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Diesel Dave of the *Concerned Motorcyclist Coalition* wishes to thank Frank Saxton for all his kinds words. Dave learned from Spunik (R.I.P.) how to start a caucus.

Dave also wants to thank of all the individuals in *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* for all their hard work.

### All correction have been corrected

Any further corrections will apply to brand new mistakes.

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## This Is What We Do This Time Of Year



Throughout the year, individual chapters fulfill the community involvement portion of the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* mission statement.

It is in the last two months of each year that members' efforts

really shine.

From clothing drives to food barrels, our members help those who have fallen on hard times to survive the northwest winters.

But what really bolsters the human spirit are the toy runs tak-

ing place in December. Helping children to feel loved and secure despite upsets in family surroundings touches even the most hardened rider helping to hand out gifts.

Enjoy the holidays. -- Rot Path

### Where Have All The Poppies Gone?

Evidently several U.S. allies take the eleventh day of November far more seriously than do many people born into U.S. citizenship. American flags may be displayed, but corporations tend to use Veteran's Day as just another excuse for a sale without acknowledging what the day is about, desensitizing citizens to their civic pride.

Apparently in Canada, many stores have two moments of silence at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month to honor the memory of those who have served to keep their country free.

Can we, in this nation founded on the principals of liberty, do any less?

For those of you with web access, a touching video demonstrating the respect

Canadians show their veterans is on *YouTube*:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojTVKvjNQGE&feature=related>

The name of the video is:  
*A Pittance of Time* by Terry Kelly.

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

## What We're About

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

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

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

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

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

So scan through our newsmagazine. If you like what you read, check out the chapter meeting listing on the back cover. Drop in on a meeting and see what we're about. You just might find a new family in A.B.A.T.E. And as Melinda says: "Bikers give great hugs."

-- Rot Path, crusty ol' editor

## A Brief History of A.B.A.T.E.

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

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

*Easyrider*s 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.)*.

*Easyrider*s 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 subcommittee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

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

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

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

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

bikers, and succeeded in lobbying it through congress.

So, there you have it.

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

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## U.S. Motorcyclist Organizations

### 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 motorcyclists.

*BikePAC* works within the political process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

officers at work

# State Coordinator

N.H.T.S.A. recently sent out a notice to regulation enforcement agencies all across the United States, inviting them to apply for a new government grant. \$350,000 was put aside for establishing roadblocks to pull motorcyclists off the road for “safety inspections”.

- New York – Early arrivals to *Americade* were greeted by motorcycle-only roadblocks. The roadblock forced 123 participants traveling on the Adirondack Northway into a rest area where the police were conducting “inspections”. Police kept a helicopter hovering above the roadblock to “discourage” attendees from attempting to continue on their way without being subjected to a search.

- Connecticut – State police established a roadblock to target motorcyclists traveling on I-84 to the *Marcus Dairy Cycle* Sunday event.

- Massachusetts – Local and state police worked together to pull over every motorcycle traveling on route

140/62.

- Utah – The highway patrol set up a motorcycle-only checkpoint on I-80 near the *Miller Motorsport Park*, stopping all bikes leaving the *F.I.M. Superbike* races.

Fred Rau (*Motorcycle Consumer News*) says “ *I can’t imagine anyone, including the police officers actually conducting these roadblocks, who could really believe that this is a legal, moral, or ethical practice.*”

The *A.M.A.* and the *M.R.F.* urges all riders to contact David Strickland, *N.H.T.S.A.* administrator, and ask that the discriminatory “*Motorcycle Law Enforcement Demonstration*” grant be suspended.

This is *our* government, using *our* money, to discriminate against us!

What other class of citizen of this nation is subjected to this harassment?

I have said it before and I will say it again, our right to legally ride a motorcycle on our nation’s roads will always be in peril. We must be

forever vigilant.

We must stay on top of what is going on in Washington D.C. and Salem or we will lose our ability to enjoy our way of life.

Take care,

Ted



**Ted Tracy**  
state coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon



( Government Grinches Steal Coordinator’s Holiday Spirit )

## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Central Oregon



Hello C.O.

Short and to the point.

Our christmas party will be on the 18th of December. Where? Aron-Bonnie Myra house. Contact Animal.

We need to support the *Motorcyclist of Central Oregon* toy run on the 11th of December at *Cascade Harley-Davidson*.

We also need to help with the indoor poker run that *A.B.A.T.E.* will participate in. Contact Animal if you would like to help out.

All for now.  
Winter is here!

Animal  
*Central Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*

**CENTRAL OREGON MEETING**

**TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2: p.m.)  
Northside Bar & Grill  
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Bend, Oregon

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



Greetings from now “soggy” Douglas County,

Thanks to *everyone* who participated in our fabulous *Veterans Day Parade*. There were plenty of motorcycles and several groups represented from around the county. It means a lot to show our veterans, active duty service men and women, as well as our communities that motorcyclists/bikers support our vets and military.

Another year is coming to a close and as every year, we take pause to reflect on the ride season especially. We are thankful for the safe rides and heck-of-a-lot-of-fun events! And as it is every year, we are also thankful for those who have earned their “broken wings” and lived to tell about it. As some of us represent the “more mature” membership in *A.B.A.T.E.* and struggle with health issues, we take time to be especially supportive, loving, and ask a special blessing for them.

And yes, once again it is the *holiday season*. Many approach this time of year with a kind of malaise, depression, and sometimes regret. As one of those who experienced a family where this wasn't the “best and happiest” time of year, I know how it can feel.

There is a big “however” for this situation. It may not be our best memory, but it is an opportunity to make a “best memory.” That can be done by doing something for

someone else. As the Grinch has taught us, caring for others and taking the focus off ourselves, can create that “nice warm feeling” in our hearts. If you don't have warm memories of the “holidays” it's never too late to make your own.

There are multitudes of opportunities to reach out to others: those less fortunate, alone, or impoverished. Adults and children alike, we are surrounded by “need” in the richest nation in the world. Many suffer not from need for food, shelter, or material things, rather to just know some other person cares for them.

We have toy runs, which can be only an “anonymous” way to reach out, and they are good. However, there are other more personal ways to touch someone. You can invite someone who is alone to Christmas dinner; or just to dinner.

If we take time, there are many opportunities to just show someone they are cared about in a way that is significant to them. There are so many events and opportunities just waiting. Watch your local newspaper if you need ideas.

Visiting our veteran's administration hospitals and taking something as simple as a Christmas card to the patients with an encouraging word and kind thoughts can make someone feel cared about. Once

you go there, you find that some of these people are desperate just for someone to talk to and the stories they can tell about fabulous, exciting lives are astounding. You can talk to your local V.A. activities director for guidance in how to help.

Here in Douglas county, if you are interested in helping those at the V.A. hospital “transitional care unit” you can contact Don Garino with *Bikers for Christ* at (541)-679-7729 and he can direct you to a couple that has made the T.C.U. their special project. Call and see how you can help.

Our *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* christmas party is December 19th, 2:30 p.m. at *Del Ray Cafe*. You should receive something in the mail, but if you don't, just call Jim and Janie Waggoner at (541)-733-4069.

*Douglas County events:*

- 11 December – *Wreaths Across America* (Information will be coming.)
- 12 December – South county unorganized toy run. 10 a.m. at *Tri-City Pizza Palace*. Leaves at 11 a.m.
- 18 December – *Rudolph Run*. Cascade Community Credit Union - leaves at 10 am

18 December – Ground breaking for the expansion of the national cemetery at the Roseburg veteran's administration. Information coming.

Just little reminder to remember the Christmas season for what it represents to the world, the birth of a savior, an opportunity for forgiveness and a “brand new start” to life. May God richly bless you and all those you love now and in the new year.

Becky Garino  
*Douglas County Chapter*

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING**  
**TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Del Ray Cafe*  
5669 NE Stephens St  
Winchester  
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# A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Jackson County**



**JACKSON COUNTY MEETING**  
**TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 ( 6:30 pm )  
Saxton's  
4618 N. Pacific highway  
Central Point

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

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

The elections are over and things are changing. I hope everyone voted for their candidate. The thing to remember is some win and some lose. Now it is time to really keep a eye on these folks.

There looks like there will be several motorcycle bills that will be brought out in the next session.

We should all take a few hours to visit the capital a couple of times a year. A few good times to go are:

- Oregon's birthday on February 14th. (I have heard that they have cake and coffee.)
- During the May awareness rally is also good.
- Anytime the legislature is in session and when a motorcycle bill is being debated or voted on there should be some(or a bunch) of us there so we can be seen.
- Whenever people are in Salem and have a couple of hours to kill they should try to stop in just as a reminder that we are there.

Now it is time for the annual toy runs. Please be as generous as possible. People really need help this year. The toy runs

are also a great place to make a few new friends. If you have not had a chance to do a toy run, the *Shriners* put on a good one.

The weather is changing. Fall is here with the days getting a little chilly and the night going down around "Oh crap".

Just something to think about: the roads are covered with leaves and the rain is making them very slick. So please watch your speed out there.

The mall show was a success. I had started a really long rant for this issue but now I really have only a few things left.

A few days ago I saw a young lady who was driving and talking on her phone so I asked if she knew that it was against [regulations] to talk on the phone and drive. She looked at me and said but "I had to because it rang". So with that I say watch out for the wacky people who drive on the same roads we do.

Lets try to get regular drivers to take the motorcycle awareness course so they will start watching for motorcycles and



will remember that we are out there.

Is there a way we can do this or do the legislators have to vote on it too?

And last I hope to ride with everyone for a lot more years so lets be safe,

Steve W.  
*Hub City Chapter*

### **HUB CITY MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)  
Ciddici's Pizza  
133 Fifth Street  
Albany

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

Spanky's father passed away October 20th. He spent four years in the merchant marines and then twenty years in the Coast Guard. Although he never rode a bike himself, he was always very supportive of all of Spanky's motorcycle activities and was well liked by the biker community. He was laid to rest on Friday, November 12th at Eagle Point National Cemetery. A motorcycle escort organized and led by the *M.I.A.P.* (Missing in America Program) went from *Chapel of the Valley Funeral Home* down highway 99 through all the beautiful back roads to Eagle Point. The procession included about seventy bikes and ten cars. The Grants Pass police department assisted with traffic control through town and then the *M.I.A.P.* handled traffic for the remainder of the route.

The *Old Guard Riders* along with volunteers from several groups manned the flag line. Kevin "Ol' School" Saxton from *Jackson County Chapter* decorated his bike trailer with a flag-draped mini coffin and carried the remains of Edgar Allen (Spanky's father). Very impressive. The entire service was planned and executed extremely well.

For those that don't know, the *M.I.A.P.* (Missing in America Program) was organized to locate and identify unclaimed remains of veterans that are sitting on shelves in funeral homes and make appropriate arrangements to get them laid to rest with military honors.

They have since been trained and are insured to handle traffic control, get permits for the escorts, put up flag lines, communicate with the family, if appropriate: to handle all aspects of a military funeral.

You can get more information about the *M.I.A.P.* on their web site: <http://www.MIAP.org>

They work very well with all organizations.

Our first Halloween party was a success. This was a shared effort between *Josephine* and *Jackson Counties*. I was hoping to have pictures in time to submit, but looks like they will have to wait until next month. (Spanky has been threatening to wear his thong out in public. Wait until you see the pictures.)

We had 50-60 members and guests attend a costume-optional potluck party. Almost half the guests wore costumes. We had four kids who all wore costumes. There were certificates for the best costume worn by a man, worn by a woman, best couple, best overall. All the kids got certificates and all the winners got a candy bar. There was karaoke / DJ music. We have some good talent in Grants Pass and then we have some singers who just like to sing. I give credit to anyone willing to get up and take a chance in public.

At our October chapter meeting we had a long discussion about the planning meeting



and getting *Josephine County Chapter* more involved with state activities. Karen told the group that if they wanted to know more about what was happening in Salem, then someone needs to step up to the plate and become *BikePAC* representative as well as someone to be state legislative representative position who can research and keep up with the legislative information and then bring it back to the chapter for discussion. Looks like we might have a couple new volunteers. Will report back when elections are held in December.

Spanky promised that we would bring back chapter social rides and events this coming year. He would like to see a joint ride with *Jackson County Chapter* and maybe *Douglas County Chapter*. And of course anyone else who would like to ride with us. Maybe to Crater Lake, maybe an overnight campout but not a fundraiser. Just a nice social ride.



### **JOSEPHINE COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

> September only = third Sunday <  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1830  
( 6:30 pm )

Fruitdale Grange  
1440 Parkdale Drive  
Grants Pass

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

Hello there from *Lincoln County*,

Our first meeting in October started with the resignations of our secretary, treasurer, ways and means director, and sgt. at arms. Our thanks to them for their past service to the chapter. They served through some hard times for us, and it is appreciated.

Nominations for our new officers currently is underway. We are going to need some of our old members to step up and serve this coming year. To give them time to come forward and volunteer we will hold our elections at our last meeting on December 21st.

By the time this is published, our *Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* will be history.

Our chapter received recognition for our project in *Generations*, a publication for seniors.

We will be deciding on possible Christmas projects we will do.

*Beaver Creek* ran successfully for another year. Attendance was down

a little though. We still were able to send a check for a little over \$600.

For the second year, *Beaver Creek* got a mention in the *Triker* magazine, thanks to *Brothers of the Third Wheel* director, Myron Crawford.

Best wishes for the coming holiday season and especially have a safe new years,

*Lincoln County* board of directors



### **LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING**

#### **TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900  
( 7 pm )

American Legion Hall Post 116  
424 W. Olive Street

Newport

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

Happy holidays from the *North Coast*,

By this time our new chapter officers will have been voted in and are eager to get on with the 2011 agenda. Our officers are a mix of old timers and new members. We are thankful for these members who step-up to keep our chapter going and to keep the *A.B.A.T.E.* message alive.

When the funds we generated from our annual spaghetti diner and auction and the toy run on December 11th are added to this year's effort, we are going to have a big impact on our charity, the *Clatsop County Wishing Tree Program*. This program is to make sure children in the area have a merry christmas and needy families have food this holiday season.

So when *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters are having their respective toy runs and are freezing their butt's off, remember it's all for the kids.

So the *North Coast* is loaded up

with new officers and we are ready for 2011.

*North Coast Toy Run* – Saturday, December 11th !

Don Kelly  
run coordinator  
*North Coast Chapter*



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**HOLIDAY FUN**

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### **NORTH COAST MEETING TIME and PLACE**

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

Children are welcome  
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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- Lower Columbia

Hello from *LoCo*,

This is going to be short and sweet.

We have in our home a couple of children (walking cesspools of bacteria and we are all sick) so here goes.

We are getting little done on our weenie wagon, but we are shooting for spring functions.

We will have our elections of officers at our December meeting and pot luck.

We have our annual food and toy drive going on too.

We are also gearing up for our third annual crab dinner. Tickets should be on sale in the month of December as the dinner will be the 12th of February.

Last but most importantly I'd like to say thanks to all of you veterans.

Ride safe,

Dave Bridges  
coordinator *LoCo*



### **LOWER COLUMBIA MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

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

(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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( Okay, now c.o.e. is switching to semi-hard stuff : non-diet Mountain Dew along with dark chocolate.)

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

**October 19, 2010**

We had a lengthy and detailed report of the planning session/board of directors meeting from Rick and Gene. We also discussed our *Adopt-A-Family* project for Christmas, and our upcoming candy sale.

Wendy suggested developing a women's ride in 2011.

50/50 was won by Wendy at \$10/\$9. She donated her share back to the chapter. Thanks, Wendy.

Membership drawing should have been won by Sue Wiebalk if she had been present. It will be \$30 next meeting.

-- Brian

**November 02, 2010**

We had guests tonight from *Southeast Portland Chapter* selling bike raffle tickets.

We had a small meeting and a quick one.

Pat won the 50/50 at \$6/\$7. He donated \$10 to the *Adopt-A-Family* fund. Thanks, Pat.

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



### **Upcoming Meetings**

**December 07, 2010**

**December 21, 2010**

### **RIVER CITY MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
Shiloh Inn  
-- The Dalles

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



### **SALEM MEETING TIME and PLACE**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
Almost Home Restaurant  
3310 Market Street, Salem

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

Winston Churchill said, "You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give."

I'm proud to see *Washington County Chapter* members epitomize this time and time again. You've worked countless hours to make our runs successful, raised money for *Washington County Food Bank* and the *Hillsboro Toy and Joy Program*, helped the kids at *Doernbecher Children's Hospital* through the *Papa's Toys* event, and did your part to keep Oregon green with our *Adopt-A-Road* clean-up. You've given your time and experience at the chapter and state level to help further the goals in our mission statement all year long, and we thank you for it.

As we approach our chapter officer elections on December 14, I'm grateful that we have willing nominees for all officer positions. The dedication of our leaders and our members is truly inspiring.

It would be easy to think that we're in for a "turnkey" year, that the run committee has our events covered,

that the officers will make sure the business gets done.

For some of us, it seems like just finding time to make it to a meeting is a struggle, let alone hold an office or work on a committee.

But we have big work to do in 2011, with the legislature in session and our rights continually chipped away.

So, I'm asking every one of our 263 members, "Could you commit to just one?"

One chapter meeting, one bike shop near you to deliver flyers, one letter to your senator or representative, one day to attend S.T.E.A.M.

You get the idea.

None of us can do it all, but think of the possibilities if every person could commit to just one.

2010 was a great year for our chapter, and 2011 will be even better. Hope to see you all at our elections meeting on December 14.



Wishing you and yours safe and happy holidays,

Margo Virchow  
<http://www.wacoabate.info>

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930  
( 7:30 p.m. )  
Prime Time Restaurant  
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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Cornelius, OR 97113



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

Hello to all,

The *Southeast Portland Chapter* nominations for officers was held November 21.

Please attend at the *M&M Club* in Gresham for officer elections.

Other upcoming events are:

- 04 December 2010 = *Southeast Portland Chapter* toy run

- 12 March 2011 = *Southeast Portland Chapter* anniversary party

- 22-24 July 2011 = *Run 21*

Ride safe and stay warm,

Deb



**Now Three Great Chapters In One !**

### **S.E. Portland MEETING**

#### **TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1200 (noon)  
M&M Restaurant & Lounge  
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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## A.B.A.T.E. chapter reports -- **Willamette Valley**

I went to today's board meeting [13 November 2010] and gave Kay the check for \$1,105 that was our chapter's funds. I also gave the records, receipts, and history stuff to the board.

The only request we must still do to finalize is once the check clears the bank, Kay says she will need the final bank statement showing closed, the reconciliation showing what cleared, and the final entries put into *Quicken* and either e-mailed to both her and the auditor, or on thumbdrive given to me to get to the board or mailed to Kay directly.

On a good note, Geoffrey White says there will be a S.T.E.A.M. session on February 26, 2011 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., with sign up starting at 8 a.m.

He would like to know how many are planning on attending, and says the event is an open session. He wants ideas from those taking part to set the sessions.

Geoffrey would also appreciate anyone who is attending letting him

know soon, so he can find a place big enough to hold it. He asked us to contact him at:

[gwhite@petersoncat.com](mailto:gwhite@petersoncat.com)

Anywho, I have enjoyed the time I spent with *Willamette Valley Chapter* and will miss the group.

I still plan to stay active at some level and will be happy to e-mail any information I can share to you all.

Keep it in the sun!

Hope to see you on the road,

Rod Hatter



**Final Report**  
(for now)

## Our Officers at Work

# A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes — 13 November 2010

*Ciddici's Pizza – Albany, Oregon*



**Call to order/welcome:** The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols at 12:00 p.m. with 10 of 12 chapters represented and all were eligible to vote.

### Pledge of allegiance

**Moment of silence:** For downed brothers/sisters and service men/women.

**Guests and first-time attendees:** Lance Tolle of *Josephine County* and Daryl McKnight of *North Coast*. Daryl will be the state board representative next year.

**Reading/approval of minutes:** Motion made by Allan to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Matt Price. Motion passed with 10 votes.

**Coordinator's comments:** Ted Tracy, Spanky, Rot Path, and *Jackson County* excused. Allan Nichols will stand in for Ted.

**Secretary report / correspondence:** Yvonne Sahnaw requested that *Central Oregon* representative meet with her at end of meeting.

## Officer's Reports

**Vice-coordinator (north):** Allan Nichols thanked everyone for attending. A reminder to everyone attending that this is a volunteer organization, and that we need to remember who we represent during the meeting.

**Vice-coordinator (south):** Pat "Spanky" Allen (Excused.)

**Vice-coordinator (east):** (Vacant)

**Treasurer:** Kay Sipple – We currently have \$4,000 in the checking and \$21,000 in the savings.

Several advertisers have opted out of the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper publication. A 10% discount is being considered for a whole page promotional advertisement. The

board of directors will need further information on pricing from Rot Path.

It has come to Kay and Connie's attention that several of the chapters have a newer version of the *Quicken* software which does not allow them to open the files. She recommends the purchase of 2011 upgrade to better facilitate the transferring of information to the treasurers and auditor positions. There are too many inconsistencies at this time.

**Membership secretary:** Linda Henderson (Report attached.) We currently have 1,612 members which is 150 down from this time last year. Membership retention will be addressed at S.T.E.A.M. Please call Linda if you have any questions.

She has a proposal for pricing on trifolds. Several bids were requested, but only one was received. There was much discussion on the membership rate increase.

Allan reminded everyone that motions can be addressed under new business, at which point the chapter representatives can present to their chapter for further review.

**Sanctioning officer:** Matt Price asked for chapter run counts so that he can accurately project next year's insurance costs. Sanctions for January, February, and March are due. Those runs will not receive certificates before January. Our current policy expires 2011. A new policy will be in place next month for the 2011 year. He assured the board of directors that our sanctions are current and will remain so.

**State auditor:** Connie Kintz (Report included.) At the time of the report, *Jackson County*, *Josephine County*, and *Lower Columbia* were

not eligible to vote.

There's a lot of green this month. Meaning status current in chapter reports to the auditor.

Now, however, *Central Oregon* and *Douglas County* reports will be current. *Josephine County* is working with *Lower Columbia* to get their reports into Connie.

*Jackson County* is too new at this time for any report to be needed. Kay will follow up with *Jackson County* for any assistance they may need.

**Newspaper editor:** Rot Path (Excused.) Allan read Rot's report to the board of directors.

"Absolutely must have all reports and minutes e-mailed to the state newspaper by Wednesday, 17 November. The printer does an enormous amount of holiday sales printing in November. If we don't have our files to them by the end of that week, we may not see our next issue until well into December."

**Legislative director:** Randy Phipps – Current argument on concealed carry bill in committee that bears watching. Whether you wear your piece concealed or out in the open, magazines excluded. The hammer has to sit on an empty cylinder. Bill #LC-1326 currently in legislation.

*N.H.T.S.A.* still working on the federal helmet requirement and motorcycle checkpoints lecturing safety issues still in effect in some areas.

The *Governors Advisory Committee* will meet on November 18, 2010 in Salem.

15% ethanol was considered, which would increase problems in old machinery. (i.e. valve seats, carburetor, etc.)

There will be a meeting next Friday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m., at the Portland Kaiser Ball Room. Location on Interstate avenue. Topic to be covered would include: Survey conducted by state of Oregon on lane sharing. This would alleviate overheating issues on the air cooled motorcycle models. A meeting on the same subject will be held in Salem before heading out to the coast.

*Fossil* is coming up and Randy will



Yvonne Sahnaw  
state recording secretary

need to work with chapter sergeant at arms regarding security shifts.

**Sergeant-at-arms (north):** Randy Phipps – Swap meet coming up in a few months.

**Sergeant-at-arms (south):**  
(Vacancy is not official yet.)

**Sergeant-at-arms (east):** Jim Middleton (Absent.)

**Products director:** Dave Meeker (Absent.)

**Education director:** Geoff White – S.T.E.A.M. will be held February 26, 2011. We hope to have S.T.E.A.M. centrally located and accessible for typical February weather. Getting the word out is key to the success of this event. Word of mouth is the most powerful way of encouraging people to attend S.T.E.A.M.

Facilitators will focus on talking and motivation in group settings. Anyone with something to bring as an opportunity to teach and share in this learning experience is welcome. Please encourage everyone to promote S.T.E.A.M. within the chapters.

Geoff would like to get some early numbers, if possible, of head counts from each chapter. He can be reached at: [gswwhite@petersoncat.com](mailto:gswwhite@petersoncat.com)

There will be three classes or four classes per session with three sessions for the day. [Nine to twelve classes.]

We will have a keynote speaker and a short opening ceremony to allow more time for the classes. Sign ups will begin at 8 a.m. the program beginning promptly at 9 a.m.

The event will end no later than 3:15 p.m. so everyone can get back on the road headed home.

We do have an agenda and will be sending it out via e-mail to everyone in the chapters. Please feel free to call him with any questions regarding S.T.E.A.M. Leave a message if he

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## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 13 November 2010 (continued)

doesn't answer.

This coming Tuesday, November 16th, Geoff will be teaching a motorcycle awareness program at the *David Douglas High School*. The class is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Please see Geoff if anyone would like to attend.

### Public relations director:

( Vacant. )

### Fossil coordinator:

( Vacant. ) Brian Stovall read Gene Mortimore's report.

Thanks to Quiet Mike the *Cushman* motor that was missing from *Fossil* a couple of years ago has been returned and Gene is working on rebuilding a *Cushman*. Gene is also working with a local firm to get lumber to build a permanent stage at Bear Hollow.

Brian reports that Rotten Roger needs a copy of the bill of sale or canceled check from *A.B.A.T.E.* to Clark Brooker for the purchase of the *Cushman* carts that were stolen a couple of years ago. Roger cannot proceed any further with the sheriff's department until he has proof of ownership.

**M.R.F. representative:** Allan Nichols – California has passed the emissions regulation beginning 2013, making visible requirement of the E.P.A. stamp. Will that apply to all motorcycles? Still waiting to see what legislation coming in the new year.

*M.R.F.* memberships has fallen off a bit. See Allan for a renewal application if needed.

**Fall/spring swap meet coordinator:** ( Vacant. )

**Historian:** Jennifer Brackman ( No report. )

**Web page editor:** Trace Ceccacci – Behind as usual, but will be caught up by this weekend. No report.

**Quartermaster:** Dwayne Sterba – Trailer is all cleaned out. The storage container is organized and ready to go.

**BikePAC representative:** Randy Phipps – Even though the governor was reelected to office, we can still attain the helmet repeal regulation. Andy Olson, the co-author of the bill, has been working hard on this appeal.

Nic, would like to remind everyone that *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters

need to work with *BikePAC* on this issue or it will fail.

Ron Mason is our current legislator for *Hub City* and is working in conjunction with all the club members and affiliates on this appeal. He would like to set up a plan of action that would involve a phone and e-mail tree as a permanent structure to call to protest. "Coming together as a cohesive legislative riding community." A visible presence, moving rapidly through communication to a legislative people as defenders of our rights.

How will *A.B.A.T.E.* want to organize with *BikePAC*? Don Mason believes the best process can be done at the state coordinator and chapter coordinator levels having parallel legs. Again, this is about choice and not helmets. Allan would like to see the board of directors membership take this to their individual chapters.

**BikePAC representative:** Mel Yeager ( Absent. )

**Confederation of Clubs representative (south):** Pat "Spanky" Allen ( Excused. )

**Confederation of Clubs representative (north):** David Hickerson – Reported briefly on the joint Oregon/Washington *Confederation of Clubs* meeting. This meeting was the first ever between the states.

*A.M.A.* is putting together a call to action regarding the California *E.P.A.* requirement and *N.H.T.S.A.*'s education stops.

The next *Confederation of Clubs* meeting is Sunday, November 21, 2010 in Portland. This is not a public meeting. Only representatives are allowed.

David said there were more important issues going on right now than the helmet requirement appeal. People need to stand together as a group and we need to realize that the second amendment affects us all. Federal regulation supersedes state and county ordinances. It's our constitutional right, and as motorcyclists we need to stand together and fight for what we believe in. If we only focus on the helmet regulation, it makes it easier for them to ignore us.

*BikePAC* believes *A.B.A.T.E.* is not effective at the state level.

### Unfinished Business

- All ten chapters are eligible to vote today.

- Kay passed out a newly revised copy of the expense form to review. The changes allowed for expenses covered at chapter levels as well as state are on the form. No questions followed.

- Lee stated part of the sanctions rules in the 2007 guidelines were incorrect, and re-certification needed to happen. Board of directors representatives voted on this issue last meeting. Therefore, a written motion needs to be passed. Dwayne Sterba will rewrite the motion.

### New Business

- 1st motion - Made by Jennifer (*Lower Columbia*) and seconded by Matt Price to move the February state board meeting to Clatskanie in conjunction with *Lower Columbia's* annual crab feed. Meeting will be held at *Calvin's Pub*. Motion passed with majority vote.

- 2nd motion – Made by Dwayne (*Lower Columbia*) and seconded by Linda Henderson (*Washington County*) to update operations manual under sanctioning. For sanctioning to be updated to the new updated regulations as it is currently the old 2006 version.

Amendments: Update sanctioning in the operations manual to the 2007 update. Motion passed with eight in favor.

- 3rd motion – Made by Millie Highfill (*Lincoln County*) and seconded by Linda (*Washington County*) to give *A.I.M.* a 10% discount on a full page which costs \$1,000. Cost would then be \$900. Motion passed with 9 in favor.

- 4th motion – Made by Matt Price (*Salem Chapter*) and seconded by Nic (*Hub City*). Motion reads: "That *A.B.A.T.E.* or Oregon Inc. shall, by verification of audit, dedicate forty-nine percent (49%) of available funds to lobbying and legislative endeavors specifically intended to secure lawful protection for motorcyclists from the consequences of negligence and indifference on the part of the general motoring public.

*This motion shall equally among the registered chapters of the organization throughout the state. Said chapters shall be responsible in their district locales for attendance at public peaceful demonstrations of objection to any and all efforts of governmental authority to*

*enact any regulation which would restrict or deny the certain rights of motorcyclists to exercise their choice of mode of transportation.*

*It shall be incumbent upon the state coordinator and the coordinators of the individual chapters to develop, to the best extent possible, an e-mail and phone call-out system in order to facilitate the rapid dissemination of information in the event that there is need to respond to an alert message from any state or national motorcycle rights organization."*

Comments/action taken: Take back to chapters for a meeting on what they feel is appropriate and report back to the next board of directors meeting. To remain open for discussion on the percentage of money donated. Motion was tabled.

- 5th motion – Made by Nic Oliver (*Hub City*) and seconded by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland*). *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc.* create a communication network between our legislative representatives and state legislative representatives to support the *Adult Choice Helmet Reform Bill*. Network to be in place by December meeting to support January legislative session. Don Mason (*Hub City*) to help with assembling network. Motion passed with 9 in favor.

- 6th motion – Made by Lee Austin (*Southeast Portland*) to refer the raise of the dues back to the chapters for discussion. Motion failed after much discussion.

- 7th motion – That in the event the state stage [trailer] is put up for sale that the *Southeast Portland Chapter* be given the first bid. Motion failed.

### Announcements

- *Willamette Valley* and *Klamath County Chapters* have folded.

- Vacant positions for 2011 board of directors:

Vice-coordinator (east)  
Public relations director  
Fossil coordinator  
Sergeant at arms (south)

- Next state board of directors meeting – December 11, 2010 at *Ciddici's Pizza*, 133 5th Ave SE – Albany, Oregon.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

From The ...

## GUNNY'S SACK

I'm sure you know that winter riding is far different than any other time of the year. Doesn't matter where you live for certain precautions. Getting chilled and dehydrated is the nasty combination to avoid. Hypothermia will kill you and needing water will help bring it on. This killer is a sneak, though: Ya might not realize you're in trouble and suddenly, you can't think clearly and you're shivering and cold and then ya lose concentration. That's the recipe for an crash. Wear warm clothing in layers. If you get too hot you can always remove some clothing.

Be sure your scooter is ready for the cold weather. Change your oil and fluids, especially radiator anti freeze if your bike has those thing aboard.

### Newsbits and Pieces

**Laconia, New Hampshire:** It's official. Next summer this city will be host to the annual international gathering of the *Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club*, known as the *World Run*. P. Scott Bratton, the legal representative of the *Hell's Angels* which, in New Hampshire have chartered chapters in Manchester and Laconia, confirmed what *The Citizen* newspaper first reported on October 7: That the *World Run*, which took place here in 2003, will be back in 2011. The 2011 *World Run* will begin on July 27 and go through July 31, a Sunday.

"We expect approximately 2,000 *Hell's Angels* to attend with their families who will be vacationing at the lake and we see it as a positive event for the community since it will financially benefit local merchants and retailers," said Bratton.

In addition to announcing the details of the upcoming *World Run*, Bratton on Thursday afternoon pointed out that last week's article in *The Citizen* contained an error. The article quoted Belknap county sheriff Craig Wiggin saying that he, like Laconia police chief Mike Moyer, did not expect many problems during the *World Run* next year. But the article also stated that recently, an innocent bystander was shot by a prospective club member. Bratton stressed that the alleged shooter "was not a member of the *Hell's Angels* or a prospect or even a friend or an affiliate who was involved" in the shooting.

Following the 2003 *World Run*, the *Hell's Angels* through Bratton thanked residents of the city and the lakes region for their "respectful hospitality." He said, "Most would agree that the event was a success, including the *Hell's Angels*, local merchants, the law enforcement community and, importantly, the citizens of the lakes region."

**N.H.T.S.A. Recalls:** If anyone reading these pearls has one of these rides, get your butt to your dealer and get these fixed. A crash will ruin your day.

- *B.M.W.*: 2007-2010 for front disc brake fasteners.
- *B.M.W.*: 2004-2010. for rear wheel linkage.
- *Kawasaki*: 2009-2010, for engine control unit replacement.

**Tucson, Arizona:** The *University of Arizona's* campus police department will start using mounted digital cameras on marked department motorcycles, as well as cars, according to a U.A.P.D. news release. This can be a good thing for folks who feel like they were stopped for no good reason and take it to court. They can get the video through the freedom of information act or the discovery process in a criminal or infraction case, and use the police video in their defense.

**Eagle Point, Oregon:** We just can't seem to get away from big brother. It seems that *O.S.H.A.* has stepped in because a school principal had a crash on his motorcycle while at work.

*O.S.H.A.* has recommended that school employees not ride their motorcycles while performing school duties. The school board has taken up the idea and will decide the outcome. Next thing ya know we won't be able to walk without an escort to see that we are safe. I wonder what would have happened if he had been walking?

**Kelso, Washington:** Last month, the Oregon and Washington *Confederations of Clubs (C.O.C.)* held their first ever joint meeting here. Bikers rode from the corners of their respective states to meet here, to try to coordinate efforts or even join forces to fight discrimination against the clubs, and for the good of all motorcyclists here in the pacific northwest.

**Brockton, Massachusetts:** A Cape Cod woman was sentenced Thursday to state prison after she was found guilty of motor vehicle homicide and leaving the scene after causing a death in June 2009.

A 58 year-old biker named Charles Pappas was killed in Plymouth,

Massachusetts. According to the story in the *Cape Cod Times*, the woman who caused his death with her 2008 Cadillac was just sentenced: 18 months in their state prison, plus five years after that of probation, with no driving allowed. I wonder if Mr. Pappas would have thought that was a fair sentence. If one of us had done that they would have thrown the key to our cell away. The woman was guilty of murder for goodness sake.

**Oregon Splits:** No, it's not a dance move. The Oregon *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* has taken up the conversation about lane sharing, as they call it. In reality it's splitting lanes for motorcycles when traffic is stopped. This is a legit practice in many other states and could eventually happen here. I wouldn't hold my breath, though. This may take some time with our newly elected governor. I'm betting on some opposition from his office, but who knows, he may surprise us. That's as political as I'm going to get folks. You can make up your own minds. We'll find out soon enough.

**Convention News:** Don't forget that the *N.C.O.M.* region I (west coast, plus Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii) conference next year is in Honolulu, Hawaii, January 28-29, 2011. Make your plans now while the flights are cheap.

Call *N.C.O.M.* for information from the horse's mouth. They booked us a hotel for under \$100 a night that's a short walk from Waikiki beach.

**1-(800)-531-2424, or 1-(800)-On-A-Bike, or check the *N.C.O.M.* web site.**

And plan now for the big national *N.C.O.M.* convention early next May in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I expect some of us in Oregon might be riding to that one!

### Gunny Again

As is my habit, I again remind y'all if ya get in a crash call your nearest *A.I.M.* attorney.

Even if ya didn't hit the clown who drove in front of you. There is a thing called phantom vehicle coverage in some states (including Oregon) that *A.I.M.* attorney's know about and can tell you when it applies.

I'm no lawyer, so the only advice I can give you is: Call the *A.I.M.* attorney as soon as you are able.

And as to the insurance adjusters — if they call, just say "no". Don't talk to them until you've at least met with a



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

personal injury lawyer, which is what our *A.I.M.* boys do. Even if they can't help you they might know an attorney who can.

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is available at **1-(800)-347-1106**, and **(503)-224-1106** locally to the Portland area.

He's on-line too at: **SamBikeLaw@aol.com**

His web site is: **http://www.YourInjuryLawyers.com**

Look for the biker pages there, and some questions and answers about vehicular crashes.

Or, just call the national *A.I.M.* offices at **1-(800)-531-2424** and they can hook you up with someone in your area.

For more information nationally, go to the *A.I.M.* and *N.C.O.M.* web site. (Which is slated to soon contain video from the various *A.I.M.* attorneys.)

Go to: **http://www.AimNcom.com**

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# A Life In The Year

## Electing to get involved

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c.o.e.'s web site: (such as it is) <http://www.otoolevideomagic/RotPath/>

And so another year rolls towards the end of its ride.

Like any road trip, we never know what adventures await us as we journey through the year.

In January we look forward with anticipation to what the calendar and roads will bring to us.

We bump or cruise through the months, cursing alone or laughing with others while adding to our individual and collective pools of memories.

By now, in the darkening days of the nearly spent year, we can recall the pot holes and vistas that brought us to this point consciousness of our linear life experience.

A lifetime in twelve months, ready to be reborn at the last hour of the last day of the last month.

2010 started with a feel good ban on using handheld electronic pacifiers while guiding multi-ton piles of steel, glass, and rubber around the nation's roadways. For a while it worked. But the personal will was not there for individuals to wean themselves from their cell teats. Now, at the other end of the year, lacking legal and social enforcement, there seem to be just as many distracted folks careening around the traffic lanes as ever with one hand stuck to the side of their heads.

Just goes to show nothing is law without consistent enforcement.

Otherwise, it's just attempted regulation of human behavior.

Time to fill up the Oktoberfest stein with ice and caffeinated diet soda,

then settle into another long session of processing material and reports for this issue. Grammar, clarification, mistakes, and a final run through the spell checker.

You're reading the past because all this is taking place last month.

Because of the lead times required for print media, those of us involved with the written word are always living and working in the future, and have to adjust our mind clocks to reflect that in our mad scribblings. Indeed, yer crusty ol' editor is already training his fine self to type and write "2011" for material that won't appear until the January issue.

The phrases "back to the future" and "forward into the past" are never far from what's left of yer c.o.e.'s alleged mind.

We have a volunteer for the 2011 state swap meet coordinator position.

John Betts of the black hat has rolled forward to oversee organization of the spring and fall events that go a long way toward funding A.B.A.T.E. legislative education and other good works.

Yer crusty ol' editor (wearing a blue gnome hat) happened to meet John on the last day of *OryCon* (science fiction convention in Portland) and got the news directly from him.

Which is slightly odd, since the last he'd heard was that Willie Sanders was interested in the position.

A merry more, to be shore.

One nice thing about being a crusty ol' editor is that one never has a lack of birds: juncos, red-breasted nuthatches, black-capped chickadees, house finches,

to mention a few.

Guess it has more to do with the amount of black oil sunflower seeds in the feeder than with personal charisma.

It was sad to hear of Spanky's father's passing. But you can be sure that he was immensely proud of all his son is doing for Oregon motorcyclists. He sounds like he was a remarkable person. What wonderful memories the family must have of his life. Those will be the small flame of light and warmth in the darkness of their grief.

Many chapters hold their officer elections this month to select folks who will help guide their group during the coming year.

Long before Rot Path became yer crusty ol' editor, he was new to Oregon A.B.A.T.E. and didn't know anyone in the chapters or at the state level. One of the movers and shakers from that era gave Rot Path some excellent advice — if you want to get to know people, volunteer for an officer position. (And that's how Rot Path became *Salem Chapter's* secretary about 1995.)

Yeah, taking on an officer position can be scary at first, especially if you are uncertain what to do.

But the important things are to face up to your fears while knowing that there will always be folks available to answer your questions and help you over the rough spots.

Just like learning to ride a motorcycle. And aren't you glad you did that?

As the year comes to a close, sadly



**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor

so have a couple of chapters. Others are having trouble maintaining requirements to keep their charters.

Reflecting the cycle of life, chapters often wax and wane as the character of the local community fluctuates.

Some areas with sparse populations are not able to support full chapters.

What we in A.B.A.T.E. need to do is create another category of participation for regions that can't meet full charter requirements.

Something like an A.B.A.T.E. Association or A.B.A.T.E. Auxiliary. They wouldn't be able to vote at the state board or hold sanctioned events, but they could still teach motorcycle awareness classes and educate officials, elected or otherwise. They could also operate A.B.A.T.E. information booths at local events.

It would be a way to build support for A.B.A.T.E.'s mission while involving enthusiastic folks who can't start a chapter yet.

It would also allow members to participate in areas where chapters have folded.

The mark of a family is an unconditional love for all members at a fundamental level. It is the knowledge that you are accepted and will not abuse others' trust in you.

Sometimes families are not biological.

And often people may belong to several families to whom they are not related.

Like A.B.A.T.E.

Enjoy the holidays.

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( Cryptogram answer is elsewhere . . . like page 22 )




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( wherever "there" is )

letter to the readers

## Frustrated

I'm usually described by most people as laid back and easy going. Very rarely do subjects get me frustrated to the point that I actually write about it in a public forum, such as *A.B.A.T.E.*'s monthly state newspaper. After many years of supervising people and raising kids, it's well known that my general stand on receiving and/or hearing complaints about things should not come to me without valid suggestions for improvement. I will include those after I'm finished venting.

A lot of talk has occurred lately about this being a volunteer organization, how we need to stay positive and help out our fellow member when he or she falls short, the need for more action/participation from our current membership, and how to increase our membership.

One very important tool to be used by all members is our monthly state newspaper.

This should be presented to all potential new members and also given to any politician and/or legislator who current members are seeking help from to support our various causes.

After viewing *A.B.A.T.E.*'s newspaper over the past year, I would not consider giving it to any of the above because of its poor or lack of content.

Editors can only work with what they've been given.

I'm not alone when I say it does not leave a good first impression when individual

chapter reports are missing, contain negative messages, or are so poorly written the reader cannot figure out what's being said.

Many people interested in joining or aligning with various organizations will pick up publications written by those organizations and flip through to see what they're all about.

What do you think those potential supporters of *A.B.A.T.E.* might think when they see, "No report" from local chapters.

Might as well print, "We don't give a s--t."

Or how about this one, "Well, it's late and I'm tired after the meeting so here goes my report" followed by one paragraph telling of how the chapter activity is slow and nothing is going on.

What's the point?

Content, content, content.

Something of value must be submitted every month.

It's not the editor's job to fill in the empty space begging the chapter for a report. (By the way, that was a good example of turning a negative into a positive.)

Ted Tracy has asked for people to make some noise, whether it pisses people off or not.

By now you're saying, "Who does this guy think he is?"

I'm nothing but a fellow member who rides on a daily basis, out there among the other vehicles trying to stay alive like the rest

of you.

I believe one of the main factors when I'm out and about is *awareness*. Be aware of how you are perceived on the road and be aware of your surroundings.

As it stands right now, when I'm approached by someone asking me about *A.B.A.T.E.* and hand them one of our newspapers, quite frankly, I'm concerned about how we'll be perceived as a group.

Not good people!

I submit the following suggestions to help increase the value and content of our publication so it can be proudly given out and used as an effective recruiting tool as it should be:

1. Chapter coordinators review and approve the report before being submitted. Check spelling and grammar. Sounds silly but remember those first impressions. It's your chapter. What message are you conveying?

2. Find the people within your chapter who enjoy writing. Your best creative writer may be sitting there waiting to be asked but may be too shy to speak up.

3. Geoff, may I suggest a creative writing class at the upcoming S.T.E.A.M. Or at least a guide on how to report current events.

4. Each chapter have an article ready

to submit for back-up use. Anything that pertains to motorcycling, from winterizing to improving cornering skills. The article can then be submitted by the chapter as a helpful reminder to our members. That way, when you truly have nothing to report, you don't have to admit to it. (By the way, having nothing to report is a problem all its own.)

5. Have two or three people share in the report writing. Why is it only one persons responsibility? Gets old after awhile. Keep it fresh.

6. Finally, if you are choosing to make no report because of some silly reason to, "teach those guys at the state level a lesson!", then *stop it*.

Submit a letter to the editor about your beef. Make it public so we can fix it.

"Criticism is something we can avoid easily by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing."


— Aristotle

I feel better now.  
Ride smart!

Gordon Sahnaw  
*Washington County*



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## Josephine County

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Discussion about the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*. Vendors have told us that before *A.B.A.T.E.* took over the *Southern Oregon Swap Meet*, it was always held the first weekend in May. It's like the first event of the summer season. There are so many other events that have been going on longer than our swap meet and if we want a better turnout, we need to go back to having it that weekend. We are aware that is the same weekend as the *May Awareness Rally*. However, during the last couple years, even though we promoted the *May Awareness Rally* very strongly, only two or three of our chapter members ever attend the *May Awareness Rally*. Those members could still attend the rally, but taking everything into consideration we would like to move our swap meet back to the first weekend in May. More discussion will follow next month.

Nominations for chapter officers were held at the November meeting with elections in December. Spanky asked everyone to think about running for an office. Karen could use some help before she gets burned out. We need a secretary so she can concentrate on the treasurer's reports. We could also use a ways and means chair and a quartermaster. If Karen did not have to do three jobs she might get to the meetings on time and get her reports in on time.

The chapter has purchased a trailer for storing all the chapter properties. Spanky is working on getting it sealed and gutted out. It should be ready in a month or so.

The *S.O.S.* committee met for a wrap-up discussion. All committee members agreed to keep their jobs for next year. The park is available for the third weekend in August. So we will book the park. Annette will start contacting vendors right away. There will be additional contact phone numbers on the flyers so vendors will have more than one option. The *S.O.S.* run is always held same weekend as the *Blackberry Festival*, but there are no other good weekends available.

The December meeting will be our Christmas potluck. Third Wednesday every month 6:30 p.m. at the Fruitdale Grange, corner of Rogue river highway and Parkdale in Grants Pass.

Ride safe. See you down the road,

Karen Tolle  
chapter secretary

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<b>Salem</b>	4th Tuesday – 7 p.m.	<b>Almost Home Restaurant</b>	Salem
<b>Southeast Portland</b>	1st and 3rd Sunday – noon	<b>M&amp;M Restaurant</b>	Gresham
<b>Washington County</b>	2nd and 4th Monday – 7:30 p.m.	<b>Prime Time</b>	Forest Grove

## A.C.T.S./O.D.O.T. Conference Reports



Mel Yeager  
BikePAC of Oregon

Randy Phipps, Nic Oliver, and I attended the 2010 A.C.T.S./O.D.O.T. conference in Salem.

The conference was held in the Salem Conference Center on October 11–14th 2010. Since there were three of us attending, we tried to attend the many workshops of interest to us as we could. There will be reports from both Randy and Nic, perhaps with differing points of view from mine.

**Monday** was set aside for meeting the presenters and officials of the conference. We were not invited to attend this session and we were not needed.

**Tuesday:** The conference opened with a guest speaker named Gordon Graham, of *Graham Research Consultants*. This person, incidentally, helped and contributed to the *Hurt Report* that was made in 1980 in California. (The study of motorcycle deaths and injuries). This man is a speaker who captivates and entertains his audience for one and a half hours, getting across the message of customer service. He talks about the who, the why, the how, and when, where, and how often to make good and repeat customers. This technique could and would work for any organization that needs to build their membership or their customer base. He told of many successful places such as the Phoenix Arizona fire department that started with the idea they needed to generate five “Wow!”s a day to make the citizens of Phoenix support whatever they wanted to do.

The “Wow!” factor is simply doing something out of the ordinary that make people say “Wow!”

An example is searching a wrecked car for groceries or valuables and returning them to the home of an injured person before the car is towed away. Or visiting them after

the wreck to see how they are doing. (If you have a good idea, share it.)

There were many instances of how to make a “Wow!” from someone who will tell five other people and they tell five other people and so on. Do you see where this is going? We could learn a lesson in customer service and apply it to our own organization.

During the luncheon, Tom McClellan (D.M.V. administrator, O.D.O.T.) spoke about department of motor vehicle’s role in traffic safety. I was busy eating and did not retain any of what he said.

The afternoon session of note was Gordon Graham explaining the *Ten Things That Get Cops In Trouble*. He told of things that were obvious and things that were subtle which could get a cop killed or in trouble in some other way.

Obvious ones were approaching a driver of a stopped car from the road side of the car. This gives the driver a chance to shoot the approaching cop. It also exposes him to traffic that may hit him.

He also told of his experience as a motor cop in California and the motorcycles he had to use.

He said that he was the most proficient ticket writer in the department by writing about two hundred to over a thousand tickets in a month.

The evening dinner was of a Mardi Gras motif and involved a contest to see who could identify the silhouettes of famous jazz musicians and singers. Our table got two right out of a possible seven. The winning table got four correct.

**Wednesday:** The annual A.C.T.S. membership breakfast for members and attendees was held. Although the food was generally quite good this breakfast was *not*.

Most of the plates were taken back to the kitchen with food still on them.

Following the breakfast I attended the session *Anatomy Of A Crash*. This was a complete study of a crash that happened on Cabbage Hill just east of Pendleton at about midnight on October 19, 2008. This study included the behavior of the occupants of both vehicles.

Four people in a *Chevrolet*

*Celebrity* had been to a school dance, left early, and were returning home when for some unknown reason they pulled over to the side of the road and stopped.

The driver of a *Dodge Durango* started his trip in Salt Lake City and had stopped several times for beer.

As he approached the area where the wreck was to happen, he passed another car at an estimated speed of over 80 m.p.h. and was swerving in the lanes of I-84.

After colliding with the *Chevrolet*, he got out of his S.U.V. and complained that the *Chevrolet* was “parked in the f\*\$&!#^ middle of the road and that those f\*\$&!#^ got what they deserved.”

Witnesses testified to his attitude and language when police arrived.

At the hospital, the driver of the *Durango* showed a 0.23 per-cent alcohol blood level, two and one half hours after the wreck .

To make a long story shorter, a thorough investigation was made concerning the placement of the vehicles, whether the lights were on, whether brakes were applied, and that collision damage to both vehicles was consistent with the wreck. Both a diagrammatic drawing was made showing the location of the vehicles after contact and a follow up computerized animation of the crash scene and actions was made to show what had happened.

The parents of the victims are L.D.S. (Mormon) and did not want a death penalty.

Ultimately, the driver of the *Durango* was sentenced to sixty years in prison for his activities, and based on his previous police record, will not be eligible for parole.

Let’s all keep our drinking and driving at a zero level. We can do our partying at home or when some designated driver is available.

During the luncheon many awards were given for police and public servants who, through their efforts, made a difference in people’s lives.

In the afternoon, I attended a session on *Round Abouts — A Safer Choice*. Ed Fisher (O.D.O.T. retired engineer) and Brian Walsh (Washington state traffic design engineer) presented a history of round-about and their usefulness in

helping to keep traffic moving while enhancing safety. By keeping traffic moving there is a big gain in fuel efficiency as opposed to stopping and sitting at a traffic light or stop sign.

Europe has been using the basic design for fifty years and realized the benefits way back then. The U.S.A. is just now beginning to see what round-about can do and the benefits that can be made. The key to a good round-about is the design and size of the thing. If done properly, it can and will be useful. (But, if poorly designed, it can cause a lot of problems.) Washington state has been installing round-about whenever possible to replace traffic lights. Strangely enough, the costs are pretty similar. They now have about 70 round-about in Washington as compared to the few in Oregon. (Mostly in Bend.)

The next session was more of the same. It was presented by Lee Rodegerdts (associate engineer) and included planning and design of round-about. I found it interesting and many questions were asked about single lane versus multi-lane round-about and lane markings, handicapped/pedestrian crossings, and signs needed.

Also discussed was the issue of several roads converging at the same point, freeway on and off ramps, etc. Our instructor referred to the guide *N.H.C.R.P.* report 572. (You can web search it for more information, if you are interested.)

Since there was no items of interest, I did not attend the Thursday session and left Randy and Nic to make their reports to the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.

Thanks for paying my registration for this event and I hope you are getting your pay back from this report.





## A.C.T.S./O.D.O.T. Conference Reports



Nic Oliver  
BikePAC of Oregon

This is my report for the A.C.T.S. conference held in Salem on October 12-14, 2010.

This event was also attended by Mel Yeager and Randy Phipps.

We all went to as many breakout sessions as possible but were not able to attend all. There was a lot of pomp and circumstance, which was a waste of time as all it did was to pat people on the back for a lot of nonsense.

The first seminar featured Gordon Graham on "Creating the 'Wow!'" He spoke on the importance of customer service in dealing with just about everything. The "Wow!" being the feeling you want to leave with people.

For example, "Wow, that person was nice to deal with."

Doing a little something out of the ordinary that makes them notice you in a good way.

Smiling is a great start in doing this. He presented this seminar with much humor that was entertaining and sometime a bit annoying, in a good way.

The second breakout attended was on the *Top Ten Things That Get Cops in Trouble*. This was again presented by Gordon Graham, as he spent many years as a motor officer in California.

The things talked about included reasons why officers approach pulled over vehicles from the passenger side instead of the driver's side. (To help protect themselves from people shooting or attacking them and to avoid being hit by vehicles passing the pulled-over vehicle.)

He spoke on many subtleties that they utilize for their protection and to generate cooperation from the public. Things such as language usage and preventing attitude problems on both sides. Not what I expected but was interesting to know.

One breakout session that I learned a lot about was the one regarding

roundabouts. This is a road design that eliminates the need for traffic signals, slows traffic for merging and exiting traffic, and for faster and yet safer continuation of the journey.

I was not totally convinced that this is the best design but I could definitely see many possibilities. Those including the lack of the need to stop and watch for people turning into you while you are trying to cross the intersection, the smooth operation of all vehicles being able to see everything at once and not being distracted by signals and watching for so many different items at once.

I did see a possible problem for the sighting of motorcycles when mixed with trucks but that is not insurmountable an objection.

One big factor was the lack of traffic signals and watching for vehicle turn signals. You would be going in a circle. Until you exit, circle to continue on your way. Small ones are already used as a means to slow traffic and are irritating but the large ones seemed to be a very cost effective way to control traffic in the long term and maintenance would be very minimal, in contrast to traffic signals which require constant maintenance and electricity to function.

There was a lot of child safety talk going on and it was overdone, in my opinion. The amount of regulations wanted by some people would virtually eliminate any choices that a parent might want to make and force them to do what sometimes could be very impractical and ridiculous. No one denies the need for taking precautions to care for children, but at the same time, there has to be a limit to societal interference in people's lives.

These "safety nannies" will only accept zero as an acceptable number of injuries or deaths, which is an unattainable goal unless you forbid children to ride in vehicles all together.

The food at this conference was terrible at best. I sent most of mine back as inedible and noticed that I was not the only one.

The awards ceremonies took up so much time to do nothing but pat each other on the back for anything and everything they could think

up. This wasted time that could have been better spent on seeking solutions to serious problems or holding workshops geared towards information gathering and ideas instead of information being rammed down our throats, all in the name of safety.

One noted piece of information that was gleaned out of this is that the Oregon state police intend to try to make changes to the mandatory training bill that was passed last session. (I guess that simplicity and everyone needing trained before getting their endorsement is not enough for them.) They would not explain further, other than to say that changes were needed.

Another monumental waste of time was two tours of Salem, one for bicyclists and one for walkers. These could have been done after hours rather than during the conference so as not to disrupt the purpose of the conference.

This conference sure has changed over the years. It has turned into more of a back slapping event rather than idea gathering and sharing.

There was good information though and worth attending just for that.

I would like to thank A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon for sending us and to BikePAC for feeding us when food was not provided at the conference itself.

A.B.A.T.E. is still the only corporate sponsor, which was very surprising, and we need to continue this as another tool for protecting the rights of the individuals and to ensure that the "safety nannies" agendas do not infringe upon the usage of motorcycles in Oregon.



Naughty or Nice?

## Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

A.B.A.T.E. (*A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments*) has a great concern about the possibility of government decisions taking away the rights of motorcyclists to enjoy their riding without undo control by the government.

Experienced riders rightfully feel they do not need the government telling them how to ride, dress, where to go, etc.

The *Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety* is most concerned about the safety of motorcyclists.

The concerns of the committee include how other vehicle drivers and road surfaces work with and for the motorcycle.

We have had many experienced riders express upset at some of the wordings of advice on the poster about safe dress for motorcycling and the map with suggested possible riding routes.

It is very important that we experienced long time riders be aware that the map was prepared with our newly trained riders in mind, suggesting good rides. Enjoyable riding and practice are needed by all new riders.

The poster is showing what we see at times on the road. A rider with a good helmet but not much else on, with what is wise to wear. Even a slow moving, nothing broken roll over would take a lot of skin. (Ouch.) This, again, is for the new riders



Iris Yeager

G.A.C.M.S.  
member

who may not have yet had the experience to make logical decisions on safety measures.

We know our good friends who have been riding for a long time know how to do it.

We have had our last two meetings on the third Friday making a current report really impossible. The November meeting is being held too late for this report. I will try to let you know how the forum on lane sharing, being held in Portland, on November 19th goes.

The December meeting will be on the 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the O.D.O.T. safety office in Salem.

Iris Yeager  
member

P.S. So many words to say "Hey guys, the poster and map's warnings are really meant for the newbies!"



rights.



American Motorcyclist Association

## Federal Action To Allow More Ethanol In Gasoline Could Damage Motorcycle Engines

The U.S. *Environmental Protection Agency* has agreed to allow the ethanol portion of blended gasoline to be increased from the current 10 percent to 15 percent for certain vehicles, which could pose a danger for motorcycles.

On October 13, the *E.P.A.* announced approval of a waiver for E15. Under the decision, E15 is now approved for use in model year 2007 and newer cars and light trucks. It isn't approved for use in any other gasoline-fueled engines. To see the *E.P.A.* news release, go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/US-E.P.A.-E15>

*"The A.M.A. supports the use of cleaner-burning fuels, but we are concerned that gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol could result in premature engine damage or failure while a motorcycle is being ridden,"* said Imre Szauter, *A.M.A.* government affairs manager. *"We're also concerned about any degradation in performance, fuel economy, and rideability that may result from the long-term use of blended fuels with greater than 10 percent ethanol."*

The *E.P.A.*, in allowing more ethanol in gas, specifically said that its decision covers model year 2007 and newer cars and light trucks, and no other vehicles at this time, including motorcycles.

*"Motorcycle manufacturers only certify their machines to run on gasoline or a blend with up to 10 percent ethanol, which is known as E10,"* Szauter said. *"So using the 15 percent blend in a motorcycle could void the bike's warranty."*

*Growth Energy*, an ethanol lobbying group, asked the *E.P.A.* in March 2009 to allow gasoline to contain up to 15 percent ethanol. It's part of an effort to meet a congressional mandate

to increase to 36 billion gallons the amount of renewable fuel available in the United States by 2022. Ethanol, made from corn and other crops, is considered a renewable fuel.

For more than three years the *A.M.A.* has been on the record opposing increases in the ethanol level allowed in gasoline until studies show that an increase won't damage motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle (A.T.V.) engines, and won't make motorcycles emit more nitrogen oxides than are allowed by the *E.P.A.*.

*"The message we want to deliver today is that once E15 gas is offered for sale, there are a variety of reasons not to put it in your motorcycle or A.T.V. gas tank,"* Szauter said. *"In fact, the E.P.A. even says you aren't allowed to put E15 in your bike."*

The *E.P.A.* said a decision on the use of E15 in model year 2001 to 2006 vehicles will be made after new test results are received. The *E.P.A.* is also proposing E15 pump labeling requirements so that consumers don't mistakenly put E15 in the wrong vehicles.

Bob Greco, spokesman for the *American Petroleum Institute*, told *The Wall Street Journal* that by approving E15 without full testing, the *E.P.A.* is putting "politics before science."

*"You're going to have fuels in the marketplace that could damage engines and void warranties,"* Greco told the newspaper.

The *A.M.A.* is a member of *AllS.A.F.E.*, the *Alliance for a Safe Alternative Fuels Environment*, a group formed to ensure that fuels containing

ethanol are promoted in a thoughtful manner. *AllS.A.F.E.* is made up of associations that represent consumer and commercial users of ethanol blends, manufacturers of boats, vehicles, engines, and equipment, and retailers who sell gasoline and ethanol-fuel blends.

### More Insurance Companies To Issue Checks To Massachusetts Motorcyclists

(From a press release issued by the *M.M.A.*)

The *Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (M.M.A.)* is pleased to announce once again that more money is to be returned to the motorcyclists of Massachusetts.

Announced by the Massachusetts attorney general's office just today, an additional \$12.1 million dollars in insurance policy overcharges is going to be returned to motorcycle riders previously insured by *Arbella, Hanover, OneBeacon* (aka: *Homeland*), *National Grange Mutual (N.G.M.)*, and *Norfolk & Dedham (N&D)*.

The addition of these five (5) insurance carriers brings the total dollar amount returned to Massachusetts motorcycle riders to a whopping \$33.8 million dollars! (see chart below)

*"We're very happy to make this announcement today and applaud the efforts of the attorney general's office and their continual communications with the M.M.A. since the start of these investigations,"* states Doc D'Errico, *M.M.A.* safety and education director, the primary contact with the attorney

general's office.

Doc goes on to report that *"Arbella and Hanover will be sending out checks by the end of October. OneBeacon and Norfolk & Dedham (N&D) are to issue checks by mid-November. National Grange Mutual (N.G.M.) is expected to issue refunds in early 2011."*

Policyholders can validate their refund status by going to the attorney general's office motorcycle insurance refund database and entering their policy number:

[http://www.motorcycle.ago.state.ma.us/motorcycle\\_insurance/process\\_request.action](http://www.motorcycle.ago.state.ma.us/motorcycle_insurance/process_request.action)

Refund checks have already been issued by *Liberty Mutual, Quincy Mutual, and Safety Insurance.*

Agreement has also been reached with *U.S.A.A.*, but those refunds are still pending. *Arbella, Hanover, OneBeacon* (aka: *Homeland*), *National Grange Mutual (N.G.M.)*, and *Norfolk & Dedham (N&D)* will soon be added to this calculator.

The Massachusetts attorney general's office continues to work with the remaining carriers who do business in Massachusetts and expects to announce additional agreements in the coming months.

Motorcyclists who've had insurance policies including comprehensive and/or collision in Massachusetts since 2002 are urged to contact their insurance carrier or e-mail [MyRefund@MassMotorcycle.org](mailto:MyRefund@MassMotorcycle.org) with your insurance carrier and contact information. (If moved, please include past contact information.). All information is kept confidential and will only be shared with the carrier and attorney general's office.



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Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

## Federal Government Pushes Helmet Requirements And Motorcycle-Only Roadblocks

The *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (N.H.T.S.A.)* is seeking applications from regulation enforcement agencies across the country to conduct federally-funded motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints.

Now mirrored in other states, “motorcycle-only safety checkpoints” were initiated in New York last year and are set up during large motorcycle rallies or near large biker gathering spots to check not only license, registration and insurance, but also for D.O.T.-compliant helmets and legal exhaust systems. *A.B.A.T.E. of New York* is working with New York *A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists)* attorney Mitch Proner on legal actions to halt these discriminatory roadblocks in the “empire state”.

But police forces across the country may soon receive public funds to target motorcyclists, though U.S. representatives F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-WI) and Tom Petri (R-WI) along with several colleagues in congress have written to transportation secretary Ray LaHood asking him to suspend funding of the federal grants for the *N.H.T.S.A.* checkpoint program.

In addition, after learning that *N.H.T.S.A.* recently testified to the senate committee on commerce science and transportation that “*The most important step we could take would be to assure that all riders wear a D.O.T.-compliant helmet,*” according to *N.H.T.S.A.* administrator David Strickland, who added “*N.H.T.S.A. will actively work with congress to promote helmet use,*” congressman Sensenbrenner and fellow congressional legislators have also introduced house resolution 1498 which “*supports efforts to retain the ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s ability to lobby state legislatures using federal tax dollars and urges N.H.T.S.A. to focus on crash prevention and rider education.*”

The *U.S. Defenders* have joined with other state and national motorcycle groups in urging riders to contact their congress members to support HR-1498, and to write D.O.T. and *N.H.T.S.A.* to oppose federally-funded motorcycle-only safety checks. “*This is one more piece of evidence of the constant profiling attempts targeting our community at large,*” said Escondido Paul, national lieutenant commander of the *U.S. Defenders*, in issuing a nationwide call to action through all *Confederations of Clubs* and coalitions in every state. For further information, consult:

<http://www.USDefenders.org>

### California Enacts Anti-Motorcycle Noise Law

Motorcycle-riding California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has put his stamp of approval on a controversial regulation aimed at cracking down on motorcyclists who replace stock exhaust systems with after market pipes that don’t comply with federal *E.P.A.* noise and emissions standards.

Under SB-435 by state senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills), the *Motorcycle Anti-Tampering Act* makes it illegal for motorcyclists to remove and replace federally required emissions equipment, and motorcycles manufactured after January 1, 2013 will be required to display a readily visible and unalterable label stamped into the pipes that indicates that they meet federal standards. Bikers will still be able to install after market exhausts, but for bikes built after 2013 the replacement parts must be *E.P.A.*-certified and permanently stamped.

Similar anti-noise regulations have been enacted recently in Boston and Denver.

Illegal tampering with emissions systems in California will be a secondary violation, meaning that motorcyclists would have to first be pulled over for some other infraction before officers could inspect for the presence of the *E.P.A.* stamp and issue a citation. First time offenders could face up to \$100 fine, but it will be considered a “fix-it”



ticket and proof of repair would get the violation dismissed, though subsequent infractions could result in fines of up to \$250.

Pavley’s original bill sought to include motorcycles in the state’s smog emissions testing program, but after being stymied by intense lobbying by state and national motorcyclists rights organizations, she later reintroduced the measure to instead force motorcycles into compliance with existing federally-mandated sound and air pollution levels.

### U.S. Supreme Court To Rule On Protests At Military Funerals

A group of patriotic motorcyclists recently staged a counter-demonstration during the Arlington national cemetery burial of a local Navy SEAL, parking motorcycles and revving engines to oppose a protest staged by members of the fundamentalist Westboro baptist church of Kansas.

Similar scenes play out across America, as a grieving family lays their loved one to rest, the funeral of a service member killed in action is disrupted by vocal protesters shouting vindictive and incendiary remarks at mourners and wave signs that read “Thank God for Dead Soldiers” and “God Hates the USA”.

The motorcyclists, mostly veterans who are members of the *Patriot Guard Riders*, led the funeral procession and then strategically parked their bikes in between the family and the protesters and revved up their engines to drown their chanting, and saluted in respect as the funeral cortege passed by giving them a thumbs up.

The church protesters, who contend that god is killing members of the military because of the nation’s sins, often demonstrate at military funerals, and are now the subjects of a United States supreme court case that will decide if the constitution protects highly offensive hate speech from civil claims filed by grieving relatives.

In *Snyder v. Phelps*, the father of a Marine killed in Iraq in 2006 was awarded \$5 million in his lawsuit against the church for “intentional infliction of emotional distress”, but a federal appeals court overturned the ruling on free speech grounds, and now Albert Snyder is asking the high court to reinstate the verdict.

Justices heard oral arguments in the

case on October 6th and the supreme court is expected to render a decision late next spring.

### Yemen Bans Motorcycles Due To Terrorism Threat

Riding a motorcycle is a popular pastime in Yemen, but fearing al-Qaida assassins on wheels authorities in Yemen’s Abyan Governorate, a growing terrorist stronghold in the Arabian Peninsula, have banned motorcycles from cities in the region’s urban centers.

“*Using motorbikes in terrorist operations to assassinate intelligence officers and security personnel have been massively mounted over the past nine months in the province,*” a Yemeni interior ministry official told the Xinhua news agency following a series of assassinations by al-Qaida militants throughout Abyan and will affect some 5,000 two-wheeled vehicles.

“*Motorcycles are typically used by terrorists and insurgents to deliver weapons directly if it’s a suicide attack or to make a quick getaway,*” Dr Theodore Karasik, director for research and development at the institute for near east gulf military analysis told *The Media Line*. “*The banning of motorcycles is indicative of how the government, with help from U.S. officers, is trying to cut down on the movements of al-Qaida members and tribal members who support them.*”

But while the Yemeni government has shown some concern over al-Qaida’s presence in the country, this is a relatively recent development seen by many as a ploy to please the United States.

### Quotable Quote

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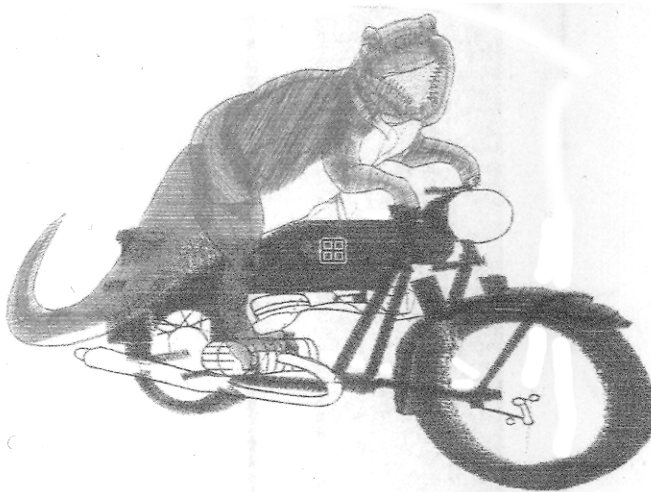
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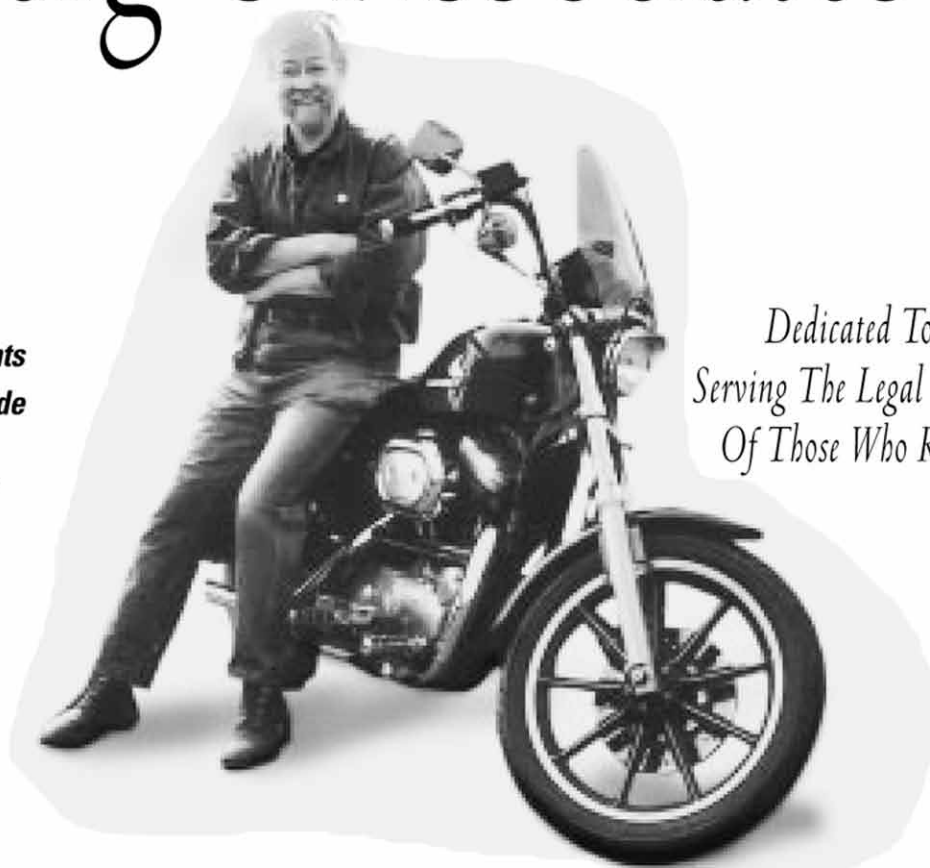
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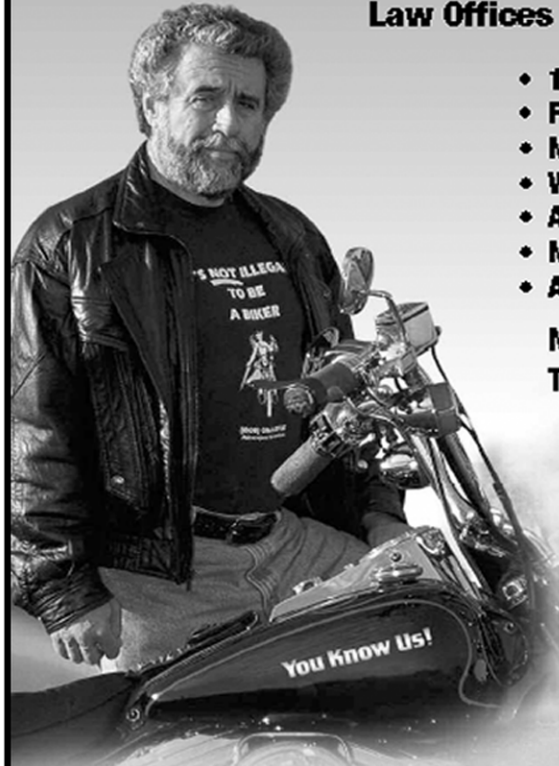
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**Central Oregon area (updated August 2009)**

John Baumann	(541)-382-6146	Bend	X		X	X	X	X	X
Bird Dog	(541)-420-2062		X	X			X		
Steve Chakar	(541)-410-0389	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X		
Scott Greene	(541)-420-7526	Bend		X	X				
Greg Has-Ellison	(541)-280-9375	Tumalo		X	X		X	X	X
Dale Hix	(541)-548-1633	Redmond	X	X	X		X		
David Miller	(541)-420-6134	Redmond		X	X		X		
Ed Miller	(541)-923-5503	Redmond	X	X	X	X	X		
Rob Mitchell	(541)-280-3228	Bend	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Aaron, Bonnie Myhra	(503)-901-1816	Bend	X	X	X		X	X	X
Larry Ramos	(541)-923-3809	Redmond	X	X	X		X	X	X
Richard Shurley	(541)-549-8180	Bend	X	X	X	X			
Slim	(503)-349-9540(c)	Culver	X	X	X	X		X	X
Mike Smith	(541)-588-0204	Bend	X		X		X		
Alan Wenzel	(541)-820-4694	Prairie City	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Lincoln County area (updated September 2007)**

Kurt, Shirley	(541)-563-6526	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ralph, Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe & Ruth	(541)-563-3711	central coast	X	X		X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Walt Young	(541)-336-9550	central coast	X	X	X		X		
Norm	(541)-563-4653	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ed & Laura	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X					X	
Randy, Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast		X		X	X	X	

**North Coast area**

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

Walt Allegar	(503)-363-4727	Salem	X		X				
Terry Edwards	(503)-856-9281	Salem	X	X	X				
Michelle Fitzhenry	(503)-588-4149	Salem					X	X	X
Tylor Johnson	(503)-856-9180	Salem	X	X	X				
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	Independence				X	X		
L.R. Schroeder	(503)-873-2492	Silverton					X		

**South Coast area**

Sherm Acord	(541)-888-6672	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X		
Tom Curran	(541)-888-2572	Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Brian Bryan	(541)-269-2934	Coos Bay		X	X	X	X	X	
Charlie Hill	(541)-759-2388	Lakeside			X		X		
John Ireland	(541)-572-4300	Bridge/Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bob Kudrna	(541)-759-4164	Lakeside		X			X	X	
Greg McNair	(541)-396-6477	Coquille	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Brian, Paula St. Louis	(541)-572-6108	Myrtle Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Mike Richards	(541)-396-2609		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ross Pipe Works	(541)-290-1958	Coquille		X	X		X	X	
Bill, Judy Shineflew	(541)-269-0553	Coos Bay	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Larry Winter	(541)-572-0207	Bridge/Myrtle Point					X		
Susie Worthington	(541)-269-2354	Coos Bay					X		

**Portland area**

Lee Austin	(503)-760-9015	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Steve Baton	(503)-761-3362	Portland		X	X		X	X	
Rich Colwell	(503)-519-0727	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Conway	(503)-654-x578	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
B. Davenport	(503)-668-7810	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X

**Is Your Road List Entry Correct?**

Please call  
**(503)-838-6893**  
if your information changes.

name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ location: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Portland area (continued)**

Dick Emmonds	(503)-654-9498	Milwaukie	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dan Hein	(503)-xx7-4826	Portland		X	X		X		X
Emmett Hurd	(503)-631-35xx	Portland	X	X	X		X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-366-2636	St. Helens	X	X		X		X	X
Dave Janca	(503)-730-6998	Portland		X	X		X	X	X
Roy Kirk	(503)-653-0183	Portland		X	X		X		X
Ken Mortallero	(503)-860-2793	Portland		X			X		X
B. Skinner	(503)-665-5063	Portland	X	X			X	X	X
Scott Tuthill	(503)-630-2419	Estacada	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geoff White	(503)-774-7558	Portland			X		X	X	

**Southern Oregon area**

Ray Adams	(541)-679-5097	Winston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eric Grout	(541)-673-4371	Roseburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rock On	(541)-459-3541		X			X	X	X	X
Ron & Pat Wine	(541)-832-2219	JoCo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Washington County area**

Trace Ceccacci	(503)-639-4768		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Troy Davis	(503)-260-6451		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kent and Pat Gore	(503)-848-7653		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gunny Hutcheson	(503)-816-9832(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Chuck Jeffcoat	(503) 649-7344		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mark Pratt	(503)-357-1727		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ted and Jill Tracy	1-(503)-819-8113		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Greg "Goatboy" Vaughn	(503)-502-4229(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rich, Margo Virchow	(503)-502-4941(c)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Roger Yarnell	(503)-810-0625		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Willamette Valley area**

Bob & Nina Avery	(541)-998-8318	Junction City	X				X		X
Michael Boggs	(541)-367-9728		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
T. Brown	(541)-607-8500	Eugene		X	X		X	X	X
Ron Budde	(541)-343-6447	Eugene	X	X	X				
Jim Drew	(541)-782-1136	Oakridge	X	X		X	X		X
Michelle FitzHenry	(503)-390-4292	Stevens		X	X	X	X	X	X
Gary, Carolyn Freeman	(541)-760-1827(c)	Philomath/Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan Freitas	(503)-793-9641	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod Hatter	(541)-744-2494	Springfield	X			X	X		X
Ted Hudgins	(541)-338-8380(c)			X	X	X	X	X	X
Mike, Ruth Johnson	(541)-935-6261	Venteta	X			X		X	X
Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/s Corvalli	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X		X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X			X		X	
Warren Tegge	(541)-344-0344	Eugene	X				X		X

**other areas**

Mike Farmer	(541)-386-8744	mid-Columbia River	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick	(541)-673-4371	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joseph Laurance	(541)-679-3775	Dillard	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rod "Reckless" Runyon	(541)-993-6413	The Dalles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**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 Advertisements

### For Sale



1997 custom built softail. Former Katrina victim. Hidden belt primary, Vance & Hines pro pipe exhaust, electric air horn, custom headlight, powder coated frame. Too many new parts to list. **\$8,000** or best offer. (Much more invested but have new *Heritage* and wife says one must go.) Pictures available. Was at last *Hub City Mall Show*. Call Nic at (541)-223-3827 or e-mail to: [nic\\_oliver@peak.org](mailto:nic_oliver@peak.org)

(Jan 2011)

### For Sale

T-bags, *The Sac* brand, great shape **\$60**. Harley two-up tufted saddle with matching pad and sissy bar from 1989 *Sporty* **\$50**. Above prices or best offers for A.B.A.T.E. members.  
Concho Billy (503)-256-6284

(Jan 2011)

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Look at all this wide open space

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### Found

Those three lost *Fossil* t-shirts that had gone walk about. Turns out they were just napping in someone's trunk. They were reunited with their deliriously happy owner at the September A.B.A.T.E. board meeting during the *BikePAC* summit in Alsea, Oregon.

### Employment Wanted

Unemployed (just like everybody else) heavy equipment operator. Hustling, odd jobs. Got any scrap metal laying around? Portland area.

Arthur West (503)-351-5054

Teamster driver looking for union driving job. (503)-282-6285



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## HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205 ATTN: Gunny

The form can be filled out on-line at: <http://www.abateoforegon-se.org/stopreportforma.html>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: work \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?

DATE STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME STOPPED: \_\_\_\_\_ a m / pm

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ID NO: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICE AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY REASON FOR STOP: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

CITATION? (YES) (NO) IF SO FOR: HELMET / OTHER (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

CITE # \_\_\_\_\_ 1st appearance date: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

COURT LOCATION: city / county: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER CHARGES ISSUED AT THE SAME TIME? LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

If no explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was your helmet confiscated? YES / NO Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you given an explanation on legal or illegal helmets? (YES) (NO) If YES was the explanation? WRITTEN \_\_\_\_\_ VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ BOTH \_\_\_\_\_

If verbal, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

If guilty, what was the sentence? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING

BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_

When you bought the helmet did it have a DOT sticker on the outside? YES NO Label permanently fastened inside? (YES) (NO)

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

## Oregon A.B.A.T.E. STATE OFFICERS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2010

NOTE: (c) = cell phone

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(Return address )

**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**att. MEMBERSHIP**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**97208**

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Additional Members in Same Household:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Rates:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual membership \$25  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Couple membership \$30  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Family membership \$35  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime membership \$250

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

Congressional District: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Senator: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

New member ?	Renewal ?
Yes _____	Yes _____
No _____	Membership # _____
Patch Received ?	
Yes _____	
No _____	

Please send completed application to:









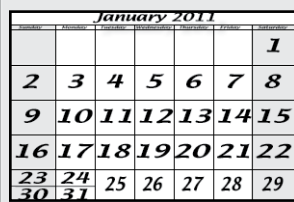
**Membership Secretary**  
**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 4504**  
**Portland, Oregon**  
**97208**

How did you hear about *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*?

Comments:

# December 2010

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	(yule)		1	2	3	4 
5  Lower Columbia 1900 (7 pm) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	6	7 Lincoln County 1900 (7 pm) River City 1900 (7 pm)	8	9	10	11  STATE BOARD Albany- 1200 ( noon ) Committees - 1100 ( 11 a.m.)
12 Central Oregon 1400 ( 2 pm)	13  Washington Co. 1930 ( 7:30 pm)	14	15 Josephine County 1830 ( 6:30 pm)	16 Douglas County 1900 (7 pm) Hub City 1900 ( 7 pm)	17	18
19 North Coast 1000 (10 am) Southeast Portland 1200 (noon)	20	21  Jackson County - 1830 ( 6:30 pm) Lincoln County - 1900 ( 7 pm) River City - 1900 ( 7 pm) winter solstice / yule	22	23	24 birch tree of the month	25 
26	27  Washington Co. 1930 ( 7:30 pm)	28 Salem 1900 ( 7 pm)	29	30	31 new year's eve ( nude year's eve for some )	

## STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 11 Dec 2010

1200 ( noon )

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SW Fifth street

Albany, Oregon

Run committee meeting - 1100

## 2010 / 2011 RUN LISTINGS

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

Date:	Event - Chapter / Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
04 Dec 2010	Shriner Toy Run - SE PDX	Portland	
11 Dec 2010	Toy Run - North Coast	Seaside	(503)-325-3566
26 Feb 2011	S.T.E.A.M. - ABATE of Oregon	(T.B.A.)	(503)-774-7558
~ Apr 2011	Spring Swap Meet - ABATE	Portland	
May 2011	Fossil Campout - ABATE	Fossil	
~ Oct 2011	Fall Swap Meet - ABATE	Portland	

There are road rebels we are told,  
Thundering through winter's rain and cold,  
Pulling up to a home,  
Carrying gifts not their own,  
Their toy runs are more precious than gold.

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## CHAPTER MEETINGS - A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	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.)	Del Ray Cafe; 5669 NE Stephens St; Winchester	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Saxton's; 4618 N. Pacific highway; Central Point	(541)-665-5864
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1300 (1 p.m.)	Riverside or All Sports Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale Drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Klamath County (KlamCo)	( NOTE: Klamath County Chapter has closed their chapter )			
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Sunday	1000 (10 a.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	4th Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Almost Home Restaurant; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Prime Time Restaurant; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684