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December 2008

Welcome To The Holiday Season

This is the time of year when riders can use their motorcycles to reach out to the members of their communities, teaching them that bikers can bring food to the destitute, clothes to the shivering, presents of joy to young people, and a sense of wonder to those who have only been exposed to biker stereotypes.



Myrtle Beach Confusion

A casual reading of the *N.C.O.M.* article on page 24 of the November *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper concerning the virtual banishment of motorcycles from Myrtle Beach may be causing some confusion to Oregon residents, since we have both a Myrtle Creek and a Myrtle Point in our wonderful state.

The city council with the anti-biker attitude is Myrtle Beach, South

Carolina.

But don't relax just yet.

City administrators and elected officials talk with each other at conferences and via e-mail. These kind of restrictive measures have a way of spreading to other communities if we are not alert. And, according to

N.C.O.M., the Myrtle Beach council is actively lobbying other communities to pass similar ordinances. (Perhaps

officials who knowingly pass unconstitutional measures that restrict citizens' freedoms should face criminal charges.)

As you can see from the *N.C.O.M.* update on page 20 of this issue, two of the new Myrtle Beach regulations are already being challenged and *A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina* is diving into the fray. It would not hurt their efforts to hear from Oregon riders about how they feel

on the issue of pre-judging all motorcyclists based on the actions of a few.

The underlying issue, of course, is why did residents complained about motorcycle rallies that have been going on for up to sixty-eight years in Myrtle Beach? That's like moving in next to an airport or farm, then whining about airplane noise or the delicate aroma of livestock excrement.

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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

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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Association for Motorcyclists of Oregon (A.M.O.)

Family-based and dedicated to family values, family events, riding freedoms, and safe, responsible, fun riding through education. Welcomes all motorcyclists or motorcyclist enthusiasts in Oregon.

BikePAC of Oregon

A non-profit political action committee formed to advocate for the rights and interests of Oregon's motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political process.

Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association, Inc. (O.M.R.A.)

Member-run sanctioning body for off-road motorcycle events for the state of Oregon.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.) national/international

Acts as advocate before national, state, and local legislative, executive, and judicial bodies and with private or public entities regarding issues affecting motorcycles, motorcyclists, or motorcycling.

American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)

Premier defender of motorcyclists' rights in the United States. Ferrets out bad laws and anti-motorcycling discrimination at the local, state, federal, and corporate level.

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)

Produces conferences, information pieces, and a web site. Has also sponsored the *Confederation of Clubs*, a legal rights organization.

(based on information supplied by Brian Stovall—River City Chapter)

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A	A	Single entity.
B	BROTHERHOOD	The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association
A	AGAINST	In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.
T	TOTALITARIAN	Of or relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation by coercive measures.
E	ENACTMENTS	To make into law; the passing of a bill into law; a decree; a law.

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State Coordinator's Comments

Parting Thoughts

Although the national and state election debacle with its egregious mud-slinging festival is thankfully behind us, most chapters will vote in December. There have been many complaints about people who didn't show up and didn't do the job or do it right, etc. It's very important to choose those who are qualified as well as willing, so the job does get done.

With the streamlining of the by-laws and the focus on the real purpose of *A.B.A.T.E.*, we will be taking bigger steps forward more often in the coming year. All it's gonna take is blood, sweat, and tears. Now that may not sound inviting, but savoring the rewards is better than the flavor of a free bar-b-que. And, it definitely lasts

longer.

We have friends in the legislature. It's our responsibility to make ourselves known to them in a supporting manner so they will be comfortable with the concept of standing in public in a sea of black leather for a photo-op.

Read the last sentence again. I *did* say a sea of black leather. That means each member has to bring several other riders with him or her every time we have an opportunity to gather at the capital.

Nothing happening at the capital this week?

Organize a friendly gathering in your own local area.

Get involved in a public service

event that shows motorcyclists in a positive light and gives us press coverage that we can forward to our legislators to help move our agenda forward.

It ain't over 'till the fat lady sings and there aren't even any rehearsals scheduled. Don't think for a second that anyone will give us anything. We will earn every benefit we get, and we'll still have to fight to keep it.

Good luck, have fun. And I'll see you down the road.



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state coordinator
*A.B.A.T.E. of
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For considerably less than the price of topping off yer cage's fuel tank you can join *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and get this fine rag mailed directly to you. A membership form is available in every issue inside the back cover.

Well as for the meeting that was held on the 9th of November, the meeting went well and we even had guest from the *River City Chapter of A.B.A.T.E.* What a treat. There were four of them. The only name that I remember was Brian Stovall. Oh! There was a Debbie who is the state public relations director. The one who I didn't get the name of, but stood out the most because of his riding suit, was the man in orange. It was great that they rode all the way from River City to our meeting, just to say "Hi". Well thanks for the visit and maybe we can do the same and come to one of your meetings sometime.

You know, the weird thing is they came all the way from their neck of the woods to our neck of the woods just for the meeting. What I am trying to say is, that they traveled over 120 miles to attend our meeting. For awhile they out numbered us. We did end up outnumbering them though. We did end up with fifteen of our members.

We had another guest who came and talked about a toy run that is happening on the 6th of December.

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He was hoping that we will all be there and maybe attend a meeting before the event. The only problem is that by the time this letter hits the print, it will be over, or close to the run. So if you can make the run, do so. Or if you made the run hopefully you had a good time for the good cause. Oh, his name was Dennis Smith.

The meeting went well. We talked about the Christmas party and set a date. Bet you would like to know the where and when? Well same place as last year and the date will be on the 20th of December. We are going to hammer out the details at the next meeting which will be held (you guessed it) the second Sunday of the month in December. (Boy, it is

amazing how that really took off and made some people wonder why they ever let me write this report.) Anyway the 14th of December will be the date of the meeting and if anyone and everyone who is going to be going to the party could be there, it would be great! I have always known that making every meeting is a pain in the a**, but I do believe that if you could make this one, it will be worth the time.

Scotty is going to make arrangements for the portable toilet and make up flyers for the event. Last year was a great time and they were great hosts. Let's see if we can make this party another one to put into the books as a great time.

Not sure how to write this next

statement. Lets try this way and hope it works.

Animal brought up a point about the *O.V.M.A.* being in Portland and I guess there were problems with their patch. I am really hazy on the details

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CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm)

Black Horse Saloon

Bend, Oregon

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Hello from very wet *Douglas County!*

We have been getting our fair share of rain down here.

Our *Veterans Day* parade, boasted as the second largest in the state was well attended, as usual, with about ninety entries. Many of our members also ride with *Patriot Guard* and got two awards for the group that rode in the parade! Thanks to Terry, Linda, and Chris Mooney, *A.B.A.T.E.* members and local *P.G.R.* directors.

December is a busy month and we have several things coming up that you won't want to miss:

December 13

Wreaths Across America: laying of wreaths at the Roseburg national cemetery.

December 14

South County Toy Run.

December 18

Chapter meeting. (officer elections)

December 20

Third annual chapter Christmas party.

Please consider making yourself

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available to serve as an officer. As of our October meeting, we have ninety members and need about six officers. (That's less than ten percent.) It really is fun to be a part of the team, so step up and take a turn.

December is a month that brings out many of our deepest feelings and traditions. It's a time when we remember our youth, passing on our family traditions to the next generation, sharing a special time with, and honoring those who have come before us. We eat special foods, have holiday activities, watch movies, reminisce, and create memories for the future. It's a time of giving, sharing, and loving.

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate, please remember those around who have less, need a little

more, or may be alone. Most of us have an abundance and there is no better time than Christmas to spread some of that abundance to those without.

From our house to yours, may your Christmas be blessed,

Becky Garino
secretary

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 pm)

Willie D's

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Hub City



We'd like to start out by thanking all of the participants who took part in our very successful *Albany Heritage Mall Bike Show* last month. The coordination efforts of our public relations officer, Kathy, and all of the members who brought their bikes, set up the tables, signs, barriers, and the picture booth were extraordinary. Also, Richard Androes was not only good enough allow the general public to crawl all over his *Firefighter Edition Road King* for pictures, but he also sat there both days taking and printing those pictures.

The event was a great boost for the *A.B.A.T.E.* awareness and education efforts in the area and the general public always enjoys eyeballing the bikes. However, I don't think they enjoy it as much as we like riding out scoots through a public mall!

Everyone's efforts resulted in making some cash for *Hub City* (on the pictures) and hopefully some additional membership as well.

Thanks again for all of the member efforts in this and to our state coordinator for visiting during the event as well.

Next, we rode in the *Annual Albany Veteran's Day Parade* on November 11th and even though the rain was falling, there was a very large bike showing for our veterans and the city of Albany. Well done by a wide range of rider groups in and around the area.

Our next ride will be the *A.M.O.* toy run on December 7th hosted by the *Albany Eagle's Lodge*. All riders are invited to meet up at the *Albany K-Mart* parking lot at 10 a.m. for free coffee and donuts followed by a bike parade to the lodge at 11:30. Please bring a toy and/or canned food items for the kids and the *Eagle's* food drive.

Lastly, we are preparing for 2009 chapter officer elections at our next meeting. I again want to thank all of those *Hub City* members (officers or not) who contributed so much time and effort this year.

Keep the rubbery parts down, and the shiny ones up,

— Don

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)

Ciddici's Pizza

133 Fifth Street

Albany

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information about any of these events, come to the next meeting or call Spanky at (541)-659-8715 or Karen at (541)-660-8730.

Have fun, keep your wheels on the road. Hope everyone had a blessed thanksgiving and very merry christmas and happy new year.

November meeting will be in the history books by the time you read this. Last meeting of the year will be the December 17 Christmas party potluck meeting. We have collected more raffle prizes during October and November for the toy run project, so we will have a special toy run raffle with money collected going to *Project Baby Check*. We already have a \$50 savings bond and a \$200 gift certificate to *United Rentals* as well as several other nice gift certificates.

On January 1, 2009 *A.B.A.T.E.* will again join other groups around the valley and participate in the annual *Polar Bear Run*. Last couple years this has been an event that starts in both Grants Pass and in Medford and finishes up in Gold Hill.

Lots of fun.
Everyone is invited.
Rain or shine.
Two wheels (preferably) or four.
We'll be there will you,?
Meet at Herb's on Rogue River Highway at 10 a.m., kickstands up at 11 a.m.

We have just heard that in July the Viet Nam veterans wall will be back in Grants Pass. There have been new sections added to honor all veterans since Viet Nam. It is an honor to host the wall in our little town. *A.B.A.T.E.* is not sponsoring this event, but we will be there to help in any way we can. And we will be looking for lots of volunteers to help. More details will be available in January.

Any questions or you want

Karen
JoCo Chapter

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Wednesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
Fruitdale Grange
1440 Parkdale Drive
Grants Pass

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Well, we have a new president-elect. Whether he was your choice or not, he is our president and it is time to become the United States of America. We need to support our president in his choices of direction and pray for our future direction.

The same is true with *A.B.A.T.E.* Our new officers are elected and we need to join together and become a group united for a common cause.

I had the pleasure of attending the November state board meeting as a representative of our chapter. It has been awhile since I did this and now wish I attended more meetings. It is interesting to see *A.B.A.T.E.* in action. Bob is hunting with his brother and could not attend and no other member wanted to attend except our coordinator but he was attending a birthday party for his dad. (We need to do this as long as we have our parents.)

We are doing our preparations for our *Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* on November 22nd. This is such a pleasure for us to do. Some of our members no longer have parents living and it give us a chance to share

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time with our older citizens.

We are also working on our Christmas program. Since we no longer have Mrs. Santa Claus workshop here we now adopt a few families and furnish them with Christmas. This is also a warm fuzzy to be able to share in the holiday joy with others.

Lincoln County Chapter is getting ready to elect their new officers for 2009. We are waiting to see what the outcome of our local elections is and how our chapter will choose their direction.

At this time I'd like to thank all who stepped forward to lead our

organization and to wish them luck and offer them our support.

Remember that we are one and we can make a difference.

Keep the rubber side down and ride safe,

Millie
Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E.

LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7 pm)
American Legion Hall Post 116
424 W. Olive Street
Newport

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Our chapter held our October meeting on the 18th. We had 24 people in attendance, including two new members and six guests from *Washington County A.B.A.T.E.* It was so good to have you there, thank-you for visiting and helping us sort through the starting of a new chapter.

Four of our members attended the state meeting in Albany on October 11th to be recognized as a new *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter.

This last month we worked on community outreach and letting others know who we are and what we do. Two of our members attended the Clatskanie city council meeting. They were very well received and the council requested that they be informed of upcoming events that include the community, so that they could be supportive. We also submitted two press releases, one to the *Clatskanie Chief* and the other to the *Longview Daily News* announcing that we are newly formed *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter and our meeting times.

We, as a chapter, are working with our community access outlet, *Turning Point*, to hold a food and toy drive.

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The need for our help on a food drive is not as great for Thanksgiving as it is for the Christmas season. *Turning Point's* goal for food baskets for the season is 150. We plan to help gather food, donations, and have a toy run on the weekend of December 13th.

We are looking ahead at 2009, as we anticipate many fun activities within our chapter along with all of the *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.*

Submitted by

Cindy Witmer
chapter secretary

LOWER COLUMBIA

MEETING TIMES and PLACE

3rd Saturdays at 1300 (1 pm)
Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge

Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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North Coast is going to start the new year with a new look.

New sgt.-of-arms, education director, vice-coordinator, coordinator, chaplain. And we are looking for someone to step up and be our new membership secretary.

Our new officers are:

Coordinator — Rick Verbrugge

Vice-coordinator — Steve Lovejoy

Treasurer — Linda Long

Secretary — Skye McKey

Legislative director — Laird Adkins

State representative — Howie Long

Education director — Mike Hendrickson

Historian — Laird Adkins

Chaplain — Leland Stewart

Membership secretary — (Open)

As of this reading our spaghetti dinner and auction will have been a great success. Good Don and his elves, spaghetti was better than ever, and lots of people showed up to show their support for the kids of Clatsop county.

This is the time of year when riding our motorcycles is on the back burner and supporting our communities is good.

When the weather gets better we should be supporting our motorcycle causes. The state *A.B.A.T.E.* board of directors is making a strong effort to make the *May Awareness Rally* a top priority. This should happen at the chapter level also. We need to persuade other motorcycle events on that day to reschedule.

A.B.A.T.E. needs to show all motorcyclists how to unite and fight for our freedom to ride.

We have the platform.

Let's use it.

It's funny how the more *A.B.A.T.E.* changes the more it stays the same,

Howie

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 21, 2008

Tonight's meeting was small - only 10 people.

We had a lengthy report from Brian, Debra, and Matt on the recent state board of directors meeting, the assault on Gene Mortimer, and the planning session. The chapter wholly supports a motion to expel Robert Hale from the organization.

We decided to publish a chapter newsletter on a quarterly basis and the next will be in early December. It will have details of our annual Christmas party.

Rick won the 50/50 at \$6/ 46.

Delese Kendrick would have won the membership drawing for \$65 if she had been present. It will be \$70 next meeting. That meeting will be on

November 18, as we have canceled the election day meeting.

We are planning a chapter ride to visit the *Central Oregon Chapter* on their next meeting.

— Brian

Regular Meeting

Called to order by Rick at 7:12 p.m. Ten people present.

Guests and new members: Randy Davey

Minutes. Waived on a motion by Debra because they were presented in written form.

Correspondence: *Chamber of Commerce*.

Treasury report \$179.67 in checking and \$1333.68 savings. Bills submitted: Brian for state board of directors

meeting.

Membership report: 82 wonderful people.

State board of directors report: Brian, Debra and Matt reported on the state board of directors meeting, the assault on Gene and the planning session.

Legislative report: (None)

Ways and means report: The egg is back for raffle, \$1 per ticket.

Public relations: (None)

Historian report: (None)

Old Business

Group riding protocols: Parkdale Harvest Festival. PG ride to Walla Walla. (Bob went fast.) November 9 to *Central Oregon Chapter* meeting – leave at 9 a.m.

Newsletter, local, will be quarterly, with help.

New Business
November 4 meeting, canceled.

Coordinator's Comments:

50/50 was won by Rick at \$6/\$6

The membership drawing for \$65 would have been won by Delese Kendrick, if she had been present. It will be \$70 next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.

Upcoming meetings

December 02, 2008

December 16, 2008

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*

Merry Christmas to all,

We are putting out an all points bulletin for the Salem Santa suit. Last seen at the toy run in 2007.

Biker Nite in Aumsville did rather well. A large group of the locals supported the event. Sheryl Forrest is the driving force behind these events and does an outstanding job.

Hope to see you at the Salem toy run.

With respect,

Quiet
G.J.M.C.



SALEM MEETING

TIME and PLACE

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

POINTS of CONTACT

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Greetings!

We are currently at 262 members and really wanting to promote our membership for the organization. Encourage your friends and family to attend meetings in your local areas.

The *2008 Shriners' Toy Run* is Saturday, December 6th. Santa and his elves will be there.

Motorcycle raffle tickets (available on site for \$10 each) can be purchased up to the drawing which occurs at approximately noon. The grand prize is a 2009 *Harley*.

We meet at the *Tri-Met* station on 17th off of Powell. Gates open at 10 a.m. Come join us for the ride up to the hospital!

Southeast Portland Chapter is organizing a fund raiser for our annual food drive as the funds are not where they need to be. The event will be Saturday, 21 February 2009 at the *M & M Restaurant and Lounge* in Gresham. We have arranged for entertainment. Admission will be \$6 per person or \$10 per couple. All proceeds will go to the purchase of bulk foods for our donation to the

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Harbor Light Mission. It serves as a shelter to women and children. We make the actual donation of the bulk foods the morning of our anniversary party in March (14th).

We are about half way to our goal of \$2,500 to \$3,000. That much money can purchase many, many pounds of bulk items. The fund raiser will begin at 2 p.m. and have five to six bands (who are donating their time) as well as the house band. Gates will close at 11 p.m. For more information, contact Matt Hobbs (503)-928-1486.

Well, I guess I'll sign off.

Be safe and have a wonderful day,

Soft tail for Honeybunz

S.E. Portland MEETING

TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)

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

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- *Twin Rivers*



We held our third meeting at our new location in north Portland at the *Kenton Club* on their remodeled outdoor patio. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

A number of issues were talked about including what was talked about at the October state board meeting.

Randy Phipps also gave a report on the new possible location in Washington county for the *A.B.A.T.E.* storage container and equipment.

Another subject that was brought up was a suggestion by Wheels at a previous meeting to cut our meetings back to once a month. Lee Austin mentioned that with once a month meetings, we would not be

able to take care of the business that needed to be done. Everyone agreed, so it was decided to keep our meetings at twice a month.

Our host at the *Kenton Club* is going to provide a breakfast buffet for us.

We held our first nominations for officers for the upcoming year. We will be holding second nominations for officers at our next meeting before we take a vote.

Once again our membership numbers are declining. We really need members to come to the meetings and take an active part. You don't necessarily have to volunteer to be an officer, just show up and support your chapter. We're fighting hard to keep *Twin Rivers* alive. Don't let it go down and become another failed statistic.

Please come to the meetings. Members from other chapters are invited to come and sit in as well.

Hope to see you at the meetings,

Tom Brewer

Twin Rivers Chapter

Supplement

09 November 2008

Now that the presidential elections are over and those annoying political attack ads are done, maybe things will get back to normal.

At today's meeting we had an excellent attendance — 23 members and two guests. James "Yukon" Rhoden made mention that this was

the best we've had for quite awhile.

Treasurer's report given by Glen Francis. We still have a few dollars in the bank.

Membership secretary Michell Hobbs reported that we currently have 141 members in our chapter. That's down from what we once used to have.

Legislative director Randy Phipps reported what the feds are currently trying to do to the Mongols motorcycle

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TWIN RIVERS MEETING

TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1300 (1 pm)

Keaton Club

2025 N. Kilpatrick -- Portland
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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Washington County



Report Turned To Coal

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIMES and
PLACE
 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1930
 (7:30pm)
Prime Time Restaurant
 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove
POINT of CONTACT
 (503)-643-4725
CHAPTER ADDRESS:
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 Cornelius, OR 97113

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Report Abducted By Reindeer

WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)
Sizzler's Steak House
 1010 Postal Way; Springfield
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but there is a group who had some of their guys beat up. One of their guys told them that they need to take off their patch. I hope that this can get resolved. *A.B.A.T.E.* and other groups need to get along and figure out that we are all out for the betterment of motorcycle riding and the need to flex some sort of, whatever, doesn't need to happen.

After reading the last statement and re- reading it I guess that is the only way I can say it. I have also come to the conclusion that it doesn't make too much sense, but I do believe that there is no need for groups to make it hard for people to choose to ride for different reasons. I also believe that no one should be afraid to ride down a street in fear that they are going to be beaten up or be run off the road for something that they aren't really sure of why it had to happen.

Again after re-reading that last sentence not sure if I made it clear. I just really don't get the reason to tell someone who wants to ride their motorcycle, where, when, and what you can wear. The government seems to already have a handle on that department. After all they are telling us we need to wear helmets and how the bikes need to be built.

A.B.A.T.E. has always tried to make the riding of motorcycle the riders' choice. Let those who ride decide.

If there is going to be a set rule on what you can and what you can't do, will someone write it down and explain the reason why a person can't choose to ride a motorcycle with friends of the same beliefs or reasons for riding? Put it into print and place it where it can be read by everyone and make sense to everyone who reads it, and not just them. Boy, wouldn't

that be nice?

Well I know that it has made it off the main page. I realize that it was another long article and for the unclarity, I am sorry, but it is the way that I wrote it and I believe it needed to be written.

Moral of the story? I guess you need to have morals and watch out for those that are watching out for you.

dazed, hazy and confused

Jay Bird
 coordinator
Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

Bummer !

(Photo by Kirsten Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class.
 (And *A.B.A.T.E.* pays part of the cost.)

Our Officers at Work**A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes***08 November 2008 – Almost Home Restaurant; Salem,*

Meeting was called to order by Matt Price, state coordinator, at 12:15 p.m. with 13 of 13 chapters represented. (*Salem Chapter* arrived late.) All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

Guests and first time attendees:

Lower Columbia Chapter, Laird Atkin (*North Coast Chapter* legislative director/historian). (I beg forgiveness if I spelled his name wrong.)

Acceptance of minutes: Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) to accept minutes from October 11th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper. Jordan Kelley (*Washington County Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nic read a condensed version (at the request of the state board of directors) of the October 19th state board of directors meeting. A discussion of the results of the planning session and the state board of directors meeting that followed was given with input from various attendees of the planning session/state board of directors meeting weekend. There were two committees formed at the planning session/state board meeting of 2008. There is a budget committee formed with Kay Sipple and Gene Mortimore co-chairing. Also an operations manual committee with Nic Oliver and Brian Stovall as co-chairs.

The budget committee will be setting a goal of achieving a functional operations budget for *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* This will fix a lot of the problems that we have been facing with more accountability and better information.

The operations manual committee will be looking to return *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* to the basics and get out of the rut of over-regulation of the operations of the organization. Replace bylaws with a condensed version that is not to be redone but perpetual as written and an operations manual with more brotherhood principals and less regulation. Simplified, yet more personal responsibility for the organization by all.

Motion made to accept the report of the planning session of 2008 by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) and seconded by Jordan Kelly (*Washington County Chapter*). Motion passed.

Correspondence: Nic stated that there were periodicals from other states available for anyone who wants to see them. Also there is a mailing from the

state of Oregon for our legislative director to be reviewed. Nic read a letter from the city of Fossil and their getting the grant for an *A.D.A.* public restroom and it was decided that it was now time to send the \$200 pledge made at a previous state board of directors.

Nic read an e-mail letter from Joye "Grace" Howell resigning from *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* thereby canceling her membership. Motion was then tendered (see motion #2 under new business) and passed to accept her membership resignation.

Nic also read an e-mail letter from *Southeast Portland Chapter* permanently revoking Robert Hale's membership from that chapter due to disorderly conduct. This resulted from an incident that occurred at the fall swap meet in which Robert Hale assaulted Gene Mortimore. (Vice-coordinator east) This incident got police involvement but no charges were made. Nic reported that an emergency executive board meeting took place at the swap meet and it was decided to recommend to the board of directors to remove Robert Hale as state quartermaster and remove him from the membership of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. This organization cannot and will not tolerate violence amongst the membership. We are a group of volunteers in a brotherhood for the good of all and violence will not be tolerated, as it is not in the best interest of the organization. Nic was asked if Robert Hale was aware of this motion and he told the state board of directors that he made Robert aware of it himself and that Robert understood. Different people spoke on this issue and it was noted that there was no time frame put on the motion. Motion was then tendered (see motion #3 under new business) and passed to remove Robert Hale as a state officer and a member.

Coordinator comments: Matt Price reported that the planning session was good and a lot of good work was done. The planning session was a turning point for our focus on education and legislative action. We all need to remember that the good of the organization must come first and nothing else should get in its way. This organization was formed for the public good and we need to conduct ourselves this way. We need to move forward as a team and we need to let them (legislators, etc.) know that we are here. There are approximately 220,000 endorsed licenses in Oregon and we represent all of them. Gas is now at just



Nic Oliver,
state recording secretary

over two dollars a gallon but it will go back up. Motorcycles have become much more popular as an economical form of transportation as well as a lot of fun. As an organization, we need to go forward or we will go nowhere.

Vice coordinator–north: Heidi Disrud (Absent)

Vice coordinator–south: Annette Murray reported that she is getting ready, after recovering her medical issues, to start visiting the chapters after the first of the year.

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore reported that he attended a Fossil city council meeting and talked with them about a building that they have vacant. They set a price of one dollar per year lease of the storage building to us. A motion was tendered (see motion #1 under new business) to purchase a ninety-nine year lease for storage.

Motion passed.

It was also reported that *Douglas County Chapter* has a ticket booth and there is a business trailer, there but they wanted to know what we want to do with the building. Gene suggested we get rid of it for salvage as it is very old. It was agreed to do that. Gene reported that the building is in good shape and sound but it may need a window replaced but it is otherwise ready for our use. It has water and power in it but Gene doesn't recommend that we turn them on as we do not really need them so why have the expense?

Treasurer: Kay Sipple stood and introduced herself to the membership. She then stated that we have approximately, \$22,222.00 in checking, deposited \$2,200 into savings. She said that she needs, from every chapter, the December 31, 2007 statements and report from all chapters right away for tax purposes. She noted a few changes that she is implementing to allow for more accountability for expenses. All reimbursement requests must now be signed by the person making the request and by an executive board member before turning them in to her for funds disbursement. Also, reimbursement requests will generally be handed out one month behind. So, if you turn in a request in November, don't expect a check till the December state board of directors meeting.

Kay stated that she will be making the rounds of the chapters during the next year to assist the chapter treasurers and

just to say "Hi".

Lee Austin stated that he has an *A.B.A.T.E.* printer for the auditor or whomever needs it.

It was also mentioned that all invoices need to be copied and we need to submit them with verification of validity before they will be considered for payment. Quotes from a business for services/products should be obtained before commitment to a service/product purchase so that the price given is not to be just accepted as the one want. We need these quotes in writing to insure that we are getting the best deal for our money.

Kay reported that she has nothing from January 2008 to present. Joye and her are trying to work with each other but holiday scheduling at Joye's work is making it difficult to connect. She also reported that she has purchased an eight month CD (certificate of deposit) for \$3,000.

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson reported that we currently have 1,692 members as of 01 November 2008. She also made mention of personal checks that have bounced in the past and that investigations are just now taking place. These checks are from 2003–2004 and more information will be brought up when known.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price and committee. Reported that he needs head counts from all the runs in 2008. This is how our insurance is figured on, total attendance. Once we reach the number of people estimated to attend our functions, then we have to purchase more insurance and the cost is much higher. He had already more than doubled the amount from previous years which was set at about 3,400 to 8,500 this year but we may still go over that. Our run schedules need to be turned in as soon as possible. Brian mentioned that it used to be required that the chapters turn in a run schedule proposal by October of the preceding year so that it could be checked for conflicts with other organization's functions. Matt stated that the state board of directors meeting in January will be starting one hour early to accommodate the new year and Chapters to get their run proposals in.

The *A.M.A.* and *A.B.A.T.E.* are the only entities that sanction events in Oregon right now and the comparison was discussed. It now seems that region 28 (the region Oregon falls into) meeting was canceled. We used to have certified members of *A.M.A.* but without this meeting there will be no one certified in Oregon. Lee Austin stated that Rotten Roger may have more information on this issue.

State auditor: B.J. Speck (Absent)

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Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for being here. He said that he has chapter reports for only three or four chapters. They have until Monday, November 10th, to get those reports turned in.

Legislative director: Quiet Mike absent but showed up later. Joe Maffei (Mafia Joe) reported that two of the three *BikePAC*-supported candidates won but the winner of the other race was won by someone that is pro-motorcyclist.

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps reported that regarding the budget committee wanting a budget proposal from every officer is unnecessary for him. The quartermaster covers all his needs.

Sergeant at arms-south: Bill Foster – Nothing to report.

Sergeant at arms-east: (VACANT)

Brian Stovall pointed out that the 2009 officer was in attendance at this meeting and he introduced Jim Middleton.

Products director: Dave Meeker reported that the next *Fossil Campout* will be our thirty-second annual event. Artwork for the t-shirts will be accepted up to March 2009. They must include the words “32nd Annual” and no more than three to four colors. He also reported that \$3,263 was spent this last year on products, most of it for *Fossil*. He did state that we need products for other areas and will be getting prices to the budget committee.

Education director: Patricia Carner reported that the planning session was good and a lot was done. The budget for education includes things like stuff for the classes that are given away to the attendees. Since we are getting into the junior high schools, the idea of pencils with our message on it would be more cost effective and still get the message out. Especially considering that these are not drivers at this point and would not have keys for a key fob. There are other ideas in the works also, such as kickstand pads. Currently working with Laurie, a graphic artist, in getting possible avenues of artwork. She reported that she is also looking into getting grant money for some of this stuff. She discussed the new signs that were authorized and is ready to go forward with securing quotes. Matt Price offered to check into a local company for a quote. Another signage idea was discussed regarding the possibility of putting up signs where a motorcycle crash had occurred to warn future riders of a potentially dangerous curve or whatever. This might help to cut down on crashes from reoccurring

in the same place. This might be a good idea for chapter use.

Reported that S.T.E.A.M. was discussed at the *M.R.F.* conference that she attended. She thanked *A.B.A.T.E.* for sending her. She got so much out of the conference. Learned ways of doing things that she had never thought of. It also seems that Washington state and Idaho want to co-sponsor this year’s *S.T.E.A.M.* conference, partly because of Slider’s presentation.

Education director II: Geoff White (Absent)

Public relations director: Debra Lutje (Absent)

Report given by Brian Stovall. He suggested that everyone check out the site:

<http://www.lightningcustom.com.oregon.rallies/html>

Also recommended the site:

<http://www.let'sride.com> that was designed by our own Trace Ceccacci.

The site:

<http://www.oregonridersforum.com> was also discussed by Joe Maffei and how it is designed for future expansion and it is already set up to include special smaller groups for each chapter, if they want to use it.

Brian also suggested that each chapter check out their local shops. He handed out a listing of the shops that he found on the web and gave a list of each chapter to the chapter representatives. He stated that a lot of smaller shops are not on the web and should be reached out to.

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long reported that things are starting up and he has turned in to the budget committee his proposal for *Fossil* this upcoming year of \$13,800. Also spoke on the lease for Bear Hollow being at a discounted rate for \$500 per year. There may be a new bridge needed to be put in there. Announced that this year we will be using one-half sheet flyers and post cards instead of only full size. He discussed the possibility of a run to *Fossil* this year. The possibility of more starting points from other directions was also discussed, with all ending at the *Fossil Run*. This had been done in the past and we could make it happen again.

The state newspaper may be putting in that Bear Hollow is a motorcycle only camping area with one vehicle, up to 20 feet long, as a support vehicle for each chapter. Other vehicles are to go to other sites nearby. This needs to be discussed at the chapter level and brought back to the state board next month.

Also reported that John Arron, who owns the property next to Bear Hollow,

said that we could use his property. This will give us a lot more room for camping. This is a limited use agreement and all the details were not worked out yet. But this may include no campfires and we do the clearing for the area.

Fossil 2009 will be the *Memorial Day* weekend, as usual, but the tickets are going up \$5. The ticket prices will be \$30-35 for pre-event sales and \$35-40 for tickets at the gate.

Joe Maffei brought up an idea for membership gains through a break in the ticket prices, when signing up for membership, for the pre-event tickets.

Howie announced that he is stepping down as *Fossil* coordinator. He gave as his reason that although he would not stop what he has doing, it is just that he can’t handle the politics. He did say that he would consider the run coordinator II position.

State run coordinator II: Jeff Schuaer (Absent)

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner reported the next swap meet will be April 5, 2009. She said that she was very happy with our supporters in this event. She also stated that Laura Stewart of *Stewart's Leathers* gave a lot of support for our event. We had approximately 750 people through the gate and we showed a profit of \$6,100. Better than we had hoped. There were changes made in the money handling so that one person was never alone with the money. We needed to take care of business without any chance of impropriety.

Historian: Linda Marteney (Absent)

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci reported on motorcycle ads not affiliated with *A.B.A.T.E.* and that he will count the hits on our site. Pat thanked him for all that he has done for our site.

Quartermaster: (VACANT)

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps reported that there was no meeting in November due to the elections closing at that time. The next regular meeting will be December 6th at the Salem library at noon. Randy stated that he will be at a toy run that day and Joe said that he would fill in for him.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Pat Williams reported handed in. Treasurer reported \$7,196. A vote to donate \$2,000 to the *Trademark Fund* through Richard Lester’s office. New officers include:

Chair – Old Poop (*Outsiders*)

Vice chair – Big Kat, (*Gypsy Jokers*)

Treasurer – Whistle Bill (*In Country Vets*)

Secretary – Jim Gibbons, (*Christ Disciples*)

Sgt at arms – Mike Squire (*Free Souls*)

Instead of a poker run there will be an honorary party benefit for Longview Tom. It will be on Saturday, January 17, at a tavern called *The Spot-It*, located downtown Molalla. Lots of good food and a raffle.

A discussion also took place regarding the *N.C.O.M.* convention and the *C.o.C.* meeting there. (Pat turned in a four-page report on the *N.C.O.M.* convention.)

The next *N.C.O.M.* conference is May 7-10 in Reno, Nevada at the *Nugget Casino*.

Reported that the Washington state *C.o.C.* said that if you are stopped for a helmet ticket you don’t have to take your helmet off unless you are under arrest.

Also said that 99% of helmet tickets in Washington are being won by the motorcyclist. Marty Fox is the Washington *A.I.M.* attorney.

Upcoming events include:

- Fundraiser for Outsider Spike November 15th at the *Queen of Hearts* bar in Portland.

- November 22 the *Solutions* are having a blanket drive that starts at 9 p.m. at the *Lents Masonic Lodge* at 5811 SE 92nd avenue in Portland, off of Foster road. Bring warm winter clothes, such as a coat, hat, gloves, or a donation of \$5 per person for admission.

- November 29th is the *True Apostles 25th Annual Toy Run*. There is a \$5 fee, which includes a run pin. Also bring an unwrapped toy. Will meet at *Columbia Harley-Davidson* at NE highway 99 and NE 102nd in Vancouver, Washington.

- The next *Confederation of Clubs* meeting will be on January 11 at the *Northwest Vets* clubhouse in Salem, Oregon at 2544 19th street south. Officers meeting at noon and general meeting at 1 p.m.

A discussion took place regarding the *Mongols* and the federal government. It seems that the government has seized the *Mongols'* trademarked patch stating that it is a monetary asset of the club. This has provoked a legal issue regarding trademark protection. This involves whether or not the government can just seize a trademarked item at their own discretion. A legal battle has now been started and Richard Lester’s office has started a *Trademark Fund* to pay for this battle. A challenge was made to match the \$100 donation to this fund.

Gunny (author of *Gunny's Sack* in our newspaper and through Sam Hochberg our *A.I.M.* attorney) is the contact

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regarding donating to this fund. He can be reached at: aimgunny@aol.com or call him at 1-(503)-366-2636.

Confederation of Clubs representative
II: Ray DeMelo – (Absent.)

Unfinished Business

Tabled motions:

- Vacant officer positions. Geoff White told Nic that he would accept the position of education director II. Geoff White is our continuing education director II. Howie Long was nominated for the run coordinator II and upon acceptance, he was elected to that position. Congratulations to Geoff White and Howie Long.

The remaining officer positions to be filled are vice coordinator-north (Heidi stepped down), run coordinator I (*Fossil*), quartermaster. We need these officer positions filled.

New Business

New motions (as turned in):

1. Motion made by Howie Long (*North Coast Chapter*), seconded by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County Chapter*):

“To lease storage building from the city of Fossil for one dollar a year for 99 years. Gene Mortimore to dispose of buildings currently on private property.”

Voting results: In favor was unanimous.

Motion passed.

2. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*):

“To accept Joye “Grace” Howell’s resignation from A.B.A.T.E. as stated in 14 October 2008 e-mail.”

Voting results: yea – 10 and nay – 0;

three abstentions.

Motion passed.

3. Motion made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*):

“To remove Robert Hale from the membership of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon due to actions not in the best interests of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon.”

Discussion ensued as to the problem and it was due to an act of violence against another member of *A.B.A.T.E.* This happened at the fall swap meet preparation and the executive board, which met at the swap meet, recommended to the board of directors that acts of violence between members, especially officers, will not be tolerated. It was asked if Robert was made aware of this and Nic stated that he and Robert had spoke on the phone on more than one occasion. He said that Robert understands the situation and the recommendation of the board. Also an e-mail from the *Southeast Portland Chapter* to Robert Hale was read. It informed Robert Hale that he had been removed from their membership role for disorderly conduct and misrepresentation.

Voting results: yea – 12, nay – 0 with one abstention.

Motion passed.

4. Motion made by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*):

“To make a donation to M.R.F. of \$1,700 for 2008. (Formula: membership multiplied by \$1, rounded to nearest \$100).”

Voting results: yea 12, nay – 0, with one abstention.

Motion passed.

5. Motion made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*), seconded by Howie Long (*North Coast Chapter*):

“That A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. donate \$500 to the Trademark Fund.”

Voting results: yea – 12, nay – 0, with one abstention.

Motion passed.

6. Motion made by Millie Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*), seconded by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County Chapter*):

“Move the containers and all state A.B.A.T.E. belongings to a secure location owned by Art West at a cost of \$100 per month. There will be a one time cost to move of \$150 approximately.”

Discussion showed a total cost of about \$1,350 for the next year. The need for a written contract was now needed prior to commitment.

Voting results: yea – 13, nay – 0.

Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Next state board of directors meeting: December 13, 2008 at the *Eagles Lodge* – Albany, Oregon, at noon. There will be a meal and party after meeting.

- Jordan Kelley thanked *Willamette Valley Chapter* for the wonderful spread of food they provided for the planning session.

- Every Thursday – *Hog Wild Nights* at the *Bavarian House Restaurant and Lounge* in Mt. Angel, Oregon from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

- 08 November 2008: *Musician’s Toy Run Benefit for Shriners’ Hospital* at the *Trail’s End Saloon*; 1320 Main street in Oregon City from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. For information, call Art or Francine at (503)-351-5054.

- 15 November 2008: *May Awareness Rally* planning meeting at *Pops Branding Iron* in Albany at noon.

- 15 November 2008: *Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run*. (*Washington County Chapter*) Sign in at the Hillsboro fire station #3 at 11 a.m. at 4455 NW 229th. For more information call (503)-747-6725 (Len). Or go to:

<http://www.wacoabate.info>

- 15 November 2008: *Washington County Chapter’s* toy run. This one is escorted.

- 22 November 2008: *North Coast Chapter* is having a spaghetti feed.

- 22 November 2008: *Biker Night* at *Tommy’s Welcome Inn*, 142 Main street in Jefferson. Bring a toy and a can of food. For information, call Quiet Mike at (503)-678-6302

- 29 November 2008: *True Apostles 25th Annual Toy Run* for the *Salvation Army*. Sign in 9:30 – 11 a.m. at *Columbia Harley-Davidson*, NE 99 & NE 102nd in Vancouver. For more information call Roger Yarnell at (503)-643-4725

- 13 December 2008: *North Coast Chapter* toy run.

- 14 December 2008: *Salem Chapter* toy run Sunday. Meet at 10 a.m. at the *K-Mart* at Mission and 25th in Salem. Leave at 11 a.m. and delivering in Jefferson about 1 p.m. For information, call Quiet Mike at (503)-678-6302

- 17 January 2009: *Cabin Fever Run* at the *Kenton Club* in Portland. See flyer in state newspaper.

- 02 May 2009: *May Awareness Rally* and bike show at the state capitol, Salem.

Meeting adjourned 3:09 p.m.

State Board of Directors Meeting

October 19, 2009

V.F.W. Hall — Cottage Grove, Oregon

Called to order at 12:10 p.m. by coordinator, Matt Price.

Pledge of allegiance.

Chapters in attendance were: *Hub City* (Nic Oliver), *Lincoln County* (Nasty Uncle Bob Highfill), *River City* (Brian Stovall), *Salem* (Heidi Disrud), *Southeast Portland* (Justin Handke), *Twin Rivers* (Randy Phipps), and *Washington County* (Jordan Kelley). The total of seven chapters represent-ed meant that a quorum was reached for conducting *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* business.

Motion #1 presented by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*), seconded by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*).

Motion: *“Replace A.B.A.T.E. banner used at the swap meet. Would like to purchase two to four new ones.”*

Amended to *“four signs at discretion of swap meet coordinator”*.

Discussion about changing the signs to banners, maybe adding *Velcro™* spots to the banners to make it more versatile (such as changing a

direction arrow). It was also noted that quotes should be obtained before purchasing. A couple of different companies were discussed. Vote was called for and taken.

Results: 7-yea, 0-nay.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #2 presented by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*).

Motion: *“To reorganize A.B.A.T.E.’s bylaws and operational documents into two (2) documents.”*

1. *Short, simple, essential bylaws to be filed with the state of Oregon.*

2. *An operational manual containing all other needed information. The form will be standard outline, with contents and index.*

The content of current documents will be condensed, simplified, and rewritten to reflect members and officers primary responsibility to help and support the organization

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State Board of Directors Meeting (continued)

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functionally, financially, and morally. A committee will be established chaired by Nic Oliver and consisting of all those interested in helping on the project. The resulting documents will be presented to the board of directors for ratification.

This was a rather long motion and Brain explained that we need to return to a more positive view of our organization. The fighting and stuff like that has to stop. We need to find common ground and make this work.

Nic added that the secretarial manuals currently hold all of our most up-to-date material but it is long and full of redundancies.

This committee would be looking at a very short bylaws document that is to be filed with the state of Oregon, after ratification by the board of directors.

Everything that is not needed in the bylaws, such as items already covered in the newly designated operations manual would be deleted from the bylaws.

Everything else would be looked at carefully to remove redundancies and "wordiness".

Once the newly ratified bylaws are filed with the state then they remain as such and any organizational changes will take place in the operations manual only.

Voting took place and the result: 7-yea, 0-nay.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3 made by Bob Highfill (*Lincoln County Chapter*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*).

Motion: *"Establish a \$5,000 budget, to be determined annually, for the education director."*

This motion produced some rather heated debates.

Hub City Chapter stated that they like the board having the final word but would consider a \$500 dollar budget with large money items still requiring board of directors approval.

The public relations director's request on another motion was brought into this heated discussion. Brian Stovall suggested that a committee be formed to look into

monetary needs and set budget recommendations and then the proposals be sent to the board of directors for approval.

It was decided that every state officer should submit a budget request for the upcoming year to cover their expenses. This will allow a closer accounting of the funds be dispersed and allow for more accountability of the officers.

One of the vice coordinators will share the chair responsibility with the treasurer of this committee.

Original motion was then amended to include *"Form a budget committee for entire organization/officer."*

At this point Heidi Disrud made the statement that she will no longer be able to fill the officer of vice coordinator north for 2009.

The committee members at this time are:

Chair – Gene Mortimore and Kay Sipple.

Committee members – Bob Highfill, Kat Kaczmarek, and Millie Highfill.

The committee members can change at the discretion of the committee.

The original motion was then

withdrawn at the request of *Lincoln County Chapter* and approved by *River City Chapter*.

The amendment was voted on and resulted in: 7-yea, 0-nay.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #4 made by Jordan Kelley (*Washington County*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*).

Motion: *"Continue to use the current rules and policies until new one is completed and ratified by the board of directors."*

Jordan pointed out that we need to continue this until such time as the new bylaws and operations manual are completed. It was estimated that this may be done by the first of the year, if we are lucky and Nic's fingers don't get too sore from all the typing.

Vote called and resulted in: 7-yea, 0-nay.

Motion passed unanimously.

There were two (2) motions that had been tabled from the previous board of directors meeting last weekend that were brought before the board of directors today for resolution. One regarding a bylaws change and the other regarding a budget for the public relations

director.

Both motions were withdrawn by the original makers, with approval by the seconds. These motions are being handled under previously passed motions.

No other business was brought up as needing board attention.

Matt Price stated that we had accomplished a lot this weekend and he thanked everyone for participating. It was a very successful weekend and covered a lot of stuff.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



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

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From The . . .

The Biker Trademark War

I just returned home from the region I conference of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* in Sacramento, California. Richard M. Lester (*N.C.O.M.* and *A.I.M.* founder) and *A.I.M.* lawyers Marty Fox and Sam Hochberg took part in the discussion. As many know, the feds invoked the *R.I.C.O. Act* against a motorcycle club in California that has chapters in several states.

This part is a first: The prosecutors also went to court and got an injunction, permitting federal seizure of the club's trademark of their logo and any items with that logo on it, upon presentation of the order. If the government prevails in the *R.I.C.O.* charges, then these items could be lost in civil forfeiture.

This is very disturbing to many of us, patch holders and otherwise. *N.C.O.M.* has created the *Trademark Defense Fund* to hire civil rights lawyers to file a "friend of the court" brief on this, since the outcome has consequences for all motorcyclists. Please be well aware of circumstances around your own organizations and stay close to your local *Confederation of Clubs (C.O.C.)* This situation is deadly poisonous and you can be sure *N.C.O.M.* will be closely watching it. The Oregon *C.O.C.* has donated significantly, as has *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and Oregon's *Washington County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. Washington State A.B.A.T.E.'s Southwest Chapter* donated as well. I challenge all clubs, *C.O.C.'s*, and *M.R.O.'s* to step up to the plate. If you value the ability to ride with a logo on your back or if you associate with those who do, *now* is the time to act.

Defending Freedom — Another great development at the *N.C.O.M.* regional is the expansion of the *Texas Defenders* idea, which is becoming the *U.S. Defenders* program. This will be directed by the various *Confederations* around the country, but with the help of clubs and *M.R.O.'s*. It puts responsibility on all of us to do the right thing. In some

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ways, it's very much like a phone tree but far more effective. Get involved in this one and we as a community will reap great results in our favor. It shakes up society when we play by their rules and they are powerless to stop us. It's a real good feeling, I'm tellin' ya. More on this to come.

Australia — The source for this on-line scam for "antique *Harley*" was rusty parts. A Victoria man who falsely sold antique motorcycles on-line to overseas buyers and then sent a crate of rusty metal has walked free from court after receiving a suspended sentence, community service, and restitution of the money he took. He should count himself lucky. In my mind he belongs in jail and receiving instruction from folks who don't care for bikers being scammed.

Gonzales, Texas — A motorcycle rally was curtailed drastically by the city's police here. Folks attempting to enter the rally site wearing club colors were turned away because they refused to leave their colors at the gate. The first *Gonzales Thunder Rally* wound up showing a huge loss because of the draconian activity of the police, who claimed the no-colors policy was instituted because of the possibility of problems between clubs. Thousands were expected but when the "no colors" word went out, it virtually stopped attendance in its tracks. The promoters said if they tried it again the rally would be held outside city limits to avoid the problem. To me, this is police gangsterism.

New York — Picketing their knows: On October 21st, *American Bikers Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E. of New York, Inc.)* picketed the New York highway safety conference at the *Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center*, where the New York state police presented their motorcycle safety roadblock scenario to more than 350 professionals from government and private agencies involved in reducing death and injuries on the road. *A.B.A.T.E.* obtained an all-day public assembly permit for an informational picket and protest outside of the conference

center. It was hoped that media exposure would bring to the forefront the absurdity of the roadblocks. Funds that had been dedicated to motorcycle safety were being used for these roadblocks, to harass motorcyclists, rather than being used for education of riders and the public. For the full press release, go to their web site:

<http://www.abateny.org/>

United Kingdom — Here is not the brightest bulb on the British porch: A young biker here was brought down by the internet and his own ego. He posted a video he made on *YouTube*, showing him speeding and doing stunts on his motorcycle. The police used this, of course, to convict him. Sandor Ferenci, 28, will be sentenced at Oxford crown court for three offenses of dangerous driving, according to local police.

Dallas, Texas — Your digital papers, please! The *Tracking Corp* has announced the marketing of a G.P.S. device for motorcycles. It's said to be the next best thing for bikers since anti-lock braking systems. I swear by the A.B.S. brakes for scoots. On slick roads and sudden stops, it's right on. I'm not so sure about G.P.S. It will track your location, just like *On-Star* devices in cars.

You folks make up your own minds. G.P.S. might be a good thing if you have a single vehicle wreck in the middle of nowhere at night. It's available on most new rides through dealerships across the country. Then again, newer cell phones already have some of that technology.

Oregon — Near Portland, Tualatin Valley fire and rescue is attempting to convince folks that using motorcycles in the fire department is a good idea. Obviously, ya can't fight fire on a scooter but you can get medical aid to someone in need much faster. They have initiated a levy to test the idea out. Hope they get it. It is a good idea and being done successfully outside the US.

Australia — New South Wales Deploys "Noise Cameras!"

This one could affect every vehicle on the road in New South Wales, and other state governments across



Gunny
chief of staff
Oregon A.I.M.

Australia are poised to deploy automated cameras that mail tickets to vehicles considered by a machine to be too noisy. If ya think it can't happen here, think again. Many of the "gang" laws we are dealing with right now come from other countries.

Washington: State troopers here are stepping up enforcement against bikers, looking at speed, D.U.I., aggressive riding, and failure to wear an "approved" helmet. Bikers are also required to have the proper endorsement on their driver's licenses or face having their bikes towed to an impound lot. Keep your eyes open and in Washington, don't take your helmet off unless you are *under arrest*. By law you should not have to. But don't go to jail on this Gunny's account!

N.C.O.M.'s activities are funded by the *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* lawyers, the ones who ride. Gone down hard, car or bike?

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'Nuff' said.

Keep the round side on the bottom.

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Thank You, Volunteers

What is a sesquicentennial?

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Rot Path
crusty ol' editor

Thank you to all chapter and state officers who have served *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* this past year.

Those who are completing their first year in office are to be commended for stepping up to take increased responsibility for ensuring that our organization is able to continue fulfilling its mission statement.

Thank you.

Many have served in chapters and at the state level for multiple years. Please express your gratitude to such people for the stability they bring to our organization.

Thank you.

And there are those who have served in chapter and state officers who continue to aid *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* with their wisdom and organizational memory. A special thanks go to those who care enough to continue helping.

In particular, yer crusty ol' editor would like to thank Matt Price for his term as state coordinator this year. There were ill feelings and old baggage after last December's state board elections that have since been resolved. But dealing with those issues used up a lot of time that could

have been used more productively. Hopefully we've all learned from that experience and will be able to head off future problems before they morph into full blown time-diverters.

Yer c.o.e. feels that Matt wasn't given a chance to function to his fullest potential initially. He is to be commended for sticking out the difficult times when others might have resigned in frustration. Thank you, Matt.

But the biggest debt of thanks goes out to you, the members and potential members of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

You've gone beyond being a mere road user.

Your awareness of larger issues facing motorcyclists in particular and the general public at large is increasing.

By reading this newspaper, attending chapter meetings, or joining such an organization as *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*, you are taking steps to ensure that citizens remain actively aware and involved in the process of government envisioned by the founders of this nation.

You are important.

Know that.

And thank you.

Next month the Oregon legislature convenes for its 2009 session.

We all need to be as actively engaged as possible.

Begin clearing your calendars now so you can be available to attend functions at our capitol.

Be ready to write letters and organize local events to draw attention to legislation that affects us.

We don't need to wait for special events. Get to Salem whenever you can and just walk the halls in your leathers, greeting capitol staff and letting them get to know we who ride. (And there are numerous free motorcycle parking spots around the capitol.)

In 2009 the state of Oregon will be 150 years old. (It was created 14 February 1859.)

Many activities are planned to celebrate this sesquicentennial anniversary.

What can motorcyclists do to help commemorate this event?

How about assembling a history of motorcycling in Oregon?

There must have been a first motorcycle, first motorcycle shop in the state, your county, your town.

Go to your local museum or chamber of commerce. See what information and photos you can find and copy. (For instance: Independence used to have an *Indian* motorcycle dealer. There's a photo of it in the dentist office across the street from the shop's former location.) Share the information you uncover with others, especially non-riders, in your community. And forward copies to *A.B.A.T.E.* chapter and state historians as well as this rag ... fine

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(Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 28)

December Cryptogram

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 VNDL AND LSBNA SI YDBSLLSLB AH ZHVDE,
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HOW CRYPTOGRAMS WORK: The idea here is that each letter in the cryptogram represents a letter of the alphabet. ("Y" might equal "L" for instance.) Look for word patterns to help establish which word is what. (Single letters will be "I" or "A"; "the" and "and" are common three-letter words; the most widely used English letter is "E".)
 Spies used to send messages using cryptograms because they kept their opponents busy trying to crack the code while the spies went about their skulldrudgery.
 Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.

December Observation

Later this month, we in the northern hemisphere of this third planet orbiting a fusing mass of hydrogen will experience our longest night and least light of the year.

Thereafter daylight will begin increasing bringing with it the promise of warmer days and adventures under the sun.

But while the leaves are off the trees, enjoy seeing more of the world than is possible the rest of the year.

This is the time of year for snuggling and appreciation.


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Twin Rivers Chapter of ABATE of Oregon invites you to:

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2009



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January 17th starting @ 3PM til ??????????????

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Live music - *The Yanks* - 4PM-8PM

\$5.00 @ the door per person

~Evening band to follow~

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Saturday, February 14th 2009 starting @ 7:30PM till???World Famous Kenton Club 2025 N. Kilpatrick
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Live music ~The Yanks~ 8PM-12AM

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Fossil Announcement

The planning session *Fossil Campout* committee, after review and due consideration, feel that the space limitations at Bear Hollow require that only groups of ten or more (excluding vendors) will be allowed one support vehicle of no more than 20 feet in length.

Fossil is, after all, a *motorcycle* event.

We want everyone to participate and enjoy *Fossil*. There are plenty of alternative recreational vehicle camping and parking sites near Bear Hollow. Any questions or comments would be greatly appreciated.

Contact *Fossil* coordinator II, Howie Long, at (503)-325-4376 or hll@pacifier.com

Thank you,

— planning session *Fossil* committee

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FOSSIL EVENTS for 2008

ABATE FOSSIL CAMPOUT - Memorial Weekend

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL - Fourth of July Weekend

FOSSIL CRUZ-IN Car Show - July 5

MULE DAYS - July 18th thru 20thFAIR & RODEO - August 7th thru 10th

KINZUA GOLF TOURNEY - June 21, and July 12 & 13

MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND - Third Saturday In September

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club as far as trying to take their club patches. If the feds get their way, they could even possibly start coming after ours as well. (So hang on tight). Randy also reported on *Fossil* and the swap meet.

Shag gave a report on the wheelchair give away and was disappointed due to the lack of attendance. He also gave a report on the Shriners Hospital toy run December 6th. He needs volunteers to help out at the *Tri-Met* garage starting point on 17th street off of Holgate. This is for the kids. Show up and help out.

Road captain Glenn reported that there have been twenty-nine motorcycle deaths so far this year.

Matt Hobbs reported that at the first *Southeast Portland Chapter* meeting of every month, there will also be a *Run 21* meeting after the regular meeting. So if you want to be part of the 10th annual *Run 21*, go and find out what's going to be happening.

Our chapter took a vote and decided to stay at the *Kenton Club* for another four meetings due to the increased member turnout and hopes for an even bigger member turnout.

We also held our second nominations for officers for the upcoming year.

Nominations are as follows:

Coordinator – James “Yukon” Rhoden, John “Wheels” Betts

Vice coordinator – Leona Brewer

Treasurers – Kelly and Terese

Recording secretary – K. J. Brewer

Legislative/state board – Randy Phipps

Sgt-of-arm – Tom Brewer, Brad Smith, Willie Sanders, Shotgun Dave, Matt Hobbs

Membership secretary – Michelle Hobbs

Road captain – Evil Glenn Hunter

Chaplain – Mike Friend

Ways and means – James “Yukon” Rhoden and Michelle Hobbs

Historian – Glenn Francis

Toy run – Glenn Francis

Seeing how we are supposed to 141 members in our chapter, come to the meetings and at least show some interest in what's going on with your chapter.

Tom Brewer

Twin Rivers Chapter



News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

American Motorcyclist Association Congratulates President-Elect Barack Obama On Historic Victory

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.), which represents more than 300,000 active members as the nation's leading advocacy organization for motorcyclists' rights, issued the following statement today from A.M.A. president and C.E.O. Rob Dingman with respect to the national election results:

"The American Motorcyclist Association congratulates president-elect Barack Obama and vice president-elect Joe Biden on their historic victory. America's voters have spoken and they are demanding fundamental change and accountability from our elected representatives.

Motorcyclists also demand change and accountability. This nation's estimated 10 million riders currently face critical issues such as road access, health insurance discrimination, and the right to responsibly enjoy our nation's public lands.

In a time when more Americans, young and old, are discovering the fun, convenience, economy, and utility of motorcycling, the A.M.A. is anxious to begin working with the administration of president-elect Obama to ensure that the rights and futures of all motorcyclists are protected.

In addition, the A.M.A. will be working with our representatives, newly elected or re-elected, at all levels of government and will be making every effort to assist them in understanding the concerns and needs of their motorcycling constituents."

A.M.A. Announces New Member Benefit: Discount On Garmin G.P.S.

Navigators, Products

Pickerington, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.) and Garmin International Inc., a unit of Garmin Ltd. and the global leader in satellite navigation, are pleased to announce a new benefit that allows A.M.A. members to purchase Garmin products at discounted pricing.

"The line between being lost or found is as thin as the edge of your map," said A.M.A. director of business development, Jim Moore. "With a Garmin G.P.S. navigator, however, you never have to worry about riding off the edge. And now members of the A.M.A. can enjoy this flexibility, freedom and peace of mind for less."

The A.M.A. member benefit, which is available starting November 19, covers both Garmin navigation units and software. Garmin's aviation product line is excluded.

"Garmin makes some of the world's finest G.P.S. navigators and the company's Zumo™ line is tailor-made for motorcyclists with a number of features designed with our needs in mind," Moore said. "With these products naturally becoming increasingly popular with riders, it only makes sense for the A.M.A. to partner with this great company to bring even more benefits to our members."

Added Mike Sheehan, automotive and O.E.M. [Original Equipment Manufacturer] marketing manager from Garmin: "In recent years, Garmin has made a concerted effort to expand into new areas, and thanks to their purpose-built design, unique features and top-quality build, our

G.P.S. navigator products are experiencing significant growth in the motorcycling marketplace. This exclusive membership benefit deal gives us another way to get our units into the hands of even larger numbers of dedicated motorcyclists — those of the A.M.A."

A.M.A. members can use the discount up to twice in a calendar year. To take advantage of the offer, beginning on November 19 A.M.A. members can visit a landing page on the Garmin web site, at:

<http://www.garmin.com/ama>

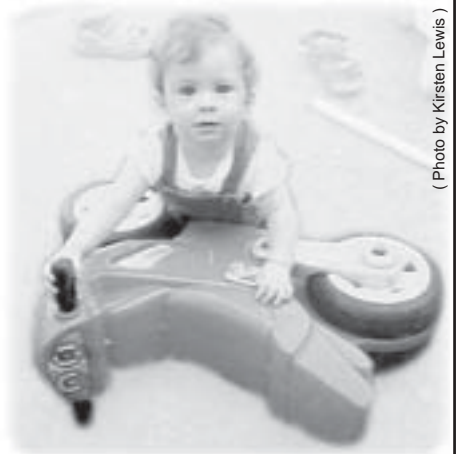
The Zumo navigators should be particularly popular with A.M.A. members. Designed specifically for motorcyclists, they come in a rugged and ready-to-ride case with glove-friendly, left-handed controls, preloaded street maps, and a sunlight-readable screen. The Zumo navigators are shock resistant, fuel resistant, waterproof, and vibration tested. An SD card expansion slot makes it easy to share maps or upload them to on-line mapping services, such as Garmin Connect™ at:

<http://connect.garmin.com/zumo/>

The top-of-the-line Zumo 550 is Bluetooth-ready and can connect to a Bluetooth-enabled headset to deliver navigation voice prompts wirelessly. The 550 also doubles as an XM satellite receiver and features text-to-speech technology for turn-by-turn directions with spoken street names.

The Garmin product discount, which also covers the company's extensive collection of maps, is just the latest in a long list of A.M.A. member benefits and savings. For more on the benefits of A.M.A. membership, see <http://www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com> and click on [Member Services].

Oops!



(Photo by Kirsten Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a
Team Oregon class.

(And A.B.A.T.E. pays part of the cost.)



<http://teamoregon.orst.edu/>

Behind The Scenes: Acknowledging Reports

Greetings,

Thank you for report or submission to the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. state newspaper.

The hardworking elves and pixies on the production staff were moved enough to take their feet off their desks, set down their cigars and brandy snifters, then applaud your efforts by blowing smoke rings laced with alcohol fumes that drifted together into a hazy globe that became even more impressive when it contacted a candle and went up in a massive fireball that required the combine efforts of several fire companies to smother.

Or perhaps that was a dream yer crusty ol' editor had last night. (Gotta cut down on those pickled rhubarb lattes before bed.)

Thank all the veterans and their families you meet today,

— Rot Path
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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

M.R.F.A.E. Organizational Efforts Complete



The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation for Awareness and Education, Inc.* would like to announce that it has received its official tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service. This qualifies us as a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization under the Internal Revenue Code. All donations made to *M.R.F.A.E.* are tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

M.R.F.A.E. will not be engaging in issue advocacy or lobbying of any kind. We will be providing several valuable services to the motorcyclists' rights movement however. A room in the Washington D.C. office of the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* will now be dedicated to legislative and historical research. It will be funded by *M.R.F.A.E.*

This room, commonly referred to as the "states' room", will be available to motorcyclists visiting Washington D.C. free of charge. The room has high speed internet access and contains a wealth of printed material on current affairs, in addition to rare information on the motorcyclists' rights movement, worldwide. The *M.R.F.*'s vice president of government affairs will also be available to brief visiting delegations of motorcyclists' rights organizations on the fundamentals of the procedures of the United States congress, as well as historical information on the District of Columbia.

M.R.F.A.E. will help sponsor educational workshops put on by

M.R.F. at the annual and regional conferences.

M.R.F.A.E. is proud to announce that its first donor is Michael Hupy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Hupy, a stalwart supporter of motorcyclists' rights, is a member of *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois*. He has donated the amount of \$5,000. Mike Hupy has provided encouragement and advice to this effort long before its inception. We offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to him.

Also lining up early to support this new organization was Ginger Magures from the state of Washington. Ginger has been a driving force for motorcyclists' rights in the Pacific northwest for decades. Her generous donation, made at this year's *Meeting of the Minds*, is most appreciated.

Others joined in with donations at the *Meeting of the Minds* in Denver, giving *M.R.F.A.E.* a running start.

Motorcyclists, and indeed the general public, are encouraged to donate to the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation for Awareness and Education*. If you are a motorcyclist and wish to see that future activists receive solid training in the rudiments of the rights movement, *M.R.F.A.E.* is the organization to donate to.

Or perhaps you are just a concerned individual who feels that more Americans should be educated as to the fact that our freedoms are

being eroded. A donation, large or small, will in some way contribute to an enlightened public.

M.R.F.A.E. is ready to go to work for you. With your support we can make a difference. Remember, all donations made to *M.R.F.A.E.* are tax-deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Please send your donation to:

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236 Massachusetts Ave NE #510
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Or contact Deborah Butitta
board of director chairman
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Feds Consider New Helmet Standards

Recently, it was reported by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* that the U.S. department of transportation is contemplating some new requirements for motorcycle helmet labels, as well as testing methods and tolerances. The federal government rulemaking process requires that the proposed new rule be made available to the public for a period of time to allow the general public offer comment.

The *M.R.F.* has submitted comments on the proposed changes to current standards and is encouraging you to do the same. Read the full *M.R.F.* comments on the internet by

visiting:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

and search for docket number NHTSA-2008-0157-0001 or by using this link:

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=NHTSA-2008-0157>

or

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M.R.F. -- Who We Are

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*, incorporated in 1987, is a membership based national motorcyclists' rights organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The *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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

A.I.M. Attorney First To Sue Myrtle Beach Over Anti-Biker Laws

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Tom McGrath filed the first lawsuit against the city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina challenging the constitutionality of two out of over a dozen new anti-biker ordinances passed to shut down motorcycle rallies.

The suit filed September 29 in Horry county's 15th judicial circuit on behalf of two Myrtle Beach residents and motorcyclists, William and Carol O'Day, challenges the city's new helmet regulation and noise ordinances. The suit questions whether it's within the city's "home rule" authority to supersede state law in both cases.

Both municipal ordinances, according to the lawsuit, are unconstitutional and in violation of South Carolina state law. "It's pretty simple," said Tom McGrath, whose *Motorcycle Law Group* based out of Richmond, Virginia, filed the suit. "It's really a question of whether it's constitutional. Does state law prevail?"

"Home rule doesn't allow a city to pass laws that are inconsistent with state law in areas where the state has already acted," he explained. "and South Carolina already has a helmet requirement for riders 21 and younger, and they already have a muffler statute in state law."

McGrath is a graduate of the *University of South Carolina* and is licensed in the state of South Carolina as well as Virginia and Tennessee. As an avid motorcyclist and motorcycle rights activist, Tom founded the *Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists* and provides legal counsel to *A.B.A.T.E. of Virginia*. "We go fight for the rights of people," he added, "that's what we do...that's the kind of firm we are."

Two additional lawsuits, both filed in federal court on behalf of local businesses, have since been filed

against Myrtle Beach in response to the city council's unanimous approval of fifteen new regulations aimed to crack down on a 70-year tradition of motorcycle rallies in the city, which include restricting vendor permits, imposing liability on promoters, limited bike parking, more restrictive loitering and public drinking laws, and other regulations designed to dissuade rally-goers.

Among other arguments, the federal lawsuits claim the ordinances are vague, interfere with people's first amendment rights, do irreparable harm to businesses, and interferes with interstate commerce.

Law enforcement began enforcing some of the new regulations at roadblocks set up recently during the fall "pilgrimage" bike rally, prompting many bikers to skirt the city in protest and spend their time and money at other nearby rally locations, such as Myrtle Beach *Harley-Davidson*, where a sign warned riders that city limits were 200 feet ahead.

Meanwhile, Myrtle Beach is lobbying other local municipalities and the county to enact similar ordinances.

"*A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina* abhors these types of totalitarian enactments that remove liberties and freedoms of individuals and eventually, will start eroding individual rights granted to us under our constitution," said the state motorcycle rights organization in a press release. "*A.B.A.T.E. of South Carolina* challenges the council on the grounds that the municipal power is exceeding the entity's corporate powers, acting as if it is above state law."

The *Carolina Harley-Davidson Dealers Association Spring Rally* has been a fixture in Myrtle Beach for 68 years, and is the oldest, continuous running motorcycle rally

in the country, but the city council decided to get rid of all bike rallies following complaints from residents, primarily during the *Atlantic Beach BikeFest* attended mostly by black urban sportbike riders, after efforts to police the event led to several discrimination lawsuits filed by the *N.A.A.C.P.*, which were eventually settled out of court.

D.O.T. Proposes New Federal Safety Rules To Bar Novelty Helmets

The best-selling motorcycle-helmet decals at a popular biker web site include fake bullet holes, skull and crossbones, the American flag — and \$1 stickers that say "D.O.T."

The latter has created a problem for U.S. highway safety regulators, because fake *Department of Transportation* stickers can be used to counterfeit safety certification of cheap novelty motorcycle helmets, which they claim are one cause of rising crash fatalities.

"We're proposing new safety rules to make it harder for vendors to sell unsafe novelty helmets or for riders to get away with wearing them," said transportation secretary Mary Peters, herself a *Harley* rider. "We are proposing to do that by requiring manufacturers to place a larger, tamper-proof *D.O.T.* label on the back of certified helmets that have been through a wider range of safety tests."

The current federal standard, implemented in 1974, requires a *D.O.T.* emblem on the rear of the helmet, indicating it passed certification tests. Manufacturer and model data are located on a label inside the helmet. The new proposal calls for a *D.O.T.*-symbol decal to be applied to the helmet beneath its clear coating, with the manufacturer's name and helmet model added above the symbol and the word "certified" below it.

The new rule also would refine the tests manufacturers do to certify their helmets to meet *D.O.T.* standards for impact, penetration, and retention.

Novelty helmets, which have thin

protective liners, failed all the federal performance tests, said Stephen Kratzke, associate administrator for rule making at the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*, but when police spot a helmet that doesn't look like the real thing, riders can claim they thought the *D.O.T.* sticker meant it was certified. Sellers of the labels say it stands for "Doing Our Thing".

"It makes it really hard to enforce helmet laws," said Kratzke. The goal of the new rule is "to make sure in helmet-law states it is easier for police to enforce the regulation."

N.H.T.S.A. estimates that 15% of the motorcycle riders in the 20 mandatory helmet law states wear "beanie" helmets that don't meet the current *F.M.V.S.S.-218* federal standard. "It's a political statement against the helmet requirements," said Eric Anderson, chairman of an industry helmet task force. "It's fashionable to be anti-helmet."

Regulators estimate it would cost manufacturers, who turn out 5.2 million certified helmets annually, only about 2 cents each or \$100,000 to comply with the new rule.

Motorcycle groups said the time and money would be better spent, and more lives saved, through rider education and motorist awareness programs. Public comments will be taken until December 1.

A.B.A.T.E. of New York To Picket Safety Conference

A.B.A.T.E. of New York announced their intention to picket the *New York Highway Safety Conference*, October 21st, in Syracuse, where the New York state police are presenting their motorcycle safety roadblock scenario to more than 350 professionals from local, state, federal, and private agencies "involved in the effort to reduce deaths and injuries related to traffic crashes."

A.B.A.T.E. of New York has obtained an all-day public assembly permit to conduct an informational picket/protest outside of the conference center to express their dissatisfaction with motorcycle-only





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roadblocks, as well as draw public attention to the irony of New York state's misdirection of designated motorcycle safety funds to those very same enforcement tactics being promoted at the conference.

With support from *A.B.A.T.E. of New York* and in cooperation with the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)*, *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorney Mitchell Proner recently put the New York state police and D.M.V. on notice that a class action suit will be filed in protest of the discriminatory road checks being conducted on state highways during events that draw thousands of motorcyclists.

"Since motorcycles operated in New York are already required to pass annual safety inspections, the current N.Y.S.P. initiative serves only to harass, intimidate, and inconvenience motorcyclists, and is an abuse of discretionary power as specifically acknowledged by the New York state court of appeals," said *A.B.A.T.E.* in a statement.

Wyoming Bikers Fend Off Noise Ordinance

A proposed noise ordinance is on the "back burner" after scores of motorcyclists flooded the Casper city council chambers. The council voted unanimously and to a raucous applause to table the proposed change to a noise ordinance, which means it will not be discussed again unless a council member brings it back.

The proposed change read: "No person shall operate any motor vehicle in the city in such a manner that the public's attention is drawn to the noise created by the motor vehicle."

One biker after another spoke before the council to testify about how "loud pipes save lives." Loud exhaust keeps drivers aware of bikers and prevent crashes, said Jim Siri, a member of *Wyoming Central A.B.A.T.E.*, a motorcycle advocacy group. "Many things distract drivers, and if they aren't paying attention they won't always see motorcyclists, but they may still hear them," he told the *Jackson Hole Star-Tribune*.

Abuse of a motorcycle on city

streets is unacceptable, but motorcyclists also don't want to be unfairly targeted, said Russ Reddick, vice-president of *Wyoming State A.B.A.T.E.* and co-director of the *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* in region three. He told the newspaper that he wants to educate riders on how to ride respectfully and also educate drivers on how to be more aware of motorcyclists.

Motorcyclists and the council plan to work together to help solve "irresponsible riding" through residential neighborhoods, both groups agreed.

A.B.A.T.E. Of California Joins N.C.O.M.

The *National Coalition of Motorcyclists (N.C.O.M.)* proudly welcomes *A.B.A.T.E. of California* as the newest *N.C.O.M.* member group, joining in unity with over 2,000 rider groups, clubs, and associations, including motorcycle rights organizations from 38 states and over 50 *Confederations of Clubs* from 35 states. *N.C.O.M.* is a nationwide umbrella organization that provides legislative assistance, information network and legal resources, and also reaches out to the christian motorcycling community, women riders, sport bikers, clean and sober groups, and minority motorcyclists, helping to form coalitions and foster cooperation between all segments of motorcycle riders.

Following is an open letter received October 1, 2008 from Tim Tennimon, executive director of *A.B.A.T.E. Of California, Inc.*, with a request to forward it on:

A.B.A.T.E. of California Inc., is resolute in our commitment to move forward and stand strong in the motorcycle rights movement. With mounting pressure from state and federal agencies we are facing motorcycle smog laws, low noise ordinances, a motorcycle safety summit that is working in conjunction with the C.H.P. and N.H.T.S.A. to impose more restrictions on riding your motorcycle, helmet laws and cities that want to limit gatherings

by motorcyclists.

In order to strengthen our position we are committed to working with all M.R.O.'s including N.C.O.M., M.R.F., A.M.A., M.M.A., and any state motorcycle rights organizations that strengthens our lobby on legislative issues and on motorcycle safety.

Our united front with these other M.R.O.s make us better prepared to attack issues on a broader scope by having access to legal assistance, promoting the sharing of information among the S.M.R.O.s and different groups, supporting and increasing political and legal effectiveness through free assistance with legislative strategy, safety projects, public awareness, information updates and assistance in both the legislative and judicial arenas.

We are proud of our alliance with these organizations and look forward to the success that this collective effort is sure to bring.

WEIRD NEWS

N.B.A. Player Suspended Over Moped Crash

The *Golden State Warriors* suspended 22-year old guard Monta Ellis for thirty games without pay for violating his contract after he seriously injured his ankle in a moped crash and then compounded his mistake by lying about spraining his ankle playing pickup ball.

The high-scoring high-paid guard probably never imagined that trouble would cost him about \$3 million. There's no doubt Ellis violated paragraph 12 of the *N.B.A.*'s uniform player contract, which prohibits a player from engaging "in any activity that a reasonable person would recognize as involving or exposing the participant to a substantial risk of bodily injury," including "driving or riding a motorcycle or moped."

Ellis, who agreed to a six-year deal worth \$66 million in July, underwent surgery to repair a torn ligament and is unlikely to be healthy enough to return before mid-December anyway, but the suspension means the guard won't be paid during his absence.

He was the second-leading scorer for the *N.B.A.*'s highest-scoring team

last season, averaging 20.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.4 assists.

Quotable Quote

"People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote — a very different thing."

-- Walter H. Judd
(1898-1994)
politician,
1981 presidential
medal of freedom

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Rough Time Ridin'?



(Photo by Kristen Lewis)

Maybe it's time for a Team Oregon class.

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

Planning Session Minutes — October 17-19, 2008



V.F.W. Hall – Cottage Grove, Oregon



Planning session called to order at 9:20 a.m. on the 18th of October, 2008, by Matt Price, state coordinator of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*.

Held the pledge of allegiance.

Matt Price thanked everyone for showing up. Noted that the attendance was rather sparse (only twenty-two people signed in, some had to leave early) today which means that we will just have to work harder. Today is a turnaround from where we are going. We need to draw the legislators whom are not biker friendly into being a part of the activities. We are a fraternal organization for rider safety and freedom of the road.

We have had problems with membership because of the problems. We have had some fun but we need to do more. We can do “meet and greet” on *Motorcycle Awareness Rally Day* and we need to make so much noise that the media gets involved.

Joe spoke about Milika Johnson (a media person) and how he gave her a ride on his bike. She also as worked with him about reporting on *A.B.A.T.E.* stuff. We need to be better organized if we want the word to get out.

Matt stated that we need to cultivate people and help get the media on our side. We need to make ourselves more approachable to the press

Nic announced the breakout groups, which would now begin their discussions and recommendations.

Noon – Lunch time.

1 p.m. – Back to the groups.

5 p.m. – Adjourned for the day.

October 19, 2008

Reconvened planning session at 9:20 a.m.

Matt Price stated that it is up to us to get it all done today, if possible. It was noted that there might only be six chapters represented which would prevent any ratification of the work

done as there are seven chapters needed for a quorum. Each chapter was announced and if someone was there from that chapter it was noted for the count. It turned out that there were seven chapters represented which constituted a quorum.

A lengthy discussion of the work being done and progress was initiated. The discussion also included points that need the organization’s attention.

Nic and Brian spoke on the manual breakout group and they pointed out that there are two parts to what we are doing. We need the board of directors to approve of what we are doing to make it work. The discussion included how the organization works and how we need to move and work towards the future. The idea of brotherhood and what it means to all and how to make this concept really work as the cornerstone of the organization.

Joe spoke on the **Oregon Riders Forum.com** on yahoo and how it has many different folders for discussions on different topics of interest. This is a new forum and it can be expanded for future use by the state, chapters, and membership in general as well as the general riding public. Certain areas would be locked to people that have no need to those areas, such as an area designated for a chapter’s use would not be available to the general public.

There was a discussion on how to get the word out to the members and how do we get people to work with the organization. The membership changes from day to day and this is due to many reasons. The membership needs to be updated on a regular basis.

The issue of *Team Oregon* was discussed about their seeming lack of cooperation when approached by Joe. He was very angry about that as we have been their number one supporter and have donated many thousands of dollars to them as well as provided a dedicated fund through license registrations just for their use. Ways to get new members from the graduating classes was discussed and this matter will be researched further

for future use.

Brian Stovall passed out an organizational review for Oregon. We need to work on the brotherhood issue and be supporting of each other. Suggestion to visit other chapters and get to know the people and see how they do things would be a good start. Maybe we could make it some kind of fun run or something. We should go as members working together and not just an officer. Chapters could visit members who don’t show up to meetings and make them feel that they are a part of the organization and foster better relations between the members, chapters, and the state board of this organization.

10:50 – Returned to breakout groups for finalization of work being done.

Noon – Concluded breakout groups and adjourned the planning session for 2008. State board meeting to take place in a few minutes.

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Breakout Group Reports

Further reports of breakout groups included only two of the four groups at the time of this report being typed. Still needed are the *Fossil* discussion and public relations groups. It is possible that the public relations group was included with the education report to follow. This is due to Patricia Carner, head of the education group had to leave early and Debra Lutje took over for her.

Organizational Manual Group

(Headed by Nic Oliver and Brian Stovall.)

Reported that we want to return to two documents only. Not the mess that we now have. It was noted that we have fallen into the same trap that the government is in. Too many rules that overlap and are rewritten without research. Too many redundancies that need to be removed.

The two documents needed are:

1. Short, essential bylaws.
2. All the rest of what we need to operate the organization be presented in one document/manual in outline form and indexed for ease of use. We want to build into all the job

descriptions an introduction of the primary responsibilities of the members and officers to help and support the organization functionally, financially, and morally.

One definition of brotherhood: “The state of being a brother; an association of people of the same order; the mutual regard resulting from this association.”

Education Group

(Headed by Patricia Carner)

Motorcycle Awareness Rally – May 2, 2009.

Speaker agenda: Follow mission statement, get legislators committed to speaking before rally.

- Each chapter do coffee at a rest stop the weekend before the May rally
- Half page flyers to chapters, everywhere.

• Press release to the media – Debra Lutje.

• Postcards to non-member list. (Swap meet, *Fossil* attendees.)

• Each chapter needs to nominate people for “honorary member” designation for outstanding work for the organization. Presentation of an award to take place at the rally.

• *Black Thursday Biker Days*: Times when we turn the capital black with leather.

• Outreach to chapters for biker days

• Proposed budget turned in to committee.

• *Team Oregon* (Bob – outreach contact)

Letter campaign to registered owners who are unendorsed created a lot of problems and chaos. They would like to redo this campaign but they want our support. Maybe an *I.R.T.* program.

Public relations joint press release could be done between *Team Oregon* and *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* encouraging people to become endorsed. Advertise in our newspaper.



N.C.O.M. Conference Report

25 October 2008 – Sacramento, California

Harley Warranty Hosed

Let's start out with a discussion and handouts by the *American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education of California*.

If you are riding your *Harley* and need to fill up at a single-pump gas station, it is a huge problem and can make your *Harley* warranty invalid. If you pull into the gas station and the car before you has filled up with low octane gas, the hose will still have some residual fuel. The pump is equipped with a single hose that dispenses all three octane grades of fuel. The first bit of gas coming from the pump will still contain from one quart to one gallon of the previously pumped gas. If the previous vehicle was a car and selected 87 octane, then the leftover fuel is deposited in the motorcycle's tank. The manufacturer's warranty for Harley requires that premium 91 octane fuel be the only gas used and this lower premium gas could lead to possible mechanical issues and the warranty becoming invalid.

Please join the brotherhood in fighting for separate hoses for different grades of gasoline.

If there are questions, please contact: gillabate@yahoo.com

[crusty ol' editor's note: One of the idiosyncrasies of gasoline chemistry is that if two different grades of fuel are blended together, the resulting octane rating will be higher than either of the grades used. Air-cooled VW owners (whose engines share many of the same operating characteristics as V-twin engines) used that fact to their advantage when leaded fuels were being phased out, much to the chagrin of gas station operators.]

Mongols R.I.C.O. Act (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization)

Currently the federal government has been trying to use the *R.I.C.O.* statute to seize the *Mongol* trademark, which includes the patch and anything with the word "*Mongol*" printed on it. The government will then own and make money off the trademark. At the moment there is a government restraining order that forbids anyone from using the *Mongol* patch. The government has seized homes, cars, motorcycles, and bank accounts as well as any profits from book sales, posters, or other items.

The federal government has stated that the *Mongol* patch has value and is considered an asset and has filed a current application to seize the trademark.

While at the meeting, a vote was taken to move \$56,000 from the *Patriot Fund* to a fund called the *Trademark Fund*. This fund will be used to hire an attorney who is an expert in this field. Richard Lester and other attorneys have urged all clubs to copyright their patches so the government cannot take these sorts of actions.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Sputnik gave a big thumbs up to *Team Oregon* and said it was one of the best motorcycle training courses in the United States.

- The road block bill is being used by the government to stop motorcycles. While the bike is stopped, the police are checking for valid driver's licenses and loud pipes. Road blocks are now being called "check points."



— Pat Williams

- There was a report from Australia about recent changes in regulations being used against motorcycle riders. There are stationary sound cameras along the road that measure exhaust and stereo noise levels. The camera automatically takes a photo which is then used to issue a ticket and a fine. This system will eventually be exported and used here in the United States.

- In Texas, five to six thousand motorcyclists showed up for biker days at the capitol and met with legislators. They were recognized on both the house and senate floors.

- Marty Fox (Washington state *A.I.M.* attorney) spoke briefly about insurance and recommended a minimum of one hundred-thousand dollars of under/uninsured coverage. He said that people should carry more, if possible.

A lot of insurance coverage on club runs cover only spectators and not participants. He recommended that clubs check around for insurance that will cover riders and participants.

- The *Texas Defenders* are now called the *Confederation of Clubs U.S. Defenders*.

Each club will either elect, appoint, or otherwise designate two of its members to act as a representative. (One primary, one alternate.) The representatives will be known as "defenders" and wear a state-owned *C.o.C.* "defenders patch".

They will be required to attend regional *C.o.C.* meetings and events as well as act as a liaison between the defenders program and their club.

In the event of a "call to action", the defenders will be called in to be briefed and trained on the action needed and to take the information back to their respective clubs. The clubs will then be trained and able to participate in the action needed by writing letters and making phone calls to state or local government officials.

This is a grass roots effort. The most valuable asset is members of clubs, their friends and families.

The call to action is a notification about a specific political campaign that has been identified as falling within the criteria of the defender's parent organization.

For example:

1. A motorcycle rights organization or other such group notified the state *C.o.C.* that it desires a call to action campaign and it is requesting the support of the *U.S. Defenders*.

2. The state *C.o.C.* will initiate a review board to research the call to action to ensure that the campaign falls within the *C.o.C.*'s criteria.

3. If the review board approves the call to action, it will present the campaign to the state chairperson for authorization to activate the state's *U.S. Defenders*.

4. If the campaign is sanctioned, the state's defender field commander will call in all *U.S. Defender* units for a briefing concerning the call to action program and the necessary training to carry out the action.

5. The unit commander will call in all their defenders and provide them with training, then they will return to their clubs and groups. They will share the training and implement the call to action, making sure to include documentation of all letters and phone calls about the issue.

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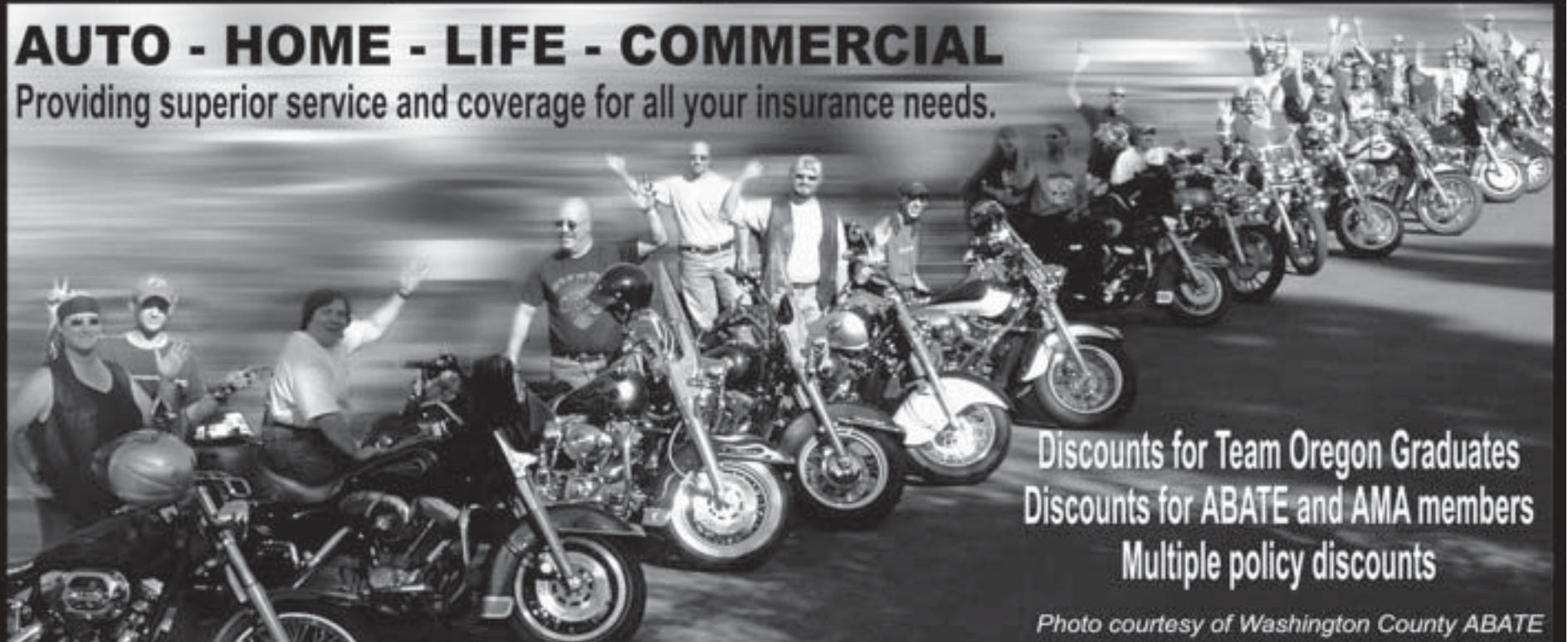
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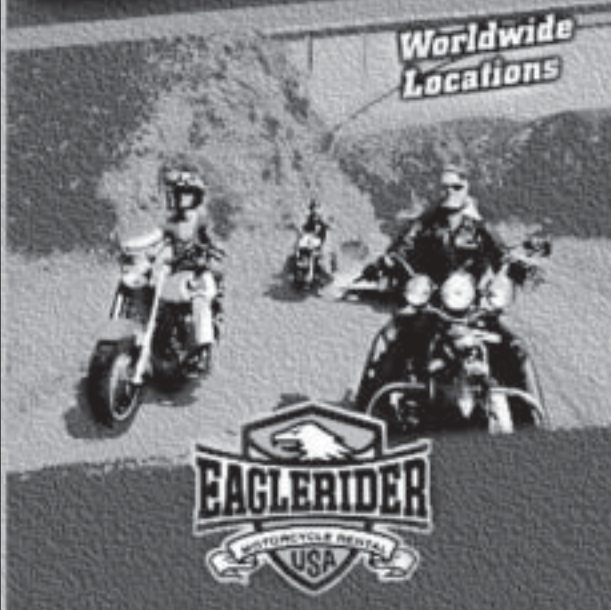
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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership Application

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

Name: _____
 Name: _____
 Name: _____

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

Total number of members: _____
 Amount enclosed: \$ _____
 Date paid: _____

Congressional District: _____
 Senator: _____
 Representative: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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Comments:

December 2008 (yule) A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Meetings and Events

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2008 / 2009 RUN LISTINGS

(boldface indicates state-sanctioned
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Date:	Event-Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
06 Dec 2008	Shriners' Toy Run – PDX chapters	Portland	(503)–771–0188
13 Dec 2008	Toy Run – North Coast	Seaside	(503)–325–3566
13 Dec 2008	Black & Gold Xmas Party		
14 Dec 2008	Toy Run – Salem Chapter	Salem	(503)–678–6302
17 Jan 2009	Cabin Fever–Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)–839–9295
Feb 2009	S.T.E.A.M.		
14 Feb 2009	Sweetheart Dance–Twin Rivers	Portland	(503)–839–9295
02 May 2009	May Awareness Rally – Oregon ABATE	Salem	

NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 13 December 2008 at noon
Eagles' Lodge – Albany, Oregon
Run committee meeting at 1100

Santa's elves have been very busy,
The whole north pole's in a big tizzy,
Since the huge gas price hikes,
Everyone now wants bikes,
Testing them on snow makes elves dizzy.
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2 nd Sunday	1400 (2 ^{pm})	Black Horse Saloon; Bend	(541)–389–2167
Douglas County (DC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)–672–5966
Hub City (HC)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802
Josephine County (JoCo)	3 rd Wednesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)–471–6049
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586
Lower Columbia	3 rd Saturday	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Big Guy's Restaurant/ Lounge; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059
North Coast (NC)	4 th Sunday	1000 (10 ^{am})	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376
River City (RC)	1 st & 3 rd Tues	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Roadstop Restaurant; 2nd Street, The Dalles	(541)–296–8083
Salem	4 th Tuesday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1 st & 3 rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)–666–8806
Twin Rivers (TR)	2 nd & 4 th Sun	1300 (1 ^{pm})	Keaton Club; 2025 N. Kilpatrick.; Portland	(503)–960–5421
Washington County (WaCo)	2 nd & 4 th Mon	1930 (7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)–643–4725
Willamette Valley (WV)	3 rd Thursday	1900 (7 ^{pm})	Sizzler's Steak House; 1010 Postal Way; Springfield	(541)–688–4268