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The Passing of Karen Bolin, M.R.F. president

My friends,

This morning, Karen Bolin lost her fight with cancer and left us.

The disease was vicious and swift, and we must be grateful to a merciful God that Karen's suffering was quickly taken from her.

And now we have our own pain with which we must come to terms, as we grieve the loss of our dear sister and friend.

I've spoken with John and something he said to me will stay with me for a very long time: "Don't dwell on her last breaths, dwell on all the ones before that."

He challenged me to live life as she did, grasp the challenges as she did.

And I replied, "That's a tall order."

(We're talking about Karen, after all.)

I can think of a lot of things to say about Karen, but that comes later, when we are together.

Today I wanted to let you know that Karen's pain is over.

Her fight, the fight for all of us, for our rights, our freedom, our liberty - will never be over.

But that's not Karen's fight anymore.

It's yours, and mine.

Remember Karen's mantra: *We are* the government. "We the people" isn't just a catchy phrase, it's the defining statement of the United States of America. It's you and me.

Karen didn't teach me that, but she made me *believe* it in my heart. I hope you believe it, too. Because now it's you and me. (But I have no doubt that Karen is already lobbying in that higher jurisdiction. I sure hope Saint Peter rides, for his sake.)

Today is a time to grieve our loss.

Tomorrow will be a time to go forward and continue the work we shared with our friend Karen, and celebrate the gift that is life and liberty.

Go find someone you love and tell them so.

That's always a good idea, and there's no better time than right now.

— Ian King

Washington Road Riders Association

30 October 2006



Karen Bolin speaking at A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's Seminar To Educate And Motovate (S.T.E.A.M.) in 2004.

Karen was a friend of mine and someone I served with on the M.R.F. board.

I may have more to say later.

Ian King of *Washington Road Riders* has said his thoughts very eloquently.

Ken Ray

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

What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

So scan through our 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.

by Bill Bish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, there you have it.

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

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by Ed Vaughn

Happy holidays and a prosperous 2007.

Thanks,

Ed

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

Ho, Ho, Ho,

Here it is December already.

Seems I just get the easter baskets put away and it is time to look for a Christmas tree. Hard to believe it's that time of year already.

Hope everyone had a great riding season.

With the passing of the year it also means that is election time again, both state and for our local chapter. We have some very important positions to fill.

Ed who has served so efficiently and loyally as state board representative has resigned so that is a position that will need to be occupied. This is a very important station as this person does our voting on the state level. Also, any and all positions may be contested.

The December meeting will be held at our annual Christmas party/potluck. The date is December 9th at the

Smokey Stover Hall in Redmond. We will gather at 5 p.m. and have the meeting soon after. The chapter will supply the turkey and ham (I'm cooking the turkey – bring your *Roloids*.) Members need to bring a side dish of their choice and whatever

beverage is of your choosing. We will also have a gift exchange just like in the previous years. Everyone seems to have a good time at that.

The *Smokey Stover Hall* is over by the Redmond airport off from Veterans Way. We will put up signs to the hall. For more info call Kevin (541)-389-2167.

Don't ask me, I can't find my way out of a closet with a compass and a map!!

That's all for now,

Renee' and Kevin

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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

Columbia River

Hello from the long lost chapter.
The *Columbia River Chapter*.
(We had technical difficulties.)

Our meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

We had one guest who came with one of our members. She was welcomed by all the members present.

The reading of the minutes was waived.

We were told of a new helmet bill coming out and were to go on-line to find it.

We had nominations for officers. They are:

- Coordinator** – James or Donnie
- Membership secretary** – Tina
- Back-up** – Danny
- Treasurer** – Danny
- Legislative** – Lee
- State representative** – Willy
- Toy run committee** – Shag and Linda
- Ways and means** – Vic
- Sergeant-at-arms** – Shotgun, Bill, Brain
- Education officer** – Bill
- Secretary** – Marie
- Public relations person** – Marissa



New Business

We started planning for the *Sweetheart Dance*. It will be the 10th of February. The prices are \$6 single and \$10 a couple. It will start at 8:30 p.m. and go until 1:00 a.m. The members on the committee are Linda, Shag, James, and Kim.

Indian Billy won the membership drawing of \$20.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.

Sincerely,

Donnie "Santa" Stephens
coordinator

**COLUMBIA RIVER MEET-
ING TIME and PLACE**

2nd Sunday at 1230 (12:30 pm)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Douglas County**

Another year is about to finish with one election over and others to happen – yeah, you know, *A.B.A. T.E.* officers for the upcoming year – 2007.

It seems like just a few months ago everyone was worrying about Y2K, now it's almost 2007.

I keep hearing a lot about people not wanting to “serve another year” and I have to wonder if no one steps up, how will our chapters and our efforts continue?

I know I am busy, but a few hours a month doesn't seem like all that much.

If someone doesn't do this work, how will we continue to be able to ride in some semblance of freedom?

Please, if you are considering stepping out, reconsider. If you've never held an office, give it a go and let someone else take a little rest.

Today is Veteran's Day.

We have great parade here in little old Roseburg. There were over 80 entries and the rain didn't seem to hold anyone back. There were lots of bikes in the parade and honestly, this is the first time we have been able to participate.

It was an honor!

It made me just a little melancholy and it was definitely humbling.

I thought of my adopted dad

(WW-2 Navy), my birth dad (WW-2 Army Air Corps), my uncle shot down and killed in action over France (WW-2 Army Air Corps), my father-in-law, (WW-2 Army Air Corps), and my mother-in-law (W.A.C.).

They are all gone now. Their memories, along with the memories of all our veterans, carry a cost.

No doubt each of us has family who served this country in times of conflict. What a privilege we have to live in this country and to take the time to honor them.

We recently rode with the *Patriot Guard* to escort a young soldier killed in Iraq, to honor him, his family, and community. It was a powerful and moving day.

If you haven't been part of the *Patriot Guard*, you might want to check it out. They have a great web site. Whatever your feelings about the war, please remember those who are defending our freedom, our right to vote, and to speak our minds openly.

To all the veterans who chance to read this, *thank you* for your service and your sacrifice.

By the time this is published, Thanksgiving will be over, Christmas, Hanukkah, and the New Year will be just around the corner.

May your holidays be truly blessed with peace and a heart filled with

charity for others.

And, may we soon see an end to this war.

Becky Garino

secretary

Douglas County Chapter

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Tuesday at 1900 (7:00pm)
Round Table Pizza

Roseburg

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

Hub City



On November 11th 2006 *Hub City* took part with the *Patriot Guard Riders* in the Veterans Day Parade in Albany, Oregon. What a great way to show honor and respect for the men and women who have served and are still serving this great country.

By the time this issue comes out, Christmas season will be in full swing. There will be many toy runs taking place. Please remember to take extra precautions in the area of safety. This can be extremely dangerous time of year for the motorcycle rider. Although many of these things have been said before, I believe some things are worth repeating, so here are a few things to keep in mind if you are riding in winter.



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

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

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

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

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

because of a breakdown.

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

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

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

9. Many riders just dress in layers much as a skier does. There comes a time when most will get tired of being so cold and opt for some

electric clothing. Electric vests, gloves, chaps and socks are available.

Additional tips:

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

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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

I thought I would get to hibernate for a while, but no such luck.

Somewhere, in the back of my twisted mind, was a guttural voice that kept saying "Deadline, deadline, deadline". I do believe it was the mysterious vibes of our state newsmagazine editor, Rot Path, coming through one of my Johnny Depp pirate dreams.

Not fair, Rot Path.

Dreams about *Harleys* or Johnny Depp should never be disturbed! [c.o.e. note: *Especially dreams about Captain Jack on a Harley.*]

On that note, we here in the southern bowels of our wonderful state would like to thank Rot Path for all his hard work in making our state magazine a good place to glean information and a rag that's enjoyable to peruse.

Do I hear an *amen*?

I, for one, like the novelettes that have been added. Nice change from just reading the standard

information. Thank you from southern Oregon!

Reflecting on this past year, *Josephine County Chapter* can be proud of the events they held and the funds that were raised for the chapter and local charities. We've only been in existence for three years and look at the progress we've made. We have a large membership, our events have been accident-free and had good turnouts, we've had productive fund raisers, we've been well represented at state level, we've eaten a lot of great food at all our pot lucks, and we've had fun doing it all.

A lot of work went into those efforts and quite a few people can be very proud of the support they proffered to make our events so worthwhile. It's the volunteers who cause the success of an organization's efforts. From the outside looking in, it's easy to complain there was not enough of this or that, but believe me, these events do not happen through

the use of a magic wand. [c.o.e. note: *That would be Harry on a Harley.*] For everything you believe went wrong, there were a hundred things that went well. Volunteers make or break a nonprofit organization when it comes to putting on events or supporting a fund raiser.

Sooooo . . . were you, as a member, part of the effort?

Did you help your organization through some endeavor?

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JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)

Fruitdale Grange

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Grants Pass

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

Lincoln County



Coal in our stocking,
Our report wasn't sent,
c.o.e. don't know,
A stove's in our tent.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEET-
ING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
at 1930 (7:30 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
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Newport

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

Some very well seasoned greetings from the wet and wild north coast of Oregon to all *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* members. We hope that this newsmagazine finds everyone in good spirits or maybe it's the other way around in a few cases. If you are hitting those Christmas parties please ride responsibly because we want to keep you around for another year.

North Coasters put on another great toy run, our 18th to be exact. We were able to help the children of Clatsop and Pacific counties have another happy Christmas. Our special appreciation to all the volunteer members who helped to organize and promote the run. It was great to have you all pitch in. A hearty huzzah to Mary Todd, her employees, and her clientele who pitched in and put on a fund raising *Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* to fill in for the one we had to drop this year. Thanks, Mary. You are the best, Mrs. Claus around.

The shopping was, as usual, a bit on the frantic side but it is very fulfilling to watch the empty *Wishing Tree* tables at the Clatsop County fairgrounds fill up and overflow after our hard work. Pushing a shopping cart never felt so good.

We have had a good year all around. Lot's of good bike riding weather (until now) and some really great runs in 2006.

Next year is going to be a good one too, but folks please remember that it is a year to begin anew on pushing forward the interests of all bikers. We need to refresh our efforts at promoting the helmet law reform, push for more definition of *E.P.A.* restrictions, engage our schools in bike safety and education classes, and work towards building some good press about bikers. (For a change.)

This sounds a bit cliché, but working together we can make a difference.

Let's have a great new year and get our goals accomplished.

God bless you all,

— Rachel

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Saturday, December 2, 2006

NORTH COAST MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Sunday at 1030 (10:30 am)

Moose Lodge

420 17th Street

Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

Northeast Portland



You sent us all coal?
The joke is on you,
It burns quite warmly,
With a snuggly glow.

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

November 7, 2006

We had another small meeting, tonight. The main topic was the state board of directors report with a special emphasis on officer nominations. In particular, we discussed the many empty seats on the officer list and some potential serious nominations. We are a small chapter, but we will try to step up as much as possible.

We had no membership drawing and instead of a 50/50, we collected \$5 to add to the membership drawing for the next meeting. We also planned our holiday party which will be at Zim's on 19 December starting with a short meeting and featuring our soon to be famous white elephant gift exchange.

Hope to see you there!

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Steve at 7:06 pm, ten people present.

Pledge of allegiance led by Steve.

Steve read the mission statement.

Guests and new members.

Reading of previous minutes waived on a motion by Bob because they were present in written form.

Correspondence: Bank statement, post office box bill.

Treasury report \$116.48 in checking and \$2142.14 in savings. New report from new interim treasurer. Motion by Bob to transfer \$250 to checking. Passed. Bills submitted: Post office box bill, \$40. Brian asked for \$25 for travel to planning session. Motion by Rick, passed.

Membership report: 78

Board report: Brian gave a lengthy report on the early state board of directors meeting, including officer nominations.

Legislative report: Vote!

Ways and means report: None.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols Ron and Matt had a nice ride.

Planned rides: Toy runs and Veterans Day parades.

New Business

Officer nominations:

Coordinator – Bob Boynton

Vice-coordinator – Larry Loop

Secretary – Brian Stovall

Treasurer – Matt Snyder

Membership secretary – Ron

Colegrove

Sgt-at-arms – Ron Colegrove

Public relations – Rick Prentice

Ways and means – Debra Lutje

Historian – Shelley Prentice

Legislative – Brian Stovall

State representative – Brian Stovall

State representative alternate – Rick Prentice

Christmas Party 19 December at Zim's.

No membership drawing tonight, it will be \$35 next meeting.

50/50 was won by the chapter and donated back to the chapter .

Meeting adjourned 7:52 p.m.

The feature bike on the agenda was a 1923 *B.M.W.* R32.

Upcoming meetings

December 5, 2006

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**

<http://home.earthlink.net/~abateinfo>

If you need to find out up to date information on road pick-up dates, toy run particulars or just want to check the weather, look up the above address and see if you can add anything to our web site. It is free so not much space (10 MB) but there is a bulletin board where a member (or someone just passing through) can comment on the content or bring up new ideas for fighting the good fight within the motorcycle rights arena. Any submissions will be perused for blue language or down right meanness.

The *Salem Chapter's Annual Toy Run* is on the 10th of this month. For you members out there of the *Salem Chapter*, I still have the santa suit and was wondering if anyone would like to dress up for the run? It is a bonafided hoot. Kids just stare at you thinking you might be the real one. Gives you good feelings, too! Please see the flier elsewhere in this newsmagazine for the toy run beginning at the *K-mart* on the corner of 25th and Mission in Salem. Please bring a new toy, toiletries,

diapers or gifts with an aim towards older children. Any nonperishable food item will be welcomed.

Our new membership secretary is Joy Person. May she enjoy the job and bring some zest into it. A big thanks to her and her man, Ken, for stepping up to help at the biker night in November.

Our guests at the meeting on October 24, 2006 were Jerry and Bruce. The attendance and member count is great. *Salem Chapter*, as well as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, are going strong and can weather anything. Like remember we have elections for our chapter officers at the December meeting which is on the 26th. Bring your full bellies and Christmas spirit on by *J.C.'s Pizzeria*, 7: p.m., 4200 River Road N., Keizer, Oregon for a chance to win the *Day After Christmas Door Prize* and put in your two cents worth on the officer's who will help run the chapter with you next year.

A big *thank you* to Billy for giving us stamps for doing mailings. Of which you may be seeing soon in your very own mail receptacle.

I am out of here.

Be yourself as much as you can or

you could lose who you are.

Happiness and life are out there, grab either one or both.

Kindest regards,

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SALEM MEETING**TIME and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)

J.C.'s Pizzeria

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

South Coast



We're feeling so bad,
Not sending a report,
Wait, doesn't coal burn?
Thanks, our log pile was short.

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11 am)
Fisherman's Grotto
Cape Arago Highway
Charleston

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

Southeast Portland



Cola in our stocking?
Oh, what a sticky mess,
Oops, that's lexdysia,
To coal we will say "yes."

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**

As you may have noticed, winter is here.

With a vengeance!

As I write this, another wave of wind and rain is lining up and taking aim at the Pacific Northwest.

The options for riding is greatly reduced.

Area toy runs may suffer due to the inclement weather. The usual suggestion to support area events means just a little bit more to a community or chapter that has suffered hardship from a natural disaster. Support these events and their sponsors however you can.

On a different note, it is time for chapter and state board elections. With well over 2,000 active members, it shouldn't be difficult for every chapter to have each position filled.

The sad reality, however, is that we as an organization struggle each year to fill necessary positions both at the chapter and state level. If you can spare a few hours a month and want to become more involved in this great

thing called *A.B.A.T.E.*, please get yourself nominated and elected. The good of many cannot always be handled by a few.

Remember, there are two very important jobs at the chapter level that are the most difficult to fill: state board representative and legislative director. Can you spare the time and effort to fill either of these positions? If no one in your chapter can do so, then we all lose.

On an even tougher note, *WaCo* is not sure where they will be meeting in January. We have reached the end of our trial visit to *McMeniman's Grand Lodge* with less than satisfactory reviews on both parties. We were unable to reach the food and drink minimum due to low turnout. They were unable to serve the number of people who did show up in a timely manner.

So, *WaCo* is on the move. Check the chapter web site for meeting information, including the December meeting.

At this time, there is discussion of

holding it at *Prime Time* and having a chapter-sponsored taco bar. Be sure to either contact an officer or check the web site if you have questions.

Until we meet somewhere out there, be safe, be happy, be kind to each other,

Linda Henderson
WaCo secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1900
(7:00pm)
McMenamin's Grand Lodge
3505 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

POINT of CONTACT
Ted Tracy (503)-640-5766

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Cornelius, OR 97113

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

Well, the meetings are now in the *Roaring Rapids* indoor meeting room and we are now where it is warm and cozy. Yeah, summer's finally over.

Had about 26 people show up and one of them even became a new member. Welcome to Michael Klutz of Eugene, glad to have ya aboard.

Right after we did the pledge of allegiance and read the mission statement Jeff Schauer began the meeting with information about the upcoming Veteran's Day parade, now being held in Springfield on November 11th, Veteran's Day. It will be beginning at Mohawk Boulevard and Centennial. Those of us who will be riding in it need to be there before 12:30 p.m.

Jeff then discussed the *A.B.A.T.E.* state planning session to be held in two days at the *V.F.W.* in Cottage Grove. Jeff encouraged participation and stated that if you had any feedback or comments to the state that this was the place to address them.

He then noted that the *Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee* meeting is tomorrow night in Salem and that he would attend it and report back to us at the next meeting.

We then handed out a nominee's sign up sheet and reminded all that chapter elections were coming up so all nominations need to be made by the November meeting. The December meeting will be held December 21 and will be at *Mac's* in the Eugene Veteran's Memorial building on 16th and Willamette. This is also the annual Christmas party and if you plan on being there then please sign up early as we need to reserve the food and

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accommodations.

Michael Taylor gave us his state representative report and brought some of the new membership tri-folds in for us to use. He pointed out that the membership rates were finally raised \$5 straight across the board, and that the old rate flyers shouldn't be used after the first of the year.

The state's budget is shrinking due to many things like higher events insurance rates, lower membership participation, and a few other issues. The subject was also mentioned that the *Confederation of Clubs* is working on efforts to stop the gang task force from harassing motorcyclists. It appears that there have been some issues of members having to deal with problems from the task force.

The state has requested that all chapter's provide a 4 foot x 6 foot wood sign to be used as a marker to mark the way to Fossil this spring.

The spring *A.B.A.T.E.* swap meet is to be held April 29, 2007. The last swap meet went well for the state, and these have been one of the better fund raisers.

Michael also noted that a motion was made by Ted Tracy at the state board meeting to donate \$1,000 to *Team Oregon* to help support them in putting in a new training facility. The state has requested that all chapter's also donate to support *Team Oregon*, so we will be voting on our chapter doing this at the November

meeting.

Sadly, it was also reported that there is now an effort being put out by the fed's to make a mandatory federal helmet law. We really need to keep in touch with what is happening on this one. The chapter's have also been asked to support opposition to this activity.

Anne Cokeley then reported that *S.O.S.* was somewhat successful, with a total of \$480.53 going to each of the four chapters who were in the coalition. The *S.O.S.* coalition meeting will also be held this Saturday October 21 in Roseburg. The main topic of that agenda needs to be which chapter will step up to coordinate the next years event.

Lonnie Cokeley then gave his current membership count of 142 members and asked if anyone is not getting the chapter's newsletter. He said if not, to contact him and give him current address.

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WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Roaring Rapids Pizza
 4006 Franklin Blvd; Eugene
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 Rick Maish (541)-746-7837
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Our Officers at Work

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04 November 2006 – Eagles – Albany, Oregon

Call to Order, Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn at 12:10 p.m. with 11 of 14 chapters represented, all were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

Guests and first time attendees: No new or first timers, guests.

Ed asked for a moment of silence for the death of Karen Bolin.

Reading / approval of minutes: Motion was made by Randy Phipps to adopt as printed in the state newsmagazine, seconded by Ed, motion passes.

Coordinator's Comments

Ed announced that there may be many empty offices at the state level. He encouraged each state representative to look for qualified folks to fill those offices. He went on to explain how important the state board representatives are to this corporation, transporting information back and forth between chapters and state. Poor representatives create a separation we shouldn't have. Also with the upcoming election/legislative year our legislative directors are equally important. Encourage people who *want* to do the job and don't just fill an office. More can be accomplished with fewer but more dedicated folks working for *ABATE of Oregon*.

Correspondence

D.O.T. notice of rule change. This has to do with waving a driving test.

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Legislative director: Rick Maish is working on the legislative book which is near completion. At the December meeting he will have 14 CD's with that information. First meeting at the capitol is January 10th, 10 a.m. At that time he wants all the legislative directors together and they'll hand out the legislative book. Each chapter needs to send their legislative director. Anyone can attend this and there is plenty of room for everyone. Parking will be at a premium, so be there early.

If you're not on Ken Ray's e-mail list, go to: ken@consultken.com

Best of the West is close: Elko, Nevada 22-24 June.

Murge mentioned, that it would be nice to have motorcyclists in attendance at the capitol February 14th for the anniversary of Oregon becoming a state. They've always been there in the past.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps – Did not have a meeting this month. Next meeting will be January 1, Saturday at the public library in downtown Salem.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams – Meeting was November 19, 2006. The officers at noon, general membership at 1 p.m. at *Round Table Pizza*, 4141 SE 12 th. Portland.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: William Hunter – Absent.

Education director: Patricia Carner sends a *big* thank-you for the donations contributed by some of the chapters for the Swan Island site storage. (*Team Oregon* program.)



Deb Becker
state recording secretary

Apologies for not being in attendance, would like to run again. (Husband has been recovering from serious crash.)

Education director II: Geoff White – Short report about *Chemeketa Community College* training. There was a \$700 contribution from *Central Oregon Chapter* for the *Team Oregon* Swan Island storage project.

Membership secretary: Jill Tracy – Recent membership report is in each chapter packet. All the new materials are here with the changes. There are also holders for tri-folds. Some chapters are reimbursing for the *Team Oregon* motorcycle training course. Would you notify Jill if you are one of those chapters.

Newsmagazine editor: Rot Path isn't working for his past employer. Thanks to those who submitted information early last month. The "October" header should be "November" in current issue. Deadline for submissions is still the 10th of each month. Brian asked that contact information for each chapter be located on the back page again. Rot Path will try and make it all fit.

Products director: Dave Meeker – Thanks to *Lincoln County* for the great location for vendor setup this last August at *Beaver Creek Run*. He has goodie bags of pins/patches/outdated t-shirts, etc. for each representative to take back to their chapters and give away. Purpose being to show what is available from the state. He announced he had 50/50 tickets. Drawing prize being a

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sleeveless, *End of Summer Run* t-shirt. Buy tickets.

Public relations director: Joan McCarty – Channel 12 will be covering the *Washington County Toy Run*, also the Portland toy runs as well as Astoria. If you need anything, call her at home. She will not be at the December meeting. (Surgery is pending.)

State run coordinator (*Fossil*): Ted Tracy – January is the beginning of the run committee meetings. Attend and lend your voice! They will be one hour prior to each state board meeting. He is busy listening to bands and wants to put information about them on the fliers. Looking to book *Francine West and the High Speed Wobblers*. It was mentioned for *Fossil* advertising we should pay for paint-jobs on trucks instead of billboards. The trucks move all over with the advertising.

Swap meet coordinator: Willie – All is well. A short report. All the vendors are back from past problems. Cleared \$8,732. One helloworld swap meeting. 2007 fall swap meet date is October 7, 2007. This date has been secured at the armory.

State run coordinator II: Rich Virchow – Jerry (*Fossil* attendee) is due to go on trial this week. He has not contacted anyone. We believe he's fled south or north? Wheeler County's looking for him. Randy Phipps has all the necessary information on him if you feel the need to know.

Treasurer: Nancy Curran – Margo gave Nancy's report. All the bills are current. Paid the *Bike PAC* donation. Our balance is \$18,554. If you have any treasury issues give them to

Margo. Nancy's report is in each packet. Letter from *BikePAC* thank you written by Mel Yeager was read. We have operated in the black this year.

State auditor: Margo Virchow – She has been working on ways to make the auditor's job more manageable. Also on a way for each chapter treasurer job to be more streamlined. As you go back to your chapters, know that the state is working to make these positions less work. *Central Oregon* is the only chapter not eligible to vote. S.T.E.A.M. will have new training for these two offices. A must for any newly elected individual.

Historian:: Rhonda Tucker – Absent.

Web page editor: Marty Soehrman – Absent. Anything that you send to Rot Path or anyone else, send a CC copy to Marty so he can put it on the web. We must use this venue to streamline communication.

Vice coordinator–north: Al Sims – *Hub City* matched the \$1,000 donation for *Team Oregon* fund. \$1,950 donation was accepted from *Southeast Portland Chapter*. *Washington County's* contribution was \$1,900. and *Central Oregon Chapter* \$700. A big thank-you to the chapters.

Vice-coordinator–south: Hal Fletcher – No report.

Vice coordinator–east - Ed Miller – No report.

Sergeant at arms–north: Randy Phipps – Commented on 2006 *Fossil*. Call him for more information.

Sergeant at arms–south: Richard Andros – He as called Wheeler county regarding Jerry. No one has called

him back.

Sergeant at arms–east: James Brummond – No report.

Sanctioning officer: Al Sims – Reported on the *A.M.A.* calendar meeting in Milwaukee. He has most of the events from our chapters and will be putting our dates on the *A.M.A.* calendar.

March is the beginning of our new insurance policy. Only four chapters have complied with the 2006 insurance obligation.

Sanction your events and promote your good deeds. Good public relations is imperative.

The sanctioning job has been greatly simplified this last year. The sanctioning officer is now part of executive board.

If chapters violate rules, what type punishment should be administered? Mel feels the executive board needs to make important decisions. This is a business, rules are rules. Without business ethics, we'll fail in our mission statement. Ted and Margo had comments regarding chapters that do not comply with our regulations. Example being for chapters that have not sent payment for their 2006 financial obligations, their events may not be sanctioned for 2007.

Quartermaster: Robert Hale – Absent.

Unfinished Business

Planning session details: Legislative officer training January 10th at the capitol. Legislative guides available here at the meeting from Brian Stoval. More details on the internet or in the newsmagazine. No

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training in December. (Canceled.) Moved to January state board meeting. (One hour prior.)

Executive board sanctioning guidelines: Planning by Ted to fine-tune some more and bring it back next month for distribution to chapters, hopefully to be voted on in January.

Officer Nominations

Coordinator: Ed Vaughn – accepted

Vice coordinator–north: Richard Cowell – Accepts over the phone but needs to present himself at the next meeting.

Vice coordinator–south: Al Sims – Prefers to wait to accept. Wants a person further south. Declines the nomination at this time. Jim Jones (*Douglas County Chapter*) nominates himself for this position.

Vice coordinator–east: – (No nominations at this time.)

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson – accepts this nomination.

Recording secretary: Jill nominates Deb Becker – she accepts.

Treasurer: No nominations at this time.

State auditor: No nominations at this time.

Newsmagazine editor: Richard nominated Rot Path – Accepted.

Legislative director: Mel Yeager accepts nomination from Brian Stoval..

Sgt. at arms–north: Randy nominates his-self

Sgt. at arms–south: Richard Andros – declines – need to fill this position.

Sgt. at arms–east: No one at this

time.

Products director: Dave Meeker – accepts the nomination.

Education Director #1: Patricia Carter – nominated by Margo.

Education Director #2: Geoff – he accepts.

Public Relations: Joan McCarty – Accepts.

Fossil Coordinator: Ted Tracy – Accepts nomination.

Swap Meet Coordinator: Willie – Accepts nomination.

Run Coordinator #2: Howie Long – Accepts nomination.

Historian: No nominations.

Run sanctioning officer: Lee Austin – He accepts.

Web page editor: Marty indicated he would accept a nomination, needs to appear at the next meeting.

Quartermaster: Robert Hale – He will accept nomination, needs to appear at the next meeting.

BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps, who accepted.

Confederation of Clubs representative #1: Pat – accepted.

Confederation of Clubs representative #2: Murge – accepted.

Nominations closed with elections at the next meeting. There are folks from the east side of the state needed.

Ted remarks how expensive it will be to hire someone to fill the treasurer and auditor positions. Make it a personal mission to recruit a qualified person to fill these positions.

Lee Austin commented with a complaint about the executive board including the sanctioning officer without proper protocol. He felt it was not in print for 30 days.

Discussion followed. Lee filed a written complaint with Ed Vaughn. Ed announced he would have answers at the December 9th meeting.

New Business

Annual meeting next month. Will be at the *Eagles* with lunch. Deb thanks all who contributed to her sanctioning fund. She especially thanks Murge.

Motions

#1 – By Joan, Murge seconded the motion. “BY voluntary contributions I make a motion that the state *A.B.A.T.E.* board begin a *Downed Riders Fund*” Murge believes that’s an individual chapter decision. Margo also wonders how that would be administered, who would make these decisions. We tabled this for further discussion. Ed motioned, Randy seconded the motion. (1 against; 9 in favor ; 1 abstention)

#2 – Ted Tracy motion: “That the state purchase 1,000 pens for a cost of \$360. These pens will have our name, address, and toll-free number with Lady Liberty.” Our web address was added to this motion. Ed entertained the motion to add our web address, Howie seconded motion. The vote: 11 in favor. Motion carries.

Announcements

- Ted turned over the pen thing to Dave.

- Lee: *Home Depot* scam mentioned. (Girls washing windows, laughs followed.)

- Joan: 9th of November – Blues music (*Shriner’s* toy run benefit) \$5 donation. *Trails End Saloon*.

- At *Best Buy* recently, *Toys for Teens*

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was added to the *Toys for Tots*. Remember the older kids this giving season.

- Rich announced: November 14th – Scott Carner benefit 9 th st. [?] *Brother Speed* club house.

- *BikePAC* voting guide: Brian handed out copies.

- Howie: *North Coast* toy run – December 2, *North Coast*. Join us.

- Ted: *Washington County* November 18th toy run sharply at noon. Jill has tickets. *Best of the West* flyer is here.

- *Team Oregon* dinner: November 18. Ted will present the pledge. He now has over \$5,900 already contributed. Will mention each chapter at the dinner. If your chapter hasn't sent in a contribution, encourage them to do so quickly.

- Randy Phipps: The *Shriners'* toy run announcement.

- Murge announced: Biker night at the *Bottle Factory* in Stayton, Oregon. (*Salem Chapter*)

- *BikePAC* 50/50 drawing: winner #820 – Lyn Maish.

Next State Board of Directors

Meeting

December 9, 2006

Eagles Lodge

Albany, Oregon

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Deb Becker
 recording secretary
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

Willamette Chapter

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Hal discussed the newsletter a little and said that some of our sponsors have not paid yet and will stay on top of that. Hal has also put a rough draft of next year's events, times and places together, which we need to review and submit to the state for approval.

Wendy Taylor gave her report on how we did in the *Fall Casino Night*. We raised about \$1,185 and all had a good time. She said that next year's events are being planned already.

Next *Spring Spirits* will host for us and again in the fall at *Yukon Jack's*.

Rod Hatter has volunteered to coordinate a run next year in September to be used as a charitable event and for the chapter to have fun and socialize. It will be a BBQ, with a poker run and some games and will be based on pirates. The chapter decided to have all attending bring a canned food for *Food for Lane County* and to sell entries into the poker run and games to raise money for Team Oregon. We also decided to invite all sponsors and supporters and give

them free meal tickets. This should be a great way to thank them and a lot of fun and great for positive publicity.

One of our guests won the 50/50 drawing this time and the membership drawing was again not awarded because the winner wasn't at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held November 16 and bring those nominations. We still need to have a vice coordinator and a chapter secretary for sure. There are also some events coordinator positions and a state representative alternative position that need filled. If you feel like you fit the bill, don't be afraid to volunteer. It really isn't that difficult to hold any of these positions.

See ya out there.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter
Willamette Valley Chapter
 web site editor
<http://www.wvabateoforegon.org>

Hub City Chapter

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

New members Jack and Valerie James were the lucky winners of the 50/50 (\$63) and membership drawing (\$65). Al and Monika Sims donated door prizes of a *Harley* pig won by Sue Mills and a tee shirt won by Red Ayers. Donita Rietz donated a movie pass won by Wendy Mueller.

Well that about does it for this time.

Ride safe.

Participate in some toy runs and put some smiles on some children's faces this holiday season!!





News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

The *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.) is hosting a Washington, D.C. *Ride Into Political Action* 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 24-27, 2007 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. In addition to learning about state and federal issues facing motorcyclists today, participants will get tips on building relationships with government agency officials and on lobbying elected officials. The instructors will also prepare participants to meet face-to-face with members of their own congressional delegations.

A registration form is available in the *American Motorcyclist* magazine or by contacting Sharon Smolinka at the address below. Mail the completed form to A.M.A., 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147. For more information, contact Sharon Smolinka at (614)-856-1900, ext. 1252 or by e-mail at: ssmolinka@ama-cycle.org

The *Illinois Off Highway Vehicle Association* (I.O.H.V.A) has now formed and is looking at several opportunities in the land of Lincoln for O.H.V. recreation.

Among the goals of the new statewide group are to expand riding opportunities and to be a voice for

the non-competitive casual trail rider. Riding off highway motorcycles and A.T.V.s is a legitimate form of recreation enjoyed by many. Now they can join a statewide organization that will enhance their O.H.V. experience.

Members can expect to be updated monthly on O.H.V. matters in Illinois. Regional trail rides will be organized for 2007 and the first annual state meeting/ride is planned for next fall. *I.O.H.V.A* recently received a grant from *Polaris* to help organize the group. Brochures will be coming to a local dealer throughout Illinois web site: <http://www.rideoffroadillinois.org/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services secretary Tommy Thompson has announced his bid to run for U.S. president in 2008.

Thompson has been a friend to motorcyclists ever since the middle 1970's when he was in the Wisconsin state assembly. He went on to become governor of Wisconsin in 1986 and served for 14 years, the longest serving governor in Wisconsin.

Secretary Thompson began riding motorcycles at the urging of Wisconsin state senator Dave Zien. He promoted tourism in Wisconsin from the seat of a *Harley-Davidson* motorcycle, while promoting business and rewarding companies for creating new jobs, during his annual rides across the state. In August, 2002, Thompson was inducted into the *Motorcycle Hall of Fame* in Sturgis, South Dakota due

to his significant contributions to motorcycling and enacting noteworthy legislation.

Pennsylvania house bill 3028, co-sponsored by 47 bipartisan representatives, has been introduced to encourage private landowners to make land and water areas available to the public for recreational purposes by limiting their exposure to liability.

HB-3028 was authored by representative Bastian on October 17, 2006 and referred to the house judiciary committee. Recreational purpose "includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any combination thereof: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, motorized recreational vehicle riding, water skiing, water sports, cave exploration and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites."

To track this, and other, legislation go to the statewatch section of <http://www.A.M.A.Directlink.com> and click on the state you wish to track legislation.

The *American Motorcyclist Association* (A.M.A.) has announced the release of a new video public-service announcement that reminds motorists to watch for motorcycles when they drive.

The 30-second P.S.A. (public service announcement) — which also is available in 20- and 10-second versions — depicts a distracted



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driver's near-collision with a passing motorcyclist who, as the driver learns later that day, is his dentist.

Produced by S.O.S. Video Communications of Columbus, Ohio, the P.S.A. is intended for free distribution to television networks and local stations nationwide. Interior scenes were recorded at the dental offices of A.M.A. member Dr. Doug Kowalczyk, and A.M.A. life member Colter Rule contributed his well-known voice to the project.

The new video P.S.A., along with three radio P.S.A.s released earlier this year, is available for download in the "Rights Resources" section of the A.M.A.'s web site at:

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisltn/resources.asp>

The A.M.A. offers other valuable information for new and experienced riders in the "Rider Resources" and "New Rider" sections of <http://A.M.A.Directlink.com> and at <http://RideStraight.com>

Washington County, Mississippi residents are one step closer to having a dedicated off-highway vehicle (O.H.V.) park on county land.

Officials from the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, *All Terrain Vehicle Association (A.T.V.A.)*, and *National O.H.V. Conservation Council (N.O.H.V.C.C.)* recently met with county officials to continue working toward such a trail system at the Warfield Point Park on the banks of the Mississippi River.

The fight to get this system put in place was started by resident Wally

Morse, who interestingly does not ride motorcycles or A.T.V.s, but would like to see a safe and sustainable place for his grandchildren to ride. After contacting the A.M.A. and N.O.H.V.C.C. several months ago to see where to start, he is now looking at just a couple of final hurdles to cross before the trails will begin to be cut. Watch for further developments in this park in upcoming editions of *News & Notes* and *American Motorcyclist*.

The *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)* board of directors has selected Robert M. Dingman to be the association's next president.

Dingman succeeds Robert Rasor, who is retiring as A.M.A. president and will serve as A.M.A. director of international affairs. Dingman previously served the A.M.A. for nearly five years as its Washington D.C. representative, and is returning to the association from the position of assistant commissioner for transportation safety for New York state's department of motor vehicles, where he headed the governor's traffic safety committee.

Before joining the A.M.A. staff in 1994, Dingman was a government relations specialist for the *Motorcycle Industry Council*, and a legislative aide and research associate in the New York state assembly. A 13-year A.M.A. member and an avid street rider and off-highway enthusiast, he holds a master of arts in political

management from the *George Washington University* and a bachelor of arts in political science and journalism from the *State University of New York at Albany*.

Dingman's first day as A.M.A. president will be November 27, 2006. Based at the association's headquarters in Pickerington, Ohio, he'll report to A.M.A. chief executive officer Patricia DiPietro on an interim basis during a transition period.

An Oklahoma state lawmaker is proposing giving a break to motorcycle riders on the state's turnpikes. State representative Paul Wesselhoft says it's not fair for motorcyclists to pay the same price as a car on the toll roads because motorcycles cause less wear and tear on the roadway. And he says the bikes cause less pollution and are more fuel-efficient.

His proposal calls for motorcycles to be charged half the toll currently charged to two-axle vehicles such as cars and S.U.V.s. representative Wesselhoft says he doubts the state would lose any revenue by reducing the toll because he believes more bikers would drive the turnpikes if the toll were lower.



Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Lautenberg Letter



Recently, senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) sent a letter to all fifty governors praising the benefits of compulsory state helmet laws. Eighty-two-year-old Lautenberg is gearing up for a fifth senate term in 2008 and appears ready to continue his efforts to mandate safety. While Lautenberg played down his sound defeat on the senate floor last year following his call for a vote on a mandatory motorcycle helmet law amendment, he closed his recent letter suggesting similar legislation may be introduced in the United States senate in the near future.

[Text of the letter may be viewed at:

<http://www.mrf.org/pdf/lautenbergletter06.pdf>]

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*), along with *Garden State A.B.A.T.E.* (*A.B.A.T.E. of New Jersey*) and the *American Motorcyclist Association* (*A.M.A.*), arranged a meeting with Mr. Lautenberg's D.C. office staff. The purpose of the meeting was to attempt to determine if the senator's goal is to save lives or merely to grandstand, using the helmet issue for personal political gain. During the meeting, staffers revealed that while Lautenberg is a tireless advocate of highway safety, his preferred method of achieving his goal is with a federal or state mandate.

Safer highways are important to both the *M.R.F.* and Mr. Lautenberg. However, historically mandates prove not to be the solution to the problem, as Mr. Lautenberg would have you

believe. The *M.R.F.* position will always be that quality education and effective measures assuring road user accountability will result in safer roads for everyone. The *M.R.F.* will continue to educate Mr. Lautenberg, informing him about the methods and practices that do work when it comes to motorcycle safety. We will continue to closely monitor his intentions. Intuition tells me he is not prepared to abandon the concept of helmet mandates any time soon.

You are encouraged to contact the governor's highway safety representative in your state and inquire about the letter. Ask if a response has been or will be sent to Lautenberg's office by your state. The *M.R.F.* does not recommend that you contact senator Lautenberg's office at this time. If history is any indicator generating a national response will only serve to provide unwarranted attention and validation for his unsolicited letter.

More Governors' Letters

Another letter arrived in most gubernatorial mailboxes recently but this time it was good news. Forty-four states and Puerto Rico received notice they would be receiving at least \$100,000 for motorcycle rider education and awareness campaigns. The actual amount awarded to each state is determined by a complex formula, taking population and public road miles into account.

Essentially, more people and more miles of public roads in your state result in more money. The amount

awarded has no bearing whatsoever on the existing rider education and safety community at large in each state. The states not listed either failed to qualify or did not apply for this round of grants.

Knowing how much money your state has received will enable you to keep your state motorcycle safety division accountable when they start spending.

According to the public law that created the grant program, your state can make some of the funds available to a nonprofit organization incorporated in your state. Whether your nonprofit organization obtains a portion of the funds or not, at the very least you can make sure that the money is used for motorcycle safety and awareness as it was intended.

If you are having problems with the way the money is being used in your state, let the *M.R.F.* know and we will do what we can to help right any wrongs. The chiefs at *N.H.T.S.A.* have already agreed to help direct the money to quality rider education and awareness campaigns and away from useless studies and government waste, fraud, and abuse.

Applications for next year's grants are due August 1, 2007 and will be open to the fifty states and all U.S. territories. The program will spend another six million dollars from 2007 through 2008 and climb to seven million dollars in 2009 when the program expires.

M.R.F. Announces Karen Bolin's Passing

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* regrets to report that our beloved past president, Karen Bolin, passed away on October 30, 2006.

Karen's integrity, her love of motorcycling, and her dedication to motorcyclists' rights will be long remembered.

A memorial service was held for Karen on November 4, 2006.

Karen requested that in lieu of flowers a donation be sent to the *National Cervical Cancer Coalition*

<http://www.nccc-online.org>

at 6520 Platt Avenue # 693, West Hills, California 91307.

Karen's concern and hope was that every woman be tested regularly.

Please contact Deborah Butitta with any questions.

Deborah Butitta
secretary

Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Inc.
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JoCo Chapter

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We normally belong to groups because we glean something from that experience. For me, it's the camaraderie of others having the same interest in motorcycling, it's the ability to stay abreast of legislative issues that affect my family, it's helping with fund raisers that will support the community's less fortunate, it's a need to educate people about motorcycling and safety, and many other reasons.

But I also know I have to give a little of my time to help our chapter bring these efforts to fruition. I guess I'm asking each of you to give this some thought.

We have a very good organization that is devoted to taking care of you, the motorcyclist. There are folks who step up to the plate and get involved in events and make them happen and there are folks who stand on the sidelines and watch. We need more of the watchers to get involved this coming year and help us experience this growth in a positive manner.

It's easy.

More hands equal less work for all.

You don't have to be best friends with everyone in an organization, nor do you have to really like them. The goal is to make our events grow, keep a positive attitude while doing it, and play hard!

On that note, here's a short poem that was written by a member somewhere on the east coast. I think it's very appropriate.

Are You an Active Member?

Written by a concerned member

Are you an active member, the kind

who would be missed?

Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?

Or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along?

Or are you merely satisfied to only just belong?

When the meetings come around are you suddenly sick?

And leave the work to just a few, then talk about the "clique"?

Think this over, member.

You know right from wrong.

Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

As I said previously, we have some individuals and they know who they are, who have given a lot of their time and effort in making our *JoCo* organization what it is today. I'm not going to list all those members at this time, but I will talk about a couple of people whose support went beyond the call of duty in making our organization worthwhile.

A big thanks goes to our treasurer, Pat Wine and her husband Ron. Without their undying support of *A.B.A.T.E.* we wouldn't be as successful as we are today. Pat has been our never ending source of information about *A.B.A.T.E.* guidelines. They attend the state meetings when others can't. She keeps us apprised on issues of interest to motorcyclists. They work their fingers to the bones on runs, events, and pot lucks. We love them dearly and appreciate them so very much.

JoCo Chapter

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Pat has been laid up with a very severe back condition and our thoughts and prayers are with her right now more than ever. But she'll be back in the ranks soon!

Another individual who has been seen and not heard a lot, but donates generously to *every* run and event we have is Jack Lenhart of *Country Roofing* in Grants Pass. He and his wife Tina are being presented with a plaque at our November meeting for their support of our chapter. They are more than just supporters of *A.B.A.T.E.* Even their dog "Posie" is a card carrying *A.B.A.T.E.* member.

Usually there is one individual who stands out a little more than others in their efforts to better a group. When a sports team wins a championship, they follow a time-honored tradition of recognizing their most valuable player. This is the player who, for that game or series of games, gave a stellar performance.

It's a nice touch.

In my own experience, the best praise came when a fellow teammate or worker would say, "We couldn't have done it without you.". This coming meeting, that's exactly what our chapter is telling our coordinator, Pat "Spanky" Allen. He's being told with the presentation of a three foot long, over two foot high, metal silhouette that depicts a biker on a road riding towards snow capped mountains, evergreen trees along the road, and an eagle in the sky. The bronze plaque on the bottom is engraved "Spanky: In appreciation for your endless effort to *Jo County A.B.A.T.E.*" This individual is tireless in his work for this organization and

we appreciate it more than words can tell him.

The metal silhouette, given to Spanky, was designed and produced by a man who has also donated to each of our toy runs and his family attends our functions even though they don't own a motorcycle. Dave Waslin, of *Waslin Construction* of Grants Pass, did an exceptional job on this piece. We are indebted to him for this amazing donation of time and art. It is truly beautiful.

Wow! It's so nice to know people like this who tirelessly work for a cause they believe in. We're very fortunate. Again, a big thank you to all our members who support our organization through attending meetings, donating their time to our runs and events, and just plain getting involved. You guys soooooo rock!

I devoted this month's article to volunteering and thank you's, so next month I'll gather more information regarding our allies at state level, *M.R.A.*, *M.M.A.*, *BikePAC*, and others.

Remember, if there's information you would like to see in our newsletter report, be sure and let me know.

There's not a lot scheduled for the next few months. *United Bikers of Southern Oregon (U.B.S.O.)* will be holding the *Third Annual Polar Bear Ride* on January 1st. It's not sponsored by *A.B.A.T.E.*, but a lot of members attend. Everyone will meet at the new location for *Full Throttle Custom Cycles* which is 849 Rogue River highway in Grants Pass

at 11 a.m. Coffee will be available and where they ride is yet to be determined. Be sure and dress warm. It was a lot of fun the last two years.

For more info, contact Pat "Spanky" Allen at (541)-474-3000.

We have also have nominations for officers for the ensuing year and will be voting on those at our December meeting. Remember, this is your organization, so get involved, speak your opinions, and make it all we want it to be.

To our many members and riding friends, please be safe on the road. Winter brings difficult driving conditions and we want everyone to take great care whether you're on a bike or in a cage. If this weather continues, we may have to put floats on our bikes just to ride. In addition, everyone please say a prayer for our friends up north who are getting horrible floods and weather. My gut aches looking at some of the pictures of devastation they're experiencing.

Gypsy
recording secretary

"It is good to have an end to a journey, but it is the journey that matters in the end."

— author unknown



From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Mid-Term Elections

We have had maybe the most exciting election I have experienced in my lifetime for this mid-term episode. The American public for once exercised freedom of choice this year, loud and clear. We are sick and tired of nonperformance by our elected officials in the congress and house of representatives, regardless of the party. Our people spoke out loudly. Now let's see what takes place. It's high time in my mind that our elected representatives do the job they were hired to do and quit fooling around calling each other names. Get the job done or we will speak again.

Oregon Biker Elected To Office

Joe Laurance, recent *A.B.A.T.E.* of Oregon state coordinator, was elected as a Douglas county commissioner. Joe won with 53% of the vote against a well-known local businessman. In a phone conversation with Joe, he credited Oregon's *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* for teaching him the skills and giving him the desire to serve in an elected government office.

Just goes to show, when you volunteer to work for organizations on issues close to your heart like bikers rights, something good comes back to you!

Joe was our *A.B.A.T.E.* state coordinator for two years. He also traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby on behalf of Oregon during the formation of the current highway funding statute. Joe has gone to *M.R.F.* conferences and *N.C.O.M.* conferences and proudly labels

himself a biker as well as commissioner-elect. Joe will continue to work for motorcyclist's interests not only in Douglas county, but also at the state and federal levels.

Your Gunny and *A.I.M.* attorney Sam Hochberg both want to congratulate Joe in his win. This is another milestone in our quest for motorcyclists in elected positions in our state and federal levels. Good luck Joe, you have a host of folks applauding your success.

Seattle – Gene Johnson, reporter for the *Associated Press*, says the president of the *Banditos Motorcycle Club* was sentenced to 20 months in prison in a deal that will allow him to retain his position in the organization. Bandito George was one of 32 people in several states indicted last year as federal officials raided the Bellingham-based motorcycle club. Members were accused of conspiracy to commit a long laundry list of crimes, all supposedly in aid of racketeering. Well,

Bandito George pleaded guilty in May to exactly one count of conspiracy to engage in racketeering.

Note that this means he never pleaded guilty to actually doing anything wrong, just *talking* about it.

Supposedly.

George has already served 15 months since his arrest back in June 2005. He will be allowed to attend *Banditos* events, excepting only that he can't have contact with the codefendants.



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

Bandito George's lawyers said the sentence showed all that the original charges were overblown, to say the least. "He was looking at life in prison. Today, he's looking at a sentence of 20 months," said his attorney, Jeffrey Lustick. So with all the time and effort our own federal government spent and with all the big charges, they couldn't make them stick. This is just plain harassment in the Gunny's book.

Florida – Billy Lane, the famed bike builder, faces a lawsuit from the result of a fatal crash he was involved in: a head-on collision with a motorcycle that killed the rider. Lane was charged with D.U.I. and driving while suspended causing a death. Lane was driving his *Dodge* pickup at the time. Sounds like he has a real problem, glad its not me.

South Carolina Department Of Public Safety – Motorists are more likely to be at fault in crashes with bikers according to the *South Carolina Department of Public Safety* in the findings released in September, examining a rise in motorcycle fatalities that show more deaths among men over 35 years old. They found that the average age of a motorcycle fatality victim during the time period studied was 41 years old. The *S.C.D.P.S.* formed a task force to examine the facts behind each motorcycle fatality investigated by the highway patrol in 2005 and the first half of 2006. The committee analyzed 114 motorcycle fatalities.

Of the number studied, they found that 103 (90 percent) of those killed were men; 75 (66 percent) were over the age of 35; 73 (64 percent) were not wearing helmets; 61 (54 percent) involved speeding. The *S.C.D.P.S.* attributes the rise in motorcycle fatalities to the fact that men over 35 years old are increasingly buying high-end, luxury cruiser motorcycles but failing, in many cases, to get the necessary training or licensing to ride such a motorcycle.

And hasn't the motorcycle community has been preaching that for years?

"Between 1990 and 2003, motorcycle ownership rates among baby boomers increased 44 percent," according to the *S.C.D.P.S.* report. "Middle-aged consumers are responsible for the fastest growing segment of motorcycle registrations." In South Carolina, registrations have risen from 56,000 in 2001 to 85,000 in 2005, a 65% increase in riders and not all of them are over 35. Rider training needs to be in the forefront of the public's eye. Otherwise, we will continue to lose people who are ill equipped to handle their bikes, and to deal with traffic.

The only way to make roads safer is for people to be more attentive and observant and realize that they're not the only ones out there.

That includes those folks driving cages.

Arizona – The towns of Carefree and Cave Creek are posting signs asking bikers to throttle down in an effort to hold down the noise. Some see this as a joke, and others say maybe it will work.

The point I see is an increase in noise levels all over the country. Joe Citizen is starting to get aroused over

it. We want the communities we ride in to let us be and let us ride our bikes, but on some level we have to take their feelings into the equation. Maybe we could take it a little easier on the noise by not revving our engines just for the hell of it. Most factory mufflers are pretty quiet and straight pipes don't give us that much more power if ya really take a good look at it.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana – Statistics here suggest that their helmet law here is saving lives. They say the 74 people killed in motorcycle wrecks last year indicates a 7.4 percent drop in deaths from 80 the year before. Now, we all know stats can be manipulated. I wonder how far these are from the truth. Overall highway deaths from drunk driving fell 42%. That is encouraging to me if those stats haven't been altered. I think the drop in Louisiana's population from the hurricanes has more to do with the drop in crashes and fatalities than helmet laws and other restrictions on our freedom to ride.

A Big Loss And A Fond Good-Bye

In October, the motorcycle community lost one of the finest people this Gunny has ever known and had the privilege of calling my personal friend, Karen Bolin.

As many of you already know, Karen lost her fight with cancer.

She served for many years as president of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and she was also one of the best lobbyists for bikers rights that the state of Washington has ever known. Her many accomplishments in the interest of the motorcycle community are countless. Our

welfare was her life. She was a legislative warrior who has left huge footprints for us to fill. She will be sorely missed by many.

On behalf of Sam and myself, our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, especially her husband John.

Your Crash Course

Avoid that crash altogether, no matter your years on your scooter, and take a rider ed course. You won't believe how much you didn't know, I guarantee it. And for safety's sake, make sure all your people carry that *A.I.M.* card in your wallet. It won't bind you to using our *A.I.M.* attorneys, but it can be a lifesaver, with all your medical info available to the ambulance people. And, you'll always have the number for access to *A.I.M.* lawyers, if you need it, bike wreck or otherwise. They're always 24/7 at 1-(800)-On-A-Bike and <http://www.On-A-Bike.com>

Keep the round side on the bottom,

Gunny

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

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Governors Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

This has been a very interesting year dealing with the request by the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation* that customers of certain motorcycle businesses who buy a motorcycle from said business and then take and pass the motorcycle riders course given by the *M.S.F.* be given the same waiver by the *Department of Motor Vehicles* as those who pass the *Team Oregon* basic rider course. The request is to then have the motorcycle purchaser be able to take the certificate of passing to the *D.M.V.* and receive a motorcycle riders endorsement without doing the riders test at *D.M.V.* The main difference being that the *Team Oregon* motorcycle riding courses are not connected to any motorcycle selling, so we can be sure that only the ability to ride is the issue for passing the course.

We, as a committee were each given a complete copy of the beginner's motorcycle riders courses by both *M.S.F.* and *Team Oregon*. The courses are very similar in content, although we have received reports of serious crashes of students taking the *M.S.F.* course.

We learned at the last meeting before making the decision, that although *M.S.F.* had in the beginning said there would be no financial responsibility for Oregon. They then said that indeed there will be [a cost] but did not answer the request for an accounting of what the cost would be. The request was made several times.

We were left with many uncertain

issues, like who pays the bill if someone is killed while taking the course though the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*. It has been reported that this has happened. Thankfully, the state of Oregon was not involved.

So the *Governor's Advisory Council on Motorcycle Safety* made a unanimous vote of "no". Remember that we can only advise and the final decision will be made at higher levels.

It has been really inspiring to see the number of motorcyclists attending and participating at the *G.A.C.* meeting

The issue of motorcyclists safety is important to the motorcyclists of Oregon and many motorcycle rider groups were represented by attending. It helped us as members of the committee very much to have your testimonies and support. Your attendance helps the state know motorcycle safety is a serious issue to many hardworking, law-abiding citizens of this state. Many of you came quite a number of miles to attend and participate in these meetings.

I want to thank Troy Costales, *O.D.O.T.* safety division director.

This next year I hope we, as a committee, will put some effort into making sure other motorists on public roads are aware that motorcyclists might be around and to be looking out for us. Perhaps billboards like some other states are doing.

Also, we need to find a way to make those drivers in other vehicles responsible when they "just didn't see



Iris
Yeager

the motorcycle". When a motorcyclist is injured or killed, there needs to be accountability.

BikePAC Member Wins Election In Oregon

Former *A.B.A.T.E.* state coordinator Joe Laurance was elected to Douglas county commissioner position 2 on Tuesday night. [07 November 2006]

Joe won with 53% of the vote against a well-known local businessman. In a phone conversation with Joe he credited *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* membership for the skills and desire to run and win an elected office.

Joe was state coordinator for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for two years. He also traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby on behalf of Oregon during the formation of the current highway funding statute. Joe has been a participant in *M.R.F.* and *N.C.O.M.* conferences and proudly labels himself a biker as well as commissioner-elect.

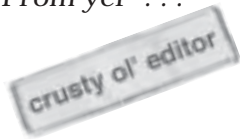
Joe will continue to work for motorcyclist's interests not only in Douglas County, but also at the state and federal levels.

BikePAC of Oregon wishes to congratulate commissioner-elect Laurance and look forward to working with him in the future.

A news article about this election is at:

<http://www.newsreview.info/article/20061108/NEWS/61107046>

From yer . . .



Transistions

There Is No True Loss, Only Change

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by
Rot Path

We don't honor the women in our lives nearly enough.

At runs and in the mass media, there is an obsession with the physical female form. Yet there is so very much more to women.

Yer crusty ol' editor suffered the back-to-back loss of two significant women in his life just before halloween/samhain of this year – one he's known all his life, one he'd met only once.

On the 18th of October, our mother suffered a fall while hurrying to get ready for evening church service. Two major bone breaks and severe pain resulted, though she was expected to be able to recover from the injury. Over the course of the next eleven days there were improvements and setbacks. Although there was continuing hope of recovery within our family, we were unable to see at the time that the overall trend was downward. One week after the fall, while she was back in the emergency room waiting for a transfusion, mother's eyes opened fully as though looking at something I couldn't see and she said "The sun's coming up." She repeated the phrase, then lapsed back into internal preoccupation. They were the last words any of us heard her speak. The following Saturday she was readmitted to the emergency room and hospital. After she was settled comfortably in a room overlooking a park full of autumn colours and blue sky, there came a sudden change that the hospital staff knew to signify the onset of terminal mode. I think we were shocked at the sudden development. Other family members came to visit. Yet it wasn't a solem, sad occasion. We shared stories

of her life and there was a weepy happiness for the understated love and joy she had brought into so many of our lives. I spent that night holding her warm soft hand and gently stroking her cheek, recounting memories, stories, and songs, often seeming to sense lighter presences when I quieted my mind and closed my eyes. In the morning, my sister and niece sent me off to a motel room for some rest. Two hours later, our mother's presence slipped away so gently that they were unaware when it happened.

I owe my mother so much. She steered my young life in directions she knew would be good for me. When I took up motorcycling, I think she was secretly fearful for my safety, yet she always supported me. She loves and protects me still. And I love and honor her spirit.

Our mother once rode past the Oregon governor's mansion on a motorcycle several times because our father forgot to tell which lever was the brake.

On the 30th of October, a woman significant to family, friends, and motorcyclists nationwide lost a battle with a fast-spreading cancer. Karen Bolin touched so many of our lives via her activities with the Washington Road Riders Association and Motorcycle Rider's Foundation. She was the guest speaker at Oregon A.B.A.T.E.'s S.T.E.A.M. in 2004. Her reports and actions motivated so many others and positively affected the lives of riders everywhere. Although I only met her that one time in 2004, I'd known of her primarily from all the W.R.R.A. and

M.R.F. material she generated. I can't begin to do her memory justice so I urge you to visit Washington motorcyclist web sites or talk with riders from our sister state about Karen and learn more about this remarkable woman. And try to find a peaceful time and place somewhere to quietly close your eyes, think of Karen's spirit, and send her a quiet, joyous mental "thank you" for being the person she was.

(I've only just realized that both our mother and Karen were from Washington. We are all more connected that we routinely realize.)

One thought that has clarified in the remains of yer crusty ol' editor's mind is that the bodies we see are but the physical manifestation other's presence. We tend to think of the body as being the the person. But they are not. We become so used to interacting with physical bodies that it is easy to forget that the true essence of people is their formless spirit.

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events

December 2006

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Southeast Portland 1200 (12:00 pm)	4  full moon (long nights moon)	5 Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	6 Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	7	8	9 STATE BOARD MEETING Albany <i>Eagles</i> 1200 (12:00 pm)
10 <i>Salem Chapter Toy Run Salem</i> Central Oregon 1400 (2:00 pm) <hr/> Columbia River 1230 (12:30 pm)	11  4th quarter moon	12 Washington Co. 1900 (7:00 pm)	13	14	15	16 hanukka begins
17 South Coast 1100 (11 am) <hr/> Southeast Portland noon	18	19 Douglas County 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> Lincoln County 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> River City 1900 (7:00 pm)	20  new moon Josephine County 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> Northeast Portland 1930 (7:30 pm)	21 Hub City 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> Willamette Valley 1900 (7:00 pm) yule/winter solstice (the days start getting longer now)	22	23 hanukka ends
24 birch tree of the month begins North Coast 1030 (10:30 am)	25 christmas day	26 boxing day Salem 1900 (7:00 pm) <hr/> Washington Co. 1900 (7:00 pm)	27  2nd quarter moon	28	29	30
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Salem Chapter A.B.A.T.E. Biker Night In Stayton

text and photos by Marlene Schroeder, Salem Chapter

What a great turnout !!!

Maybe no rain made the difference as most of the bikers rode. And I forgot to go outside and get a picture of them.

It was a typical biker night, with lots of noise, laughter, and conversation. My steak dinner was super good and tender.

Many people from different biker clubs showed up, some who we are just beginning to see lately, like the *Freedom Riders* and *Ride for Christ*.

Lots of door prizes. Mostly I won things that I had brought and I sure didn't want to take them back home with me. There were several large items, which caused a problem with no way to get them on the bikes, so we did an exchange for something that would fit.

Lorin from Salem A.B.A.T.E. and his wife Peggy showed up late, but they also won most of the door prizes. One of the guys from the Stayton fire department donated a hand-made fishing pole. I was hoping to win that one, until I found out it was for fly fishing. Needless to say that I don't know how to fly fish.

The band was really good, but as usual too loud for my poor little tender ears. We left after about six songs, as Louie's hearing aids didn't like the loud music either. What a couple of wimps we are!!!

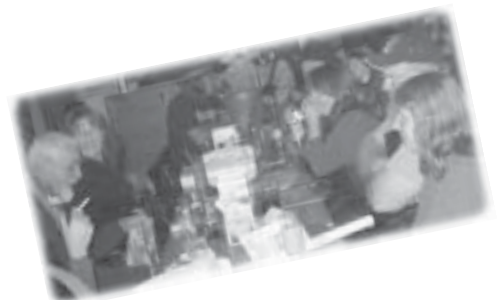
All in all it was a great time and many thanks to everyone working to make it a success.

And thanks again to everyone who showed up with toys and canned food for the needy.

We will deliver these at our *Annual Toy Run* Sunday, December 10th, leaving from *K-Mart* (25th and Mission in Salem) 10-11 a.m. We will be riding to Stayton fire department and then on to Jefferson fire department.

P.S. We missed you Sheryl. Hope you are feeling better.





Everyone is born of woman. Indeed, we all have female form for the first few weeks after conception. Even those who go on to become macho males begin life with female characteristics. (And yes, that's why men have vestal nipples.)

Albany Veteran's Day Parade

photos by Al and Mona Sims, Hub City Chapter



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Planning Session

Recap of minutes for 21 October 2006 – Cottage Grove, Oregon

The meeting was called to order by state coordinator Ed Vaughn at 9:20 a.m. with 9 of 14 chapters represented. No representatives for *Central Oregon, Columbia River, Josephine County, Lincoln County, or North Coast* chapters were present.

23 members were present, including Ed Vaughn, Randy Phipps, Jeff Schauer, Margo Virchow, Ted Tracy, Rick Maish, Brian Stovall, Geoffrey White, Rod Hatter, Mel and Iris Yeager, Nic Oliver, Hal and Sandy Fletcher, Pat Williams, Jim Jones, Dave Meeker, Melody Anderson, Erol Amrein, Jill Tracy, Randy Comer, Ken Ray, Nancy Curran, and Murge Gunter.

Ed thanked those attending, explaining that this was a very important meeting, as we are setting the course of our organization for the following year.

The following topic areas were assembled before the meeting, with comments to add or subtract issues, then the group broke up into focus groups to discuss the issues, and then make recommendations regarding the topic area.

Runs and Events

- Structure/protocol/accountability
- Chapter involvement
- Committee direction
- Advertising
- Sanctioning guidelines

Public Relations

- Support mission statement
- Better use of web site
- Get word out about A.B.A.T.E.

Money Matters

- Budget/increase income, decrease expenditures
- Financial protocols
- Membership costs and fees
- Audits of chapter runs and events
- Software compatibility
- Corporate membership/sponsor

Legislative

- A-B-C's of lobbying
- Commitment to action
- Legislative buddy program
- Education of legislation
- Communicate with other states
- Numbers – get to the capitol
- Outreach
- Mentor/apprenticeship
- P.C.P. voter information
- Elections
- A.B.A.T.E. support for *BikePAC*

Organization

- Board action accountability of planning session issues
- By-law review
- Legislative director
- Focus on mission statement
- Chapter/state working together (partnership)
- Increase participation

Proposals and recommendations

- Runs and events:
- Structure/protocol/accountability.

A.B.A.T.E. is now facing higher liability issues than ever before. We must develop stricter and more structured sanctioning guidelines to protect the organization and its membership and officers. Adding the sanctioning officer to the executive

board is an important step.

Monthly reports from chapters will include financial statements from runs and events. The chapter treasurers will be made aware of this policy as part of their job description.

Proposed revisions to the sanctioning guidelines

(Additions to the text, deletions to the text)

Section III: Appeal process

The chapter or chapters, who have had sanctioning withheld, may appeal the decision of the sanctioning officer by filing an appeal in writing to the state board of directors (executive board) of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*, stating the reasons why they feel the decision is unjust. The state board of directors (executive board) of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* may overturn the decision of the sanctioning officer with a simple majority vote. The executive board is empowered to make a decision on an appeal if time does not allow for a meeting by the state board of directors.

Section VIII: Event monitoring/violation reporting/penalties for violations:

B. Upon the observation of a violation, any presumed violation must be immediately reported to run coordinating personnel to correct or remedy the problem.

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Punitive action: The executive board of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, shall take punitive action against the offending chapter(s) or those parties involved in the violation(s). This punishment may include the revocation of the charter of the offending chapter(s); revocation of an individual's membership, the denial of sanctioning the event in the future or other sanctions as deemed necessary.

Section IX: *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* policy on alcohol

Subsection B, #2: Any violation of this policy by a chapter or chapters may result in the denial of sanctioning the event in the future, or other sanctions as deemed necessary upon investigation and finding of fact by the executive board of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* (in the revocation of that chapter of chapter's charter) [?]

Subsection B, #3: Any violation of this policy by a chapter individual shall result in the immediate revocation of that individual's membership.

Public Relations

Statement that every member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* is a public relations director.

#1 Move the mission statement to the top of the by laws first page.

#2 All statements regarding helmet laws should be phrased as "freedom of choice"

#3 Improve state media (web page

and newsmagazine) with a monthly report by the pr director. This report should be positive and upbeat. The monthly report contents should be at the discretion of the public relations director, but a suggestion of a chronological feature giving information on the history of *A.B.A.T.E.* was proposed (i.e. "Five years ago this month, *A.B.A.T.E.* achieved _____.")

#4 Mentoring of new members and officers. More training is needed, upgrade training available at S.T.E.A.M.

#5 Be a good role model for *A.B.A.T.E.* Work to get to know other motorcycle groups and clubs, to help bring them into the *A.B.A.T.E.* fold.

#6 Work to enhance inter-chapter relations, help to erase the east-west or north-south division, work to minimize "brand" discrimination.

#7 Bring back the roving state board meetings during the riding season. Investigate electronic broadcast of board meetings.

Money Matters

Budget: Increase of membership dues will commence on the 1st of January, 2007. Other revenue streams are needed, but no suggestions were made at this time.

Decrease of expenditures:

#1 Newsmagazine ads: Recommend that the newsmagazine editor develop a system to track and bill for advertisements. Nonpayment of bill will lead to the ad being dropped from the newsmagazine.

#2 Products director: Recommend that the products director to develop

a system to track product orders / payments.

#3 Newsmagazine "overruns": Recommend dropping the total number of overruns to 200 each month. (Allows ten newsmagazines per chapter and an additional 50 for events that month.)

#4 Newsmagazine comp list: Recommend membership secretary contact each comp newsletter recipient to see if they wish to continue to receive the newsmagazine.

#5 *BikePAC* support: Recommend that *BikePAC* provide financial report of *A.B.A.T.E.* funds and their use. Also request a update / report on activities at S.T.E.A.M.

#6 Annual travel expenditures: Recommend that the treasurer develop a report for the expected annual travel expenditures, and have a provision for such in the annual budget.

This would be for the seminars and lobbying efforts that take place each year, such as the *N.C.O.M.* national meeting, the *Best of the West* and *Meeting of the Minds* by the *M.R.F.*, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* representatives to Washington D.C., and the bi-annual platform conventions by the democrats and republicans.

#7 Audit of chapter runs and events: Need to encourage chapters to spend funds on other items in the mission statement. Recommend that each chapter be required to expend 10% of chapter income on legislative and education missions. Report to chapter auditor to be done quarterly.

#8 Software compatibility: Several

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chapters are out of compliance on their treasury reporting, due to a variety of factors. Recommend that alternative electronic reporting methods be allowed for chapter reporting. Such alternative electronic reporting methods must be compatible with *Excel*.

#9 Corporate members / sponsors: Recommend adding a three-tiered corporate sponsorship to our current fee structure.

Gold level corporate sponsorship would provide a ___ page ad for the year, and six comp tickets to one state event of their choice. \$350 fee.

Silver level corporate sponsorship would provide a ___ page ad for the year, and four comp tickets to one state event of their choice. \$225

Bronze level corporate sponsorship would provide a business card ad for the year, and two comp tickets to one state event of their choice. \$150 fee

Additional feature of the corporate sponsorship would be:

A. A link to the corporation web page from the *A.B.A.T.E.* web site.

B. A corporate sponsor page in a prominent location in the newsmagazine.

C. A framed corporate sponsor certificate.

Legislative

Many of the topics under this discussion group have been addressed by Rick Maish. He was charged with developing a legislative handbook and brought a preliminary copy to the planning session. The handbook was reviewed and enthusiastically

received. More copies will be available at the next board of directors meeting. The challenge now will be to distribute this information widely. Copies to be given to the chapter legislative directors, to use at chapter meetings, and as needed. Distribution of hard copies and CD's to be done at S.T.E.A.M. along with a session in using the information. Excerpts should be printed in the newsmagazine and on the web site. Brian Stovall has been tasked with publishing details for 'the book'.

Develop a class on the "legislative basics" for the upcoming S.T.E.A.M. event. This class should be geared for our newest member/lobbyists. Iris Yeager has agreed to develop this class for presentation.

Legislative buddies: Grass roots network of "legislative buddies" in place for next session.

Need to get the membership database updated with senate and representative district information. E-mail address information would also be a big benefit, so that we can target specific legislators as is needed. A.B.A.T.E. membership secretary and BikePAC membership

director have been tasked with proposal.

Organization

Due to several factors, there was no meeting of the organization discussion group.

Announcements were made and the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Jill Tracy

state membership secretary



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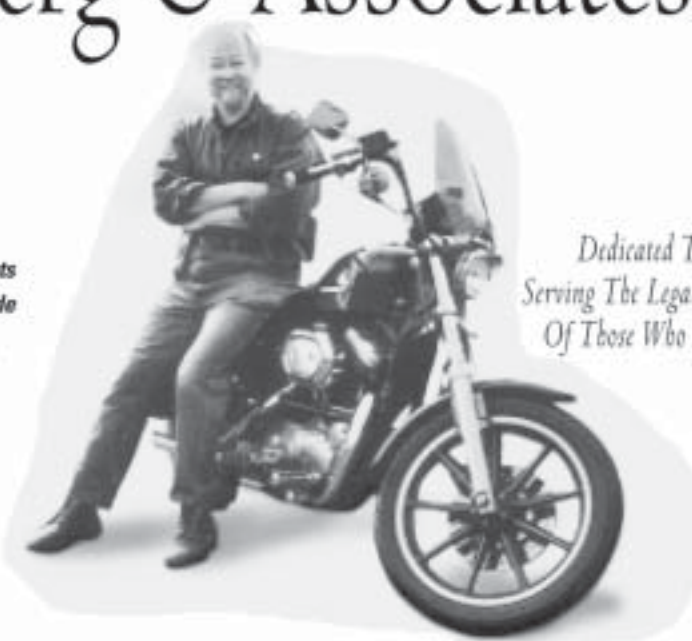
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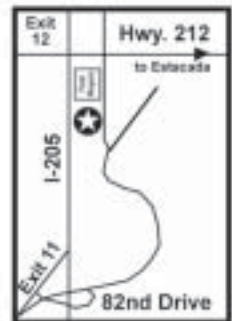
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BikePAC of Oregon – A Political Action Committee Of Motorcyclists For Motorcyclists

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

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

Oregon Road Maintenance Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Oregon Department of Transportation (O.D.O.T.)

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

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

Road and weather information:

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

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Central Oregon area

John Baunmann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Bigfoot Powerlift	(541)-617-1691	Bend	X	X	X	X				
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X					X	
Steve ChakAr	(541)-410-0389		X	X	X	X	X			
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X				X	
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond			X	X	X	X		X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X				

Lincoln County area

Kurt & Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph & Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X			
Dan the Wizard	(541)-961-3207	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Brenden Kane	(541)-265-3535	central coast	X		X		X	X	X	
Randy and Deb Becker	(541)-563-7191	central coast	X	X	X	X	X		X	

North Coast area

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

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X					
Michael Boggs	(503)-391-5600	Salem	X	X	X	X	X			X
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X					
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X					
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence						X	X	
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton							X	

South Coast area

John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point							X	
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay							X	
Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X		
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay			X	X	X	X	X	
Bill&Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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South Coast area (continued)

Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X	
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside			X		X	X
Brian&Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X

Portland area

Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland			X	X	X		X
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland			X	X	X	X	X
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9496	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland			X	X	X		X
Matt Hobbs	(503)-666-8806	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland			X	X	X	X	X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland			X	X	X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland			X		X		X
Craig Rawley	(503)-666-3334	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland				X		X	X

Washington County area

Rick and Tina Stocker	(503)-341-2568(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich and Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Ken Woolston (Mungo)	(503)-359-1135		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-324-9139		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg GoatboyVaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Washington County area (continued)

Cindy Henderson	(503)-648-6047		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed Vaughn	(503)-646-2060		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(877)-552-2283 toll-free		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dave and Diane Hansen	(503)-357-5091		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Willamette Valley area

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X					X		X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X			X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X					
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X			X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-787-4618	Falls City	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Gary&Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X			X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike & Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X					X		X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene/River Road	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael & Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X				X
Stan Smith	(541)-895-4072	Creswell	X	X		X				X
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X					X		X

other areas

Ray & Kathy DeMelo	(503)-393-2201	Keizer		X	X			X		X
Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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QTY.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
_____	Year Pin - 2 yr. member - blue	3.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	Year Pin - 3 yr. member - white	3.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	Year Pin - 4 yr. member - red/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 5 yr. member - white/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 6 yr. member - black/orange	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 7 yr. member - black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 8 yr. member - dark blue	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 9 yr. member - yellow	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 10 yr. member - red/white/blue	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 11 yr. member - purple/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 12 yr. member - blue/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 13 yr. member - green/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 14 yr. member - black/red	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 15 yr. member - gold/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 16 yr. member - grey/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 17 yr. member - copper/black	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 18 yr. member - light blue/gold	3.00	_____
_____	Year Pin - 19 yr. member - purple/gold	3.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	Year Pin - 20 yr. member - red/white/blue	4.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Logo Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, silver	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Eagle Pin - large, gold	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Wing Pin - silver	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Wing Pin - gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Supporter Pin	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Uplifted Wing Pin - 5 color	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Oval Logo Pin - black/gold	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	3.00	_____
_____	Fossil Pin	5.00	_____
_____ (out of stock)	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	5.00	_____
_____	ABATE Logo Hats	15.00	_____
_____	Screw The Helmet pin	3.00	_____
_____	ABATE T-Shirts	15.00	_____
_____	Long sleeve T-shirts	20.00	_____
_____	Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ 2X____		_____
_____	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.)

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QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL		
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	3.00			
		ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	3.00			
	(out of stock)	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	5.00			
		ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	3.00		STICKERS	
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small	1.00			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small	1.00			
		Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	2.50			
		"Kill A Biker, Go To Jail" sticker	3.00			
		HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	free			
		LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	free			
		UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	5.00			
		Loud Pipes Saves Lives	3.00			SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00			
		Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.00			
		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**

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

TOTAL _____

Thank you for your order ;:-)

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 att. **Products Director**
P.O. Box 4504
Portland, ORegon 97208

PHONE: (503)-985-0233
 E-MAIL: _____

Date _____
 Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____



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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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

PLEASE SEND TO:

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: work _____ home _____

MAY WE USE YOUR NAME FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES? **(YES) (NO)**

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

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

LOCATION: _____

OFFICER NAME: _____ ID NO: _____ POLICE AGENCY _____

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

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

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

COURT LOCATION: city / county: _____

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

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

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

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

If no explain: _____

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: _____

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? **(YES) (NO)**

If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN VERBAL BOTH

If verbal, describe: _____

WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? _____

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

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

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

DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: _____ MODEL: _____

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

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

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

If modified describe: _____

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale

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Wanted

Two sets of studded tires. One set of P225/75r15 tires and one set of F78-14 mounted on five-hole Ford passenger car wheels. Excellent condition. Both sets. \$30 per set or \$50 for both. I need to get rid of them and could use the money. My baby needs new shoes, if you know what I mean. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Please call Bill at (503)-257-7390

(Jan 2007)

VOYAGER KIT. GOES FROM TWO WHEELS TO FOUR WHEELS, LOOKS LIKE A TRIKE. EASY ON AND OFF. FITS HERITAGE SOFTAIL OR SIMILAR FRAME. PAID \$4,000. ASKING \$2,000 OR BEST OFFER. (503)-873-2492 (SILVERTON)

(Jan 2007)

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Reach over 2,000 folks with their own little personal treasure troves who may be willing to part with them if you cross their palms with silver. (Or paper or plastic.) Wanted ads are another one of your perks as a member of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. Aren't you glad you joined us?

(No business ads, please. This is personal.)

December Cryptogram

DEAC MUD DEX FADERU'H BZMHH,

MOT HER SO DERR PMZZH IMPJ

DER ZALRZX MVUSZ AW ERU VUSFR.

—HEMJRHVRMUR

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.

Answer to November CRYPTOGRAM

We thank with brief thanksgiving,
Whatever gods may be,
That even the weariest river,
Winds somewhere safe to sea.

— Algernon Swinburne

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VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Al Sims	(541)-926-2161	abatesanctioning@comcast.net	(541) 926-2161
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Fred Tucker	(541)-619-2171	tuckerfred2000@yahoo.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Ed Miller	(541) 923-5503	glyde68@aol.com	
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	(503)-640-5766 (Portland area)		
Jill Tracy	(503)-628-5445		
SECRETARY			
Deb Becker	(541)-563-7191	beckerhill@peak.org	
TREASURER			
Nancy Curran	(541)-888-2572	treasurer@abateoforegon.net	(541)-888-0810
STATE AUDITOR	(503)-357-3040(h)		
Margo Virchow	(503)-288-6870(w)	mvirchow@verizon.net	
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Richard Androes	(503) 394-2441	hdrider67@aol.com	(503)-394-2441
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
James Brummond	(541)-280-5521		
PRODUCTS DIRECTOR			
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EDUCATION DIRECTOR-1			
Patricia Carner	(503)-671-0124	patriciahdgal@msn.com	
EDUCATION DIRECTOR-2			
Geoffrey White	(503)-774-7558	gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net	
PUBLIC RELATIONS			
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FOSSIL COORDINATOR			
Ted Tracy	(503)-628-5445		
SWAP MEET COORDINATOR			
Willie Sanders	(503)-249-8791		
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HISTORIAN			
Rhonda Tucker	(541)-915-3011	fredsgirl17@hotmail.com	
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QUARTERMASTER			
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BIKEPAC REPRESENTATIVE			
Randy Phipps	(503)-347-0524	neportabate@yahoo.com	
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CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS REP #2			
William Hunter	(503)-249-7125	fanwrite@comcast.net	

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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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PORTLAND, OREGON
PERMIT No. 638

**TIMELY DELIVERY REQUESTED
DATED MATERIAL**

There once was an elf at the north pole,
Who wanted to ride but it was too cold,
“If I take a wee sip,
I will not feel the nip,”
But Santa thought not and so he got coal.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 09 December 2006 at noon

Eagles Lodge – Albany, Oregon

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2:00 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday	1230(12:30 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42 nd .; Portland	(503)-807-1606
Douglas County	3 rd Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; Roseburg	(541)-459-7652
Hub City	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-967-7802
Josephine County	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7:00 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-6850
North Coast	4 th Sunday	1030 (10:30 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
Northeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed	1930(7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Round Table Pizza</i> ; 4141 NE 122 nd .; Portland	(503)-777-5121
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-298-1317
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>C.C.'s Pizzeria</i> , 4200 River Road north, Keizer	(503)-390-4292
South Coast	3 rd Sunday	1100 (11 ^{am})	<i>Fisherman's Grotto</i> ; Cape Arago Highway; Charleston	(541)-888-9003
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues	1900(7:00 ^{pm})	<i>McMenamin's Grand Lodge</i> ; 3505 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-640-5766
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard; Eugene	(541)-688-4268