, *N.C.O.M. Coast To Coast Biker News*.

Wanna preview Bill's column? The *Sack* and *Coast-to-Coast News* are both archived on line! You can read my pearls here going back five or six years. Just go to:

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

or to:

<http://www.on-a-bike.com/>

and click on the [AIM Card] on the home page. Click on [News] and you're there!

Portland, Oregon – Speaking of *N.C.O.M.*, we just had the annual *N.C.O.M. West Coast Regional Conference* here in Portland, on October 22nd and it was a huge success. Our speakers covered subjects ranging from dissection of the *U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act* to what

kinds and what coverages of insurance we should carry on our vehicles, motorcycles in particular.

We were graced by the presence of criminal justice professor Hernandez from Sacramento who gave us all some very scary scenarios that could happen here, if congress enacts a new anti-gang regulation. There was lively discussion on this and everyone, biker or not, was urged to write their senators and congressmen to say no to this very frightening regulation. If you want to know more, I'd get ahold of Bill Bish, once again, at **NCOMBish@aol.com**

We also discussed the role that law enforcement really should play as to the handling of motorcycle confiscations. (Or outright theft of our machines by police.) Here in Oregon, there have been instances of bikes being held by authorities for periods in excess of three years for no other reason than they could get away with it. In some cases, bikes are being returned to rightful owners in boxes. This is being addressed in our court system and many times we even win.

Several years ago a bike was taken in the city of Eugene just because the rider was leaving a patch-holder club anniversary party. The pretense was that the bike might have had stolen parts on it because it was an assembled title. It didn't matter that the bike had been inspected and approved by *D.M.V.* prior to title issue. Eventually, thanks to Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer Sam Hochberg, suit was filed. The city had to pay a mechanic to reassemble the bike at considerable cost to the city.

God love the justice system, at times!

Also at the *N.C.O.M. Regional*, we discussed the *Oregon Motorcycle Caucus* of the democratic party, recognized officially, right up with the other caucuses, like labor, women, and minorities. This was started by Diesel Dave Ganslein. Oregon's bikers have something to say about the party's platform now, every year. Jim Robison, caucus co-chair, gave a short talk. This man isn't even a biker, but he knows an unmet need when he sees one. It was his energy, along with Diesel Dave's and others, that made this whole thing fly. Jim is also running for the state legislature in a district here in Portland. Bikers can sure use more like Jim!

Oregon's motorcycle caucus is the only one in the nation, in any party. And what a great idea it was! It make sense for us to get involved enough to help decide party platforms. Hell, we had the dems put helmet freedom of choice as part of the official party platform for several years! Same with motorcycle discrimination.

Y'know how you can get involved in your own party in your own town? Just go to the county-wide party meetings, and ask to be a precinct committee-person! In most states, there aren't enough to fill the positions, so you may be able to get your local party chapter to appoint you! After your term ends, you can have your name on the ballot, since it is a two-year elected position. You can go directly to your elections division, and get yerself on the ballot,

too! These precinct people make the parties move. You might find it really exciting, you never know! We have put many of our own Oregon bikers into this position, and it makes a difference. Try it, you'll like it!

Newsbits-N-Pieces

BikePAC of Oregon – *M.S.F.*'s Oregon lobbyist formally presented a report asking *M.S.F.*'s beginning rider course (B.R.C.) motorcycle training program to be certified by *O.D.O.T.*, even though our *Team Oregon* is the only state-approved rider training which can grant *D.M.V.* skills test waivers for getting motorcycle endorsements. *M.S.F.* is asking to be able to issue *D.M.V.* test waivers as well.

The read I'm getting from around the patch is *Team Oregon* is the course recommended by most motorcycle organizations and riders in this state.

Contact your Oregon state legislators and give them your thoughts. Tell them Oregon is the leader in the country, for excellence in motorcycle safety instruction. Only this year, the federal agency *N.H.T.S.A. (National Highway Transportation Safety Administration)* cited *Team Oregon* as the best in the U.S.A.! The courses were initially developed by bikers themselves over 20 years ago, eventually adopted by the state of Oregon. For more information, contact: Ken Ray, executive director, at (503)-351-8193, or visit:

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

India – Maybe this is the place to sell bikes. *Hero Honda Motors Ltd.* stock rose 6.6 percent to 744.30 rupees, after it said it planned to sell three million bikes in just the one year period ending March, 2006. That's a

whole bunch of bikes where I come from, folks.

Gunny-in-the-middle – Don't let me get through a *Sack* without reminding every biker that throughout the U.S.A., the *A.I.M.* lawyers are the ones who actually ride, just like us. They handle bike and car wrecks, but they know what it's like on the road for us, unlike most lawyers. God help ya if you wreck, but call these guys at 1-800-ON-A-Bike, and y'won't get caught short.

Oh yeah, and don't talk to any insurance adjusters until you talk to your *A.I.M.* lawyer first!

Littleton, Colorado – *Rocky Mountain Harley-Davidson* has a bang-up web site, at <http://www.rmh-d.com/> They're doing a web poll on whether *H-D* ought to build a modern version of the old servicar, a *Harley* trike, used by police, parking patrols, and for deliveries. I for one would love to see it, but something tells me there isn't enough dough in it for *H-D* to retool.

On that same site, click on [Past polls] and you'll see surprising stuff. Web site visitors were asked how much they expected to ride the next summer and only a little over 10% said they would ride over 10,000 miles! I'd have thought more than that, but gettin' your knees in the breeze is what counts.

Except for 3.9% of the readers, whose vote was: "Ride? That would involve getting it off the trailer!"

Rural Africa – This is tough terrain for health care workers. Roads are often washed out or potholed, if there are any roads at all. In the isolated villages, the sick and injured can't be seen by health care workers. Sometimes, parents walk hours to the

nearest clinic, carrying sick kids on their backs.

The best way to reach these folks?

By motorcycle!

Nurses, docs and allied workers get out to where they're needed and they couldn't do it if not for these machines. Unfortunately, bike maintenance got overlooked. Worse still, parts and good wrench-turners are in short supply. Many bikes end up rusted hulks after only a few months of service.

Somebody with a good brain figured this one out: train the healthcare folks in motorcycle mechanics! If ever there was a project worth doing, this one is it.

Riders For Health, the group doing this is in several African countries now and they're spreading.

More power to 'em!

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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Brian Stoval
legislative director—*BikePAC of Oregon*

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From yer . . .



Not All Finish Who Begin

But our lives are better for knowing them
c.o.e.- 47



by
Rot Path

As the year winds down into the holiday season, it's appropriate to pause before plunging into the mayhem to remember those who began the year with us but did not finish it. It is rare to complete another journey around ol' sol without bidding farewell to spirits who touched our lives and often continue to influence us.

Everyone has their own list.

For your crusty ol' editor one loss was Simon Milward back in March while on the last leg of his selfless around the world millennium bike ride drumming up support and funding for rural health care delivered by locally maintained motorcycles. He was the guest speaker at S.T.E.A.M. in 2003 and his monthly reports were carried in this newsmagazine up until April of this year. It's both humbling and inspiring to go back and read all those reports. And it's reassuring to know that the good work he set in motion is being carried forward by family and friends.

Closer to home saw the sudden loss of longtime motorcycle rights supporter and all around good guy, Darrel Opella, one of the first persons Rot Path got to know after joining *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* A fast-spreading cancer laid low this Viet Nam veteran, but not memories of him. That great smile, his burly build, a ride out to Silverton after a chapter meeting with he and Tom Thorson for excellent pie at a cafe. The capitol rallies and Albany Veteran's Day parade are going to seem emptier without him.

At the other end of the year, Joe Heusinkveld, rode out of life on his new bike in October. Joe and his wife Paula were mainstays in holding the *Salem Chapter* together during one of its rough periods. Joe was even chapter coord-

inator for awhile. He was a long time recovering from a fall off a roof which seriously curtailed his bike riding and *A.B.A.T.E.* activities. The highlight of *Salem Chapter's* first poker run for c.o.e. was discovering Joe and Paula on a bagger during registration. The last time Rot Path saw Joe was at *Lincoln County's Beaver Creek Run* in August. There must be a huge hole in Paula's life now, but all that can be offered is the knowledge that the edges of her grief will soften in time. Joe will be missed but never be forgotten.



There is a run flier in the middle of this month's editorial area and the reason is that crusty ol' editor totally overlooked putting *North Coast Chapter's* toy run flier in the November issue. So in a vain attempt to curtail the chapter's wrath (particularly that of the swashbuckling Rachel), c.o.e. has sprinkled various sizes of their run flier throughout this issue. For those with discerning eyes, the flier can even be spotted on this month's cover.

A milestone of sorts was reached with production of the November *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* newsmagazine: crusty ol' editor

finally used up the last ream of plain paper that he inherited along with the editor job from Gordon Hieronimus. It also means that his cage's battery is four years old because it was replaced in Gordon's driveway after a turnover meeting in December of 2001. Thank you, Gordon, on all accounts.

If all the compulsive consumerism of the season can be resisted, it's reassuring to reflect that the third week of this month will see the sun turn a corner and the days will imperceptibly begin to lengthen.

Be of good cheer and enjoy the yule holidays.

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The year ends as it began - with Rot Path's traditional midnight nude ride. Care to join him?

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

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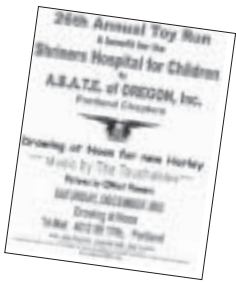
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December 2005

yule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  new moon Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm)	2	3 Shriners' Toy Run Portland ----- North Coast Toy Run Seaside
4 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	5	6 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	7 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	8  2nd quarter moon Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm)	9	10 STATE BOARD MEETING Eagles-Albany 1200 (12:00 pm) Run committee (no meeting this month)
11 Salem Toy Run Salem ----- Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) ----- Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	12	13 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	14	15  full moon (long nights moon) ----- Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm)	16	17 Salem 1400 (2:00 pm) [December only]
18 South Coast 1300 (1 pm) ----- Souteast Portland noon	19	20 Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) ----- River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	21 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm) ----- winter solstice (now the days start getting longer again)	22 North Coast 1900 (7:00 pm)	23  4th quarter moon	24
25	26	27 Washington Co. 1930 (7:30 pm)	28	29	30  new moon	31 ----- new year's eve (and Rot Path's nude year ride)

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Drawing at Noon for new Harley

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

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A.B.A.T.E. Planning Session Cottage Grove Recap Minutes for October 15, 2005



(photo by Mel Yeager)

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Joe Laurance at 9:30 a.m. with 11 of the 14 chapters represented. The three chapters not represented were *Columbia River*, *Josephine County*, and *Lincoln County*.

23 people were present which included: Joseph Laurance, Charlie Hill, Sue Mills, Ken Ray, Wheels, Michelle Fitzhenry, Murge Gunter, Robert Hale, Iris Yeager, Mel Yeager, Hal Fletcher, Al Sims, Brian Stovall, Cheryl DuQuist, Gene Mortimore, Jay Hadley, Gladys Higginbotham, Roger Yarnell, Paul Hering, Shirley Christoferson, Geoff White, Bob Avery, and Rot Path. (Please accept my apology for any names misspelled.)

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Joe thanked all for coming as this is an important meeting, as we are setting the agenda for next year. Joe read the planning session recap from last year.

The following topics were decided by the members present and broke into four groups to discuss the issues and propose recommendations.

Runs and Events

- Structure / protocol / accountability
- Chapter involvement
- Location
- Committee direction - runs and events
- Separation of games from runs
- Run coordinator at event
- Community interface
- Advertising

Public Relations

- Support mission statement
- Use of web site or better use of/work close with sanctioning officer and editor
- Business cost to purchase additional magazines
- Get word out (what is A.B.A.T.E.)

Money Matters

- Communicate timely with treasurer
- Budget
- Financial protocols
- Membership cost/fees
- Chapter audit of runs and events
- Software compatibility

Legislative

- A-B-Cs of lobbying
- Commitment to action
- Legislative buddy
- Education of legislation (basic training)
- Communicate with other states
- Numbers-get to capitol
- Outreach
- Mentor/apprenticeship
- P.C.P.-voter information
- Elections

Organization

- Board action accountability of planning session issues
- By-laws review-grievance procedure
- Legislative director (job description update)
- Focus on mission statement
- Chapter/state working together
- Chapter involvement/state issues ie; runs, capitol etc.

Required events

At this point we broke into groups until 12:30 at which time we took lunch until 1:30 and resumed.

Lunch was provided by *Willamette Valley Chapter*.

Hal Fletcher, *Willamette Valley*, presented to Mel Yeager for *BikePAC* a contribution check in the amount of \$1,000.

Willamette Valley challenges other chapters to do the same.

Proposals and Recommendations

- Runs and events
- Structure / protocol / accountability
- Our state treasurer is working on this designing a protocol list that will be used at all runs, chapter or state to ensure accountability.
- Chapter involvement
- The need here is to focus more on legislative activities.
- Chapter involvement at state events
- State officers should meet with chapter membership
- Run coordinator at event – Recommendation that at all state events the run coordinator have a designated manager available at all times.
- Community interface.
- Business ads.
- Visiting other groups such as *Gold Wing*, sport bike, etc.
- Talk up *Team Oregon*.

BikePAC officers to come to chapter membership meetings.

Advertising – Have guidelines for advertising and media guidelines in secretary books and make sure they are current for changing times.

Public Relations

Support mission statement.

Inform members of mission statement then work on getting the word out by having a designated public relations person at functions to be the spokesperson.

Get word out (What is *A.B.A.T.E.*)

Make *A.B.A.T.E.* more user friendly.

Betterment of motorcycling instead of being known as helmet issue people.

S.T.E.A.M. is guaranteed to be the one time of the year to lean about topics and possibly find where you are best suited or find where you can be most beneficial.

Use of web site or better use of/work close with sanctioning officer and editor.

Use of bulletins-public relations person can check these low cost advertising bulletins and make of use them.

Public relations person should be working with state officer.

Money Matters

Unfortunately our state treasurer could not attend the planning session as she was busy working on our taxes.

No one stepped up to handle the money matters topic.

Legislative

A-B-Cs of lobbying.

Commitment to action.

Legislative buddy.

Education of legislation (basic training).

Communicate with other states.

Numbers-get to capitol.

Outreach.

Mentor/Apprenticeship.

P.C.P.-voter information.

Elections

Brian Stovall presented a copy of an outline as *A.B.A.T.E.s* action guide that encompass, all of the above issues.

1. Adopt Brian Stovall's outline as

A.B.A.T.E.s action guide for a two year cycle (with a couple of refinements.)

2. Re-emphasize that organizationally, *A.B.A.T.E.s* legislative activity is the reason for *A.B.A.T.E.* to exist; effort should match that priority.

3. State legislative director should assist chapters in having monthly events related to legislative activities or political campaigns.

4. Vote of support from the board of directors sanctioning *BikePAC's* primary focus being the helmet law.

Organization

Board action accountability of planning session issues.

Recommendations from the planning session should be prepared in the form of motions in order to take action at the state board meetings since November is officer nominations with elections and annual dinner in December. This will ensure the recommendations are done in a timely manner.

By Laws Review-Grievance Procedure

The members in our group felt the executive board should have the authority to make these decisions based on the current by laws.

Legislative Director

(Job description update)

The committee recommends that the state board incorporate section ii of legislative activities book outline into chapter legislative director job description.

Focus on Mission Statement

The committee recommends that the state board pass a motion to have the *A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement read at the beginning of every meeting, chapter meeting, state board meeting, planning meeting run meeting, etc.

Chapter/State Working Together

The committee recommends that it be mandatory for state representatives to report all state board of director motions to their chapter.

The committee recommends that all state representative have the opportunity

to report to the state board of directors of their chapter activities.

Chapter involvement/state issues ie; runs, capitol, etc.

The committee recommends that an invitation of legislative activities from local chapters be presented to the state board of directors at the end of the legislative directors report.

Required Events

The committee felt this was could be seen as a totalitarian act.

Joe spoke of his *A.B.A.T.E.* beginnings a story of meeting a couple of fellow truck drivers who wore patches, Tom Curran and Gordry and working the gate with Charlie Hill at *Coos River Run* who told him what *A.B.A.T.E.* was about, then meeting Brian Stovall and Theresa at *Fossil* who gave him more information along with meeting Ted Tracy at *Run 21* and Bob Avery working the gate. Look where he has gone including the state capitol and look at the people that influenced him along the way.

Announcements

Raffle to benefit toy run \$2

M.R.F. bronze coins available – see Brian

Planning session recaps taken and submitted by

Charlie Hill
state recording secretary

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

North Coast Chapter
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to increase the toy buying coffers even more.

On a very serious note to *North Coasters*, chapter officer nominations are this month and we need volunteers willing to step up to the plate and fill several leadership positions within the chapter. Bob Pruess, our present coordinator is stepping aside this month and we need someone with good leadership skills and vision for the future of our chapter. Also, Amelia Williams, our wonderful secretary of the past five years is moving on as well. She has practically single-handedly kept our chapter afloat during the past year and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude. If we have a chapter member who would be able to take over the duties of chapter secretary we need to know now. We have a great chapter and we do really wonderful things. Let's keep it up.

On the legislative front I understand that as an organization *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* has elected to hammer on a single issue this year, that of letting those who ride decide. The helmet regulation is going down this year brothers and sisters and we need your help to do it.

Do you like having this regulation rammed down your throat by people who don't ride?

Not me.

So this year get off your duff and write or call or show up on the doorstep of your state representative and tell them how you feel. This is your chance to reclaim that freedom of the road we like to spout off about.

What does it mean to you?

Fightin' the good fight,
Rachel

WaCo Chapter
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as well as other chapter members, to see our event on the cover of the newsmagazine. The shot was beautiful and the article was a treasure. We are glad you had a good time and did very well in the bike games. Thank you, once again for supporting the run and telling others about it.

As you know, we have our membership drawing at each meeting. The pot was over \$450 and thanks to Randall Holce and Crystal Smalley, it was still growing. Imagine Cindy Henderson's surprise when her name was called. (She is the one in charge of that whole 50/50 thing.) She donated a portion back to the chapter and was practically bouncing off the walls the rest of the night. We will still have 50/50 drawings at the meetings, but they will *only* be worth around \$50.

Well, stay warm, stay dry, stay safe, a speedy recovery to all who are ill or injured. Please watch out for the other guy, because he is probably not looking for you.

Linda Henderson
WaCo secretary

Willamette Valley Chapter
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e-mails that didn't get written over the last year.

The rides to Salem and other activities that most of us were "too busy" to go on.

Well, there ya go.

No participation = no fun, no visibility, no interest, just a "boring" bunch of old bikers who nobody cares about and why should we listen to those ol' farts anyway.

Oops, seems our lawmakers took on the same attitude.

Go figure, eh?

So come on you young bloods.

Step right up here and take us on. Please!

I'm tired of myself too.

'Til next time. Take care and don't worry, we love each and every one of our members, even if you are a bunch of obnoxious whippersnappers or crazy ol' coots on scoots.

Rosie

[c.o.e. note - "crusty" has already been appropriated by yer ol' editor.]

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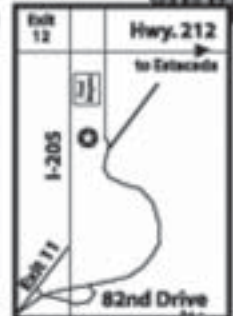
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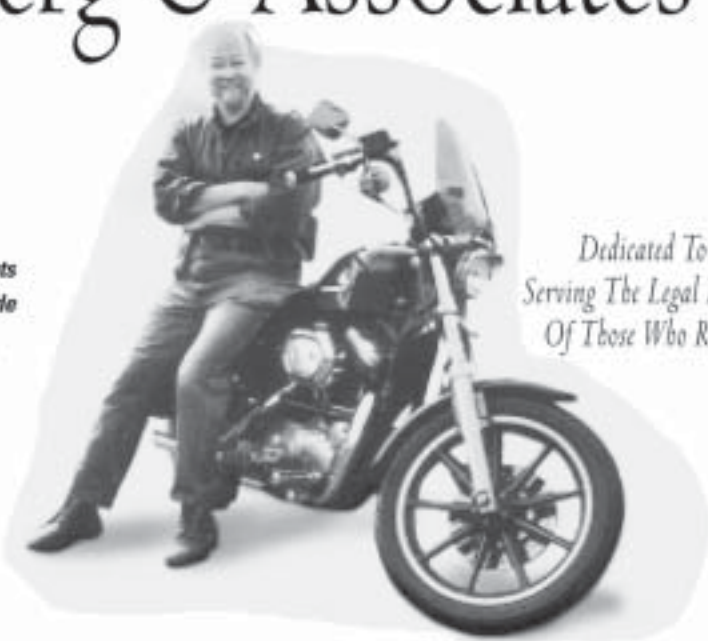
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_____	AYP15	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP16	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP17	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	AYP18	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	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	15.00	_____
_____	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	_____	STICKERS
_____	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	_____	SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00	_____	
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00	_____	
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin	5.00	_____	
_____		Chapter Coordinator	5.00	_____	OFFICER ROCKERS (special order items)
_____		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 = **\$6.50**
\$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$8.50**

Thank you for your order ;-)

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

TOTAL _____

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS**
att. **Products Director**
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, ORegon 97208

PHONE: (503)-362-9136

E-MAIL:

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____



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Chapter orders require chapter check or state representative purchase at state board meeting.

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

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: _____

Membrrr's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

For Sale

2003 *Aspen Classic* by *Trailmaster Inc.* Excellent Condition, king size bed, pulls great, tons of space and lightweight. Light gray tent fabric is 400x400 denier. Check out the web site: <http://www.trailmasterinc.com> or call them at 1-(800)-398-9090 for additional information. Want to see it? Call Randy or Deb (541)-563-7191 \$3,200 cash :-)

(Feb2006)

Two studded snow tires mounted on 14 inch *Ford* passenger car wheels (early Mustang or Cougar). Real good rubber with all the studs still in place. Excellent in snow and ice. These will get you home. \$50 or best offer. Call Bill (503)-257-7390. Located in N.E. Portland.

(Feb2006)

Langlitz Columbia jacket. Size 44, worn three times. \$500 (Over \$800 new) Call John for information. (503)-774-8993.

(Feb2006)



Answer to November CRYPTOGRAM

Few Americans know that one-third of the United States has been Spanish longer than it has been "American".

— James W. Loewen

Decembrrr Cryptogram

V X M Q P X M F F V Y X M A S ,
 Q X Y X H F F E H O Y M U X H Q X Y O ?

— X Y A O E C C , Q X Y F C H A C A V C A Q Y O

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 skullduggery.
 Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

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STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDAR YEAR 2005

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
COORDINATOR	1-(800)-xxx-xxxx (state-wide)		
Joe Laurance	(541)-nnn-nnnn	josephlaurance@charter.net	
VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060	vaughned699@msn.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Hal Fletcher	(541) 688-4268	hlfletcher@esasigns.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Ed Miller	(541) 923-5503		
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-615-3101 (Portland area)		
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SECRETARY			
Charlie Hll	(541)-759-2388	abateoforegonsecretary@yahoo.com	
TREASURER			
Nancy Curra	(541)-888-2572	abateauditor@charter.net	
STATE AUDITOR			
Nancy Curran	(541)-888-2572		(541)-888-0810
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Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	(503)-838-6893
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SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
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Richard Androes	(503) 394-2441	hdrider67@aol.com	(503)-394-2441
FOSSIL COORDINATOR			
Ted Tracy	(503) 640-5766	fourtracys@msn.com	
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Stephan Baton	(503)-761-3362	ondrd@comcast.net	
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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #1			
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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			

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

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PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID

PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

My name is Santa,
And this is my chanta,
We're searching 'round the world,
For *good* boys and girls,
Be nice.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 10 December 2005 at noon

Eagles; Albany, Oregon

NO RUN COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time:	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany
Josephine County	1 st Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Abby's Pizza</i> ; 205 Beacon Drive; Grants Pass
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport
North Coast	4 th Thusday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd .; Portland
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles
Salem	4 th Sunday 1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Papa's Pizza</i> , 4550 Commercial Street, Salem
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>Gino's Pizza</i> ; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Sports Bar</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove
Willamette Valley	2 nd Thursday 1900 (7 ^{pm})	Veteran's Memorial Building 1626 Willamette Street; Eugene