



DECEMBER 2009

New Chapters Forming In Southwest Oregon

A Holiday Gift To A.B.A.T.E.

it was six months old in California. That would be a long time.

I've gone and done it — I took a position with state A.B.A.T.E., so I have a lot of work to do now.

My promise to you is that as the new southern Oregon vice coordinator is that I will do my best to reach out and build A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon's membership up and bring more new chapters in. My job doesn't start until January 1, 2010, but I'm not waiting to start building up our membership.

I'm not a guy who knows everything, but I can tell you we can be a more powerful group if we have more members and more people getting involved. I've said for a long time that I think that A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon can be a better organization if

>>> MISSION STATEMENT << <

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

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I've been a member of A.B.A.T.E. since everybody gets out and talks to people. I'm starting the ball rolling.

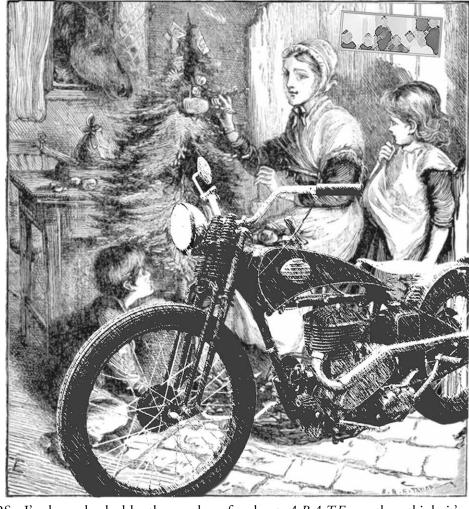
> I have been talking to people in Jackson county, Oregon. After meeting with several bikers from the area (most of them I've known for years and some are from the old Jackson County Chapter), we got several people to join A.B.A.T.E. again. They nominated officers, then voted on them. So now we have seven officers and members, enough to now have a Jackson County A.B.A.T.E. Chapter again. By the time you get this newspaper, they will be chartered.

I'll be working on Klamath Falls, Brookings, Gold Beach, and Coos Bay to start new chapters back up soon.

I'd like every A.B.A.T.E. member to get out everywhere in our state and get new members in our organization.

If we can be bigger and better, then our politicians might listen to us more.

-- "Spanky" Allen



P.S. I've been shocked by the number of about A.B.A.T.E. or they think it's for riders I've met who don't know anything Harley riders only.

Pat Williams "In Memory" Patches Now Available



Pat Williams quilting herself warm during the 2008 A.B.A.T.E. planning session in Cottage Grove. We sure do miss her.

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These four inch wide patches with tourquois lettering (her favorite colour) are available from the state A.B.A.T.E. products director for

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

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

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

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

Then, [in the 1998] session, motorcyclists united to put together a pro-active agenda for

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through

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

Promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action.

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 (based on information supplied by Brian Stovall-River City Chapter) motorcyclists.

BikePAC works within the political

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.

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In contact with; opposite to; in opposition to; in preparation for; in exchange.

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.

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Central Oregon

Hello Central Oregon,

Well damn, the winter weather is here.

We had a good run for awhile. (Some of us are still out there.)

Just wanted to say again to thank you all for a great *Teddy Bear Run*. What a great time.

Okay, now it's time to say what's going on in central Oregon.

First, the *Motorcyclists of Central Oregon* is having their toy run on the 12th of December starting at *Cascade Harley–Davidson* in Bend. All proceeds to go to the *Elks* to be handed out to all the families in the area. Hopefully the weather will be good for us like it was last year.

We will be having our x-mas party on the 19th of December. Will let everybody know more information at our next meeting in December. (We need to be there to find out where.) This should be a lot of fun this year. Party on!

Animal coordinator *Central Oregon Chapter*



CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd Sunday at 1400 (2:00pm) Northside Bar & Grill 62860 Boyd Acres road Bend, Oregon

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Douglas County**

Greetings from Douglas County,

Well, another year is almost in the books. And we have had quite a successful year.

We are in the process of elections of officers. While it may seem like a "down time", we need to keep the momentum going to be ready for 2010. (Wow! That sounds pretty strange to the ear.)

I would want to encourage everyone in their chapters to be recruiting new members and remaining active in supporting *A.B.A. T.E.* and the work we do.

Having just passed Thanksgiving, and looking toward Christmas, it occurs to me that we have much to be thankful for, and a time to share our blessings with others. Toy runs abound, shelters are looking for much needed items for adults and children. And let's not forget our neighbors and honored veterans.

In the spirit of the season, it would be good for those of us who can, to do with a little less and help those who need it.

Also, many among us are facing



great challenges in our own lives. Health issues, cancer, finances, children who are struggling, relationships... The list goes on.

Now is the time for us to take care of each other, because we are "family."

Opportunities abound. Help around the house: fire wood, food, just being there for someone.

We've all heard it said, "To the world you might be someone; but to someone you might be the world." Take it seriously to your heart. And certainly added to the list, much needed prayer.

From our house to yours,

May God richly bless you and yours this Christmas and into the New Year.

Becky Garino
Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thurday at 1900 (7 pm) Willie D's

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Hub City

Even though the weather has hundreds of area motorcyclists turned, *Hub City* has had a busy gathered on a cool and damp schedule of late.

morning to honor the nation's armed

In late October we conducted our annual bike show and public awareness weekend at the Heritage Mall in Albany. With over 40 bikes on display again this year and tremendous chapter member participation, we once again brought our presence and our mission to the public. The event was profitable due to sales of framed pictures on a member's motorcycle. (Thanks, Carolyn.) We had many members "duty" throughout weekend at the mall. Thanks very much for volunteering your bikes and your time. In particular we want to recognize our public relations officer, Kathy (and family), our run coordinator, Ray, along with Richard and Sara Androes who were there the entire time both days in order to facilitate critical functions of the event.

Our latest ride was in the Albany Veterans' Day parade in which hundreds of area motorcyclists gathered on a cool and damp morning to honor the nation's armed services, past and present. Major thanks to all members who were able to take the time off from work in the middle of the week to participate.

Officer nominations were held at the last meeting and by the time you read this, those positions will be filled for 2010. I am extremely grateful and proud to report that every officer position has had at least one candidate volunteer for next year and this is a testament to the dedication of our membership at *Hub City*.

A plea now goes out to all chapter members to please partake in the *A.M.O.* toy run on December 6th starting at the *K-Mart* parking lot in Albany. We have usually won the award for highest group participation at this annual charity ride for children in past years, and we want to keep the tradition going! Rain or shine, we need you there at this final and worthy ride of 2009.



Our next chapter event will be a biker night to keep the awareness going, even in the winter months, and to hopefully raise a few bucks as well. This event will be January 23rd at the *Front Street Bar and Grill* in Albany starting at 6 p.m. There will be door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and dinner on site.

All the best this holiday season to our *A.B.A.T.E.* family throughout the state.

HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm) Ciddici's Pizza 133 Fifth Street

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Josephine County



I know how everyone feels — I can't believe Christmas is "right around the corner" either.

The October planning session was my first. It was very informative and fun to get to know other *A.B.A.T.E.* members from around the state. Thanks for making me feel welcome.

We are proud to announce that *Josephine County Chapter* will have two members on the state board of directors this coming year. Pat "Spanky" Allen has been elected vice coordinator—south and *Confederation of Clubs* representative. Mike Flaherty has accepted the position of sgt-at-arms—south.

These are supposed to be the slow months.

Anyone who knows Spanky knows that he is like the *Energize*r bunny — he keeps going and going . . .

After a couple years of talking about reorganizing a *Jackson County Chapter* of *A.B.A.T.E.*, he has been able to finally pull it off. Last Friday a group of interested enthusiasts got together and discussed starting up a new chapter. Looks like they now have the required number of members. They have elected officers and they will be attending the November board of directors meeting to petition the state to recognize their newly organized group as a new chapter for *A.B.A.T.E.*

Good luck, Jackson County. And

(for many of you) welcome back.

For anyone interested, we still have toy run t-shirts for sale. Short-sleeved shirts are \$12 and long-sleeved shirts are \$20. Shirts are black. Picture of Santa in bright red, green, and white riding a motorcycle and wearing shades is on the front. Sponsors are on the back. It's a good looking shirt. Anyone interested, I can e-mail you a picture. Proceeds from sale of the shirts will go into the toy run fund for next year.

Third Wednesday of December will be our christmas potluck at the Fruitdale grange. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and come a little early so we can start eating at 6:30.

At the November meeting we had nominations and elections will be at the December meeting. We have several offices currently open and would like every member to consider being an officer. It's not that hard and we are all here to help each other. It would be great to get some new blood on the board and



give some of these old bones a little rest. (Speaking of myself of course.)

The chapter board is already working on the calendar for next year so we can get our events posted early and not have any conflicts.

See you down the road,

Karen Tolle

JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

Wednesdays at 1830

(6:30 pm) Fruitdale Grange

1440 Parkdale Drive Grants Pass

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Hello everyone,

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lincoln County

The year 2009 is becoming a thing of the past. So many things have happened this past year.

With Christmas well on it's way, I'm so excited. Mom is flying down from Alaska to spend the holidays with us. Along with the family activities, she'll also get to help us shop, wrap, and deliver gifts to families our chapter adopts for our toy run.

Well I guess it's goodbye for now. We'll see if I get re-elected for secretary in 2010.

Please have a merry christmas, a happy new year, and as always . . .

Ride safe,

Shirley



LINCOLN COUNTY MEET → ING 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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Hey from *LoCo*.

I think the monsoons have arrived. I see lots more leaves and a lot less bikes on the road within this last month.

I can't say enough about riding safely here on Highway 30. There is plenty of traffic on this road all the time and plenty of casualties as well.

We've been getting busy with the holiday season fast approaching. Our second annual food and toy drive come with it and our crab dinner soon after that.

We have just gotten our new officers elected along with some new direction for our officers.

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lower Columbia



Thanks to Kay Sipple for coming to our executive board meeting. Kay brought us a *Quicken* program and some good input to go along with it.

Our state representative, Dewayne, presented a report on the state planning session. It looks to me like you guys put a lot of work into cleaning up the by-laws. I like the ideas you came up with to include any legislature and active house bills that concern us, as well as listing all of our representatives.

That's all for now,

Dave Bridges

LOWER COLUMBIA MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st Sundays at 1900 (7 pm) Colvin's Pub & Grill 123 N. Nehalem Clatskanie, Oregon

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

Hello from the North Coast,

November was not a very productive month for the *North Coast Chapter*. We still have not met our obligation as a chapter to have the officers in place as required by the state by-laws. I hope January will bring the good news that we are a viable chapter.

Our annual *Spaghetti Dinnerl Auction* (our biggest fund raiser) was canceled due to the inability to put together a team to pull this event off. I know there will be a lot of disappointed people and more disappointed children come Christmas and for this I'm very sorry.

We are going to try to make-up some of our losses with our 21st Annual Toy Run which has been moved up to December 5th. We are going to add an auction to the activities. Some of the items we already received for the Spaghetti Dinner/Auction will be auctioned. The toy run is our last effort of the year to raise funds for our charity the wishing tree.

I'm hoping the coming new year will bring a end to this trend and January will bring good news.

Merry christmas and happy new year from the *North Coast*,

Rick



NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

Children are welcome *POINT of CONTACT*

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

November 03, 2009

Our long time meeting place closed suddenly and we had to scramble. We met in the basement meeting room of a local apartment building (restored historical building) and brought our own food. It was a late and long meeting with 14 people and a lot to cover what with the two state board of directors' meetings and the annual planning session as well as our own meeting place issue.

October 20, 2009

Larry and Rick will work out the new meeting spot tomorrow and I will send a notice before the next meeting.

We ran late and so did not have drawings tonight.

We will soon be meeting in a new spot and hope some of you will visit our meetings.

First of all, I would like to thank Pat very much for calling the membership to let them know about this meeting.

It was a boisterous meeting, as usual, with excellent food and drink.

Thanks to Larry, who arranged the place, and the owner, Jorge, our charter and logo were brought from the old site to this one. We had a long discussion about the proposed bylaws and guidelines. Brian is directed to pursue an alternative presentation as soon as possible.

Richard discussed several ideas for new events, including more meetings in other settings, another poker run, and seasonal candy sales. More later.



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

No membership drawing was held. Judy won the bike on the agenda contest, correctly identifying the 1956 N.S.U. Prima scooter.

It looks like our meetings will be moving around for a while. The next one, November 17, will be at Bob's *Texas T-Bone* in Rufus.

-- Brian

Upcoming Meetings

December 01, 2009 December 15, 2009

RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm) (to be announced) -- The Dalles

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-- Brian

Biker Nite held in Aumsville was a successful event in spite of the torrential downpour. Thank you all for your support, especially Sheryl and Mersha.

Matt Price, Fish, and myself attended the *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* meeting in October. This is the time that a breakdown of motorcycle fatalities in the state is given. (If you ever go to *G.A.C.M.S.*, go to the annual October meeting.)

51 fatals so far for 2009, up from the 43 of last year but below the 79 in 1986. Multnomah/Clackamas counties had 21 fatals (41%).

Six were not wearing a helmet. (This needs to be further looked into to see who is now considered in the same class. Maybe the O.S.P. or other L.E.O. are considering non-compliant helmets as no helmet at all.)

Seven were female and two of those were passengers.

Twelve were not properly licensed (23%).

Eighteen confirmed positive B.A.C. (One was 0.29, another 0.34.)

A further breakdown was given, however O.D.O.T. considers it confidential information and does not allow it to leave the room. It is color-coded and goes into some detail. So

A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Salem



I took notes, but cannot assume total accuracy:

29 single vehicle

10 motorcycle versus auto

6 auto versus motorcycle

3 other

one animal versus motorcycle

I know I missed something, but the 29 single vehicle is the concern as I see it.

We are the ones killing ourselves. No car to blame, no one to blame except for the operator.

296 total traffic fatals to date this year. 296 - 51= 245 auto, peds, bicycle, etc. You do the math, but it sure doesn't look good.

Watch out for the big brother band aid, for surely it is on its way.

A group of us attended the *N.C.O.M.* convention in Portland held at the same time as the *A.B.A.T.E.* planning session in Cottage Grove. (We will ask Sam Hochberg to arrange the dates in the future so there is no more conflict of dates as these are both important to the cause.)

The place was packed with people from all over the west coast. (Region 1)

Very informative on many different evels.

So if you missed either of these events, you really missed out.

With respect,

Quiet *G.J.M.C.*

SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE

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

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Hello to all you good people,

I hope this finds you all warm and dry.

As I type this it is raining so hard that I can't see past my front steps. The winds have filled the streets with the beautiful colors of fall and our infamous road hazards in Oregon. (Wet leaves!) Be safe, you all.

It is hard to write of things that have not happened this time of year but I hope that you all had a very nice Thanksgiving with friends and family. We all should be thankful we live where we do and also mindful of the fact that we are not safe here at home. My prayers and thoughts go out to the families of the soldiers killed and wounded here on our own soil in Texas this past week. God bless you all.

Here we are in December and our 30th Annual A.B.A. T.E. Shriners Toy Run is upon us. I hope you all plan on attending. Last year's turnout was amazing. Hopefully this year's will be also.

As I have noted in past reports, the equipment delivery for the kids

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will be a 2 p.m. at the hospital on the day of the toy run.

Hope to see you all there so you can sense what joy all those raffle tickets you bought for the beautiful blue fat boy go toward.

Merry Christmas!

Love and respect,

Mammy Tami

30th Annual Toy Run

benefit for the

Shriners' Hospital for Children

A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Southeast Portland and Twin Rivers chapters



Drawing at noon for a new Harley Saturday, December 5th

meet at 10 a.m. — ride leaves at 12:30 p.m. Tri-Met 4012 S.E. 17th Portland, Oregon

Bring an unwrapped toy and \$10 for a raffle ticket to win an Harley

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

At our meeting on November 8th we only had ten members present.

There were a few business items discussed.

No membership drawing was held due to the absence of our chapter membership officer.

That's it.

Have a good holiday season,

Tom Brewer *Twin Rivers*



30th Annual Toy Run a benefit for the Shriners' Hospital for Children by A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Southeast Portland and Twin Rivers chapters Drawing at noon for a new Harley Saturday, December 5th meet at 10 a.m. — ride leaves at 12:30 p.m. Tri-Met 4012 S.E. 17th Portland, Oregon Bring an unwrapped toy and \$10 for a raffle ticket to win an Harley Net proceeds from nelle are used to perhane equipment for kids at the hospital. Information: Edd-(501)-715-0188, Globas-(501)-916-9122, Mile-(501)-555-5415; Shap-(501)-605-3460 Santinestry, 8.3 R.E. of Verya. Inc. Incommission members and the state of the state

TWIN RIVERS MEETING TIME and PLACE

2nd and 4th Sunday at 1200 (noon)

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A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Washington County

Happy holidays from Washington County!

December is a busy month for us with elections being held at our December 14 meeting. We hope to see all you *WaCo* members there to vote. Traditionally, the chapter has been able to sponsor dinner for our members at this meeting. With our current economic status, dinner will be on your own this year. But the membership drawing will take place as always, and we'll keep drawing until a winner is present to accept the prize.

Our toy run went very well and we were able to deliver a truckload of toys and a hefty donation to *Hillsboro Toy and Joy*.

Special thanks to *Paradise Harley–Davidson*, the Hillsboro fire department, the Hillsboro Police, and the Hillsboro *Elks* for helping us make this event a huge success.

And thanks to *Twin Rivers Chapter* for a great party on the 21st as well!

In this season of giving and gratitude, we'd like to thank our members for their community service throughout the year. *WaCo* members have maintained our adopted stretch of Roy Rogers Road, collected hundreds of pounds of food for the Washington county food bank, and volunteered hours with the Hillsboro *Elks* christmas basket program.

The gift of your time is priceless and you make us proud.

As always, get the latest happenings (and photos of our recent events) on our web site at:

http://www.wacoabate.info

Wishing you holidays filled with family, friends, and abundant blessings,

Margo Virchow





WASHINGTON COUNTY MEET-ING TIMES and PLACE

 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Mondays at 1930 (7:30pm)

Prime Time Restaurant 4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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

This is it, folks.

The year has come and gone and it's time to start planning for the year to come.

For Willamette Valley, that is a little hazy right now. There have been a lot of good years riding many miles with some great people, and it's a hope that we can keep it going.

Some new ideas and a sense promise came out of the planning session last month. I think people are getting clearer about what they want for *A.B.A.T.E.* and what they expect it to do for them. But most important is the need to regain the "brotherhood" right here in the valley.

The Christmas meeting this year is a special event. Jeff was able to negotiate a good rental fee and find a caterer who charges a reasonable rate for the meal. The price is the best it's ever been for this event and we expect a huge turnout. That will be good for a reunion of sorts, a chance to meet up with old friends and share the season's good cheer. Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift of less than \$10 for the secret gift

exchange.

It should be another great celebration. It is also an opportunity for the membership to select the few volunteers who will step up and take the reins of the chapter in the year to come. All positions are available and be advised. *Willamette Valley* needs you!

Bob Lowell has also, in spite of his recent illness, been putting together our annual Thanksgiving meal and a Christmas gift donation for a couple of families in the area. I'm assuming it will all go off successfully as usual. It's important to be thinking of those less fortunate at this often stressful and difficult time of year. I'd like to thank Bob for his efforts to make a difference on our behalf for all these past years. Our chapter has always had a giving attitude toward the community, and this reflects well on us as bikers as well.

It's also time to be getting familiar with the issues important to you as individuals and as members of the riding community. Get to know the folks who will represent you (or not) on these issues and start building



some connections.

Most legislators are meeting in interim committees this coming year to discuss probable issues for the next full session in 2011. It is valuable to inject your comments and suggestions now so your representatives will have a heads up about what concerns you and have enough time to mull it over with fellow legislators before tackling them head-on later.

One last comment: check out Rod's *Willamette Valley Chapter* web site. There are lots of links, comments, and updates that will interest you. He's done a fantastic job on this and it has become a great information source, for not only our chapter but the community at large.

Have a comfortable winter and ride safe,

Michael

<u>WILAMETTE VALLEY</u> MEETING TIME and PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.) Far Man Resaurant and Bar 3111 Gateway; Springfield *POINTS of CONTACT*

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Our Officers at Work

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

14 November 2009 - Eagles Lodge; Albany, Oregon

Meeting was called to order by Jordan Kelley (state coordinator) at 12:05 p.m. with 12 of 13 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote. The only chapter not in attendance was *Douglas County*.

Pledge of allegiance.

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

PFC Christopher Walz of the U.S. Army is having services this afternoon in the Portland airport area.

Also, "Diesel" Dave Ganslien lost his mother and the services were November 12, 2009.

Guests and first time attendees: Kevin "Old School" Saxton (new *Jackson County Chapter* coordinator).

Motion made by Matt Price (*Salem Chapter*) to accept minutes from September 12th state board meeting as printed in the state newspaper.

Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Coordinator comments: Jordan Kelley stated that he received the report from O.D.O.T. on the motorcycle deaths for the year to date. He mentioned that only deaths are recorded and not the number of crashes. There have been 54 deaths so far this year and 29 of them were single vehicle crashes. Jordan stated that we are killing ourselves as a lot of these crashes were alcoholrelated. Jordan also pointed out that education is part of our mission statement and we all should update our training periodically and that Team Oregon is always putting on classes. Brian Stovall pointed out that it is now possible to sign up for classes with Team Oregon online. Jordan stated that we need to keep ourselves safe.

Jordan then pointed out that we



Nic Oliver, state recording secretary

need to keep moving forward. We need to think about getting other members involved in our projects. Also in how we do them. And even, are we getting others involved and not turning them away? Sometimes we need to swallow our pride a bit and make sacrifices and that it is for all of us when it comes to getting new people involved in our organization. He stated that this is a good thing for all of us to do for the greater good. He also stated that we need to stop the in-fighting. It is damaging to us in many different ways.

Secretary report and correspondence: Reported that there were some out-of-state newsletters if anyone was interested. Nic also pointed out that the new proposed operations manuals were ready for each chapter representative to take back to their chapters to review.

Brian Stovall then commented

that he had noticed that this was on the agenda and stated that he had an alternative manual that he would like to include. This sparked a short discussion in which Nic pointed out that this would not happen as it was not presented to the committee in the appropriate manner. Brian stated that he was the co-chair of the committee and Nic stated that was true of the 2008 committee but not the 2009 committee in which there was a lot more work done. This project has taken well over year to do instead of the four months suggested when Nic was asked to do it back in early 2008. Nic stated at that time that he thought it would be better if a committee worked on updating the guidelines and procedures rather than just he doing it. Discussion was then tabled until later in the meeting.

Nic also reported that he had a chapter officer roster form included with the packet for the chapter representatives for 2010 officers. Kay stated that she wants this turned in by the February 13th meeting. Nic

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also pointed out that there were computer thumb drives for each chapter representative to give to their respective chapters' treasurer for doing their treasurer stuff. Kay pointed out that it is large enough that they could do all of their work on it without having to have Quicken on their computers as it can be part of the thumb drive if they wanted. She enlisted the help of Trace Ceccacci in doing this for the chapter treasurers, if they want. She would like to have every chapter treasurer come to a state board meeting in the very near future for the free computer training that Trace Ceccacci is giving at 11 a.m., just before the state board of directors meeting.

Vice coordinator–north: Ted Tracy reported that he is going to the *Team Oregon* banquet tonight. Other than that, no report.

Vice coordinator–south: Annette Murray (Absent.)

Vice coordinator–east: Gene Mortimore reported that he had been in contact with the city of Spray regarding the 2008 grant that they were seeking for an outside toilet, similar to Fossil's. It seems that they did not get their grant. The \$100 donation from *A.B.A. T.E.* if they got the grant is now moot.

He also reported that Laura from *Stewart's Leathers* is donating a coat for us to raffle off. Thanks to Laura for her continued support.

Gene also reported that the television show, The Biggest Loser, had a part in Fossil and that he is one of them. He stated that they wanted to know how we could help them and he offered them a vendor spot in our Fossil Run providing cut wood for our campfires, etc. (We have pretty much decimated the available wood at Bear Creek Hollow.) The group is also looking for exercise equipment that someone would like to donate to them So if anyone has any stuff lying around that they are not using, please consider donating it. You can contact Gene for more information.

Treasurer: Kay Sipple handed in a report and added to it. Her report reads: "The following chapters will have to file individual tax reports for the fiscal year 2008: Central Oregon, Salem, and Twin Rivers.

I did not receive the reports needed for these chapters (The C.P.A. can be contacted directly and she will supply information on how to do this)

The group and state tax reports have been completed and mailed November 12, 2009.

For 2009 I will need from all chapters who wish to file with the group the following information: a Quicken file for the year 2009, December 31, 2009 bank statement, and reconciliation report. I will need this information no later than the February 13, 2010 board meeting. I will be giving the C.P.A. the files the following week.

The state bank balances are: checking \$7,343.82, savings \$22,277.47.

I have thumb drives for the chapters available as per the planning session decision.

We have started the monthly meeting for individuals interested in learning more about computers. These will be held at 11 a.m. prior to each state board meeting. Reminder that each chapter treasurer is encouraged to attend and will be given the opportunity to get approved for paid training also."

Membership secretary: Linda Henderson's report handed in. Current membership is 1,771 but does not count the new *Jackson County Chapter*.

Sanctioning officer: Matt Price reported that everything is current and sanctioned, including the December 5 *Shriners' Toy Run*.

He also stated that he needs gate counts for all functions for insurance purposes and any run that does not turn in a gate count will not be sanctioned for future events. This is very important and needs to be done by the December 12, 2009 state board meeting, no exceptions.

He has tried to work with everyone on their runs and even bent the rules a bit in some cases in getting runs sanctioned but the applications need to be in by the 90 day prior to event deadline. He understands that there are difficulties sometimes, especially with alcohol vendors, but these things need to be done within the time frames given.

All Run flyers need to be in either jpeg or P.D.F. formatting so that he can pass them on to Rot Path (state newspaper) and Trace (state web

site) for posting.

Trace, our web master, also stated that outside runs that want on the web site need to submit their flyers in similar formatting.

State auditor: Richard Misener (Excused.)

Newspaper editor: Rot Path thanked everyone for attending the meeting today.

Rot Path asked if there was party planned for the December state board meeting. He was assured that there was going to be a party by Jordan.

He also emphasized that new officers need to know what they are going to be doing and for current officers to work with them so that they are comfortable in doing their new job assignments.

Legislative director: Justin Handke (Absent.)

Sergeant at arms-north: Randy Phipps stated "No report".

Sergeant at arms-south: Bill Foster stated "No report".

Sergeant at arms-east: Jim Middleton reported that he signed up one new member but otherwise, no report.

Products director: Dave Meeker reported that he has been fighting with his vehicle as it seems to want to break down a lot lately.

He reported that he has the Pat Williams memorial patches available at two dollars each.

He reported that he turned in \$167 income from the swap meet, better than he expected.

He also reported that he has had requests for chapter rockers but he does not stock them. He can get them produced but a minimum order of 50 was needed.

He also stated that he has new mission statement patches available.

Education director: Patricia Carner (Absent.)

Education director II: Geoff White apologized for missing meetings but he has been very sick.

Geoff pointed out that the education director patch is really cool and someone should step up and help out by getting elected and wearing one.

He reported that the *Motorcycle Awareness* classes are still going on.

He also stated that Patricia's

program needs to go forward but he cannot carry the load alone. He needs people to step up and help him if we are to carry on Patricia's fine work.

He also asked if we wanted to continue the key fob giveaway program and the consensus was that it is to continue.

He also asked that we push for everyone to be trained. Either beginning or experienced rider training with *Team Oregon* or another program. Just keep up on your training so that you are a safer and, hopefully, will continue as a, living rider.

Public relations director: Debra Lutje – Report turned in and read by Jordan.

"Hello everyone.

Sorry I can't be here today but I will be back for the December state board of directors meeting.

There are three items I want to address:

- 1. The poster project is being reformatted to look less like a wanted poster. As soon as that is done I will be needing photos. If there are any professional or amateur photographers out there willing to donate some time, please contact me through the state web site. Also, I need a new back tire on my baby and a front end alignment on my cage, so as soon as I get that done I will be visiting chapters to talk about the poster project and coordinate with chapter public relations officers.
- 2. Lori has done an amazing job on My Space for the state. Please go look and sign up. I still need volunteers for a couple of other sites. If you are interested, let me know.
- 3. In 2008 I sat in on the bylaws and operations manual committee at the planning session. My impression was that we wanted to streamline everything, since we all have enough rules to live by. I appreciate all the hard work Nic has done to finally get this thing ready for review and I want everyone to consider the idea of more editing and more streamlining. Let's not bog ourselves down with too much regulation. We are a relatively small organization and flexibility would serve us better than too many rigid rules. Brian Stovall has been working on this and I encourage everyone to consider his work as well. We have been

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at this project for over a year there's no need to rush an approval now.

Happy Thanksgiving!"

State run coordinator (Fossil): Howie Long (Absent.)

State run coordinator II: VACANT

State swap meet coordinator: Patricia Carner (Absent.)

Web page editor: Trace Ceccacci stated that he wants electronic copies of flyers of what we want him to put on the web site.

He stated that he will be working with Kay (state treasurer) for on-line payment abilities, such as *PayPal*. They are not the cheapest site but they are the easiest to work with. We would be able to sell all of our stuff that way, from tickets to events to products.

Quartermaster: Ted Tracy reported that everything that we own in now in the Sherwood yard and he *really* needs four or more guys to help him put up shelving in the storage container so that things can really be organized. This is a must-do item but he cannot do it alone. It is way too heavy for that.

He stated that Dwayne took *BikePAC* their trailer. Our new trailer is looking really good.

Lee Austin reported that he was told one of the golf carts had been sold. Ted said that he is still trying to arrange to pick them up and this will be checked into.

A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative: Randy Phipps reported that there was no meeting in November and that the next meeting is December 05, 2009 at the Salem library.

He pointed out that right now *BikePAC* is working on compiling a list of who our friends are in Oregon legislature and who isn't, as well as who is up for re-election.

Confederation of Clubs representative: Gunny reported that the next meeting is November 22, 2009 at the Northwest Veterans clubhouse at 2701 22nd street in Salem at 1300 hours. (1 p.m. for those who don't understand 24-hour time).

The *N.C.O.M.* convention had about 300 in attendance with another 300 in and out. He also reported that the hospitality room

put on by *Washington County Chapter* was a very big success and thanked them profusely. There will be a full report in *Gunny's Sack* in the state newspaper.

He reported that the *Vagos* have applied for associate member in the *Confederation of Clubs*.

He also mentioned the *Shriners' Toy Run* and *WaCo's* toy run.

Confederation of Clubs representative II: Kay Sipple — No report.

Unfinished Business

• Planning session report was given by Jordan Kelly (state coordinator). He said that the event was lightly attended but we had a lot of fun and got a lot of work done.

Jordan also reported on the operations manual review and stated that three officer positions will be going away. (Swap meet coordinator, run coordinator II, education director II.) Every officer has the ability to have as many assistants as needed to get the job done, if the manual is approved.

• There was a heated discussion on the manual regarding opposing views of what is needed and how this was to be done. Brian Stovall wanted to present another manual but it was conceded that this was to be done through the committee.

Nic will review this information and give it to anyone who wants it.

Also, anyone can get Brian's ideas from him, if they want to.

It was pointed out that this manual is not written in stone but is a constantly changing document that is designed to adapt to the needs of the organization.

The new manual, as presented, should be looked at carefully by each chapter before any final decision is to be made.

• 2010 officers nominations:

Products director --- Dave Meeker accepted nomination and was elected. He handed out a list of products available.

Education director I --- Geoff White accepted nomination and was elected, but he asked for a lot of help as his schedule prevents him from doing all that he wants to without help.

Education director II --- VACANT

State swap meet coordinator ---VACANT

Quartermaster --- VACANT

Congratulations the new state officers for 2010.

All new state officers need to fill out the officer data sheet.

There are still vacancies for anyone willing to step up.

• Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) spoke on the A.C.T.S. conference. He stated that we were welcomed and it was an eye opener on the amount of changes that have been going on. He reported about the support for law enforcement to ignore your rights when making traffic stops. He said that he would write a more complete report on this for the state newspaper as it is a real problem.

No written reports were handed in from Brian, Randy, or Mel on the conference. Hopefully we will see them next month.

• The injury or death insurance was asked about and Linda Henderson (state membership) explained that it is a gift from the insurance company. They will try to get more business by our returning the cards that were mailed out. We do not need to return the cards to be covered.

They do not have our addresses or any other information as Linda was the one who mailed their cards, not the company. Our membership list is carefully guarded and given to no one.

If you do not want to return the cards, then don'. But if you do, then expect to be contacted as you will then be on their list of prospective clients.

• Lee Austin stood up and announced that he will not be an officer next year and reported that he received a call from a very irate person regarding him. He reported that his character has been defiled and he wants an apology from the state board for this and for what was put in the state newspaper. It was pointed out to him that he was not named in anything in the state newspaper, but he did not agree. He then left the meeting.

Jordan Kelley called for an executive board meeting after the state board meeting to look into this.

New Rusiness

• **Motion 1**: Made by Randy Phipps (*Twin Rivers Chapter*), seconded by Nic Oliver (*Hub City Chapter*):

"Create a half-page space in the state newspaper for members to express support for our servicemen, women, and families worldwide. All submissions to be received in accordance with state policy."

Discussion was short and it was noted that the space not used by the chapters in their reports could also be used for this. The final details were left up to Rot Path. (state newspaper editor)

Voting took place and the motion passed unanimously.

- Rod Hatter spoke on the military outreach program he had been working on at the planning session. He presented a leaflet that would fit in our tri-folds. It contained much information and outlined the benefits they would get through *A.B.A. T.E.*
- Rod asked about the \$3,000 policy and how he should describe this for the military outreach insert and Linda Henderson explained that it is an accidental death and dismemberment policy.

The leaflet was well received but a final decision was put off till next month so that Rod could do more work on it. He will be sending his amended copy to all chapter representatives and state board members who's e-mail addresses he has.

• Ted Tracy took this opportunity to announce the formation of a new chapter in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. Kevin "Old School" Saxton was presented to the board as the coordinator/chapter representative for the new chapter. Old School stated that Spanky (new vice coordinator–south) was the one who

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Letter From Nic Oliver

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

This is to formally notify you of my resignation as recording secretary of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.* This resignation will become effective on January 01, 2010.

This is due to the continued stressful situations that I have been put in while trying to serve in the position for which I was elected. It seems that there is a faction within the organization that is dissatisfied with my approach to my duties for the position of secretary. I spent many years as a secretary in the private sector and I hold an A.S. degree in secretarial sciences, as well as two other degrees, and yet I have had my professionalism questioned on too many occasions. These situations have been continued without any sign of stopping for the last two years and I want no further part of it.

I find that I am tired of the infighting within the organization for which I have dedicated many years of my life and I find that the stress this has caused myself and my family has finally reached the point that I no longer wish to serve as an officer at this time. I am tired of constantly having to answer to those persons that do nothing but complain about the jobs that I have been assigned to do and yet they still find it necessary to tell me how to do my job.

I am proud to have served with honorable people and I am glad that I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated people that believe as I do, that A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon is a legislative watchdog and protector of motorcyclist rights here in Oregon. It seems, though, that there are too many who believe

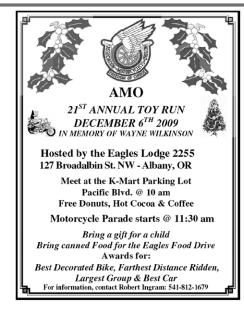
that the organization does not need guidelines to govern it and standards that need to be lived up to, let alone who believe *A.B.A.T.E.* is a "party" organization. If you wish to allow this great organization to fall by allowing these factions to tear it apart from within, then so be it. It will not be because I failed to act, it will be only because I was unable to stop it. I am, after all, only one person who believes in the ideals for which *A.B.A.T.E.* was formed and tried to serve all to the best of my ability.

To close I will state this, that I will no longer be available to assist the organization as long as the organization caters to troublemakers or dreamers who have no concept of reality or the true cost of freedom. If you want to cater to whiners and other malcontents, that is fine. That is your choice but it is also my choice on whether or not to serve and I choose not to. I am neither a diplomat nor a bureaucrat but I am a freedom fighter and I will continue my quest for those freedoms in another forum. A forum where my skills and abilities are not only welcomed but appreciated. I offer no apologies for what I believe to be the correct manner in which I have performed my duties and the other assignments for which I was a part

Unlike some, I am neither giving up my life membership nor telling *A.B.A.T.E.* to go to hell. It will be that I am simply walking away for now and spending my time with my family and my other commitments.

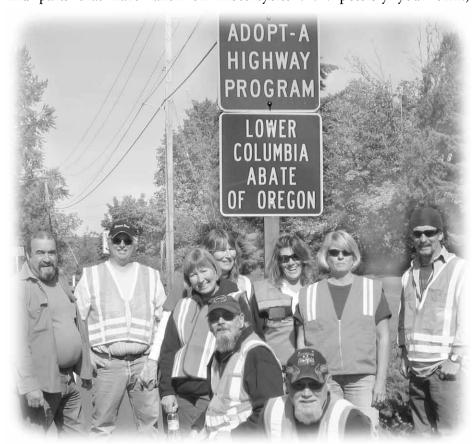
Nic Oliver life member #38

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The Real Trash On Oregon A.B.A.T.E.

Several *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* chapters have signed up the *Adapt–A–Highway* program wherein members periodically collect trash along side a stretch of road for which they've taken responsibility. Often the occasion is used as an excuse for a potluck or barbecue afterward to reward the cleanup crew for their good work. If your chapter isn't already involved in this program, consider making it part of your community involvement. (And it's a great way to find parts that have fallen off motorcycles . . . possibly your own.)





Cancer Warriors

Anne and Noelle's Roving Poker Run 2009

This is an event that's very special to me. It all started a lil over a year ago when I attended our chapter meeting. When I first joined this chapter Anne Cokeley was an officer and attended almost every meeting. This one meeting though made me feel very helpless and hopeless as Anne told us she couldn't make the meetings anymore as she was diagnosed with cancer. This made me feel like I was totally helpless to do anything to help Anne and her

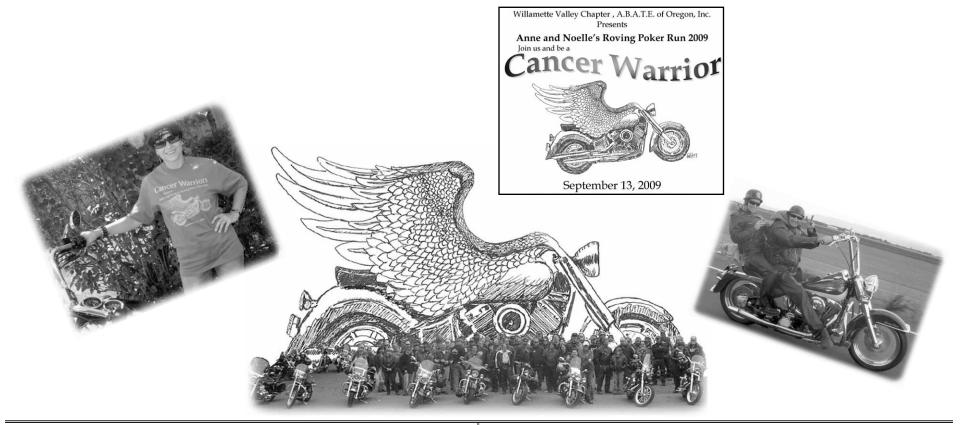
diagnosed with cancer. I felt I needed to do something though, so that's pretty much how this got started.

I was going to try to do this by myself but my wonderful chapter stepped up and gave me the support to fund this event with time, efforts and energy. Without my chapters involvement this endeavor would probably just be all smoke and mirrors. Since the first concept of this I started noticing more people

husband Lonny or for anyone who is I know who have survived cancer or still going through it or some that will never get through it and sadly some that never got through it. 15 years ago I lost good people to cancer too and even my favorite auntie who aside from my mom made me who I am today. I am angry this is still going on, the fight for cancer, and I am saddened in my heart to lose the special ones who also helped formed me to who I am. One day in the future it would be nice to hear that

the cure for all cancers have been found and cancer as a whole has been eradicated!

Thank you to Willamette Valley Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. for putting this event together, Red Artworks for screening the shirts, Lannoye Emblems for the pins, FedEx office for coping the poker hand, for all who donated raffle items, and last of all thank you for coming to this run and being a part of the cure.



Looking For A Young Person's Gift?



Yer crusty ol' editor was visiting Newport during the storms of November and found this Angry Mob Play Set in the hotel gift shop where he was staying. (It's that kind of place.)

To save you a trip to the coast, it's also available on-line through

Archie McFee web It would go well with the Corrupt Partisan Government or Greedy Self-Interest Corporation play sets. (If such things exist anywhere.) McFee's also has zombie and

movie extras play sets available.



From The ...

GUNNY'S SACK

Here in Portland, on October 17th, the Oregon Confederation of Clubs and the Washington County Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon co-hosted the region 1 west coast conference of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. (N.C.O.M.) This one was a success story and was free to all bikers. We had powerful speakers and a ton of information was passed to the attendees. There were over 300 bikers in the audience during most of the sessions and several more folks running around the hotel.

I was struck by the questions people asked the presenters because it showed me we do indeed have folks here who are passionate about their freedoms.

We heard about the new gang regulations and how they affect us from professor Jim Hernandez of *Sacramento State University*. Jim teaches criminal justice and has served as an expert witness in court.

Rankin Johnson. a Portland criminal defense attorney, told us what we should or should not do if stopped by police.

- *Keep your mouth shut* except to comply with orders from the cop.
- Keep your hands on the bars.
- Don't volunteer any information to them. It will be used against you if you wind up in court.
- You do not have to let them search anything unless you are under arrest. He advised that you not remove your helmet. They need a search warrant to do those things according to Mr. Johnson.
- And above all don't give them any lip. It doesn't help and it may only cause ya more grief.
- Give them your registration, insurance card, and your drivers license.

A good thing to remember here also: In Oregon the fine is now \$720 if you are not endorsed to ride and they can impound your bike and leave ya standing on the side of the road. A riding course only costs about \$160 or so and ya don't have to ride-test for your endorsement if ya pass. You figure which costs less.

Oregon *A.I.M.* lawyer Sam Hochberg also gave us the latest on some bikers rights cases in his office and other timely news.

Coming up in May 2010 is the big national *N.C.O.M.* conference in Orlando, Florida. I'll have more details on that in the upcoming issues of the *Sack*.

Newsbits –N–Pieces

Gaza Stripped — Hamas has banned women from riding motorbikes in Gaza, raising fresh concerns over the movement's ultra-conservative agenda. The interior ministry said the ban was to "to preserve citizen safety and the stability of Palestinian society's customs and traditions". Hamas has also attempted to ban the display of women's underwear in shop windows. If I were a lady this is the last place on earth I would live.

Washington D.C.: Biker Deaths Up, Spurs Government Study — U.S. government officials say they are planning the first intensive study in 30 years to determine the cause of an increasing number of motorcycle fatalities.

The federal highway commission will work with *Oklahoma State University* on the study mandated by a 2005 federal law.

In 2008, there were almost 5,300 motorcycle crash fatalities and 96,000 motorcycle rider injuries. Motorcycle-related deaths increased 150 percent between 1997 and 2008, from 2,116 to 5,290. This is the first study in this country since the *Hurt Study* in 1981.

Buell Bites The Dust — After twentysix years building American sportbikes, the Erik Buell motorcycle company has reached the end of the road. Parent company Harley-Davidson said it will "discontinue" the Buell product line, in the wake of the dismal thirdquarter. Closing Buell will result in the loss of 80 manufacturing jobs and 100 salaried positions. This is in addition to the 1,000 jobs Harley-Davidson cut earlier this year, along with temporary production shutdowns and other recently implemented costsaving measures. Harley wouldn't sell the Buell company because it's quality and image reflect on Harley and they don't want someone else dragging it down. MV Agusta will be sold off, however, as Harley-Davidson responds to plummeting income.

Cambridge, Massachusetts — City councilor Craig Kelley wants the city to draft an ordinance to curb



Gunny chief of staff Oregon A.I.M.

motorcycle noise along the streets of Cambridge, even though the city's noise ordinance already regulates loud exhaust noise from motorcycles. Police commissioner Robert Haas said in a letter to the city that state law allows officers to enforce unnecessary noise and stop motorcycles in violation.

This guy needs a different job in my mind.

Near-Miss Study of Motorcycles — Ireland and Great Britain have also begun a study of crash causation. So far, the results have been less than helpful to bikers. Most seem to think advanced training is pretty much useless, although road maintenance is one of the big gripes, as it is here.

We'll see if more comes out of this or if it is just a waste of money and resources. We need more information from all over the map to find ways to curb the disturbing climb in fatalities of motorcycle riders all over the world. Cagers are not exempt from this issue and driver training needs to improve, for riders and drivers.

Wilmington, North Carolina — Motorcycle activists say Holly Ridge police in Onslow county discriminated against bikers last month when they stopped biker traffic, but let cars slip through. The police only checked motorcyclists for violations.

The North Carolina governors highway safety program says it supports all kinds of traffic stops, including biker-specific ones, because bikers have a higher percentage of fatal crashes than cars.

But Janice MacKay, director of the North Carolina chapter of a biker activist group, says she thinks the stops are unconstitutional. "If it were a checkpoint that we're used to, in other words all vehicles get pulled over and checked, I would not think that it was discrimination. And since this was a motorcyclists only checkpoint, it is discrimination."

The highway safety program says traffic stops are an effective way to promote safety and to get drivers to comply with traffic regulations.

Robot Driving Is Coming — Now this is like science-fiction., but maybe it will save some biker's lives, since some of these new techno-cars are outfitted to better see us. The "robot" is designed to see objects in the blind spot, for example. As long as they keep their mitts off of bikes. I don't want a

robot helping me ride.

Kingman, Arizona — More than 1,500 motorcyclists from around Arizona will have rolled into town for their bimonthly meeting of the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs. (A. C.M. C.) They also plan on stopping by several bars that have recently instituted a "no colors" policy, which was allegedly instigated by pressure from "law" enforcement. They will have forms to document any incidents where they're turned away because of what they are wearing, said A.C.M.C. chairman Still Ray of Prescott. Ray said members of the Arizona state gang task force have been threatening to pull liquor licenses from bars and restaurants unless they institute a "no colors" policy. This same thing happened in Washington state. Sometimes it works and the policies are changed. It's called discrimination.

Gunny Again

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As an organization, we've had far too many cases of members using our meetings to air thinly disguised personal grievances. Like chickens penned too closely together pecking an injured cell-mate to death, we've turned on our own instead of supporting them while seeking understanding or truth when there was doubt. We've witnessed little frustrated dramas that rival the best that Ashland's Shakespearian festival has to offer.

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Our place isn't in what happened before, but in what we are doing now and how it will affect our future.

And so now does the sun this month halt its southern retreat and begin its climb back to our latitudes.

Ah, winter.

With the leaves off the trees, our vistas on the world open up. Riding or driving through the countryside reveals more of the landscape than we see when trees are busily

producing food for themselves in warmer times.

This is a season of giving presents to one another. One that we give ourselves throughout the year is to roll through the supernatural wonder of the world we live in and really see it. Parking at driveouts to take in vistas stretching out before

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Rot Path crusty ol' editor

And giving *of* ourselves is giving *to* ourselves.

Make time to enjoy the holidays.

Thank you.



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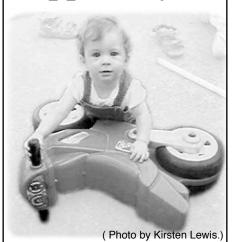
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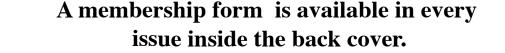
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American Motorcyclist Association

A.M.A. Praises Motorcycle Crash Study Launch

A significant new motorcycle crash causation study will soon get under way at *Oklahoma State University*. The study will provide a fuller picture of how motorcycles fit into today's traffic mix, a better understanding of what causes motorcycle crashes, and insights into the best strategies to prevent these crashes.

"The announcement that the full study will now begin is great news," said Ed Moreland, A.M.A. vice president for government relations. "While the study will take years to complete, it promises to offer up information that will allow for the creation of effective countermeasures to make the roads safer for all of us."

Think, Ride Public Service Announcement Campaign

The A.M.A. is pleased to announce a new public service announcement (P.S.A.) campaign called "Think. Ride." that encourages both on-road and off-road motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders to think before they ride. The responsible-use messages feature actor and A.M.A. board of directors member Perry King.

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- *A.M.A.* member Jeff Crites rides the 2010 *KTM* 450XC-W.
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A.M.A. Team U.S.A. Finishes Fifth In International Six Days Enduro

The final day of the 84th *I.S.D.E.* in Portugal came to an end with *A.M.A. Team U.S.A.*'s trophy team in fifth place, the junior team in third and the women's team in fourth.

The U.S. trophy team's final motocross test scores were good enough to move them past Portugal, which was in fifth place going into the final day. The other position was gained when Sweden dropped from sixth to 12th when one of their riders was 84 kilometers away during the final motocross test.

A.M.A. Racing Amateur National Arenacross Championships Enhancements For 2010

A new format to determine the country's top amateur Arenacross champions is just one of the enhancements planned for the 2010 A.M.A. racing amateur national arenacross championships. The series will crown A.M.A. racing amateur champions in a number of age, skill, and displacement-based classes at Las Vegas' Sam Boyd Stadium on May 9.

"We're excited about the developments in arenacross for 2010," said A.M.A. director of racing, Joe Bromley. "The A.M.A. racing amateur national arenacross championships will help provide a solid foundation for aspiring riders to develop their skills on a stadium track. For many riders, this series will become the route through which they achieve their ultimate goal of competing in the A.M.A. supercross championship."

December Events

It's the 2009 A.M.A. racing championship banquet and the 2009 A.M.A. Motorcycle Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The events will go down December 4-5 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas.

All motorcycling fans will want to join the A.M.A. on Friday, December 4, as we recognize the brightest stars of A.M.A. racing championships and series. From Russell Bobbitt the 2009 A.M.A. rekluse national enduro champion to James Giddings who won the 86 cc – 200 cc B/C hare scrambles title at the A.M.A. racing vintage grand championships, everyone who won an A.M.A. racing number one plate in 2009 will get their moment in the spotlight.

We'll also hand out some hardware to those racers who went above and beyond in 2009, such as the *A.M.A.* racing athlete of the year, the *A.M.A.* racing female motorcyclist of the year, and the *A.M.A.* racing sportsman of the year.

Then on Saturday, December 5, Perry King, legendary star of stage and TV, will serve as master of ceremonies at the 2009 A.M.A. Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum induction ceremony. The event will include the 2009 concours d'elegance, an invitation-only motorcycle show that will feature some of the world's most stunning two-wheel creations, an autograph session with the 2009 hall of fame inductees and, of course, the induction ceremony itself.

Tickets to the hall of fame induction ceremony or the *A.M.A.* racing championship banquet are only \$49 per person per event. Even better, come to both these amazing events for just \$89 per person.

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Motorcycle Riders Foundation

Motorcycle Crash Causation Study

It was recently announced, and reported by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*), that the federal government is proceeding with the motorcycle crash causation study. This is news for a number of reasons, as the study has been on virtual life support for the past few years.

A Quick Background on the Study:

Originally mandated and partially funded by the *S.A.F.E.T.E.A.-L.U.* legislation passed in 2005, the original concept of the study was to mimic the *European Motorcycle Accident In-Depth Study (M.A.I.D.S.)*, using the same *O.E.C.D.* (*Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development*) methodology that the Europeans used. Utilizing that methodology, the study was supposed to investigate 1,200 motorcycle crashes and collect 1,500 data points on each crash.

Unfortunately, the funding formula of the bill was changed at the last minute leaving a \$3 million dollar shortfall for the study. Then came the realization that the estimated \$6 million price tag for the study was significantly lower than real world costs, estimated to more likely be in the \$9 million range. The federal government's share totaled \$3 million and the motorcycle industry pledged \$3 million, leaving an additional \$3 million unfunded. A cry for help went out to the states to help offset the shortfall and a few responded, contributing about \$600,000.

It seemed that the only way to get this study underway was to reduce the sample pool from 1,200 to around 900. However, chopping the sample size by 25% seriously reduces the validity, sturdiness, and scientific merit of the study. When the feds announced that they must reduce the sample size, private support for funding the study fell dramatically. A motorcycle industry

insider said it best, "We (the motorcycle industry) do have \$3 million for a good study, but not a dollar for a bad one."

At a recent quarterly meeting, the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration* (*N.H.T.S.A.*) disclosed their only option, besides canceling the study altogether. They have decided to fund the study fully in house, taking the \$650,000 from the states and another \$500,000 from the *N.H.T.S.A.* coffers.

So what we are left with is a sample size of 300, with a price tag of just over \$3 million.

It's disappointing that they have chosen this route.

What started off as a possible landmark safety study will now be, without question, scientifically invalid and is not likely to be helpful for the motorcyclists of America.

As always, the *M.R.F.* will keep you updated on this and all other issues happening in Washington D.C.

Senate Committee Holds Distracted Driving Hearing

The senate commerce, science and transportation committee recently held a hearing to look into the dilemma of distracted driving. Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations for the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation* (*M.R.F.*), was in attendance. The *M.R.F.* submitted an official statement for the record on this hearing. That document is available on the *M.R.F.* web site at: http://www.mrf.org/2009/CST_Statement_record_distracted.pdf

Chairman Jay Rockefeller (D-WV) opened the hearing with a startling fact: at any given moment, 11% of all of drivers on the road are holding an electronic device. That's over 800,000 people, and that's only one form of distraction. Rockefeller used



this opportunity to unveil some new legislation. He and senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX) are introducing a bill that would provide grants to states to be used in anti-distracted driving efforts. When the *M.R.F.* gets a look at the language regarding the requirements for obtaining these grants, a position will be established.

The committee heard first from senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), who is not a committee member, but proposes withholding 25% of highway money for states until they enact legislation that bans the practice of texting while operating a motor vehicle. His legislation S-1536 (and the companion bill in the house, HR-3535) would blackmail the states into passing a regulation they might not want. The M.R.F. believes this is a state's rights issue first and foremost, and does not support withholding highway funds in this manner for any reason. Beyond that, Schumer's bill only singles out the worst of the worst forms of distraction. That's not good enough; the motorcyclists of this country deserve to have all forms of distracted driving discontinued voluntarily.

The committee next heard from secretary of transportation LaHood and federal communications commission chairman (F.C.C.) Julius Genachowski about what their respective agencies are doing or plan to do to stop distracted driving. The F.C.C. is undertaking a consumer awareness campaign much like "click it or ticket." Secretary LaHood perhaps said it best when he said, "Education is number one," meaning let's use the carrot, not the stick, or in this case use the Rockefeller, not the Schumer. LaHood also had some interesting advice: using your brain. Moms, don't call your kids when you know they are driving. Bosses, don't call your employees when you know

they are driving. Basically, be part of the solution. Just because you aren't driving doesn't mean the other half of your conversation isn't. Good advice for all of us. LaHood also called for a broader focus beyond texting and talking, such as cheeseburgers and CD changers and so on. Anyone remember the old *Norelco* commercials that attempted to make distracted driving look cool?

Committee member Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) had perhaps the most interesting approach for the role of federal government in this issue: do nothing. He said, "Let's use the states as an incubator. A lot of states have passed good distracted driving regulations. Let's let them continue to do that and see what works and what doesn't, and go from there." This proposed approach drew some criticism, but it does make some sense.

Ultimately the federal government will get involved, and their solution is likely to be part carrot, part stick. As always, the *M.R.F.* will keep you up to speed on this and all issues affecting motorcyclists.

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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"Smart Aging" Study Investigates Brain Stimulation While Riding

Yamaha Motor has announced a second round of joint research into "smart aging" with Tohoku University in Japan on the subject of the relationship between motorcycle riding and brain stimulation.

The focus of this research will be the measurement and analysis of the cause and effect relationship involved in the operation of various types of vehicles and brain stimulation and measuring the changes in such stimulation over time by means of data gathered from a long-term mass survey in the market.

The findings of the first research project in 2008 included: When riding a motorcycle, the brain of the rider is stimulated. Differences in brain use and level of brain stimulation can be observed in motorcyclists who ride regularly and in motorcyclists who have not ridden for extended periods. Incorporating motorcycle riding into daily life improves various cognitive functions and has positive effects on mental and emotional health such as stress reduction.

The second research project has now begun and *Yamaha* will provide motorcycles for the study, make its test courses available for subject testing, and solicit test participants and staff. Testing will continue through December. *Yamaha* hopes the results will contribute to the vitalization of the motorcycle market.

Buell Motorcycle Company Out Of Business

After twenty-six years of building American-made sportbikes, the *Buell Motorcycle Company* has reached the end of the road. Officials thanked their customers, employees, and dealers for an unforgettable ride.

"I will always be proud of what we have accomplished. It is a testimony to what a small group of passionate and inspired people can do. And with brilliant innovations, we've produced some of the best-handling bikes of all time," said Buell chairman and chief technical officer Erik Buell.

"I personally look forward to exploring

how I can continue to work with Harley-Davidson to bring advanced product technology to riders."

Parent company *Harley-Davidson* announced that it will "discontinue" the *Buell* product line in the wake of dismal economic conditions and declining motorcycle sales, and will "focus both our effort and our investment on the *Harley-Davidson* brand, as we believe this provides an optimal path to sustained, meaningful long-term growth," said *Harley-Davidson* C.E.O. Keith Wandell.

Buell Motorcycle Company president Jon Flickinger said a limited number of new Buell motorcycles remain available for sale through authorized dealerships, and also stressed that Harley-Davidson will continue to provide replacement parts and service through their dealership network and that warranty coverage will continue as normal for Buell motorcycles.

Founded in 1983 by Erik Buell, the *Buell Motorcycle Company* has produced more than 135,000 motorcycles and won numerous design accolades and awards, as well as countless races and championships around the world, including the prestigious *A.M.A. Pro Daytona SportBike Championship* in 2009.

Harley-Davidson also announced that it would divest the M.V. Agusta/Cagiva properties, acquired last year at a cost of \$109 million.

Australian Bikers Victorious In Court

Two members of the Finks Motorcycle Club appealed their case to the supreme court which has ruled the orders were invalid. They had been banned from meeting other bikers under strict anti-association laws passed in South Australia designed to disband outlawed "bikie gangs" by restricting their movements.

Similar anti-bikie legislation is pending in Queensland and New South Wales, but members of the *United Motorcycle Council*, a biker lobby group formed in response to the regulations, says the high court's ruling should come as a warning to the government that such legislations are "illegal and unconstitutional".

A *U.M.C.* spokesman said the decision was a victory for members of clubs and organizations everywhere. "*The*





[regulations] give police unfettered power to use secret, false, and illegally obtained evidence against individuals, take away the right to an open and fair trial, and reverse the time-honored presumption of innocence," said Ferret. "They trample long-standing legal and civil rights of all citizens, and they have no place in a democratic and civilized society."

A.I.M. Attorney Ralph Vinje Killed In Right-of-Way Violation

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists is saddened to report that North Dakota A.I.M. attorney Ralph Vinje, 67, of Bismarck, North Dakota has died from injuries suffered in a crash while on his way to work. According to police reports, Vinje was northbound and was struck at an intersection by an eastbound car whose driver failed to obey a yield sign.

Vinje was a well-known attorney in the area, handling criminal defense and civil cases. He was a longtime *Aid to Injured Motorcyclists* attorney who served as legal counsel for the *Confederation of Clubs* of North Dakota and provided legal representation to motorcyclists in crash cases and other litigation proceedings. He represented *A.B.A.T.E. of North Dakota* in a battle over a noise ordinance in Bismarck that discriminated against motorcycle enthusiasts.

Over the years, Vinje fought to stop a regulation that lowered the legal driving limit for alcohol from 0.10 B.A.C. to 0.08, and also tried to prove sobriety checkpoints unconstitutional.

In court, Vinje was known for his mild manner and calm demeanor, while outside of the courtroom he enjoyed the outdoors as an avid hunter, fisherman, traveler, and motorcyclist who rode his motorcycle every Wednesday afternoon as long as the weather was good with the *Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club*.

He also was part owner of the *Broken Oar Bar* in Mandan and was a Vietnam veteran who earned a bronze star for his service to our country.

His daughter-in-law, Tiffany Johnson, told the newspaper that "he was a rebel spirit" who had helped scores of people with battles that needed fighting.

Weird News Religious Extremists Ban Women From Motorcycles

Hamas, a militant religious political party that governs the Gaza Strip, has banned women from riding motorcycles. Effective immediately, Gaza women will not be allowed to drive motorbikes and men are forbidden from carrying them as passengers, raising fresh concerns over the movement's ultra-conservative agenda.

In a decision that would raise eyebrows in other parts of the globe, the interior ministry said it was banning women from two-wheelers to limit [crashes] and to "to preserve citizen safety and the stability of Palestinian society's customs and traditions".

The group insists compliance with the campaign is voluntary and reflects Gaza's conservative ways, but reports have surfaced of offenders being beaten or arrested.

The move is the latest step in an "Islamification" campaign by Hamas, which has been classified as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and European Union. Hamas seeks to impose a strict interpretation of Islamic code, including obliging female lawyers to wear headscarves in court and attempting to ban the display of women's underwear in shop windows.

Quotable Quote

"A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves."

Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965) broadcast journalist

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2009 25th annual *M.R.F.*

Meeting of the Minds

Minneapolis, Minnesota -- by Ted Tracy



Thanks to A.B.A. T.E. of Oregon for allowing me to represent Oregon in Minneapolis at the 25th anniversary Meeting of the Minds. It was a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships.

Friday began with the general

Jimmy Graves presented his U.S. Defenders program. This is a program that has been used very successfully in Texas to help influence legislation.

The M.R.F. gave a legislative update. Here are some items that they a working on or keeping a close eye on.

- A ban on lead has impacted the youth A.T.V. / motorcycle sales. Work is ongoing to allow an exemption for A.T.V.s and motorcycles.
- The health care reform debate is being closely watched, but at this time there is no motorcycle specific language.
- The *Right to Repair* bill. Requires O.E.M.'s to share diagnostic tools, training, and software with the general public.
- Met with the republic national convention, but was not able to get an appointment to meet with the democratic national convention.
- Monitored the 2009 federal motorcycle grant monies.
- Arranged for a National Motorcycle Awareness Day Rally.
- Seated on the *Motorcycle Advisory* Council.

A representative from American Income Life presented their new program, a free accidental death and dismemberment policy that comes with your membership in the *M.R.F.*

Lunch was provided by the *A.M.A.* Friday afternoon "breakout" sessions included choices of attending Building the Circle (basic class in lobbying at federal, state and local levels), a legislative planning session for S.M.R.O.'s, and Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride and other proven strategies to reduce alcohol-related crashes and deaths.

Saturday began with another general session. A panel discussion started the day Bikers' Rights From The Eyes Of An Elected Official. This panel consisted of several motorcyclists who have held or hold elected office.

The next session was a presentation from the Motorcycle Confederation of Canada by Jennifer Ross and Peter Jacobs. We finished with a powerpoint presentation by Aline Delhaye from F.E.M.A.

Lunch was provided by Harley-Davidson.

Saturday afternoon breakout sessions included Making Friends To Influence People (how to be most effective in your S.M.R.O.), state legislative updates, then Lies, Damn Lies, And Politics. The last session was an exercise in critical reading. We dissected several reports and letters that contained "interesting" statistics and statements.

The late breakout sessions included these topics: History of the *M.R.F.*, the anatomy of a motorcycle fatality case (how distracted driving caused a motorcyclists death), membership retention:, and crash scene management. The last session was presented by Vicki Sanfelipo. This class is very similar to the original class developed by Slider Gilmore, who presented his class at our very own S. T.E.A.M. seminar this last spring.

As usual, Saturday evening was the M.R.F. banquet, with many silent auction items and some wonderful live auction items. A Pendleton blanket purchased by the Washington County Chapter was auctioned off and raised some serious money.

Ted Tracy also presented a check from the Central Oregon A.B.A. T.E.'s *M.R.F.* poker run.

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he had been a member in the past and is now glad to be back

Spanky stated that with Nic's, Jordan's, and Ted's help, he was able to do this and may have one or two more new chapters in the works.

Vote to accept Jackson County as a new chapter was unanimous.

Join us all in welcoming the new Jackson County Chapter.

Thank you, Spanky, for doing such a great job.

• Ted then announced that the new M.R.F. representatives for Oregon are Jay Jackson and Heidi Disrud.

Ted tried to say that he did a terrible job as representative but no one believed that.

• Spanky spoke on Wreaths Across America and how this benefits the veterans and current servicemen/ women. Anyone wanting more information on donating should check out their web site or contact Spanky.

Announcements

- Next state board of directors meeting: December 12th, 2009 at the Eagles Lodge - Albany, Oregon at noon, with computer training to start at 11 a.m.
- 21 November 2009 Biker night at Tommy's Welcome Inn at 142 S. Main street in Jefferson. Put on by Salem Chapter. Bring a can of food and a new toy. For more information contact Quiet Mike at (503)-678-**6302** or Sheryl at **(541)-327-2953**.
- 21 November 2009 Washington County is having their Stan Johnston Memorial Toy Run. For more information, go to: http:// wacoabate.info
- 21 November 2009 Twin Rivers Chapter First Annual

worked to put this together and that Anniversary Party at the Spare Room - 4830 NE 42nd in Portland. For more information, contact Tom Brewer (360)-835-0450 or Lee Austin (503)-760-9015.

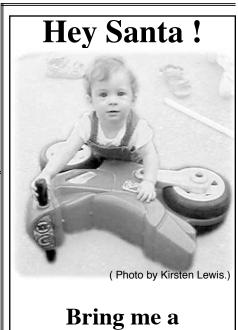
- 05 December 2009 Shriners' Hospital 30th Annual Toy Run. Bring an unwrapped toy. Ride meets at 10 a.m. at *Tri-Met* at 4012 SE 17th in Portland. For more information (503)-771-0188. Edd contact Glenn (503)-916-9412, Mike (503)-255-5415, or Shag (503)-695-3460
- 06 December 2009 A.M.O. 21st Annual Toy Run in memory of Wayne Wilkinson. Hosted by the Albany Eagles Lodge #2255. Meet at the Albany K-Mart parking lot on Pacific boulevard at 10 a.m. Bring an unwrapped gift and a can of food. For more information contact Robert Ingram (541)-812-1679.
- 06 December 2009 Lower Columbia Chapter is having a potluck dinner at Colvins Pub & Grill at 6 p.m. Come have a great time with great people. For more information contact Lower Columbia Chapter.
- Josephine County Chapter announced that they will be having a pot luck dinner for Christmas. More information to follow or you can contact Josephine County Chapter of *A.B.A.T.E.*.

Meeting adjourned at 1431 hours or 2:31 p.m.

This is you without A.B.A.T.E. or BikePAC



Questions?



Team Oregon class

Power Shopping, Hub City Style

Every year the *Hub City Chapter* of *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* takes over *Heritage Mall* in Albany for a static bike show along with an information booth and photos of shoppers on a bike.

This year the bike for the Shriners raffle was also on display.

It's a great way for non-riders to see bikes up close, talk with riders, earn a bit of jingle for the chapter, and just have a lot of fun. It don't get much gooder than that.



Midst the sound of thundering engines bouncing off the storefronts, Hub City members wheel in their rides to the display area.















Mall Bikes On Display















(Didn't chicken legs go out with Janet in Rocky Horror Picture Show?)



The information booth gets set up



Even non-riding shoppers got a chance to buy raffle tickets for the Shriner motorcycle.



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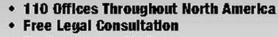
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	Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X				X				Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X		X	
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Oregon Road Maintenance - Phone Numbers for State and Interstate Highways

Region 1	Portland and metro area	(503)-731-8200
Region 2	Salem and northwest Oregon	(503)-986-2600
Region 3	Roseburg and southwest Oregon	(541)-957-3500
Region 4	Bend and central Oregon	(541)-388-6180
Region 5	LaGrande and eastern Oregon	(541)-963-3177

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

Road and weather information: 1-(800)-977-6368 (O.D.O.T.)

web site: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT

Member's Classified Advertisments

For Sale

For Sale

Lost or Found

Wanted

special graphics and pin-stripe, fat bob style gas tanks, blackened out spoked inch front wheel with bright red ring on out r edge Custom 18 s. \$10,000 or best offer. Pictures available on Southeast Portland Chapter web site in classified ads. Call (503)-257-7390

Road King Classic gas tank, off 1997 FLHRCI, bar code 9828703894. Mystique green over vivid black. Call Billy at (503)-256-6284 for more information. **\$250** or best offer to A.B.A.T.E. member. (Dec 2009)

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Phone/FAX your ad to: (503)-838-6893 E-mail to: statenewsmag@abateoforegon.net

I misplaced my lighter with it's case with the unicorn on it in someone else's pocket at *Run 21*. **(503)-588-4149**

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WANTED for 2010

Bold individuals who are willing to step up to state board officer positions. Are you just itchin' to try some new ideas and ways of doin' things? Do something about it.

State officer positions are still available for the 2010 year.

Come be one.

(And there's nothing more attractive than an officer, eh?)

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When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES

Was helmet modified? (YES) (NO) If modified describe:

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HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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December 2009 A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon meetings and events . . .

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Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	7	8 4th quarter moon	9	10	11	Oregon ABATE Annual Party Albany STATE BOARD Albany Eagles – 1200 (12 p.m.) Run Committee – 1100 (11 a.m.) computer training – 1100 (11 a.m.)
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North Coast 1000 (10 am)Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	21 yule / winter solstice	22 Salem 1900 (7 pm)	23	24 and quarter moon	25 christmas	26 boxing day
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STATE BOARD **MEETING**

Saturday, 12 Dec 2009

noon – Eagles Lodge 127 Broadalbin street NW Albany, Oregon Run committee meeting – 1100 Open computer training – 1100

As winter winds down to holidays, And exertions blur into a haze, Just remember to think, Before taking a drink, If venturing out onto highways. ©2009 Rot Path

2009-2010 **RUN LISTINGS**

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

Date:	Event – Chapter / Sponsr:	Location:	Contct number:
05 Dec 2009	Shriner Toy Run – SE/TR	Portland	(503)-771-0188
05 Dec 2009	Toy Run – North Coast		
12 Dec 2009	Annual Holiday Party – Oregon ABATE	Albany Eagles	lodge
13 Dec 2009	Toy Run – Salem	Salem	(503)-
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23 Jan 2010	Biker Night – Hub City	Albany	(541)-
25 Apr 2010	Swap Meet – Oregon ABATE	Portland	(503)-

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.								
Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:				
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Northside Bar & Grill; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)–383–0889				
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Willie D's; 443 SE Jackson; Roseburg	(541)-672-5966				
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 Fifth Street; Albany	(541)–967–7802				
Jackson County (JaCo)	[Newest Chapter Fo	orming — welcome	e to A.B.A.T.E.]					
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-471-6049				
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)–265–7586				
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)–308–2059				
North Coast (NC)	3th Sunday	1000 (10 a.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)–325–4376				
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	(to be announced), The Dalles	(541)–				
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)–390–4292				
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-666-8806				
Twin Rivers (TR)	2nd & 4th Sun	1200 (noon)	Spare Room; 4830 NE 42 nd street.; Portland	(503)–960–5421				
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-643-4725				
Willamette Valley (WV)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Far Man Resaurant and Bar; 3111 Gateway; Springfield	(541)–935–4632				