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HOLIDAYS PAST, FUTURE DELIGHTS



*Enjoy your holidays,
share your joy*

2002

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

Help give some happiness this season



Hold a cover coloring contest

2003



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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
crusty ol' editor

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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State Coordinator's Comments



Well folks her it is, the last coordinator's report of the year and my last coordinators report, period.

The last two years have been anything but boring although some of the issues we dealt with have seemed petty and trivial to me and a waste of energy that could have been better spent addressing the real issues that our government throws at us everyday. I've learned more about how our government works than I ever thought I was interested in learning and hope to be able to put what I've learned to good use in the upcoming years.

I've got one last remark about the recent past and then on into the future. I would like to thank everybody in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* who holds the course, the members who keep a clear focus on what's important, what the real work is, and why we came together in the first place are the saving grace of our organization and we would turn to dust without them. I thank you for all of your tireless and thankless work and every bit of help and encouragement you gave me during my time as coordinator.

What's next?

Get involved.

Let the people who live our cause, drag you into the middle of the fight. Jump in with both feet and get in up

to your eyebrows. We have people who will teach you how to approach and communicate with your elected officials, people who will furnish you with the information you need to answer the questions that get asked and people who will listen when you tell them what issues you feel are worth fighting for.

Not a person who has what it takes to go face-to-face with the people who want you on the bus instead of your motorcycle?

Feel that signing up and paying your dues is enough?

Have I got a bargain for you.

For less money than it costs to buy your friends a round of drinks, you can join *BikePAC*. You can not get a bigger political bang for your buck concerning motorcycle rights than by joining *BikePAC*. Every penny that *BikePAC* gets goes towards fighting for your rights in the political arena, no time wasted planning runs, or worrying about when and where the next party is going to happen. *BikePAC* is *A.B.A.T.E.*'s early warning system, our first line of defense, and our offensive line when it comes to dealing with politics.



by Ed Vaughn

Here is one more suggestion as to a worthwhile place to put some of your hard earned cash: join the *M.R.F. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation* works at the federal level and keeps an eye on what's going on in Washington D.C. Thanks to the efforts of the *M.R.F.* we have been able to avoid a national helmet requirement on more than one occasion. They work hard for your rights and deserve your support.

Ed Vaughn



Thank you, Ed.

You've been a first class cat herder for the last two years.

--los gatos

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

Hello from a very windy *Central Oregon*,

Can't believe this: snow on the mountains, ski racks on every other vehicle on the road. We don't ski but to those who do, have fun and do so safely. That goes for riding also.

Had our meeting on Sunday to decide on new officers and Ellen and Scott were generous enough to allow us to invade their home for the Christmas party. And we truly mean an invasion. Lots of good food and fellowship. Silly gifts under the Christmas tree and laughs to be held by all.

At the November meeting we donated the rocking hog to the *Ronald McDonald House*. As some of you might remember Vinnie won the rocker this year and donated it back to the chapter to go to a special place. What a better place than this where it can be enjoyed by many rather just a few. Patty from the house came to give a talk on the organization and what they do for our community. It is a true gift to have here in Bend.

As of now the nominations for chapter officers are:

Coordinator

Jay (Jaybird) Foltz

Vice-coordinator

Michele Williams

Membership secretary

Vacant....step up folks!

Legislative director

Kevin Anderson

We will be voting for officers at the December meeting. If anyone else wants to run, please show up and throw your hat in the ring.

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 15th starting around 5 p.m. The ham and turkey will be provided. The rest of the meal is potluck, so bring your favorite side dish and beverage of choice. In the December meeting we will have maps to Scott and Ellen's house. Or just give us a call for directions. We will do our normal gift swap again this year. It is a \$10 limit.

As usual the December meeting will be held at the *Black Horse Saloon* on Sunday the 9th at 2 p.m.

I would like to thank everyone for the support I have received for the

last two years as co-ordinator. I've really enjoyed and appreciated all of it.

Thank you very much,

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

Douglas County



Hello from windy, rainy *Douglas County Chapter*,

I have missed our last two meetings. (Not good for a secretary. But other commitments got in the way.)

I am very behind on what's going on as, by the time this report was due, we hadn't had our November meeting yet and I haven't been able to talk to anyone about what's on the horizon. Maybe I'm just getting a little worn down. Please forgive my neglect of these important topics.

News is that we will have our second annual Christmas party this year. If you missed last year, you missed a really fun and entertaining time. Please contact one of your chapter members for the date of this year's party.

The holidays and toy runs are coming up too. As always, these are worthwhile and fun times with our motorcycling brothers and sisters.

The *Rudolf Run* and *South County Unorganized Toy Run* are great events and there are lots of families in need, with us losing so many jobs here in southern Oregon.

Also, without doubt, *O.V.M.A.* will be doing things for our local *V.A.*, so get in touch with them for details.

Beyond that it is my sincerest wish that everyone have a happy Hanukkah, merry Christmas, and a

safe, healthy, and prosperous new year.

This is the time of year when most everyone feels the need to rush, is pressured, and it seems we forget what the real focus is – family, friends, and community.

My advice: At least once every day take a breath, step back and find something of beauty, something hopeful to consider. And then pass it on to someone else. Try purposefully slowing down a little.

I get the strangest looks when some clerk in a store apologizes for taking so long and I smile and reply, "That's okay, I'm not in a hurry."

It not only let's them know someone acknowledges that they are doing the best they can, it reminds me of what's important.

Blessings on y'all,

Becky Garino
secretary

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



Best holiday wishes to all you folks out there!

Hub City is hoping that you're enjoying a few toy runs and all the cheer that goes with helping folks with less than you. No matter how little you think you have, believe me there's someone out there with less. Share that jolly biker spirit!

Let me say "Thanks" to all United States veterans. Without them we'd be slaves. Period.

Albany, Oregon has the largest *Veteran's Day* parade west of the Mississippi. *Hub City A.B.A.T.E.*, being named after an old Albany nickname, was proud to muster out a good showing of bikes for the parade. 200+ riders from many groups showed up to lead the parade and get the crowd excited. The weather smiled on us and we rode in beaming sunshine.

It sure is nice riding right behind the grand marshal! All bikes used to be relegated to a position just behind all the horses and that led to some interesting maneuvers.

Chapters and state level elections are this month for most chapters. Get involved! Most offices are so well run now that all you have to do is fill in the blanks. Give a little time and see what rewards it brings.

New members, one way to feel welcome to the group is to offer to help. Everyone loves someone who is willing to jump in and do a good turn.

No one person or group should have to shoulder all the work all the time. Granny used to say "Many hands make light work". The older I get, the smarter that old woman gets. Hhhmm . . .

I know almost all of the positions in *Hub City* leadership are changing hands and many thanks to both the new volunteers and the outgoing workers



who have served us so well.

Kudos to the state level leaders too. They put in many hours to make sure this group stays healthy, active, and focused. We have a lot of fun, but there is a serious side to *A.B.A.T.E.*. Our mission statement is very clear about that.

Garry Hastie, our outgoing coordinator, always reads the mission statement into the minutes at every meeting. It opens his officer report and helps set the tone for the meeting. That focus helps us get the business done and make way for socializing.

Hub City, socialize? (Insert smiley face here. :-)

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

Kind of brings you right back to it, doesn't it? Good job, whomever penned that piece.

Best to all in 2008,

PanMan
Hub City A.B.A.T.E.
 3rd Thursday 7 p.m. sharp
Ciddici's Pizza
 133 5th St.
 Albany, Oregon

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



Reminder: The chapter meeting December 19 will be a Christmas potluck and election of officers for 2008.

The 4th annual *Polar Bear Ride* will be held January 1st, 2008. Meet at *Herb's LaCasita Restaurant* on Rogue River highway at 11 a.m.. For more information, contact Pat Allen, (541)-659-8715

From all of us at *Jo County Chapter*:
A very joyful holiday season to each of you!

Nominations are as follows:

- Coordinator**
Pat "Spanky" Allen
- Vice-coordinator**
Lance Tolle
- Treasurer**
Karen Tolle
- Secretary**
Bonnie Jones
- Membership secretary**
TBD
- Sergeant at arms**
Greg Jones
- Ways and means**
TBD
- Chaplain**
TBD
- Historian**
TBD
- Run coordinator**
TBD
- State representative**
Mike Flaherty

Recording secretary,

Gypsy

JOSEPHINE COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE
3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
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Grants Pass
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Lincoln County**

Lincoln County is alive and keeping busy.

This is the most joyous time of the year.

Thanks to Ruth, the *Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* is on schedule. All of it is done and ready to feed the Sunday before Thanksgiving dinner. Some of our members are also *American Legion* members and we will be helping on the dinner for those who have no one home or are homeless. Sometimes it is really important to look to our community and do what you can for those less fortunate.

Christmas for our adopted families is coming together. I do so enjoy this and so does everyone else. A lot of people no longer have little ones to shop for and to find that perfect toy for a child is so important.

Remember our troops as they perform their job with precision. It is a tough occupation and I am so proud of them. I have never understood how someone can just ignore the military yet want all the freedoms.

Our nominations are on schedule and elections are next month. This will be interesting as it always is.

The weather has turned cool here but thanks to Norm there was a ride recently. With calls being made there was a large group that rode and enjoyed the time together. Some had never seen Mary's Peak so on the trip home some stopped to admire the pristine beauty that is evident in our state.



Just a quick thanks as cards are being written for the caring thoughts, calls, and flowers while I was recouping.

It is nice having such a large and caring family.

Happy holidays to you all and may the new year bring you love, joy and peace.

From the hearts of *Lincoln County* members to all our *A.B.A.T.E.* family.

Millie

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

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

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Newport

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

North Coast



I've come to realize that motorcycling is seasonal, *A.B.A.T.E.* is not! Just when I thought things would slow down, more challenges arise.

As of this writing we are putting the final touches on our spaghetti feed and auction, and by this reading I hope to report a huge success. The chapter is really stepping up. Our core people are turning into a core group which speaks volumes on where this chapter is going. New people are joining the volunteering ranks. It's very satisfying and motivating to watch. Beside the good we are doing for the community and the children by raising this money, it's also brought our chapter a little closer to together.

With the year winding down and chapter and state officer elections coming, a look at the past year of our chapter looks very promising. As a new group we were able to sustain our events and fundraisers and add to our coffers.

Now that we have revitalized the chapter, we want to start putting more local get togethers and fun into the mix. At our last meeting we voted to install a "social director" to our officer list. We talked about past and future ideas for achieving

this. Any suggestions are welcome. This is another positive step for this chapter and could add to membership.

On a personal note, I believe *A.B.A.T.E.* is a way of life. It's taught me volumes along with broadening my horizons. It's taken me from "getting by" to a "what can I do?" attitude.

Ride safe,

Howie


Rain

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.
North Coast Chapter
presents this


or Shine

19 ANNUAL TOY RUN

Meet at:
Moose Lodge
1007 1st St
Astoria, OR
10:00am
Depart at
11:00am

End Point:
Astoria Shrine
Lodge
100 17th St.
Astoria, OR

**\$10.00 per Poker Hand
Extra Poker Hand \$5.00**
Trophies for High & Low Poker Hands
North Coast



**Get in the
Holiday
Spirit
JOIN US!**

**Questions??
Paul
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Howie
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Saturday, December 1st 2007

**Proceeds will buy Christmas Gifts for
Children in Clatsop and Pacific Counties**

Many Thanks to our Supporters!

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NORTH COAST MEETING

TIME and PLACE

4th Sunday at 1000 (10 am)
Moose Lodge
420 17th Street
Astoria, Oregon

Children are welcome

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

River City



October 16, 2007

This was the smallest meeting we have had in a long time: six people.

Come on folks, we need some participation.

We had a state board of directors report and heard about the state officer nominations. We filled out a questionnaire from the *M.R.F.* and had a good time talking. Larry won a prize for guessing the bike on the agenda correctly.

We held no drawings.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Larry (filling in for Rick) at 7:00 p.m. Five people present, one arrived later.

Larry read the mission statement.

Guests and new members: None.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Teresa because they were present in written form.

Correspondence: Bank statement, *M.R.F.* questionnaire.

Treasury report \$260.72 in checking and \$1681.28 savings.

Bills submitted: None.

Membership report: 71 fine folks.

Board report: Brian reported discussions and votes as well as nominations.

Legislative report: *BikePAC* meeting 06 October in Salem.

Ways and means report: None.

Public relations report: None.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Matt, Debra, Tim, and Brian rode out to Wasco for lunch.

New Business

We discussed and answered the *M.R.F.* questionnaire.

No drawings this meeting.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1953 *Gilera* four cylinder racer.

Meeting adjourned 7:38 p.m.

November 06, 2007

Wow! What a meeting. We had fifteen people and a long and lively meeting. Four of us reported on the planning session which generated a lot of discussion about topics and changes. Public relations was a particularly intense discussion.

The 50/50 was won by Sandy who donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks, Sandy.

The chapter membership drawing for \$45 would have been won by Mitzi Davis if she had been present.

It will be \$55 next meeting.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:00 p.m. Thirteen people present, two arrived later.

Rick read the mission statement.

Guests and new members: Mike Lutje, Mike Chaddic.

Minutes: Waived on a motion by Larry because they were present in written form.

Correspondence: Chamber newsletter; post office box bill.

Treasury report \$195.72 in checking and \$1681.28 savings

Bills submitted: \$40 for post office box.

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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**

We met at our new meeting place *Almost Home* restaurant, 3310 Market street-Salem, Oregon on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The main topic revolved around the *N.T.S.B.* (*National Traffic Safety Board*) and their proposal to mandate a national helmet law.

So off to the *N.T.S.B.* web site we go.

The chairman, Mark V. Rosenker, is our first suspect and a fine one at that. His experience in transportation safety dates back more than three decades to his times at a major national public affairs organization. His clients there included the *American Safety Belt Council*, *Safety Helmet Council of America*, and (drum roll please) the *Motorcycle Safety Foundation*. (Hereafter referred to as the "*M.\$.F.*")

The vice chair, Robert L. Sumwalt, brings aviation experience to the board.

Deborah A.P. Hersham has successfully completed a motorcycle basic rider course and holds a motorcycle endorsement. (That would make her an expert.)

Kathryn O' Leary Higgins is a

career bureaucrat.

Steven R. Chealander, a U.S.A.F. career Vietnam vet and military aide to former president Reagan.

There they are folks, the "faction of five". (Yes, five.)

Only five want to dictate policy to a state near you. With *your* taxpayer dollar they can lobby any and all states.

So as in the past *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* is going to Washington D.C. to fight these rascals.

On very short notice, at the planning session, we found two freedom fighters, Pat Ryan and Heidi Disrud, willing to take time out of their lives to go. We have sent folks in the past to lobby for us and wish them the best. It will be a grueling schedule.

The *N.T.S.B.* normally investigates train wrecks, airplane wrecks, bus wrecks but now has decided to look into motorcycle wrecks.

So after an exhaustive study of six (yes, six) motorcycle crashes with no input from the motorcycle community, this is the solution: Helmets for everyone!

We stopped *N.H.T.S.A.* from being able to lobby the states. *N.T.S.B.*

should be next. (Stick to trains, planes, and automobiles.)

Well this internet has opened my eyes to what the *M.\$.F.* is up to.

Wish I would have known what I know now when they were here trying to get a *D.M.V.* waiver for their program.

But wait. They, through their lawyers, were lobbying the state of Oregon well before this. One dealer in Oregon was seeking the *D.M.V.* waiver for the *Riders Edge* basic rider course.

One dealer!

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**SALEM MEETING
TIME and PLACE**

4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
Almost Home Restaurant
3310 Market Street, Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Southeast Portland**

Greetings everyone!

The holiday season is upon us. Since I have to get this newsletter out to everyone a month before it is due I can't relay a lot of the information that I would like to pass on. It hasn't happened yet. It will come in the next newsletter.

So, here goes. If you missed the *Musicians Toy Run Benefit* you missed a hell of a party. The music was exceptional, the weather was great and fun was had by all. Art and Francine West, an amazing couple, put on this show to benefit our *Shriner's* kids. Thanks to Art and Francine for all that you do, and thanks to all the great musicians who participate to help our kids. God bless you.

We also held the planning session. This is always a good way for the chapters to get together and talk about what we would like to see happen within our state *A.B.A.T.E.* Get to your chapter meetings and participate. These ideas (some good, some not so good) are only as strong as our chapters. There are too many things to list here so come speak your mind and help make Oregon the best *A.B.A.T.E.* it can be.

This is also election time both at

state and chapter levels. If there is a position that you are interested in, now is the time. We are all volunteers and as some of you know, some volunteer more than others. The more people involved the more fun all the volunteers can have.

Lastly I want to thank the countless people who have stepped up to volunteer this year. Many of you I haven't named. Sometimes I don't know your name and sometimes I just forget. So to all of you who I haven't thanked, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. If everyone gave a half hour of their time at various functions we would have too much help. For all of those who have helped this year I thank you very much. You are what keep our organization strong.

Ride safe,
Merry Christmas,

Deb "Honey Buns" Ross

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

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200
(noon)

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

Twin Rivers

Twin Rivers Chapter Welcomes You



Well, I'm back.

By now, we have had a couple chapter meetings, under the new name: *Twin Rivers*.

As I sit here, thinking about what to write this time, one thing comes to mind: doing everything that we, as a chapter, can do to avoid any chance of having to go through the same thing again (turning in our charter) *ever!*

The one thing that I can think of is that we need to pull together as a team!!

What will this take?

1. Meeting attendance, including all future planning sessions, S.T.E.A.M. and swap meets. (Especially all chapter officers.)
2. Communication. (At chapter and state level.)
3. Help together. (At all functions.)
4. Promoting the chapter. (i.e.: word of mouth.)

Okay, that is a few things that we can and should and need to do.

Speaking of communication, if we really want to promote *A.B.A.T.E.* and our functions, we must take advantage of all forms of promotion, including the web sites!!!!

All right, I am done complaining. (For now.)

See you all at the *Shriners' Toy Run*, Saturday, 01 December 2007.

John M Betts (Wheels)
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports**Washington County**

Well, it is here.

Old man winter is tossing leaves from the trees, water from the sky, occasional bits of frost on the ground. But he cannot keep the intrepid riders from their appointed tasks. (Toy runs!)

By the time this gets to print, the *WaCo Toy Run* will be history and, hopefully, fond memories. The *Shriners' Toy Run* will be just around the corner.

Along with old man winter and toy runs are chapter and state elections.

As usual, I will implore everyone to consider running for an office. This is a volunteer organization and sometimes volunteers get tired. Or changes have occurred that makes volunteering more difficult. Please help out where you can. As for me, I will not be running for *WaCo* recording secretary again. The state membership secretary position takes far more time than I want to give it.

Remember that *WaCo* has just one meeting in December (December 10). As usual, the chapter will host

dinner. (Taco bar this year.) We will have elections for 2008 officers. We will share good times with friends and probably eat too much. We will also draw our membership drawing until someone is present to win. As of this writing, it is over \$250. Is that enough to get you to a meeting?

We have already started planning dates for next year's events, so even though old man winter is beating at the door, we are warm and cozy inside, dreaming of spring.

Be safe, be kind, be aware.

Watch out for the other guy, because he is not expecting you.

Linda Henderson
WaCo secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and PLACE

2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
(7:30pm) [except December]
Prime Time Restaurant
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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

Willamette Valley A.B.A.T.E.



Our October meeting was held at *Roaring Rapids Pizza* on Thursday, October 18th.

We had three guests but overall attendance was still low with a total of 18 people there.

Jeff Schauer began the meeting talking about the upcoming planning session to be held in Cottage Grove at the *V.F.W.* lodge. He encouraged all members to show up with their ideas.

He also mentioned our Christmas dinner meeting will be held at Mac's in the *Veteran's Memorial Building* on 16th and Willamette in Eugene on December 20th.

Dinner cost is \$15 per member and if you want to be on the gift exchange, then bring a gift under \$20 to put in the pot. It adds fun to the night to see what kind of insanity members come up with for gifts and then watch the drawing while members get to steal someone else's gift.

Upcoming event is the *Veteran's Day* parade is taking place on November 11th. leaving the shopping center on the corner of Centennial and Mohawk boulevard at 1:30 p.m. Make sure to get there early so it can be organized. The chapter voted to give a donation of \$100 towards the Parade to support it.

There is also a toy run the *Free Souls* are having on December 8th, at 10 a.m. at *Yukon Jack's* in Veneta.

Speaking of *Yukon's*, the *Fall Casino Night* was held at *Yukon Jack's* and we managed to raise \$1,043 from the event. Thank you to Wendy Taylor for putting on another great night.

Wendy pointed out that a lot of members do not participate in our activities and wants ideas on how to

get more people on board. How do we increase participation?

Bob Lowell has come up with a family for us to help by giving a Thanksgivings dinner to. It is a single mom with four kids. So far Bob has donated the turkey and Rod said he'd donate the potatoes, onions, celery, and mushrooms. Besides the meal, this family could always use things like toothpaste, brushes, toiletries, among other dry goods.

If you have something to donate give Bob a call at (541)-747-0498.

Rod gave his state report and again mentioned the planning session. He told everyone about an idea on how to get more members involved in the planning, while also mentoring incoming officers. All were encouraged to come to the session with ideas.

One of these ideas mentioned at the meeting was to see *BikePAC* provide current highway information (such as the pavement grooving going on) and give us contact information.

It was also suggested that some things are better accomplished at the local level.

Rod also pointed out that we have a free membership advertising page on the chapter web site and encouraged members to submit want ads, sales ads, or whatever to be posted.

Michael Taylor said that he has been in touch with Joe Lawrence and *Josephine County Chapter* regarding

Wolf Creek park for use as *S.O.S.* He mentioned that the park is considering going back to the \$500 fee originally used. It was mentioned that so far no one from any other chapter has pushed to see if *S.O.S.* will take place. If it is going to happen, it will require energy from all southern chapters.

Keep it in the sun!

Rod Hatter
web site editor
Willamette Valley Chapter
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MEETING TIME and PLACE
3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
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Our Officers at Work

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

10 November 2007 – Albany Eagles

Meeting was called to order by Ed Vaughn, coordinator, at 12:19 p.m. with 11 of 12 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote, with the exception of *Twin Rivers* due to not having received charter as of board meeting.

Pledge of allegiance

Moment of silence for downed brothers/sisters and service men/women

Guests and first time attendees: Billy Joe.

Motion made by Robert Hale to accept minutes from October state board meeting as printed in the newsmagazine. Howie Long seconded. Motion Passed

Coordinator comments: (Ed Vaughn) Apologized for missing the last meeting. Said that the planning session went very well and a lot of good ideas and work was done. Noted that this was the best planning session that he had ever attended. More on this will be discussed later.

Correspondence: There are a lot of out-of-state newsletters. Anyone that wants one is welcome to take them.

A letter from *Easyriders* regarding their show was received and Ed will follow up on this as they usually allow us to have a booth at the event at no charge.

Vice coordinator–north: (Richard Colwell) Absent.

Vice coordinator–south: (Jim Jones) Absent.

Vice coordinator–east: (Gene Mortimore) Met with Wheeler county fair board regarding the biker

rodeo idea and got a price of \$500 for three days for the entire facility. This price did not include RV facilities, which would be at the regular price. The use of the fairgrounds includes the power, water, and other facilities including the public address system.

Also met with the high school regarding the *Motorcycle Awareness Program*. They may be making special arrangements for the students to attend *Fossil* for one day to attend a class and get signed off for having a special day off of school for attending the class at *Fossil* and the bike show.

Geoff White followed up by stating that this would be a special presentation of the program during the *Fossil* weekend. This would give the students good exposure to the program. He said that this is a good opportunity and that the students would get an extra day off of school and be signed off for attending this special presentation on Saturday. They would also be able to attend the bike show at *Fossil*. It was suggested that due to drivers' education classes being privatized that holding classes at county fairs, the state fair and other venues such as these would be a great opportunity to reach people in the outlying areas that would otherwise probably never be reached.

Membership secretary: (Linda Henderson) Excused. Ed reported that we have 2,013 current members. Report handed in.

Treasurer: (Sue Mill) Reported that currently in checking we have \$5,695.59 and in savings \$33,853.30



Nic Oliver
state recording secretary

for a total of \$39,548.89. All bills are current and the porta-potties have been paid for. We still have the money on hold for *Team Oregon*.

State auditor: (Deb Ross) Excused. Report handed in and all chapters eligible.

Newsmagazine editor: (Rot Path) Reported that currently only four chapter reports have been handed in and that today was the 10th and all reports were due by today. Is going to try and get the newsmagazine to the printer sooner in the future which means that everyone has to be on time. No excuses. For this month, any report not in by Tuesday night would result in no report in the newsmagazine and the chapters would be out of compliance. Would like ideas on a cover for the December issue. Also any ideas for cover art for future issues would be greatly appreciated.

Legislative director: (Mel Yeager) No legislative session to report on. He is currently working on an idea for a letter to send to our legislators in Washington D.C.

Brian Stovall reported that he has *M.R.F. Reports* newspapers available for anyone who wants one. The *H.I.P.P.A.* report shows that none of our representatives have signed on as a co-signer. Brian stated that he would like a letter writing session at the next board meeting and that all chapters should have letter-writing sessions to our representatives and senators. The letter writing session at

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the state board meeting could serve as a mini training session on what can be done on the chapter level.

Lee Austin reported on HR-1955, which is a bill that passed overwhelmingly and very quickly in the house and that it relates to domestic terrorism. Pointed out that this bill is dangerous and goes completely against our constitution. This "thought police" bill is one that passed with 404 votes in favor of in the house of representatives. All of Oregon's representatives voted for this bill. This bill applies to everyone in such a way as to say that if the police even think that you are thinking about terrorism then you are guilty of domestic terrorism and can go to jail. Everyone needs to write their senators now to get this stopped in congress before it goes any further. This needs to be taken to every chapter and everyone needs to be acting on this now. This is extremely high priority! Phone calls and letters are needed now.

Ed reported that one of the things done at the planning session was to send two representatives to Washington D.C. regarding the *N.T.S.B. (National Traffic Safety Board)* He then turned over the floor to Heidi Disrude for her report.

Heidi stated that she met with three legislators in person and the other four she met with only their aides. Brian said that meeting with the aides was sometimes better than meeting with the representative as the aides are the ones who keep the representatives informed on the issues at hand. Heidi reported that Jeff Hennie from the *M.R.F. (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)* went with her and

Patrick the first day there and lead the conversation which helped a lot in getting them ready for the rest of the meetings. She did say that she received no confirmation from any of the representatives one way or another. She reported that Wyden would send a letter to *H.I.P.P.A.* to try and stop this language from hurting motorcyclists. DeFazio is an original signer on the *H.I.P.P.A.* health insurance bill. She asked all the representatives and congressman to give motorcyclists the same consideration as was given to the rest of the users (cars, trains, planes, etc.) and not just rely on six crashes over the last 40 years as proof of anything. She did say that Darlene Hooley was very receptive and was not aware of the *H.I.P.P.A.* language and that she would follow up as this was very unfair.

Thank you Heidi for a job well done!

It was reported that Patrick Ryan (the other delegate to Washington D.C.) would be writing a report for the newsmagazine.

Sergeant at arms-north: (Randy Phipps) No report.

Sergeant at arms-south: (Bill Foster) Bill asked that all chapter representatives ask their chapters to send Randy Phipps the names and contact information for their chapter sergeant-at-arms officers. This is needed to keep things moving swiftly and surely in event planning for security need fulfillment.

Sergeant at arms-east: <Vacant>

Products director: (Dave Meeker) New *Fossil* pins are now in stock. Rot Path has the mailing address as Dave is not on-line and is hard to reach by

phone. If anyone needs to contact the products director, his mailing address will be printed on the officer page of the state newsmagazine. Representatives please take back to your chapters that the minimum order for chapter rockers is 50.

Education director: (Patricia Carner) Apologized for missing so many meetings. She reported that she has a new bike and took the *Team Oregon R.S.P.* class. She has been teaching a lot of classes. Reported that she had the opportunity to teach defensive driving to a group of bus drivers and has been talking to a lot of groups. Has not taught many children lately though. She has been trying to reach the younger drivers through the safety fair venue.

Reported that S.T.E.A.M. will be February 16th and will be held at the *Eagles Lodge* in Albany. This will save *A.B.A.T.E.* a lot of money and headaches. There will be a flyer in the December newsmagazine.

Reported that *Team Oregon* has taught over 10,000 students this year. There have been site problems that have hampered getting things done on all three sites. There are currently 143 certified instructors for *Team Oregon*.

Brain asked about "range aides". Patricia reported that this has been a problem due to insurance liability issues. Range aides are severely limited when compared to what they could do in the past. This has affected even the instructors in the performance of their jobs.

Education director II: (Geoff White) Reported that there are some changes and upgrades being made to

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the program. He asked that the chapter representatives get a roster of the certified instructors in their chapters so that they can be contacted regarding the need for their teaching a class or even their desire to teach a class. Rot Path suggested that the county fairs might be good venues to put on *M.A.P.* classes.

Public relations director: (Joan McCarty) Excused, medical reasons.

State run coordinator (Fossil): VACANT

State run coordinator II: (Howie Long) Reported that he had met with the Wheeler county commissioner and park manager. Bear Hollow is ours for free and that includes water, power, and campfires are permitted. There is a permanent wooden building with two restrooms that would need to be pumped regularly along with the porta-potties that we would need. The use of the area to the right of the roadway is privately owned and the owner has agreed to let us use it for camping only, no fires allowed in that area though. The bad points are that the area is small, especially for motorhomes and trailers. Only a limited number would be able to get in and the rest would have to use Shelton Park just up the road from Bear Hollow on a first come basis. The question was raised about police access and there is none allowed unless we allow them in. The games will be held at the fairgrounds.

State swap meet coordinator: (William Sanders) Absent. Rotten Roger is doing well and he is at home.

Historian: (Mary Burnett) Mary thanked Dave for his contribution to

the history of *A.B.A.T.E.* and that she received the final minutes from the former *Northeast Portland Chapter*.

Sanctioning officer: (Lee Austin) Reported that the *Twin Rivers* January 19th *Cabin Fever* party has been sanctioned and that *S.T.E.A.M.* has also been sanctioned. *Run 21* and the anniversary party applications are in and just waiting on the fees for approval. Everyone needs to get their runs in early if they want to ensure that they get specific dates.

Web page editor: (Marty Soehrman) Reported that he is working more and has less time for Saturday meetings and for updating the web site but that he is getting the job done. We need to keep in mind, if we want to get our information out to people, that the newsmagazine is "in house" to our membership and that the web site is open to everyone. This means that runs and other events should be posted on the web site so that more people can get access to the information.

Quartermaster: (Robert Hale) No report.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: (Randy Phipps) Reported that there is no meeting until January. Reminded everyone that there is a special legislative session coming up.

Confederation of Clubs representative: (Pat Williams) Reported on the meeting held on October 17th. The *C.o.C. Annual Poker Run* has been changed to the *Longview Tom Memorial Poker Run*. Quiet Mike has accepted that vice chair position vacated by the loss of Longview Tom. The next meeting will be November 25th at the *Free Souls* clubhouse at

195 Commercial SE in Salem.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: (Ray DeMelo) Ray stated that he had nothing else to add except that the memorial ride for Longview Tom had a good turnout.

Planning Session

Report given by Ed Vaughn that this was the best planning session ever since he has been with *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. There were a lot of good ideas and positive work done. This work included sending two people to Washington D.C. in response to the *M.R.F.*'s call to action. There were good ideas on how to get things done quicker and with more positive response from the chapters. Ed said that the planning session minutes need to be taken to each chapter and to get input so that we can get things done.

Unfinished Business

2008 officer nominations

Coordinator

Matt Price – Accepted

Lee Austin – Accepted

Vice coordinator–north

Heidi Disrude – Accepted

Vice coordinator–south

< None >

Vice coordinator–east

Gene Mortimore – Accepted

Recording secretary

Nic Oliver – Accepted

Membership secretary

Linda Henderson - Accepted

Treasurer

Joye "Grace" Howell — Accepted

State auditor

Deb Ross – Accepted

Newsmagazine editor

Rot Path – Accepted

Legislative director

Quiet Mike — Accepted

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Sergeant at arms—north

Randy Phipps – Accepted

Sergeant at arms—south

Bill Foster – Accepted

Sergeant at arms—east

< None >

Products director

Dave Meeker – Accepted

Education director I

Patricia Carner — Accepted

Education director II

Geoff White — Accepted

Public relations director

Debra Lutje – Accepted by proxy through Sue Mills. (Nic will be sent letter.)

State run coordinator (Fossil)

Howie Long – Accepted

State run coordinator II

Jeff Schauer — Accepted

State swap meet coordinator

Willie Sanders – Accepted

Historian

Mary Burnett – Accepted

Sanctioning officer

Lee Austin – Accepted

Web page editor

Marty Soehrman — Accepted

Quartermaster

Robert Hale – Accepted

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative

Randy Phipps – Accepted

Confederation of Clubs representative I

Pat Williams – Accepted

Confederation of Clubs representative II

Ray DeMelo – Accepted

Any other nominations will be accepted, briefly, at the next state board meeting.

New Business**Motions:**

1. Made by Rod Hatter of *Willamette Valley Chapter* and seconded by Brian Stoval: That *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* change it's by-laws so that state officers will be elected at October B.O.D. (board of directors) meeting. Incumbent

officers will remain in office until December to create a two-month overlap of incoming and outgoing officers. That the annual meeting will be held Saturday evening following the planning session in October, after the general board meeting but before the November B.O.D. meeting and an extra B.O.D. meeting be added on Sunday directly after the planning session to vote on planning session issues. The vote on this motion to be made in January 2008 after proper publication of proposed by-laws changes have been printed in the newsmagazine prior to B.O.D. vote.

Discussion ensued following the motion to include possible problems and chapter representation. It was noted that if the chapters do not have faith in their representatives to vote in the chapter's behalf then they need a different representative. The vote on this motion is to take place at the January 12, 2008 board of directors meeting.

Quiet Mike presented *A.B.A.T.E.* with a form to apply for money from the federal grant to the state of Oregon. He stated that he was told that we might not qualify for any of the money but that sounded like a challenge to him. He stated that the money is slated to go to *Team Oregon* at this time. He also reported that Mary Peters went down on her bike after a clipping incident with her husband's bike. (They blame each other.) Hardy Meyers is targeting all M.R.O.'s (motorcycle rights organization) for I.R.S. (*Internal Revenue Service*) audits. The *Team Oregon-versus-M.S.F.* lawsuit will probably not be heard for about a year.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: December 8, 2007 – *Eagles Lodge* on Broadalbin in Albany, Oregon at noon. This will be the annual meeting with food provided. Come and see your state board of directors in action and welcome your new state officers, as well as thank the outgoing officers for their service.

- November 10th – *Brother Speed Douglas County* is having a party at 4 p.m.

- November 11th – *Veterans Day* parade ride. Meet at *Paradise Harley-Davidson* at 7:30 a.m. to join in the ride and return to *Paradise Harley-Davidson* afterwards for food.

- November 11th – *V.F.W. Veterans Day* parade to start at 1:30 p.m. at Centennial and Mohawk. If you wish to take part, please be an hour early.

- November 16th – *A Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club* fund raiser and toy run at *Rumors Bar and Grill* in Salem.

- November 16-18 – Sci-fi convention at the *Marriott Waterfront* in Portland.

- November 17th – *Washington County* toy run. Participants to meet at *Paradise Harley-Davidson* at noon for a poker run. Entry fee is one toy per hand.

- November 17th – *North Coast Chapter Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* held at the *Astoria Moose Lodge* from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- November 17th – Salem Chapter is hosting a biker night at *Tommy's Welcome Inn* located in Jefferson to start at 6 p.m. Bring a toy and a can of food. \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

- Nominations will be entertained briefly at the December State Board of Directors Meeting prior to voting.

BikePAC 50/50: Rod Hatter won \$16 and donated \$11 back to *BikePAC*. Thank you Rod for your generosity and congratulations

Meeting adjourned 2:50 p.m.



California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed assembly bill 1581, legislation which allows for repair or replacement of traffic signals as they come up for routine maintenance. The signals will be modified to take into account the sensitivity needed to be tripped by motorcycles and bicycles.

Assemblywoman Jean Fuller (Bakersfield) who authored this bill can be thanked at:

assemblymember.fuller@assembly.ca.gov

This significant legislation has been championed by *A.B.A.T.E. of California* for many years.

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with its high-rises that reverberate noise, has become the front lines in the battle against loud and unnecessary sounds in the Canadian northwest.

Former Vancouver councilman Tim Stevenson successfully waged a campaign to ban leaf blowers in the west end in 2004. Now the liberal M.L.A. who narrowly defeated him in the 2005 provincial election, Lorne Mayencourt, is carrying the torch and working to restrict loud motorcycles, typically *Harley-Davidsons* with modified mufflers.

Mayencourt has introduced bill, the *Motorcycle Noise Control Act*, that would ensure motorcycles are "equipped with an exhaust muffler consisting of a series of pipes or chambers which ensures that the exhaust gases from the engine are cooled and expelled without excessive noise."

Excessive noise is defined as 85 decibels "when operated in an area where the posted or un-posted speed limit is 60 km/h or less."

WorkSafeBC rates the typical noise level of a motorcycle at 80-115 decibels compared with up to 115 for a leaf blower. Yet neither match one of the consistently loudest of all urban noises: the ambulance siren, at 120 decibels. (Sound levels double with every three-decibel increase).

Ohio right-of-way legislation, senate bill 158, to toughen penalties for certain traffic offenses that result in serious injury or death to other roadway users, is on the move in Ohio.

All riders should contact your elected officials today to let them know why this legislation is important to you, and your family.

U.S. district judge Clarence Brimmer presided over the latest legal maneuvers affecting *U.S. Forest Service* roadless area management. In this latest lawsuit, the state of Wyoming seeks to have the court reinstate its earlier ruling finding the *2001 Roadless Rule* illegal.

In the present case the recreational access groups are supporting Wyoming's position and are seeking to have an injunction issued preventing the *Forest Service* from implementing the 2001 rule.

In 2003, the Wyoming court declared the *2001 Roadless Rule* illegal and enjoined the *Forest Service* from implementing it anywhere in the

national forest system. While an appeal of that ruling filed by anti-access groups wound through the federal courts, the Bush administration in 2005 stated that it had no intention of resurrecting the enjoined 2001 rule, preferring instead to address any "roadless" planning under rule-making petitions presented by individual states.

However, the 2005 rule clarifying that approach was successfully challenged in lawsuits filed in the U.S. northern district of California. In that appeal, the anti-access groups were joined by the states of California, Oregon, and New Mexico. In deciding those cases, the California court struck down the 2005 rule and ordered that the 2001 rule be reinstated.

That ruling is currently under appeal from a number of parties, including the *Forest Service*, the recreational groups, and *Silver Creek Timber Company*.

Michigan senate bill 104, sponsored by senator Valde Garcia (R-Howell), would have increased penalties for right-of-way violations that result in injury or death. The senate transportation committee recommended a substitute bill to establish penalties for moving violations that seriously injured or killed another person, significantly expanding the scope of the legislation. Substitute SB-104 was voted unanimously out of committee and referred to the committee of the



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American Motorcyclist Association

whole in late October.

U.S. representative Carolyn Maloney (D-New York) introduced house resolution 1975, the *Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act*. The legislation seeks to expand wilderness areas by 23 million acres, and designates some 2,000 miles of river as wild and scenic rivers as well as another 3 million acres as biological connecting corridors. Representative Maloney is not alone in her enthusiasm for this sweeping legislation because 116 of her colleagues in the house have co-sponsored the legislation. Most of those co-sponsors represent districts east of the Mississippi.

The majority of this year's Myrtle Beach city council candidates would prefer not to hear the sound of *Harleys* rumbling up and down city streets, ever, according to recent articles in that city's *The Sun News*.

At a recent public forum incumbents Mike Chestnut, Phil Render, and Susan Grissom Means and challengers Mike Lowder, Judy Rodman, and John Easterling took questions from residents.

Moderator Randy Wallace read questions about whether any of the candidates would consider reducing the number of bike rallies each year.

Chestnut said talks are already planned with motorcycle groups, and Means was the first to come straight out with her opinion. "I would prefer we didn't have any bike weeks at all," she said. The motorcycle noise, she

said, is "not fair to the people who live here."

Rodman said stronger noise ordinance enforcement would make the bikers feel less welcome, a feeling she didn't seem to want to discourage. And Phil Render said he favors moving events further outside the city. "Our folks are tired of motorcycles," he said.

Only Easterling, himself a biker, suggested a compromise, such as having planned events at the fairgrounds in Loris, the old racetrack and the drag strip, and having vendor booths within the city so at least the city could make money off the rallies.

Beginning early next year, drivers in six states will begin testing a new way to pay for roads and transit: Commuters will be charged for the miles they drive rather than paying taxes on gasoline purchased. Researchers from the *University of Iowa* public policy center will install computers and satellite equipment in the vehicles of 2,700 volunteers: 450 each from Austin, Baltimore, Boise, San Diego, eastern Iowa, and the research triangle region of North Carolina.

Over the next two years, the drivers will get sample monthly bills for the number of miles they've driven. They can compare what they now pay in gasoline taxes with what they would have paid in per-mile fees.

The nation is reassessing the way it pays for roads and transit. Since 1956, the *Highway Trust Fund*, financed by the federal tax on

gasoline, has been a primary source of money for highway projects. But the *National Governors Association* and other groups and planners involved in road building have concluded that this method, supplemented by state gasoline taxes, no longer is adequate.

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* recently announced plans to conduct a survey of state motorcycle safety administrators and/or state highway safety offices in all fifty states and the District of Columbia to gather data on state-level motorcycle safety programs.

This survey will consist of a questionnaire in mail (paper and pencil) format, which will allow a telephone follow-up for further details as necessary. The study will use the state motorcycle safety administrator and state highway safety office survey to gather comprehensive data on what each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia are doing to promote and ensure safe riding behavior.

The information collection request (I.C.R.) has been forwarded to the *Office of Management and Budget (O.M.B.)* for review and comment.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

New Guy at N.H.T.S.A.



James Ports rides a motorcycle.

He is also a former member of the Maryland state legislature and a former Maryland *Department of Transportation (D.O.T.)* official.

He has earned the support and respect of *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland* leadership, and he just happens to be the new deputy administrator for the *U.S. D.O.T. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)*.

Mr. Ports took some time out of his busy schedule recently to sit down with the *M.R.F.* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Maryland* in his spacious new office. At this meeting, which was mainly a meet and greet, deputy administrator Ports pledged his support of motorcycling and agreed to work with the *M.R.F.* as much as he can. *N.H.T.S.A.* just continued its recent trend of becoming more motorcycle friendly.

Maybe Mr. Ports, whose job is only guaranteed as long Mr. Bush occupies 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, can get a new gig at the *National Transportation Safety Board* when this one runs its course. That's probably not likely though.

Either way he has the support and respect of the *M.R.F.*

Thanks to the Mountain State!

A.B.A.T.E. of West Virginia recently made a trip to Washington D.C. to lobby their members of the house and senate. The capitol hill newbies (it was the first time lobbying D.C. for the group) put together a first-rate trip and had appointments with

every member of the West Virginia delegation.

The three-person lobby team allowed the *M.R.F.* to join them in all of their meetings. It was a successful day to say the least.

The high point was meeting with the senior senator from West Virginia, Robert Byrd. Senator Byrd has the distinction of being one of the longest serving senators in history. He is currently the president *pro tempore* of the vice president and the speaker of the house.

Senator Byrd welcomed us into his palatial office suite in the capitol, got up from his lunch of a cheese sandwich and a pickle (this guy is as humble as they come) and chatted about motorcycles for more than a few minutes. Senator Byrd has served West Virginia for over fifty years and has done the mountain state proud.

Say what you will about his politics, but he has created a legacy that will stand for decades to come.

Keep up the good work, senator, and let the *M.R.F.* know when you are ready for that motorcycle ride.

Look for pictures of this meeting in the next issue of the *M.R.F. Reports*.

Motorcycle Vehicle Miles Traveled

Last week the *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.)* held a unique event, the *Motorcycle Travel Symposium*, a three-day meeting aimed at improving the data used to calculate motorcycle vehicle miles traveled. (V.M.T.)

V.M.T. numbers are used to

calculate a number of transportation data points.

Most noteworthy is the *Fatality Analysis Reporting System (F.A.R.S.)* used by *N.H.T.S.A.* to determine the percentage of fatality rates per miles traveled by any given mode of transportation.

Good data is important here because if the number of actual miles traveled is not accurate, then it makes that particular form of transportation appear deadlier than it really may be.

You can listen to a detailed presentation on how motorcycle V.M.T. numbers affect *F.A.R.S.* data by visiting the archives of the *M.R.F.*'s 2005 *Meeting of the Minds* at:

<http://www.inbradio.com/media/archives/mrf/motm2005.html>

Up until now it has been optional for states to report any V.M.T. for motorcycles, but that has changed. Starting in June 2008, motorcycle data is no longer optional for states to report to the feds.

Remember hearing that no motorcycles travel in South Dakota?

The *M.R.F.* and *S.M.R.O.s* have questioned the inaccuracy of motorcycle V.M.T. numbers for several years, and the feds have finally put a stop to that nonsense. You can read more about the *M.R.F.*'s research into motorcycle V.M.T. numbers on the *M.R.F.*'s web site at:

<http://www.mrf.org/articles/2005/05NR2105nr21nomotorcycles-travelinsouthdakota.htm>

So why did the *F.H.W.A.* need to have a three-day meeting to address this issue?

What is the real problem with collecting accurate V.M.T. numbers for motorcycles?

Apparently everything.

Let's start with the technological issues.

The actual technology used to collect data was designed for cars and trucks, not motorcycles. The small signature of motorcycles is difficult to capture using the tube or hose capture methods. Often times the tubes are only stretched across half a lane giving ample room for the motorcycle to simply go around the foreign object in the road. Some of the newer laser technology may be promising, but it's expensive and easily thrown off calibration by weeds, snow, or curious animals. Some of the video collection technology shows some promise, but it too is expensive and difficult to maintain. With dwindling money at state *D.O.T.s*, new purchases of pricey video cameras and lasers just is not a widespread option.

Then there's the human factor. It is common knowledge that a large number of motorcyclists spend more time on the road from Friday to Sunday. This intuition is backed up by the *National Household Transportation Survey*, a phone study conducted by the feds that surveys 20,000 plus households on their respective travel habits. Questions include what type of vehicles you own, when and where are you using those vehicles, how many licensed drivers are under your roof, and so on. This study reported that almost 40 percent of all motorcycle travel occurs on the weekends. That becomes a problem because most of the state employees hired to

physically collect the data only work Monday through Thursday, so any weekend travel goes unmonitored. Seasons also skew the data, for most northern states see very few motorcycles during winter months and the state *D.O.T.s* don't adjust for that.

Another major problem is where the V.M.T. data is collected. Most of the states collect data on roads that see the most use by cars and trucks.

Think of major interstates, multilane highways and other heavily traveled roads, bridges and tunnels. Now think of where most motorcycle rides occur: on back roads, scenic byways and other out-of-the-way streets. Most motorcyclists purposefully avoid the heavy congestion of an urban environment in favor of lesser-traveled roads with less heavy truck traffic. The statistic commonly used by the states is that they survey just 23% of the roads and leave the other 77% that are generally the responsibility of smaller entities such as townships and villages alone.

That's a major discrepancy and a fatal flaw of the V.M.T. data for motorcycles.

It's refreshing, to say the least, that the federal government is finally taking a good hard look at the validity of the motorcycle V.M.T. data. Now the hard part, committing precious resources toward improving the data collection. Simply mandating that the data be reported next year will not automatically ensure accurate numbers, and some argue just the opposite.

Now that the states have to do more with the same amount of resources, it may have the effect of fictitious numbers reported just to

comply with another federal directive.

A lot of serious research is occurring, but until that research is easily translatable to real world situations it's doubtful that the V.M.T. numbers for motorcycles will be believable. Much work remains, but this is with out question a tremendous step forward, and the *M.R.F.* will continue to monitor and report any progress.

M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

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Bikers Protest, Puerto Rico

Suspends Controversial New Regulation

A day after being implemented, the toughest motorcycle regulation in the country was suspended by Puerto Rico's legislature after bikers protested the onerous new rules.

Among the requirements: riders on the sun-soaked tropical island must wear gloves, boots and long pants. In addition to the required riding gear, the regulation would also force operators of all two-wheeled motor vehicles, including mopeds and scooters, to wear reflective vests from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The U.S. territory already has a helmet requirement.

The new regulation also slashes the legal blood alcohol content (B.A.C.) for motorcycle riders to 0.02, the same as for school bus and commercial truck drivers, down from 0.08 allowed for car drivers.

No one under 18 is allowed to operate a motorcycle, and no one under 12 is allowed to ride as a passenger.

The Caribbean island also enacted a tougher licensing process and increased fees for motorcycle endorsements and registrations.

Lane-sharing to filter through heavy traffic is now specifically prohibited.

Motorcycle and scooter registrations in Puerto Rico have more than doubled since 2000, and sponsors of the measure say the tougher regulations are in response to increasing numbers of crashes and

fatalities.

Governor Anibal Acevedo Vila signed the bill into effect on Wednesday, October 10, amid the roar of hundreds of bikers revving by his San Juan residence in protest, and on Thursday the legislature moved to temporarily suspend the new regulation. The senate unanimously backed a moratorium on the regulation until February 18, and the house approved plans to delay its implementation for at least three months, as legislators told the *Associated Press* they need more time to consult scooter and motorcycle enthusiasts who object to the stricter rules.

Bikers Block Bike Ban

Scores of angry bikers packed into city council chambers October 16th to protest a proposed ban on motorcycles in a fashionable section of downtown Delray Beach in southern Florida, and in the end most of them came away happy.

After hearing testimony and acrimony from the crowd of leather-clad activists, city officials instead voted unanimously to amend a noise abatement regulation already in place that would place stiff fines on noisy motorcycles. They also decided to commission a study to find out how much of the noise on Atlantic Avenue can be blamed on motorcycles and hope to have results in 90 days.

The proposed ordinance would

have prohibited motorcycles from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on five blocks of shops and restaurants along Atlantic Avenue, in response to numerous complaints about noisy motorcycles cruising the cafe-lined corridor.

Mayor Rita Ellis had said the ban was necessary because the city's noise control ordinance was unenforceable downtown, where officers on foot patrol can't easily chase after violators, but the measure drew outrage from the motorcycle community both locally and across the country.

"I feel Delray Beach is infringing on my rights," said Jimbo Sherrow of the motorcycle rights group *A.B.A.T.E. of Florida, Inc.* "There is a state statute that says they cannot do this."

After some deliberation, city commissioners put a call out to motorcycle clubs and associations for help in trying to figure out a solution without resorting to an outright ban on motorcycles.

Arizona Town Not So Care Free About Noise

Carefree, Arizona has been on the bikers' radar screen for their controversial noise ordinance, but now the town council has voted unanimously to lower speed limits on its main thoroughfare and elevate noise infractions for first-time offenders from a civil citation to a class 1 misdemeanor and possible jail time.

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The changes take effect in November and targets motorcycles that exceed an 85-decibel noise limit. Instead of a \$175 ticket, violators can be fined as much as \$2,500 and sentenced to up to 180 days in jail.

In addition to beefing up punishment to crack down on noisy bikes, the council also voted to reduce the speed limit on Cave Creek Road, the gateway between Phoenix and bars in downtown Cave Creek, from 35 m.p.h. down to 25 m.p.h.

Motorcycles To Remain Less Than 100 H.P. In France

Bad news for French motorcycle riders. The almighty and powerful *European Commission* has ruled that France is in its legal rights to limit motorcycle power to 100 horsepower.

The *French Association of Angry Bikers* (*F.F.M.C. — Federation Francaise des Motards en Colere*) sued the French state and took them to the European courts.

Apparently, having uniform laws in Europe only apply to anything except motorcycles, said the *F.F.M.C.* about the ruling. The *E.C.* stated that each country could impose their own restrictions.

The *F.F.M.C.* countered that an extensive study by Dutch *T.N.O.* showed no correlation between crashes and motorcycles with more power than 100 H.P.

So riding in France on a French-registered motorcycle means you can only have 100 H.P., while anyone else riding in France can ride whatever they want, on the same road, with the

same traffic, and cars are not included in the restriction.

The *F.F.M.C.* vows that they are not going to let this go...stay tuned!

H.B.O. Announces Biker TV

The pay cable network giant is working with bikers to beef up its lineup. *H.B.O.*, which is building a new stable of drama series following the departure of heavyweights *The Sopranos* and *Six Feet Under*, has green lighted a project from Oscar-nominated writer Michael Tolkin. Tolkin's *1%*, which hails from *Management 360's* TV division, is set in the world of biker clubs.

"A 1% tattoo has been considered a badge of honor for biker club members symbolizing life on the fringe of American society," reported the *Washington Times*. "It refers to a statement put out 50 years ago by the *American Motorcycle Association*. that said clubs don't represent the legitimate motorcycle community but the 1% who are a threat to the American way of life."

Tolkin penned *1%* and is executive producing the pilot with

Management 360's Alex Hertzberg and Guymon Casady.

Weird News

Pork Or Hog, Thieves Choose The Other White Meat

Thieves in China are stealing pork because the staple meat has become so expensive. A Shenzhen newspaper reported that a pork seller was knocked off his motorcycle by robbers who stole his load of over 200 pounds of pork, but left his motorcycle in the road.

He was on his way to a market in Shenzhen, just over the border from Hong Kong, when four men jumped from a mini-bus and threatened him with knives.

The pork was worth 2,000 yuan more than the motorcycle.

Quotable Quote

"I don't know."

Alexander Kuzmin, the 33-year-old Russian mayor of Megion in Siberia, has banned 25 phrases such as this as a way to make his administration more efficient, and bureaucrats who say "I can't," or "It's not my job" can look for another job.

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Veteran's Day Parade

Albany, Oregon

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Veterans' Day Parade Lineup



Run Coordinator Dan Mason and friends



Hub City's token Panhead



Marines and Navy talk it over while the girls share a grin



Mary and Jim Burnett practice "Hurry up and wait."



Richard and Sara Androes staged and ready



Into downtown Albany



Why are they all following us?

From yer . . .

crusty ol' editor

Homeless For The Holidays

other ways of living

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by
Rot Path

Yer crusty ol' editor has the bad habit of occasionally reading newspapers. He should know better because it just leads to him gettin' all depressed and moody.

One newsrag he just scanned had a small article stating that military veterans make up eleven percent of the general adult population, yet one in four homeless folks are veterans.

Some folks are forced into temporarily living houseless by circumstances. They may have suffered bankruptcy, foreclosure, health problems, or been discharged from mental health facilities. They are often referred to as the "deserving poor." They are understood to desire nothing more than to regain their rightful place in society and government agencies are there to help them reestablish that cultural norm.

Other folks suffer from social alienation (war veterans), drug addiction, or just don't want to be part of the mainstream culture. Social scientists (who should know better) label them as "undeserving poor". They tend to get considerably less help or understanding than the involuntary homeless.

Some folks choose to remain homeless for the same reason that some folks ride motorcycles: It gives them something they need or they wouldn't do it.

People often chose to be homeless rather than submit to the overbearing and invasive eligibility requirements for shelters or food.

Government officials have difficulty bringing themselves to

acknowledge that some folks would choose live rough rather than suffer the indignities inflicted by government and other institutional programs.

This month we turn the corner on darkness and our days become longer

What question should government officials be asking themselves regarding the homeless?

Should the question be, "How can we solve the homeless problem?"

That is the strategy being deployed in cities across the nation and world. Framing the situation in those terms inevitably leads to militancy. ("War on drugs." "War on illiteracy." "War on speeders." "War on non-seatbelt users." "War on jay-walkers.") How soon before war will be formally declared on the homeless?

City governments are applauded by their citizens for passing regulations prohibiting homeless camping within city limits. Police are then tasked with rousting the homeless out of public places instead of citing vehicles that run red lights. Restaurants are encouraged to lock their garbage containers or spray their contents with lime so that perfectly edible food cannot be obtained by the homeless.

Has government actually solved any problems with these actions?

Or have they just pushed the problem out of sight so people higher on the social pyramid don't have to

see their cultural failure?

The homeless are still there.

They still have basic needs.

All that such government action has done is make life more difficult for homeless citizens. They have not gone away.

What government officials *should* be asking themselves regarding the homeless is, "What do we want to happen and how can we make it happen?"

Framing the situation in those inclusive terms encourages people to listen to each other and work together towards finding ways to live that work for everyone.

Don't tear down tent cities – find out what the residents need to live.

Don't destroy excess food – make it available for distribution.

This time of year, more than any other, we need to be listening each other no mater where or how we live.

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December 2007

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23 North Coast 1000 (10 am) <hr/> Twin Rivers 1300 (1 pm) long nights moon	24 birch tree of the month begins	25 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	26	27	28	29
30	31 new year's eve (And c.o.e.'s nude ride.)	christmas (You were good, weren't you?)				



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October 20-21, 2007 V.F.W. hall – Cottage Grove, Oregon

by Nic Oliver

Saturday

Planning session called to order at 9:15 a.m. on the 20th of October, 2007 by Ed Vaughn, coordinator of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Held the pledge of allegiance.

Held a moment of silence.

Ed opened with comments on how he liked to keep things informal. The subjects will be general in nature. These general topics will cover the main ideas for the breakout groups to look into.

Then Ed started introductions, to be given by each person, around the room. They stated their name and chapter. The chapters that were represented are: *Willamette Valley, River City, Twin Rivers, Lincoln County, Salem, Southeast Portland, Hub City, Indian Creek, and Washington County*.

Discussion ensued with ideas for the various groups.

Focus of A.B.A.T.E.: What is it? There is a need to get people to understand what *A.B.A.T.E.* is and what it does.

Membership section: What will be put in place for new riders, public relations, and organization? Overlap in officers' term, planning session, training to help the incoming new officers.

Quiet Mike reminded everyone that national helmet regulations are coming and we need to be focused.

Brian asked "What do we 'old timers' and the new riders have in common and how do the two generations get together?"

Lee suggested that it might be, "Freedom of the road and they have the need to ride. It is something that we have to fight for."

Brian told of *BikePAC* having many successes and wins, but not helmets. We need more people/members and more working together.



Geoff spoke on growth. What is *A.B.A.T.E.*? Membership growth with an understanding of what it is that we do. People have the need to have an idea of what and why about things.

Rot Path asked if we are being understood. This regards helmets, seat belts, etc. The focus needs to be on the freedom to choose. We need something to lead into the future. What is our focus?

At this point Ed called for the breakout groups to choose their tables and get started.



1500 hours (3:00 p.m.)

Ed called everyone together for winding up for the day. There ensued much discussion on the ideas generated in the breakout groups.

Brian Stovall and Rod Hatter lead a discussion on the planning session becoming an annual meeting, that it be changed to include the second day as a state board meeting in which attendance

is required for the chapter representatives and a lot more could be done faster and more efficiently. This could include moving officer elections from December to September/October. This would include the outgoing officers staying and training the incoming officers so that they will be ready when they take over their job in January.

Geoff suggested that this be an *A.B.A.T.E.* function and not just a working group.

Brian pointed out that this may necessitate that first a board meeting be held, then officer elections, then double officers for the planning session/rest of year, then a second board meeting, all in October.

General discussion indicated that this may generate more chapter involvement and having double officers in attendance. At the second board meeting, maybe a chapter caucus could be held so that discussion on the voting of issues could be attained for quicker implementation. It was pointed out that if a chapter does not have a representative at the planning session and there is no other member of the chapter at the planning session, then they would have no cause for complaints. This does not include by-law changes, as they have to

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be published prior to voting.

It was decided that with the logistics of this matter, as it would require a by-laws change, that it be taken to the chapters for discussion prior to this being put up for a vote.

Meeting was then adjourned for the day, to resume the next morning.



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Sunday

Resumption of Planning Session

Each breakout group gave their report and I (Nic Oliver) have decided that in order to increase the accuracy of this report, I will enter each breakout group's notes, as to areas of thought and suggestions as to possible changes, just as they have written them in the copy turned in to me. It does not include the tremendous amount of discussion generated by some of the ideas.

Legislative

chaired by Brian Stovall.

It was decided immediately, that we could skip the "planning" part and go directly to action. There is a great need for Oregon to have representatives go to Washington D.C.

We have not sent anyone in a couple of years and there is a short window of opportunity for this year. The federal session is ending November 16th and we need to get someone there in response to a call to action from the *M.R.F. (Motorcycle Riders Foundation)*. Brian will train the two people who have volunteered to go, Heidi Disrude and Pat Ryan. Thank you for stepping up.

There is some important federal stuff coming up, including another new national helmet regulation. It was

decided that more trips in the future are needed to stay active at the federal level. Due to there being five members of the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* executive board at this planning session, a unanimous vote (giving the required majority vote) 5-0 was reached to have *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, fund this trip to Washington D.C. It was decided that this action required a decision now and could not wait till the next state board meeting.

At the chapter level, it was discussed how it takes involvement in order for effective legislative action to benefit us. Each chapter and person that can needs to get involved in their local precincts. Become a P.C.P. (precinct committee person) if you can. Also, both parties need to be reached. The need to take an active part was stressed.



Runs and Events

chaired by Howie Long

Members: Lee Austin, Mary Burnett, Gene Mortimore, Deb Ross, Willie Sanders, Randy Phipps, Jeff Schauer, "Wheels".

Budget for each event.

Things to improve *Fossil*
(\$10,000)

- Change venue, make over 21 event.
- Dedicated representative from each chapter.
- Fill down time.
- Coordinator choice.
- Video option. (movie)
- Not during games.
- Good music.
- More aggressive in seeking vendors.

- Seek sponsors to help with expenses.
 - Swap meet
 - (\$2,000 per event)
- Fall and spring.
- More aggressive in seeking help from chapters.

New run: All motorcycle rodeo
(\$?)

Ideas open for discussion:

- \$20 gate, 14 and under free.
- Family event.
- Last weekend in June.
- 10 a.m. until over.
- Finals on Sunday.
- Band Saturday night.
- \$10 per event participation fee in addition to entry fee.

Unauthorized use of A.B.A.T.E. name and/or not following protocol for events

First offense – \$1,000 fine and 90 day suspension.

Second offense – Pull charter.

Negotiate with patch clubs prior to events and runs

Insurance – Repeal A.B.A.T.E. fee for vendors



Membership

Members: Steve (*Southeast Portland*), Ray (*Salem*), Mike (*Portland*), Matt (*Salem*), Teresa (*Salem*).

1. *A.B.A.T.E.* to give a free one year membership to anyone who buys a new motorcycle, scooter, etc.

- In exchange for this, *A.B.A.T.E.* will put advertisement in newsmagazine.

- Or shop can be placed on a list in the newsmagazine as an "*A.B.A.T.E.* contributing supporter" or listed as "*A.B.A.T.E.* friendly".

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- We can reward the top salespeople with a dinner/lunch for two or an *A.B.A.T.E.* product.

2. *Team Oregon*: Have a speaker at the beginning of each class/session to talk about *A.B.A.T.E.* Offer memberships if they buy \$25 single membership, they get 50% back on the *Team Oregon* training.

- Also post on *Team Oregon* web site and *A.B.A.T.E.* state web site.

3. *PayPal Buy Now* for memberships on state web site.

4. It is mandatory we have membership booth at events and information

- At a minimum be at the larger events.

5. Courtesy call to new members. Know when and where meetings are and what is going on.

- Create a "new member buddy program".

6. Membership cost breaks to clubs. (Similar to *BikePAC* fee schedule.)

- Group rates for club membership.
- Can track or reward them on percentage of membership to total. (Example: If twenty *Star* members join as a club, how many became individual members?)

7. Bring a buddy to a meeting. (Buddy and member rewarded with a door prize ticket.)

8. Infiltrate. (Members join *Honda*, *Star*, *H.O.G.*, clubs, etc.)

- We must get out of our *A.B.A.T.E.* circle.

- Have a club liaison officer to go to meeting to share *A.B.A.T.E.* information.

Public relations

We have a perception problem: "All bikers are one percenters"

- Passionate about civil liberties, freedom of choice.

- Unity in diversity. (Humanize.)

- "We are you."
- We are more than just bikers.
- We need to get away from brand prejudice.

- Embody tolerance.

Things to do to promote positive image: Always alert the media.

- Coordinate with service, charity, political organizations. (*O.P.B.*, scouts, and legislators, etc.)

- Encourage participation in local events.

- Join *Chamber of Commerce*.

- Parking functions at various fairs. Call other chapters for help.

- Presentations to other organizations.

- Visit retirement homes. (*V.A.* hospital, etc.)

- Poster and flyer campaign, key fobs, handle bar hangers.

State public relations: Contact media outlets, issue statements.

Trifolds: Information table, fund raisers, *D.M.V.*, *Team Oregon*.

Newsmagazine: Distribution expand to new riders.

Letterhead, certificates, letter templates. Mentoring program: Handbook.

- P.S.A.'s
- Ideas for opportunities. (Venues.)
- Local newspaper.
- Fundraiser.
- Christmas party.
- Open house.
- Business after hours.
- Saturday and Sunday markets.
- Parades.
- Local events. (*Cherry Festival*)
- Truck sides.

May Awareness Rally: Every chapter does one local P.R. event. January start project.

State billboard campaign: "We are you." State makes toolbox for chapters. (Mentor.)

Survey non-members: Why do you ride? Help focus vision.

Rot Path: Immersion in the world.

Respond to negative media in positive way. (Letters.)

Catch new riders: Dealership buys first year and retention. Follow-through incentives, survey *Team Oregon*.

Biker down: P.R. representative statement, contact family.

Chapter newsletter mandatory.



Organization

(as written)

chaired by Rod Hatter

members: Michael Taylor, Rot Path, Millie Highfill, Geoffrey White, Rick and Lyn Maish

In the morning on Saturday, October 20th, one of the assignments we were presented with was to look into how we can organize *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* to get more members, especially the younger ones because so many of us are older and we need fresh blood. We were also asked to look into how we get more of our current members to become more involved with the process of what we try to accomplish. Our committee discussed why we felt that membership has diminished in numbers and what kinds of things could be done to help increase membership while also involving members and getting support from our communities. Listed below are some of our thoughts. Please remember these are only suggestions and if you have other ideas or you like these suggestions you can be an active member and attend meetings to make changes or support

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efforts.

1. In order to get more membership interest and community support, how do we define the purpose of *A.B.A.T.E.* related to motorcycling for everyone.

a. Look at changing our definition of the *A.B.A.T.E.* acronym. We feel that when people ask what *A.B.A.T.E.* means and we say "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments" they don't understand what that is and look at it in a negative light. Oregon is one of only seven states left who have not reviewed and changed this acronym. Since we are a brotherhood and since we feel all members should have a say in what we do, we suggested holding a contest to have members submit their versions of how to redefine the acronym. Here are some suggestions, some serious and some just clowning around. Just by clowning with the acronym you can see the impact it generates:

- 1) American Bikers Aimed Towards Education
- 2) A Brotherhood Active Together Everywhere
- 3) About Bikers And Their Endeavors
- 4) Any Biker After Total Enlightenment
- 5) Asshole Bikers Against Traffic Enforcement
- 6) Alien Bikers Against The Earthlings

Anyway, the committee feels that putting out a positive image is one way to get support.

We all did agree that our current mission statement does put out a great positive energy. So should the acronym.

Note that the acronym is in itself a marketing tool, so make it count. We did feel that the "American" in the widely adopted version does kind of alienate some import riders. We also know that the clowning around stuff might be amusing, but not the best way to market ourselves. Just some food for

thought.

2. What should we focus on that would appeal to all riders, new and old? We looked at our current focus areas, (i.e. helmet regulations) and wondered what *A.B.A.T.E.* could focus on to get more support. Here are some suggestions:

- a. Motorcycle safety, highway conditions, motorcycle awareness.
- b. Rider's rights, respect.
- c. Outreaching to communities, charities, education training.
- d. Events, entertainment, shows.

3. We feel that as an organization, we need to have better communication going on. So many times information is not passed on correctly or at all and then rumors start to fly and problems arise. Here are some suggestions we feel could help solve this issue:

- a. Have at least two e-mail addresses from each chapter posted in the newsletter and on the web site to help get information out to chapters in a quick and efficient means. Required the state to send all chapters the board meeting minutes, any suggested rule changes, any upcoming event information. When something needs immediate attention like contacting a representative, this can be a very effective way to get that info out. Chapters can also quickly contact each other this way.
- b. Simplify our by-laws because they are too complicated and confusing. The by-laws are merely the base foundation for how we conduct business and the other rules and organizational structures are constantly under change and/or revision.
- c. In agreement with public relations committee, put together a handbook defining

how officers can accomplish things and respond to issues and make sure all chapter and state board officers have a current copy each year.

d. Make use of the state web site to get information like board meeting minutes out to everyone sooner. Have chapters who have web sites also get that information posted.



4. We feel that the planning session, as it is currently run, needs improvements. Too many thoughts are put on the table but never hit the ground running because of the process. There are also a large number of members who do not participate because they feel they cannot change things. We also feel that this would be a great way to get more members to feel a part of how *A.B.A.T.E.* functions and become more active in their rolls as members. It also meets the corporation requirement of holding an open annual membership function to get feedback and involvement from members. The suggested outline below shows how we think improvements could benefit the entire group:

- a. Hold an annual "all member conference retreat". Hold state officer elections just prior to the retreat and introduce the new incoming officers at the retreat. Have existing/retiring officers stay involved until December 31st each year. We feel that it is all too often that decisions are made before the elections and the

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new officers do not understand what to do. Having this overlap would give all officers needed support and make for better decisions processing.

- b. Centrally locate retreat somewhere in the state. Hold in a low cost place like Kahneeta, Beaver Creek, Silver Falls, or a *K.O.A.* campground. Have *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.*, furnish the cost for the dinner. Chapters could provide snacks for breakfast or lunch or members could pay? Make sure location has large group facility to hold the sessions in.
- c. Hold event as a Friday night social. Saturday would be an all day planning session. Take a break and hold a Saturday night dinner/banquet and give awards of recognition, chapter and officer recognitions. Have someone who received help/support speak about how *A.B.A.T.E.* helped, putting positive energy into the group. Have Sunday be a final overview, short time for discussion and have board members and chapter representatives vote on decisions made. This should increase membership involvement in the process and prevent things being put off.
- d. Very important that all chapters have representation. This should be an event that every chapter wants to support and be a part of. If any chapter cannot send a representative, at least send their concerns in a written format before the retreat for consideration. Also important that members understand that they do have a say in how we

operate. Inform members of this through the newsmagazine and on the web sites. Encourage participation.

Following are suggestions we feed needed to make this a smooth transition:

1. Review by-laws to reflect changes for elections timing and year-end gathering date.

2. Move nominations to August/September and hold elections at October state board meeting just prior to the retreat gathering. Have a two and one-half month officer mentoring/overlap period with new officers accepting office at the retreat and retiring officers finishing out the year until December 31st of each year.

3. Form a committee to coordinate the retreat event, using accepted guidelines.

We feel there is a need to form a committee to review the by-laws and make needed changes. Some of those change suggestions have already been made, like simplifying the by-laws, the need to change elections and dinner planning. (Note – this is an example of simplifying. We only need to by-laws to state we will hold an annual open meeting but leave the dates to the rules and not the by-laws.) The committee should be composed of people who have some experience in putting together written formats and understand the importance of clarity. Listed here are only a few suggested changes and the committee should define their own agenda of actual changes:

- a. Need to simplify annual dinner and elections call outs, sections 5 and 6.

- b. Since it was voted last year to have the state sanctioning officer be on the executive board, that needs to be put in the by-laws.

- c. Look into making by-laws easier to understand and having the operations and rules in a different format to allow

for changes and alterations without having to change the by-laws submitted to the state. The only purpose of the by-laws should be to define our basic principals. They should state that the rules of operation are subject to change now and then, when needed. It has been over six years since the rules of operation and the by-laws were merged. Since that time, there has been some confusion and making changes seems more difficult.

This is the end of my notes and of the reports turned in.

On a personal level, I found this planning session to be productive and respectful at all times and was pleased to have been a part of it.

There was the usual whining and history lessons but if you did not attend, then don't bitch.

Everyone has a say and their views are welcome.

If you do not want to be part of the problem then get involved and be part of the solution.

We are all part of a greater whole (not necessarily the @\$@ one) and we need to go forward but always remembering our roots while we take the organization forward into the future.



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River City

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Membership report: 72 wonderful people.

Board report: Gene, Brian, Deb, and Matt reported on the planning session.

Legislative report: Washington D.C. trip.

Ways and means report: Poker run will be April 26.

Public relations report: Ideas to advertise the poker run.

Historian report: None.

Old Business

Planned rides: New Year's Day.

New Business

Starlight Parade?

50/50 was won by Sandy who donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks, Sandy.

The chapter membership drawing for \$45 would have been won by Mitzi Davis if she had been present. It will be \$55 next meeting.

The featured bike on tonight's agenda was a 1929 *Opel Motoclub*.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming meetings

December 4, 2007

December 18, 2007

Salem Chapter

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The rest will surely follow.

B.M.W. is in the process of developing a program.

Better watch out 'cause the *M.\$.F.* is laying claim to the language of motorcycling.

M.\$.F., *M.I.C.* (*Motorcycle Industry Council*), *S.V.I.A.* (*Specialty Vehicle Institute of America*) have something in common. Tim Buche is the president of all these organizations. Kathy von Kleeck is in charge of government relations for the *M.\$.F.*, and is senior vice-president of *S.V.I.A.* and *M.I.C.* in the same position.

The *S.V.I.A.* is for the A.T.V. industry. They are into training

riders. So when you see mandatory training for A.T.V.'s or motorcycles on a legislative agenda, you just have to ask where it came from. In one state they successfully removed price caps for rider training.

Market share is down for some manufactures so what a great place to make it up.

The *Hevil-Dempire* is the biggest financial contributor to the *M.\$.F.*

See where we are headed and draw your own conclusions.

With respect,

Quiet

G.J.M.C.

Proposed By-law Changes

Proposed changes to the by-laws are:

1. Changing the annual meting from December to October.

2. Changing the election on state officers from the last meeting of the year to the October meeting.

3. Notifying the membership prior to September 1st that nominations are open for state officers.

Thank you

Ed Vaughn
state coordinator

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

2007 Planning Session Survivors Members



From The . . .

GUNNY'S SACK

Christmas is upon us again so quickly this year and the riding season for the summer is behind us. This is the time of the year that we all look to the good things we have in our lives. Along with that we reflect on our losses from this past year of good friends and partners on this road of life we follow.

The case in point here is especially important to those of us who live here in Oregon.

Just in October we lost a warrior in our fight for unity and freedom in the motorcycle world, Longview Tom, the Oregon chairman of the *Confederations Of Clubs* due to a crash on his way to the regional *N.C.O.M.* conference in Spokane, Washington.

In addition to that, on Halloween day, another of our brothers, Rotten Roger, was nearly run over by a cager who suddenly decided to make a U-turn directly in front of him. That resulted in him residing at the *Oregon Health Sciences Hospital* in Portland with a broken pelvis and his scooter turned to toast.

I guess I'm concerned about the hazards we face on the roadways all over the country. Especially at this time of the year with falling leaves and wet roads on top of the holiday traffic getting heavier by the day. Add the cell phone text messagers and those just not paying attention to what is going on around them, and we have serious problems on the highway.

We have to be more vigilant than ever before. If we never gave thought to taking defensive rider training,

now is the time to at least consider checking into it. It might just save your life or the passenger on the back of the scooter. But do whatever you gotta do to stay that much more alert out there. We want to enjoy each other for a whole lot more Christmases! And from your Gunny, a Merry Christmas and happy, safe holidays.

Newsbits–N–Pieces

San Juan, Puerto Rico – Solidarity works!! The day after the governor signed the new restrictive regulation on motorcyclists and riders of all other two-wheeled powered vehicles, the regulation was suspended because of protests by riders. The legislature backed off, and said they needed more time to study the regulation. It required heavy clothing, boots, and gloves as well as helmets. It also made the legal blood-alcohol limit for riders 0.02 % as opposed to 0.08 % for all other vehicle operators.

Riders rightly felt this was discriminatory. I don't blame them for protesting. I would too. In addition to all those restrictions the regulation required all riders to wear reflective vests after dark. I wonder what's wrong with using lights on rigs at night. They make some bright ones.

Airbag Jackets

Other than a helmet (in some wrecks, at least, they will help), there is little protection for motorcyclists in the event of a crash. A company by the name of *Impact Jackets* has



Gunny
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Oregon A.I.M.

been selling motorcycle jackets with airbags for a few years, for \$500. One Baltimore man would rebut any high-cost argument, since the jacket apparently saved him from plenty of pain after he was thrown 100 feet off his bike. Amazingly, the guy walked away from the crash with sore ribs and a broken thumb. Paramedics at the scene were surprised he wasn't worse off. *Impact Jackets* has a pretty good video that describes how the airbag jacket works. You can even re-arm them if they go off.

This thing just might be a good idea. There's been some research on it and it appears, at least right now to work. Still, before I put one on, I'd like to know how to keep them from going off by mistake – say, from a flying rock or something. I'd hate to have the jacket inflate when I'm going 70 mph down I-5 and with no other reason to crash besides the bag going off from a rock. Go on the internet and use your search engine for more info. Look for "airbag and jackets", and drop your Gunny an e-mail if you find any info on whether the manufacturers have that bug licked. I'm at AIMGunny@aol.com

Death by Deer

Iowa – The number of deadly crashes between bikers and deer is on the rise in Iowa. Officials say ten people have been killed so far this year in Iowa alone. Eight were motorcyclists who died in crashes with deer. Two others died when their

GUNNY'S SACK (continued)

bikes hit a deer and then collided with another vehicle.

Bikers everywhere need to be extra careful this time of year. More deer are on the move because of the breeding season and the fall harvest. I don't know of any state that does not have a deer population.

Bike Ban Fails!

Florida – The *Enforcers Motorcycle Club*, *A.B.A.T.E.*, *P.B.C.*, and *Wings of Gold Motorcycle Club* along with many independent riders turned out in force to protest the Delray city ordinance banning motorcycles in a five block area of one street, Atlantic Avenue. The bike groups were allowed to state their position on the ban to the city. Business and restaurant owners had been concerned about the noise from bikes disrupting business and costing them customers.

The ban was to be in force from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

The end result was the ban was postponed for further discussion.

Now riders are asked to be more aware of the surroundings they are in and ride accordingly.

There is a movement all over the country to stop noise from motorcycles.

Again I tell you brothers and sisters, loud pipes annoy people. They are not appreciated by anyone I talk to except the guy who has the things on his ride.

I may be in the minority on this, but if we don't want to be harassed we need to take others to account in what we do. If we don't, we're gonna

get knee-jerk legislation that singles us out. We need to be responsible about what we do. In the case of Delray Beach there is already a noise ordinance and they intend to enforce it.

New Zealand – Just hours after a tour guide warned a group of overseas motorcyclists to stay on the left hand side of the road, an American biker strayed to the right, colliding head-on with another motorcyclist. The fire caused by the crash put both riders in hospital with burns and other injuries. The rider was from California, and was ordered to pay \$5,000 to the other rider for emotional harm and was disqualified from driving for six months. The injuries were severe to both men. The men were friends and plan to ride again; this time on the correct side of the road. Thank God both were well insured.

What does pay attention mean to you?

Don't forget that your *A.I.M.* attorneys will give you a free insurance review, to let you know what sort of insurance is best for you – and they aren't selling it, either. They just know what happens to us when we go down.

Gunny Again

If you find yourself in a mess, don't mess around and try and do things yourself, thinking you'll save some money.

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Education Report

One Step Back, Two Steps Forward

Sometimes we need to stop and evaluate

“Where am I going?”

“Why?”

“Am I happy with the direction?”

I say ‘we’ but, for the first time in several wonderful years of riding, I was finally forced to stop, park it and think it through.

I have always enjoyed just getting out there and carving corners, led by a sun beam and vague about my destination, enjoying the ride. For example, five years of loading the bike and heading to

Fossil, this year, I finally made it.

Sometimes, the bike just won't turn into a rain storm or I stop at a rest area and hear of another road that I need to ride.

I usually log between 1,500 and 2,000 miles over the extended weekend but this year I actually stopped and camped with my *A.B.A.T.E.* friends and family. Only one night, then I was off again, but it was a fun night with good music. I'll probably stop by again next year.

This past year, we have lost many friends in crashes and others have been seriously injured. The reports are showing that the majority of fatalities and trauma level injuries are single vehicle, resulting from rider error. In July, when my mentor took a bad spill, I panicked and sold my bike. I just wanted to be done with this activity and never get another phone call or knock on the door about a loved one being hurt or killed on a bike.

It took a few months for the brain

to thaw and the knees to quit shaking before I realized that selling my bike didn't help anything. It just made me hard to live with. (Ask my son!)

After a lot of discussion with the trainers at *Team Oregon* and some re-training, I headed back out to continue teaching *Team Oregon* classes. I was reminded that by choice, I work and play in a very dangerous sport. It's a risk to get on bike. But it's a risk that we have each chosen to take. How can we reduce our risk? What can we do to make it as safer world for motorcyclists everywhere?

Riders

Stay focused.

Ride unimpaired. Recognize when you or your riding partner have reached or exceeded the limits of your abilities and deal with it, take a break.

Separate riding and drinking. Statistics are still showing about 50% of rider fatalities and trauma level crashes involve alcohol use by the rider.

Take a class. Keep your skills sharp. I just took the R.S.P. (Rider's skill class put together by the *North Coast Chapter*.) What a great way to become familiar with a new bike and refine techniques.

**As an active member
of the community,
whether you ride or not**

Encourage safe riding among our friends and family members. Become a *Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.)* instructor. The program can be modified to different target

audiences. If you find a venue for spreading our message, please contact either Geoff or myself and we will help you man a booth, put on a presentation, or set up instructors to cover the opportunity and provide materials for your use.

We are compiling a database of *M.A.P.* instructors. We have asked the chapter state board representatives to provide a list of members who are or would like to be *M.A.P.* instructors, with contact information and availability. If you are an *Indian Creek* member and would like to participate, please contact us directly.

Ride safe, have fun,

Patricia

Dumped Yer Scoot?



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis)

**Maybe it's time for a
Team Oregon class.**

(And *A.B.A.T.E.* pays half the cost.)

Heidi Goes To Washington

by Pat Ryan

A couple of weeks ago, I was sitting at the *Polar King* in Gresham with my wife Christine, minding my own business and soaking up some cholesterol, when the cell rings and it's Brian Stovall calling out the troops for a lobby run to D.C.

My designated road dog for the trip was Heidi Disrud and we met a couple of days later when we got our briefing from Mel and Iris Yeager, Brian, and Ken Ray, at Ken's house in Sunnyside. Now I've been in the wind for about forty years and married for about as long and I've met a couple of other biker gurlz along the way, so my guess that it was gonna be about "gittin' 'er dun" turned out to be dead on.

Heidi took the lead getting appointments with our entire delegation of five reps and two senators. Brian and I kinda stayed in the loop and were able to help out here and there with some contacts. We knew that we were in a tight timeframe since *A.B.A.T.E.* officers and staff had to get the last minute ticket thing in gear, but she managed to get our cover letter out and book us with either a representative or a staffer for the whole delegation before we got our tickets.

First morning at the *M.R.F.* office in D.C. we met our man in Washington, Jeff Hennie and his administrative assistant, Tiffany. We sat down and Jeff asked if we'd managed to book appointments with any of our delegation,. He threw us an immediate "attaboy" on being, shall we say, "better prepared than

some."

We went out to lunch at a bar across the street with the *M.R.F.* folks and the *A.B.A.T.E.* reps from Minnesota and Wisconsin. (Yeah, every body paid out of their own pockets.)

Tuesday and Wednesday we got our miles in on capitol hill running around to the various office buildings.

Jeff had a lot going on all week with delegations from several states popping in and out, but he did manage to get to three of our seven meetings. The guy's a total pro, with tips about everything from getting the message tight and clear, to the mysterious tribal customs of the U.S. capitol. Heidi took notes and juggled the appointment schedule, which was constantly changing as legislators had to run down to the floor to vote or speak on zero notice.

Now Heidi and her husband Rick have both completed service as noncoms in the U.S. Army and she was in her element as we did a little sight seeing around D.C. the week before *Veteran's Day*. I'd get my coffee at *Union Station* and go to find her sitting with a vet or two, come into town for the annual gathering, swapping stories and unit names, and maybe talking a little politics. We did go out and run some of the monuments and memorials, took some pics and all that.

We got back late Thursday night and the *A.B.A.T.E.* meeting was on Saturday so I ran a copy of my pics down to Rick's shop (*Midvalley*

Cycles) at the south end of Hubbard. Rick wasn't there but his top builder Robbie gave me the five minute tour. They do pretty much everything from wrenching to machining to building monster one-off customs only distantly related to anything imagined by *The Motor Company*.

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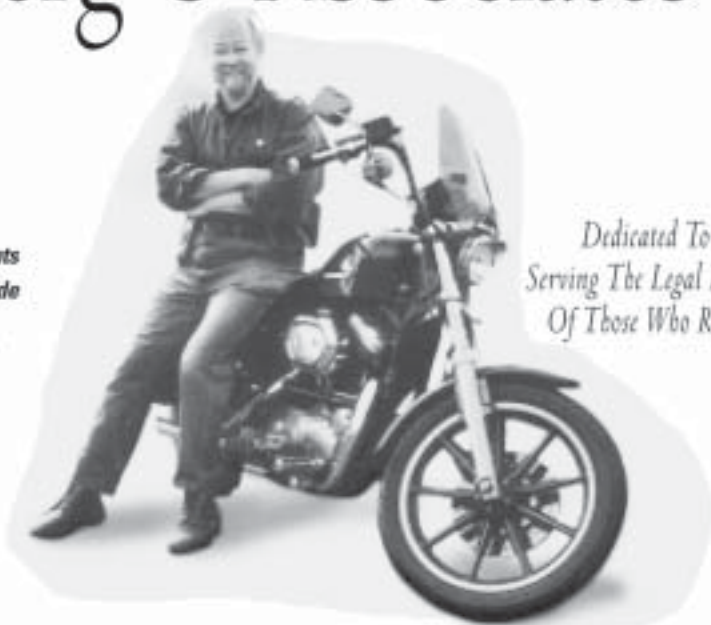
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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
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Annual Rates:	
___ Individual membership	\$25
___ Couple membership	\$30
___ Family membership	\$35
___ Lifetime membership	\$250

Total number of members: _____
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Making such gifts to fill all their shelves,
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Thinking of others more than themselves.

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 08 December 2007 at noon

Eagles Lodge – Albany, Oregon

RUN COMMITTEE MEETING AT 1100

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	<i>Black Horse Saloon</i> ; Bend	(541)-389-2167
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 ^{pm})	<i>American Legion Hall</i> , 424 W. Olive Street, Newport	(541)-265-7586
North Coast	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-4376
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roadstop Restaurant</i> ; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)-296-8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-390-4292
Southeast Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&M Restaurant & Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806
Twin Rivers	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	<i>The Spare Room</i> ; 4830 N. E. 42nd.; Portland	(503)-960-5421
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Mon [except December]	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3040
Willamette Valley	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	<i>Roaring Rapids Pizza</i> 4006 Franklin Boulevard;	(541)-688-4268