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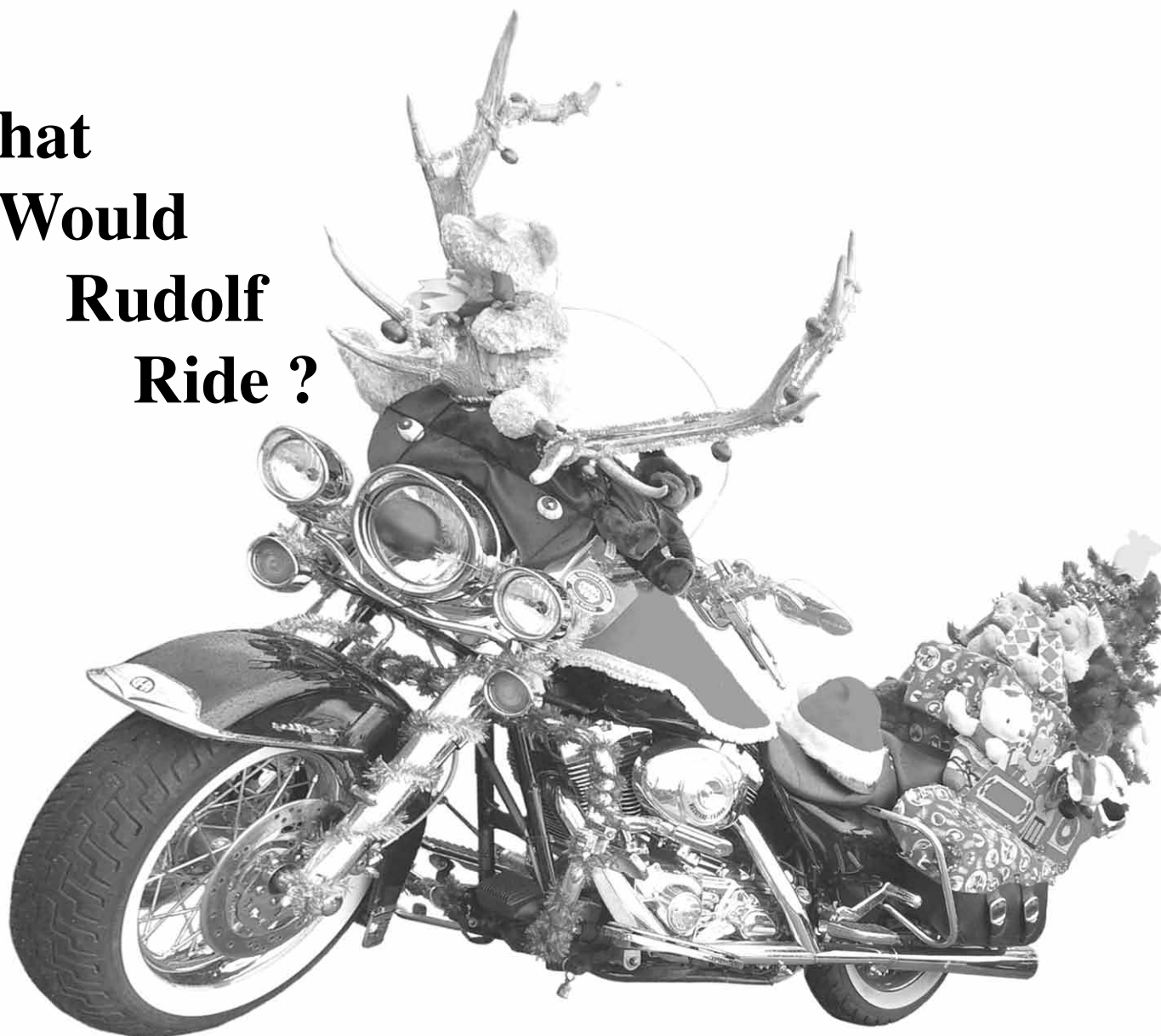
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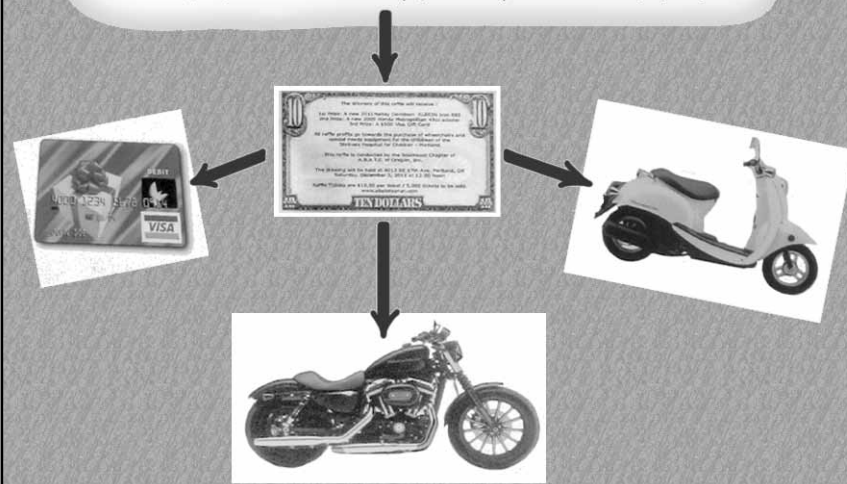
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# Welcome to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

## 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 newspaper. 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 HR-3869 to end the federal authority to withhold highway funds from states without helmet requirements.

In July of 1975, Rob Razor of the *American Motorcyclist Association (A.M.A.)*, Ron

Roloff of the *M.M.A.* of California, and Ed Armstrong from *A.B.A.T.E. of Chicago* presented the house sub-committee on surface transportation with convincing testimony to repeal the helmet mandates.

Later that year, with California being sued by the *D.O.T.* because governor Ronald Reagan refused to comply with the federal helmet requirement 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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### A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 regulation; the passing of a bill into ordinance; a decree; a regulation.
	MEANS	FREEDOM

officers at work

# State Coordinator

Hello all,

Hope everything is going well for you.

This is my last column as state coordinator. (Hold the applause.)

Last month I wrote about the fantastic people who will be your state officers next year.

But who we need is you!

All of you have the power to help these people in their respective roles.

If you are going to be a chapter officer next year, the first thing you need to do is contact your corresponding state officer. Introduce yourself, arrange a meeting, and get to know them. This can be done at a state board meeting or at S.T.E.A.M. in February.

Throughout the year you can make help them to do their job and they can help you to do yours.

As a member, there are many things you can do to help A.B.A.T.E. accomplish its mission statement.

Attend as many chapter and state meetings as you can.

Be informed of the issues and help spread the word.

Attend S.T.E.A.M., attend *Fossil*, visit your representatives and senators in Salem.

Join *BikePAC*.

Be as involved as time permits.

I attended the *Team Oregon* banquet on November 12th. This was a very rewarding experience. I had a lengthy conversation with Troy Costales, the administrator of *O.D.O.T.*'s transportation safety division. I thanked him for the motorcycle awareness billboards that

*O.D.O.T.* has put up on various state highways. He commented on how great the *Hub City* billboards are.

All in all, I came away with the impression that *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* was much appreciated.

I also had a great conversation with Steve Garets, the director of *Team Oregon*. We discussed many issues and I think Steve summed it up best by saying, "We do not agree on all issues, but there are many issues that we do agree on".

It has been a pleasure being your coordinator these past two years.

Take care and I will see you on the flip side,

Ted



**Ted Tracy**

state coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon

[ *crusty ol' editor's note:* We're sure going to miss Ted's self-defecating humor. (He always seems to be up to his neck in it.) He has been good-natured, even when editors ran embarrassing photos of him over the last two decades. Ted, we'll miss your (and Jill's) monthly forays into the written word. Know that as a twice-serving state coordinator, you are always welcomed to send in future articles. By heck, we might even print them. ]

## Ted Through The Years



Plain Ted – 2002



Pirate Ted



Terminator Ted



Beloved Ted  
( Which is worse – beard or tongue?)



Hot Ted  
( Photo handed down from Gordon )

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

## Central Oregon

Hello *Central Oregon*!

Not much to report at this time but we will have new officers by the time you read this. I will write you one more time before my term is up.

Hope that you all had a great turkey day.

Be safe and enjoy the end of another year. (Shit, where did this one go?)

Animal  
coordinator  
*Central Oregon Chapter*



**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**

At the October meeting for *Douglas County Chapter*, nominations were made for those interested in holding a position as an officer in 2012. That list will be finalized (hopefully) at the November meeting. Look for the official list of officers in the December newspaper.

[ c.o.e. note: Better make that the *January edition*. ]

At this writing, plans are underway to meet at the *Safeway* on N.E. Stephens street at 11 a.m. on Wednesday the 23rd of November to load up complete cooked meals and deliver to many well deserving families around Douglas county, including those at *Orchard Knolls* and *Casa de Belin*, many of whom would otherwise probably go without on Thanksgiving day. This will be our second year of giving back to our community. It's a tradition that will hopefully continue for many years to come.

Also underway is the annual *Douglas County A.B.A.T.E.* Christmas dinner. This year we had to do some fancy footwork to find a new location when the original location closed.

Joe, the owner of *M's* of downtown Roseburg, is graciously allowing us to hold our Christmas party on Sunday, December 18th at his establishment. The cost of dinner is \$10 per member for either prime rib or chicken. Soda, tea, and coffee is included with price of meal. More spirited libations, of course, will be available, but are not included. Please R.S.V.P. by December 1st via e-mailing to Dan of *Hogg Brothers* at: **dcabatemembers@live.com** or by contacting Janie at (541)–680–1047. Joe needs to know how many chickens to round up and the number of steers for the prime ribs.

You can also participate in the ever crazy, wacky but fun white elephant

gift exchange. There is a \$20 limit if you choose to participate. Last year we saw some pretty clever gifts and a few that were passed around many times amongst the group. You don't want to miss out, so get your reservations in now.

Well, this has definitely been a year that passed in a blink of an eye.

We can only look forward to 2012 and pray that it will get better.

We hope that many of the new members who joined in 2011 will be active within the chapter in 2012. We look forward to your new ideas and count on your energy. You will help shape the future of the chapter and add strength in supporting the rights for all of us who ride.

To you and yours, I hope you had blessed and safe thanksgiving.

Be grateful for the ride and enjoy your journey, no matter where it may take you.

Your *Douglas County* secretary,

Chris Shull

**Douglas County  
MEETING TIME and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
Rae Ray's  
4550 old highway 99 south  
Roseburg  
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A.B.A.T.E. group report -- **Indian Creek**

Hello everyone!

Being a proud member of the *Indian Creek Chapter*, I figured it was about time to start submitting reports, just like any other respectable chapter would. After all, there's plenty going on in the largest chapter in *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*. (Geographically speaking, anyway.)

Although we have the worst weather of any chapter, we also happen to have the best weather, too. It just depends on what part of "everywhere" you find yourself riding in. So roll out your rain suit and buff up your sunglasses, cause it just might be one heck of a ride.

I decided to show a little initiative and call a chapter meeting.

Although we only had one person show up, "we" promptly held officer elections.

First there was a call for nom-

inations, and I got "volunteered" to be the chapter secretary, which was unanimously approved.

All the other positions have yet to be filled, so it's time for the *Indian Creek Chapter* to rise.

If you are a fellow member of the *Indian Creek Chapter* like me, you can look forward to our next meeting. All other *A.B.A.T.E.* members are welcome, of course. The time and location is "where you are right now," and all you need is either a computer or a telephone. The idea is to make it as easy as possible, due to travel distance and weather constraints, so there are no good excuses for missing our next chapter meeting.

Since we *Indian Creek Chapter* members are so spread out, we aren't planning any events that require us to be there "in the flesh" just yet. But

that doesn't mean we aren't going to be very active in the year ahead and have a lot of fun while we're at it.

The first order of business is to drop me a line to say "Hi" and introduce yourself (if you haven't already).

If you'd like to volunteer for any chapter officer position, that would be cool too.

The more the merrier, since we've got plenty of wide-open spaces in which to roam.

Sturdi  
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**Indian Creek  
MEETING TIME and PLACE**

( when and where ever )

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

Veterans Day Parade 2011  
11-11-11

Starting at 11 a.m.

"[It] was a great honor to ride today in a mile of bikes in tribute to those who have served in our military and for all Americans who support their sacrifices. This one may have been a record biker turnout. Thanks to all riders who made the time to do this again!"

Over 300 motorcyclists, many of them veterans, led the country's largest veteran's parade west of the Mississippi. And the weather cooperated to make for a nice riding day. *Hub City Chapter* had the honor of helping with bike parking and was proud to contribute to the efforts in honoring our veterans.

We must never forget that our freedom does not come free.

In October, *Hub City Chapter* held its 8th Annual Bike Awareness Show at *Heritage Mall* in Albany, Oregon. It drew a lot of public interest. There was a wide range of motorcycles on display this year, including cruisers, vintage bikes, trikes, and trailers.

*Team Oregon* and *BikePAC* representatives were there to answer public questions about motorcycle issues.

We also had the *Shriner's* bike on display and sold tickets.

*Hub City Chapter* would like to express our gratitude to *Southeast Portland Chapter* for bringing the *Shriner's* bike to Albany and picking it up again on Sunday evening. It was a good addition to our show.

By the time this issue comes out, the Christmas season will be in full swing. There will be many toy runs taking place.

We encourage the support of all M.R.O.'s in efforts to bring joy into the lives of deserving children throughout the state. Toys, money, food, clothing, and even your smiling face will be appreciated by these children.

Please remember to take extra precautions in the area of safety during the holiday season.

I do not know about other parts of the state, but it has been pretty



dang foggy in the valley lately. This can be extremely dangerous for the motorcycle rider.

Sudden changes in the weather can make an afternoon ride a challenge.

Be sure to carry appropriate riding gear for any unforeseen weather conditions.

Chapter elections will be taking place this month, so hopefully you may be seeing some new faces in the officer ranks.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good ride,

-- Night Lady



### **Hub City**

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

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

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

Ladies and gents,

It's finally here – that grand ol' time of wading through endless meals, goodies, and desserts with friends and family.

See?

I told you to get ready in March.

But "oh, no", not you, right?

Ah yes, the rites of passage through the holidays do go on now, don't they?

When you ride, ride carefully just now, as the roads may not quite be ready for you.

Chapter members, please try to make it to our meeting on December 20th at 6:30 p.m. We're located at *D&S Harley-Davidson*, on the left side of their building, up the stairs to their wonderful party/meeting/conference room. We are having a potluck Christmas party with a white elephant gift exchange. (If you can get it up all those stairs.)

And, no, we are not a "Harley

club", even though we are now meeting at a *Harley* store.

We do not care what you ride or even if you ride.

If you have an interest in motorcycles, street, strip, dirt, or you just like hangin' out with some of the neatest people God ever brought together, then just please come.

If you get this missive prior to December 10th, please contact Spanky about helping locate Christmas wreaths (*Wreaths Across America*) on their owners' headstones at the *Veterans' Administration* national cemetery in Eagle Point. A very worthy endeavor indeed.

Okay, rubber down, chrome up, and be brutally aware of the terminally unaware.

Merry Christmas to all from the *Jackson County Chapter*.

Salud,

Mikey



( Sidebar note to c.o.e. – It seems a couple years back you remarked in your column about getting all discharged from the Navy and relocating up this way. Sorry, old chap, I missed the part that you were from here. I used to drink and chase brain cells out of doors at a rapid rate.\* Anyway, brother, welcome home and happy Veteran's Day. )

### **Jackson County**

#### **MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 ( 6:30 pm )  
*D & S Harley-Davidson*  
3846 S. Pacific highway  
Medford  
(541)-535-5515

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( earth )

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

# Josephine County

[ *crusty ol' editor's note: Nice blog. Now about the chapter . . .* ]

Do you may remember in last month's newspaper I said that I was hoping for an indian summer? Well, I got my wish. October turned out to be a beautiful, warm month. At least it was down here in Josephine county.

I don't know about everyone else, but Richard and I had a pretty busy October

On the 6th we headed down to Henderson, Nevada to visit Richard's son Luke and his wife Marnie. We drove our *Explorer* and towed our trailer with the bike on it. I'm so glad we didn't try to ride the bike all that way.

While we were there we took some rides with Luke, and a few of his friends. We rode out to *Red Rock Canyon* and had lunch there. After that we rode into Las Vegas to watch the fountain show at the *Billagio*. All I can say about the show is: Wow!

Believe it or not that was my first trip to Las Vegas.

The next day we rode out to the *Valley*

*of Fire*. That was also a very beautiful, interesting area, and a great ride.

The next morning we rode out to Hoover dam. That was pretty spectacular.

The next day we reluctantly left for home.

That was one of the best trips I've ever been on. I'm ready to go again.

After returning to Grants Pass from Henderson on the 20th we went on a ride up to Trail where we took highway #227 on up to Canyonville, then down I-5 to Grants Pass. There were seven of us on that ride.

Then on the 22nd, nine bikes left Grants Pass heading down the Redwood highway to O'Brien, then up over the mountains to Happy Camp where we enjoyed a nice lunch. From there we headed east along the Klamath River to I-5 and back to Grants Pass. It was a beautiful ride as the trees were showing their fall colors and the air was fresh and clean.



On November 7th I will be having total knee replacement surgery, so you will be reading this after I'm back home and going to physical therapy three times a week. Not looking forward to the surgery, but I am looking forward to not having any pain in my knees. The other knee will be done as soon as I recover from the first one. Yuck.

Well, I can't think of anything, or anyone else, to talk about right now, so I'll say adios for now.

Ride safe and smart.  
Watch out for leaves on wet roads,

Karen Headley  
secretary  
*Josephine County Chapter*



**Josephine County  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 1830  
(6:30 p.m.)

Fruitdale Grange  
1440 Parkdale Drive  
Grants Pass

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

As we come into the holiday season. We, down on the lower Columbia get ready to create ten complete Christmases. We will be working with our local outreach, *Turning Point*, to supply food and gifts for those who might not otherwise have any.

Our December meeting will be, as always, the first Sunday of the month, but at 6 p.m. We will still be meeting at *Colvin's Pub* for a Christmas potluck and the meeting will follow.

We have started to make plans for one of the biggest "events" of the year, our annual crab dinner. This next year it will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets sales will end on February 8th.

As always keep your eyes on the road and the rubber side down,

--Dave Witmer  
coordinator  
*Lower Columbia Chapter*



**Lower Columbia  
MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 1800 ( 6 pm)  
[ this month only ]

normal meetings = 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*Colvin's Pub & Grill*  
123 N. Nehalem  
Clatskanie, Oregon  
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

[ Written mid-November. ]

*Lincoln County Chapter* is busy getting ready to do our *Senior Thanksgiving Dinner* on November 20th.

We do this project the Sunday before Thanksgiving so that if the seniors have family they will be seeing over the holiday, they may do so and still enjoy a healthy dinner with us. (This makes it special for those of us who have lost our parents already. We enjoy the company of seniors.)

This dinner has really become more of a community effort. We have a wonderful group from a church who help. A *Girl Scout* group makes all of the place mats, making sure that there are enough for our guests to each take one home if they want. Robert plays music for us to entertain our guests.

We do have a wonderful time.

We have decided that we will

again support the *American Legion Auxiliary* with their christmas party for children. This is such a worthwhile program. No child is turned away. Doesn't make any difference what the family income is, they are what Christmas is all about. (It's said that this is what the season is all about and I believe it is true.)

Starting in December we will be going to one meeting a month. It will be the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month. This will insure that what happens at state board meetings will always be brought to the membership in a timely fashion.

I'm not finding a lot of spare time during November and December. I'm sure a lot of you are in the same position. Between family and groups that I belong to, my weekends are full as are part of my evenings. Meetings and projects are many and family time fills the rest.

I'm not sure how people get



through this unless they just take January off and rest up.

Hmm . . . seems like a good option to me.

Have a joyous holiday season and remember to make sure that you put yourself on the list for some pampering also.

Ride safe,

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

**Lincoln County**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 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**

Holiday Greetings from the *North Coast*,

By the time you read this report our *Care Bear Drive* and *22nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* will be history.

Many thanks to all those who supported, attended and worked hard to make these events successful. We are so very grateful for all your efforts.

Our *Annual Toy Run* will be held on December 10th starting at *Dundee's Bar & Grill* in Seaside and finishing at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria with another great feed. Look for the flyer in this month's state newspaper. Hope to see you there.

Elections for our 2012 chapter officers were held at our October regular meeting. (See the results below.) Many thanks to everyone for stepping up to support the chapter in 2012 as well as supporting the chapter in 2011.

I predict we will have yet another great year ahead.

- North Coast 2012 Officers**
- Coordinator – Al Jaques
  - State chapter reports – Al Jaques
  - Vice coordinator – Bill Varozza
  - Treasurer – Dawn Geer Dungan
  - Secretary – Skye McKey
  - Sergeant at arms – Skye McKey, Don Kelly
  - Membership – Judy Greendale
  - State representative – Laird Adkins
  - Legislative representative – Darryl McKnight
  - Run coordinator Dan Peden
  - Chapter newsletter – Don Kelly
  - Education – Mick Inniss
  - Historian – Mick Inniss
  - Education – Bill Varozza
  - Products – Howard Mullins
  - Chapter chaplain – Bob Hutson,
  - Public relations – Laura Sellers-Earl



All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

Happy holidays to all.  
And above all, be safe out there,

Al Jaques  
chapter coordinator

ABATE of Oregon, Inc.  
North Coast Chapter  
presents their

**23RD ANNUAL TOY RUN**

Meet at Dundee's Bar and Grill at 10am  
414 Broadway St. Seaside, Oregon

**GAMES HOLIDAY FUN**

**Saturday, December 10th 2011**

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

Many Thanks to our Supporters!

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**North Coast**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1730 ( 5:30 pm )  
*Moose Lodge*  
420 17th Street  
Astoria, Oregon  
Children are welcome

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

**October 18, 2011**

Most of tonight's meeting was spent on reports and on planning for our candy sale.

Also, Rick is moving forward on a memory patch for Jim.

The membership drawing for \$20 would have been won by Dave Wiebalk if he had been present. It will be \$25 next meeting.

The 50/50 drawing tonight was won by Mariah (because she always wins when she comes to the meeting) at \$9/\$8. She donated \$5 back to the chapter.

Thanks, Mariah.

**November 1, 2011**

This report is late and generated from my desktop computer instead of my laptop, which is in the hospital in serious condition. If it dies, I will have to start all over on my chapter documents.

Oh, well.

We had a small meeting tonight, but we discussed a lot.

The big topic was prep for our candy sale. We are trying to nail down some insurance so we can get sanctioning. Of course this did not come up until very recently, so it is like in high school, when the report was due the next day. (Time to start.) It looks like it will be about \$300.

We now have memory patches for Jim Middleton and will bring them to the state board of directors meeting in November. Price, \$5.



We have reset our next highway cleanup for 20 November.

The \$30 membership drawing would have been won by Linda Tagg, if she had been present. It will be \$35 next meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Gene at 10/10.

### Upcoming meetings

**06 December 2011**

**20 December 2011**

#### *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 -- *Southeast Portland*



Our chapter had our first officer nominations for the 2012 year. For those of you who have never held an office, I encourage you to step up and get involved. Our organization needs all different kinds of minds to keep it running and to fight for our rights as motorcyclists.

Toy run season is also upon us. There will be many toy runs going on throughout the state of Oregon. Washington too. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the look on the face of a child when they receive a gift.

By the time this report comes out, our toy run will be over. This year we were able to spend \$30,000 on equipment for the kids at the *Shriners Hospital* in Portland. This

would not be possible without the help of all of the people who sell and purchase tickets for the motorcycle raffle. Whether, you win the bike or not, you still win because it's all for the kids. Thank you all.

We have been taking the bike to various events to sell tickets. *Hub City Chapter* has always let us set up the bike at their bike show in the mall. Thanks to your chapter for always including ticket sales for the motorcycle in your event.

I also want to send a special thanks to Art and Francine West for all the work that they have done to put on the *Musicians Toy Run Benefit*. They held their tenth annual benefit last Saturday at the *Trails Inn Saloon* in Oregon City. With contributions from this last event, they have been

able to reach a total of \$30,000 worth of cash contributions in the ten years, as well as all of the toys they have collected.

Also thanks to our three toy run coordinators, Mike Friend, Jim Niece, and Brad Smith.

Make sure to contact your congressman to voice your opinion on the various issues that we are fighting for.

Everyone have a great holiday season.

Vicki

#### *Southeast 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**

**-- Salem**



**Salem**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</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**

Happy holidays from Washington County!

It's hard to believe another year is almost in the history books.

We've had a very busy and productive year. You should all be proud to call yourselves WaCo s.

Among the things we accomplished this year were five sanctioned and successful events, two *Adopt-A-Road* clean-ups, fund raising for *Lacey's House*, working at *Papa's Toys* to support *Doernbecher's Children's Hospital*, and raising funds and toys for Hillsboro's *Toy and Joy* program.

I want to give special thanks to *Beaverton Honda-Yamaha* for their support of our toy run and of our chapter all through the year. They have really stepped up for us and we appreciate it.

Also, the Hillsboro *Elks* continues to partner with us for the toy run that benefits their basket program. This year they even moved their turkey shoot to a new date to accommodate our run.

And, of course, the fire and police departments in Hillsboro

and Washington counties for their support and hosting of this event each year. We appreciate that you all make time for us in an already full schedule.

We had seven (yes, only seven) very dedicated people show up for our road clean-up on November 5. That's two miles of road, folks, both sides, with only seven people. Huge thanks to Roger Yarnell, Paul Hering, Bill Michels, Ted Tracy, Jerry Cruz, Jerry Cruz Jr., and Patrick Storms. Your willingness to show up in the rain and take care of business is so appreciated. For the rest of us, the road clean-up dates will be reserved early for 2012. We will need to see more people come out in order to keep up the commitment.

Our 2012 officer elections are coming up on December 12. If you haven't held an officer position, or if it's been a while since you did, consider stepping up or at least participating on the run committee.



It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make things run smoothly. Whether you have years of experience, or none at all, there is a place for you and we could sure use the help.

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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**Our Officers at Work****A.B.A.T.E. State Board Minutes**

12 November 2011

*Ciddici's Pizza*—Albany, Oregon**Call to order, welcome:**

The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols, vice-coordinator (north), at 12:12 p.m. with nine of twelve chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Not present:

< Excused >: *Central Oregon.*

< Unexcused >: *Lower Columbia, Salem.*

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Moment of silence:** For downed brothers and sisters; service men and women; 9/11 victims, survivors, and families; Jim Middleton (*A.B.A.T.E.* sgt.-at-arms—east) lost on 05 September 2011.

**Guests and first time attendees:** Michael S. O'Donnell from *Southeast Portland Chapter*, Wyoming, Michelle O'Leary from *O.D.O.T.*, *G.A.C.M.S.*

**Reading and approval of minutes:** Motion made by *Washington County Chapter* to adopt minutes as printed in the state newspaper. Seconded by Rick Colclasure, (*Jackson County Chapter*). Motion passed.

**Coordinator's comments:** Ted Tracy < Excused > Allan Nichols (vice coordinator—north) filling in.

Allan opened by stating that the planning session had a lot of good ideas. We need to become *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* again. We need to start bragging on what we do. We have not only wins but also got bad bills killed. We need to show that we are the winning team. We are working on a lot of issues. Closed his statement with a quote: "You don't rule, you lead."

A suggestion was given by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) that we might consider putting a statement of the backs of our "courtesy cards" that list some of what we have done as a promotional tool.

Allan then turned the floor over to our special guest, Michelle O'Leary from *O.D.O.T.* and the *G.A.C.M.S.* (*Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety*)

Michelle opened by thanking *A.B.A.T.E.* for inviting her to our board of directors meeting.

She stated that up-to-date information on the *G.A.C.M.S.* and other issues can be found on the state's web site at <http://www.Oregon.gov>

She spoke on the goal being safe. We had 38 deaths in 2010 which is two less than the previous year. Injuries, however, are up 75%.

There is a new brochure available regarding A.B.S. brakes for motorcycles. Michelle would like feedback on this brochure and the information given. She did state that studies thus far have shown a 37% improvement in braking.

*Team Oregon* has moved their offices from the *O.S.U.* campus to their new home in the old *D.M.V.* building in south Corvallis. There are plans to turn it into a motorcycle safety center.

*Clackamas Community College* has a new range site.

*Team Oregon* has just taught their 10,000th person.

*Team Oregon* has expressed their appreciation to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for all of their help.

There was a recent theft of a *Team Oregon* trailer which resulted in the loss of nine motorcycles. Michelle asked that we watch for these bikes and report any that are found.

The *G.A.C.M.S.* report included information that Iris Yeager has resigned her membership. There are a couple of openings on the committee and qualifications were briefly discussed. If anyone is interested in being part of the *G.A.C.M.S.*, go to the governor's web site at <http://www.Oregon.gov> for more information.

*N.H.T.S.A.* 2010 funding was discussed as a media issue. Oregon has received their yearly amount of \$100,000. This funding has

limited usage ability. There is an issue of joint responsibility between motorcycle and automobile drivers being worked on. More work in this area is needed for training safe users of the highways in Oregon.

There will be no bus posters this year as their influence is limited to high populace areas.

The new billboards (Michelle showed a copy of the billboard) have received excellent feedback and are well received. These billboards will be going up in eastern Oregon due to the high crash rate versus low usage over there. Noted that the *Hells Canyon Run* has seemed to have had a yearly death rate of one rider.

Priorities are the same as last year.

Drinking and riding seems to be going down a bit with a 40% loss being noted. This is down 20% from last year.

It has been noticed that motorcycle sales are down recently but usage is up.

Unendorsed riders may be on the rise also. This is difficult to track and *O.D.O.T.* is going to try more rider outreach to bring this issue under control. Michelle spoke on the surprise at the transportation committee hearing when the issue of raising the fines came up and the *BikePAC* director supported this issue but recommended a "carrot" of suspending the fine if the rider becomes endorsed. This suggestion was put in the bill and has produced results.

A few questions from board attendees were discussed.

Don Mason spoke on the granularity of information gathered needing to be more inclusive. This will help identify problem areas. Noted that three-wheeled deaths are counted as motorcycles. Also reported that representative Andy Olson is helping to get more information about traffic reporting on crashes and the need to improve data gathered.

Alan Nichols asked about media usage. What about the new vehicle message signage and digital reader boards that are going up?

Michelle reported that the state traffic engineer is the one who decides what goes in that signage and even though he was a rider (he has been replaced recently) he was against putting up motorcycle



**Nic Oliver**

*acting state recording secretary*

signage. Michelle stated that she is talking to the new state traffic engineer about this issue. Legislators have been contacted by constituents regarding this issue.

Brian Stovall mentioned that small vehicle (moped-type and toy bikes) are coded differently. This was discussed with Michelle pointing out that those 49 cc and under are excluded from motorcycle statistics.

Spanky asked about permission for highway signage on private property. Michelle asked him to see her after this report to discuss this issue more in depth.

Randy Phipps stated that hospitals and treatment centers have more information available. Why can't we get that information? Michelle pointed out that this information is not available to us due to its privileged nature. (Personal information, privacy issues, etc.)

Michelle closed by stating that she would hang around and talk to anyone during break or after the meeting, if needed. She had some information and bumper stickers from the *Insurance Institute on Highway Safety* available for anyone who wants them.

**Secretary report and correspondence:** Nic Oliver – Nothing to report other than there are newspapers from other states if anyone wants them. Please come and take them.

**\*\*\* Officers' Reports \*\*\***

**Vice-coordinator (north):** Allan Nichols is standing in for state coordinator.

**Vice-coordinator (south):** Pat "Spanky" Allen reported that most people do not know what we have done and we need to start bragging to let them know that we are doing things and protecting their rights.

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## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 12 November 2011 (continued)

Also spoke about *Reach Across America* needing donations to help put veterans in national cemeteries.

**Vice-coordinator (east):** Robert Terrill < Excused > Car broken.

**Treasurer:** Kay Sipple opened by thanking everyone for their confidence in her ability to serve another year. Report turned in.

Reported that we have the following balances:

Checking \$3,105.40

Savings \$22,639.04

PayPal \$300.00

She said that she was so happy that we don't have to pay so many fees now that she has changed banks.

**Membership secretary:** Linda Henderson < Excused > Report turned in.

Membership is up by four over last month for a total of 1,550 current members.

**Sanctioning officer:** Matt Price < Excused > (Medical.) Report turned in.

All currently submitted events have been sanctioned and flyers approved.

**State auditor:** Connie Ceccacci reported that she is going to try to have every chapter green by the end of the year. As for 2012, all chapters much have *Quicken 2011* due to glitches in previous versions which hinder reporting.

**Newspaper editor:** Rot Path < Excused > Report turned in.

Please have all reports in by the morning of the 16th if you want it in the December newspaper. This next newspaper has to be in the printer's hand by Friday the 18th of November if we want a timely newspaper for December.

**Legislative director:** Randy Phipps reported that even though someone else was elected, he will continue to work towards our legislative goals. Randy then turned the floor over to Don Mason, 2012 legislative director.

Don spoke on the upcoming 35 day session that the legislature will be having in 2012. Reported that this short session would be working only on budget issues. We are going to start working towards the 2013 session and the elections that are upcoming. There will be some changes in personnel in Salem and we need to be ready.



He also reported that you are twenty times more likely to have a head injury while riding a horse than you are a motorcycle. He showed the pictures in the *Albany Democrat-Herald* of the Veterans Day parade and the governor riding a horse without a helmet. He also stated that it was the largest turnout of motorcyclists to date, over 500 being in the parade.

Don spoke on the media issue and how important social media can be to our causes, those being *Facebook*, *MySpace*, and others. If anyone is using *Facebook*, click "like" on the *A.B.A.T.E.* sites to keep current on issues.

E-mail addresses are needed from every chapter legislative director.

Trace mentioned that he has put a "frame" in the state web site to speed up information getting out.

Don mentioned that Milkman Mike from *C.O.I.R.* will be going with Don to the various chapter meetings.

Don stated that he didn't know what the *G.A.C.M.S.* has planned for 2013 and Michelle reported that the *G.A.C.M.S.* has no legislative concepts planned for 2013 at this time.

Two of the biggest arguments being used against us in the helmet reform fight are emotional and public burden. These two issues are commonly used together. Riders have experienced greater losses than the public has and much more of them. We are the ones who lose family and friends every time a rider goes down. We need to counter their emotional appeals with our own emotional truths. We also can do this on the public burden issue. Emotions and facts are a hard combination to beat.

Also discussed were insurance issues including medical and P.I.P. when applied to helmet choice.

**Sergeant-at-arms (north):** Randy

Phipps reported he has nothing to add at this time.

**Sergeant-at-arms (south):** < Vacant >

**Sergeant-at-arms (east):** < Vacant >

**Products director:** Dave Meeker – < Absent > No report.

**Education director:** Geoff White reported that the S.T.E.A.M. committee went well. S.T.E.A.M. will take place on February 25, 2012. *Chemeketa Community College* in Salem is almost totally secured.

Will be incorporating a lot of ideas from the planning session, such as less topics.

Classes will repeat in each time frame.

Social media will be a major push. Insurance and legal issues classes may be offered.

*Team Oregon* is to have a representative there.

There will be officer training in the early classes such as: Event planning, treasurer, legislative, coordinator, and others.

Considering Bob Hudson as the motivational speaker.

**Public relations director:** < Vacant >

**Fossil coordinator:** Howie Long < Absent >

**Swap meet coordinator:** John "Wheel" Betts < Excused > Randy Phipps reported that the spring swap meet date is locked in for April 29, 2012. Vendors and flyers will be ready the first of the year. The issue of the portable sanitation facilities has been dealt with and locked in.

There is no fall swap meet date yet. **Historian:** Jennifer Brackman < Absent >

**Web page editor:** Trace Ceccacci reported that he is updating our state web page. Also a new page has been added for public relations to make things more timely.

Reported on the use of QR codes (funny looking squiggle boxes) and

how they can be scanned by a smart phone and take the owner directly to a web page or other information. This is something we could utilize without any difficulty.

Trace stated that he would like some ideas on what enhancements could be used for QR codes and the web page updating.

**Quartermaster:** Dwayne Sterba < Absent >

**BikePAC representative:** Randy Phipps reported that Don has already covered his report. The next meeting for *BikePAC* will be January 7, 2012.

**M.R.F. representative:** Allan Nichols reported that issues being watched at this time are: Michigan's helmet regulation battle, right to repair, E15 study being done, HR-3199.

**Confederation of Clubs representative (north):** David Hickerson < Excused > *Road Brother Motorcycle Club* member James Henne reported that everyone needs to know their insurance coverage. Do not assume passenger coverage is automatic.

Motorcycles and cars are rated differently.

Profiling and harassment are still issues that need to be continually documented with as much information as possible. Need badge numbers, names, agency, dates, times, what happened. If possible, use the report supplied in the *A.B.A.T.E.* newspaper.

The federal government has passed anti-profiling legislation.

Reported that *Fusion Center* is a gathering of L.E.O.s and we need more information to get rid of this.

As far as paparazzi type stuff, video and pictures are okay but sound or audio is not, without their permission.

February 1, 2012 is Black Wednesday! All are encouraged attend for this one day. Next *CoC* meeting is November 13 at the *Round Table Pizza* by invitation only.

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From The . . .

## GUNNY'S SACK

As we all know the Sack is a composition done during the month prior to release. I remind ya because there are some things that may not seem to fit because they have taken place during the time I collect the stuff I put into it. That being said you will hopefully understand the tardiness of this report:

### N.C.O.M. Region I Conference Report

It took place in Federal Way, Washington this year and was exceptional as it always is.

Topics covered our freedoms and their erosion by interference from almost every legislative body there is.

We talked about legal issues in our region as well as attacks from outside.

There was a trademark update that included what was going on with the Mongols Motorcycle Club and what N.C.O.M. (*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*) is doing about protecting us from further invasion by the feds.

The *National U.S. Defenders Program* and that expansion was explored.

Freedom of the road all over the nation was also addressed.

Our New York *A.I.M.* attorney, Mitch Proner, flew in and did a presentation on his lawsuit against New York's motorcycle roadblocks and the spread of similar activities in other states.

*A.I.M.* lawyers Sam Hochberg, Marty Fox, and *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* founder Richard M. Lester were all there giving presentations on fighting harassment with open records regulations, federal freedom of information requests, and more.

All in all, too much for me to put into this humble piece of paper.

I will say that what the Washington *Confederation Of Clubs* and *U.S. Defenders* programs have done there is astounding and inspirational. They talked about how they got their bill passed, the only regulation of it's kind in the nation, which prohibits police profiling based on whether you're on a motorcycle or not.

It really once again reinforced the importance of these meetings and why more of us who care about what happens to our freedom to ride in this country absolutely need to get to these conferences and bring the information back to our people.

If we don't we might as well fold our tents and go home to the eventuality

we will be taking our grandchildren to museums to look at the bikes we once rode.

I'm just an old man folks and we need to start looking to the future for the folks who will be continuing our fight for the freedom to ride our bikes and live the lifestyle we cherish.

### Newsbits–N–Pieces

#### Michigan Helmet Fight

Michigan is on the verge of repealing their mandatory helmet requirement and have managed to get the \$100,000 medical insurance requirement down to \$20,000.

The bill (SB–291) is currently in the senate (after passing the house) and the governor has not indicated that he will veto it.

We'll keep on top of this one and keep ya posted on progress.

Getting rid of helmet requirements is getting tougher because of the lobbyists who continually say head injuries are too expensive and we don't pay our hospital bills. Therefore we become public burdens. We need to find more ways to combat that notion.

#### Scooter-Riding Paramedics

Australian paramedics will hit Melbourne's streets on high-powered three-wheel motorbikes in a bid by their government to improve ambulance response times. The Sunday Herald Sun has obtained images and details of the 500 cc bikes that paramedics will ride on city streets and the new uniforms they will wear. The new specialist motorcycle paramedic unit team of six emergency riders will be getting to emergencies at speeds of up to 140 k/h aboard *Piaggio* scooters.

The three-wheel machines will initially be used in Melbourne's central business district and inner-city suburbs, but will be sent to regional cities when needed.

They will also be used at festivals and major events. They hope to speed up response time to emergencies. I'll bet my hat it works and is a lot less expensive than the big clumsy ambulances that aren't always needed.

Motorcycle paramedics have been used in New South Wales since 1993, the United Kingdom since 1991 and Hong Kong since 1982.

Clinical trials by the department of emergency medicine at Singapore general hospital compared response times of ambulances with motorcycle-

based paramedics, finding the motorbikes almost five minutes faster.

The study found a reduction of five minutes in response times could increase cardiac arrest survival rates by up to 11 per cent.

### North Carolina:

#### Murder On The Highways

A woman charged with D.W.I. and felony hit-and-run after authorities say she killed a father and son riding a motorcycle now faces murder charges.

She's now charged with two counts of second degree murder. North Carolina highway patrol troopers say she sideswiped a motorcycle and continued on until she smashed head-on into another motorcycle killing the father and son riding it. The two people on the first motorcycle suffered minor injuries. Troopers say the driver of the van kept going for about a half-mile before pulling into a wooded area, possibly to hide the vehicle. But a witness had followed the vehicle after the crash and led troopers to the driver. She has several convictions dating to the mid-1990s for driving without a license or while her license was revoked. In 2007, she was convicted of felony possession of cocaine. In 1996 she was convicted on a charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon. Isn't this a good example of a good citizen? Thankfully, there was the good citizen who followed this murderer and got the police to respond.

### Recalls

This has become a monthly thing here of late.

2009-2012 *Harley-Davidson's* rear brake switches causing problems.

2007, 2009-2012 *Yamaha's* fuel delivery hose pipe is faulty. 2012 fuel pump O ring leaks.

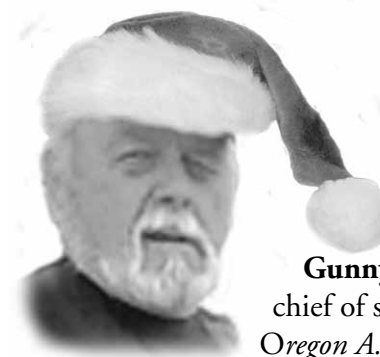
2010 *Honda* tire information label is incorrect

If ya own any of these rigs, get yur butt to your dealer and the fix is free

### Gunny Again

Our *A.I.M.* attorneys all work hard to protect us from the wily insurance companies when we are in a pickle. Along with that they devote untold hours of their time free to support the state motorcycle rights organizations (S.M.R.O.) and the *Confederations of Clubs (CoC)* all over the country.

When you attend *N.C.O.M.* conferences you will see them doing seminars and workshops that benefit



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

the motorcycle world and us as individuals. These folks work hard for us and it seems to me that the least we can do for them is call them when we get into trouble either in wrecks or legal tiffs.

They are there for us and are the best there are, especially with getting us cared for with injury claims. They know how to spank the bucks out of the insurance companies because they do it all the time.

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And don't forget to check out all the new information on the *A.I.M./N.C.O.M.* web site:

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And if you're reading this in December, Merry Christmas!

Keep the round side on the bottom,

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**Rot Path**  
crusty ol' editor

As the year winds down into the holiday season, it feels appropriate to thank people for the gifts they give.

One of the most meaningful gifts we receive is the time and effort that members devote to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* at all levels throughout the year. This giving of self ultimately results in saving lives while reducing or preventing injuries.

What greater gift is there?

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Thank you, *A.B.A.T.E.* members, for all that you do.

Enjoy the holidays and the final days of this year.

One of the fine folks who will be stepping down from a state officer position after this month is state coordinator, Ted Tracy.

Some newer *A.B.A.T.E.* members may not realize that this was not Ted's first experience at the helm of our organization. He was also state coordinator in 2002 when some newbie was trying to figure out how to edit the state newsmagazine.

This time around, Ted seemed more relaxed in the job. (Some might suggest

that "resigned to his fate" might more accurately describe his attitude.)

Like so many others, Ted is passionate about motorcyclists' rights on or off the road. You can be sure that he will continue striving for our rights in other capacities after stepping down as coordinator. If you have questions about *A.B.A.T.E.*, he is a great person to contact for answers.

Thank you, Ted, for all that you've for us throughout the years.

One chapter report made yer crusty ol' editor's day as he was processing material for this issue. That would have been the *Indian Creek Chapter* report sent in by Sturdi.

Ya gotta admire the power of Studri's one. (With that kind of clever initiative, Sturdi might make a good candidate for state newspaper editor next year.)

C'mon you other *IndiCree* members. Help Sturdi get the largest (geographical) chapter in the state get organized.

*Indian Creek* was inserted into the chapter meeting section on the back page as a joke for the Lirpa edition back in April, then never taken out.

Some folks grouse that *Indian Creek* is not a real chapter and should be done away with or that the title should be changed to something like "members at large".

(Personally c.o.e. thinks that all state officers should be transferred into *Indian Creek* for the duration that they hold office. That would help them be

nonpartisan by putting the good of the overall organization ahead of particular chapter loyalties.)

Yer c.o.e. thinks that having *Indian Creek* fills an important niche in our organization. Sometimes administrators just need to sigh and let things be for the good of organizational morale. *Indian Creek* is one of those things.

*just before the holidays this month, we turn the corner on winter*

There are advantages to maintaining a house-wide archive of unrelated material. (Some call it clutter, but they are unimaginative and fail to grasp the larger picture.)

While clearing flat spots or searching for something, one oftens unearths a forgotten treasure, such as this primo copy of the March 2001 *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* newsmagazine that yer crusty ol' editor is thumbing through at the moment. (The issue was published less than half a year before the events of 9-11 changed the course of our nation, endangering the very concept of freedom.)

Some names, chapters, and ads have remained the same over the course of a decade.

Someone named Linda Wells was doing *WaCo's* chapter reports while the names of both Randy Phipps and Geoff White are prominent in state officer positions. Mother was turning over state membership to Jill Tracy. Still no vice-coordinator (west) position.

*Douglas County Chapter* was starting back up with Geno Reed as their coordinator.

*Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* used to have a state-wide picnic in September.

The health insurance discrimination mess was just starting.

Outgoing president Clinton had signed a flurry of legislation.

Fees for using taxpayer-funded federal parks were being initiated.

European "cheese slicer"-style crash barriers were beginning to appear in the U.S.

*Car Talk* was issuing free "Drive Now, Talk Later" bumper stickers to encourage responsible cell phone use.

Gunny was bringing us motorcycle news from around the world in his *Sack* column, much as he still does.

The newsmag was being assembled traditionally, with paste board layouts and lots of printer paper. Digital cameras were only just becoming available, so there was lots of clip art and word ink instead of photos on the pages.

The *Salem Chapter's* secretary used dialect in his report, a practice that was dropped eleven months later when he donned the green plastic visor of state newspaper editor.

This is starting to feel like a historian column.

Who knows what other little treasures will come to light as yer c.o.e. dons his pith helmet and miner's lamp?

## DECEMBER Cryptogram

HOP ZE GBDZ DZ KBUDZGIHZ,

D BEAT LES BHMT RSO,

GBT OTHU HOP GBT PTHU EOTZ,

GBT EXP HOP GBT LESOC.

— VEBO XTOOEO HOP LENE EOE

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

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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

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ABATE of Oregon, Inc.

# Annual Meeting

Following the regular ABATE State Board Meeting at

Ciddici's Pizza – Albany, Oregon  
( 133 Fifth street SW )

**NOON**  
**Saturday, 10 December 2011**

Free Buffet Lunch for ABATE members  
Coordinator and Treasurer Reports  
Officers present volunteer awards  
Entertainment and general frolicking



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SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2012  
8PM UNTIL ?

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**LIVE MUSIC**

**50/50 DRAWING**

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<b>Hub City</b>	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	<b>Ciddici's Pizza</b>	Albany
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<b>Josephine County</b>	3rd Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Fruitdale grange</b>	Grant's Pass
<b>Lincoln County</b>	3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	<b>American Legion</b>	Newport
<b>Lower Columbia</b>	1st Sunday – 7 p.m.	<b>Colvin's Pub &amp; Grill</b>	Clatskanie
<b>North Coast</b>	3rd Tuesday – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Moose Lodge</b>	Astoria
<b>River City</b>	1st and 3rd Tuesday – 7 p.m.	<b>Shiloh Inn</b>	The Dalles
<b>Salem</b>	1st 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



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Lower Columbia A.B.A.T.E.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Dinner

Fund Raiser

**February 11<sup>th</sup> 2012** **1:00 – 6:00 pm**  
**Clatskanie American Legion Hall**  
**\$15.00 now or \$20.00 at the door**  
Call Lori @ 360-430-2508 for tickets, sales end Feb. 8, 2012  
**A 50/50 Pot will be offered as well**



Menu includes - one whole crab, ear of corn, coleslaw or green salad, French bread, and soft drink or coffee.  
 Menu may have substitutions due to availability of seafood

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# Fossil Intrigues 2011


- **34th ABATE Fossil Campout** (completed)
- **Kinzua Reunion** (completed)
- **River City Chapter Meeting** (completed)
- **Half Marathon** (completed)
- **Fossil Cruz-In Car Show** (completed)
- **Bluegrass Fest** (completed)
- **Mule Days** (completed)
- **Wheeler Co. Fair & Rodeo** (completed)
- **Betty's Quilt Show** (completed)
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- **Kinzua Golf Tournaments** •
- Fund Raiser 2011** (completed)
- Father's Day Scramble** (completed)
- Fair Board Tourney** (completed)
- Couples Tourney** (completed)
- Women's Tourney** (completed)
- Men's Tourney** (completed)
- Over-The-Hill Tourney** (completed)



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## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# E.P.A. Under Scrutiny Concerning E15



Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced HR-3199, a bill that would require the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* to seek independent scientific analysis on the affects of 15-percent ethanol blend gasoline.

The bill would not overturn the option for ethanol to continue to be sold. It simply asks for more study on the use of an E15 blend; something the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* has been asking for as well.

*“The E.P.A.’s decision to allow E15 into the marketplace will impact every American who owns a car, lawnmower, or boat. Automakers insist that using E15 will void warranties, lower fuel efficiency, and cause premature engine failure. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users,”* Sensenbrenner said.

*“There are serious concerns that the E.P.A. used only one Department of Energy test and rushed E15’s introduction into the marketplace. This test was limited in scope and ignored a plethora of evidence (albeit inconvenient evidence for the E.P.A.) that shows E15 gasoline has a negative effect on engines.”*

Sensenbrenner is very serious about this issue. He conducted his own study by questioning fourteen automakers about the effect of an E15 blend on their products. The unanimous consent was grim. Everybody agreed that E15 would void warranties, damage engines, and lower fuel efficiency.

The *M.R.F.* requests that you contact your representative in the United States house of representatives and ask them to cosponsor HR-3199, the Sensenbrenner *E.P.A.* E15 study bill.

### **N.T.S.B. Wants Median Improvements**

A recently released set of recommendations by the *National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.)* includes one that specifically addresses cable barriers. The *N.T.S.B.* asks that the *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.)* work with the states to define the criteria regarding where cable

barriers are placed, and to research the safety risks associated with cable barriers.

### **Houston, We Don’t Have A Problem Any More**

You can’t make this stuff up.

Rickey D. Holtsclaw, a Houston, Texas police officer for almost thirty-two years, was recently forced to retire because of his insistence on enforcing ordinances restricting obnoxious motorcycle noise. Officer Holtsclaw faced pressure within the Houston police department and from pro-noise motorcyclists to stop enforcing the regulations. Officer Holtsclaw received little or no support from elected officials in Houston.

Holtsclaw decided to start issuing tickets to what he perceived as “loud motorcycles”. After a few months of writing tickets he caught the attention of his commanding patrol sergeant who ordered him to cease issuing those kinds of tickets. He explained that the regulation is so vague that it is unenforceable. However, Holtsclaw broke orders and continued on his mission to silence Houston.

According to Holtsclaw it was the upper levels of the Houston police department, mayor Annise Parker, Houston’s city council, and Houston’s legal department that forced him into retirement.

Enjoy your freedom while it lasts Houston, because you know for every one like this guy there is another around the corner just waiting.

The *M.R.F.* does not advocate for breaking of any regulation. We do, however, oppose blatant motorcyclist discrimination like this.

### **Motorcycle Riders Foundation Legislative Strategy Agenda for 2011-2012**

At the 2011 *Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (M.R.F.) Meeting of the Minds* conference held during September in Detroit, Michigan, a legislative strategy session was hosted by the *M.R.F.’s* legislative committee.

As has been done for the past several years, the *M.R.F.* requested that it be attended by sustaining state motorcyclists’ rights organizations (*S.S.M.R.O.*) legislative and/or executive officers. The goal was to set the *M.R.F.’s* federal legislative agenda for the 2011 *Meeting of the Minds* to 2012 *Meeting of the Minds* annual cycle.

The *M.R.F.’s* *S.S.M.R.O.* partners responded once again with a majority attendance, and the legislative committee was extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction from our *S.S.M.R.O.* partners. This level of alignment will allow for a solid and focused strategic action plan to be developed, disseminated, and effectively employed.

The session this year was moderated by *M.R.F.* vice-president Jay Jackson, supported by *M.R.F.* vice-president of government relations and public affairs Jeff Hennie and *M.R.F.* president Kirk “Hardtail” Willard.

The *M.R.F.* continued the practice instituted last year, recording one vote per organization. Shown below in the order raised and discussed with our *S.S.M.R.O.s* is the *M.R.F.’s* legislative strategy agenda for 2011-2012.

- *Transportation Equity Act (T.E.A.)* reauthorization (the highway bill) – Closely monitor for any action that would positively or negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Continuation of the *Motorcycle 2010 Grant Funding* program – Tighten up language for qualification and use
- Continuation of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (N.H.T.S.A.)* lobbying ban within individual states.
- Pursue continuation of the *Motorcycle Advisory Council* designed to advise the *Federal Highway Administration (F.H.W.A.)* on motorcycling issues.
- Oppose any federal blackmails

or sanctions contained in the highway bill related to motorcycles.

- The *M.R.F.* will not promote adoption of the *S.A.E.* sound test as a national enforcement standard – Considered a state issue.
- Pursue reintroduction of *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)* HR-1253, which would require health insurance companies to disclose the list of “source of injury” exclusions in the policies they issue.
- Continue successful work to cut off all funding for *N.H.T.S.A.* motorcycle-specific checkpoint grants.
- Continue monitoring the crash causation and the naturalistic studies.
- Oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying motorcycle exhaust systems – Considered a state issue.
- Continue to monitor the *Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.)* sound emissions study; oppose federal agencies encouraging states to take action – Considered a state issue.
- Oppose *all* forms of distracted driving. Oppose any related funding blackmails or withholding of funds related to motorcycles.
- Watch closely for motorcycle-specific discrimination.
- Continue promotion of *Right to Repair Act.*
- Continue participation at the federal level where definitions of a motorcycle are under review.
- Oppose any motorcycle-, motorcycling, or motorcyclist-based discrimination proposed by the U.S. congress or any federal agency in Washington D.C.
- Continue active participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union and

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United Nations.

- Oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel regulations.
- M.R.F. will not support the use of E15 fuel until further testing is done. Continue to seek recommendations from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers. (O.E.M.)
- Pursue safer roadway design strategies and inclusion of motorcycles in ongoing *Intelligent Transportation System (I.T.S.)* work. Encourage improved crash barriers and safer cable barrier engineering.
- Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, using the principles of HR-1498 which urges N.H.T.S.A. to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

M.R.F. legislative committee members: Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (chair), Keith Ball, Dave Dwyer, Jeff Hennie, Cindy Hodges, Jay Jackson, Jim "Legs" Korte, Boyd McFail, Larry Nielson, John Pierce, Todd Riba.

### Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner Receives Award for Supporting Motorcyclists

The *Motorcycle Riders Foundation (M.R.F.)* reports that *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* awarded congressman Jim Sensenbrenner with its certificate of appreciation. The award goes to individuals who go above and beyond when it comes to protecting motorcyclists' rights. In years past, the award was reserved for *A.B.A.T.E.* members only. This is the first time it has ever been awarded to anyone

outside the organization.

Sensenbrenner has redefined what it means to go "above and beyond." He has worked tirelessly to protect motorcyclists' rights on every front at the federal level for over 35 years. "Not only are the motorcyclists of Wisconsin in Mr. Sensenbrenner's debt, every motorcyclist in this country has benefitted from his steadfast support," said Jeff Hennie, M.R.F. vice president government relations and public affairs.

Representative Sensenbrenner has been the lead advocate for stopping motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints, supporting crash avoidance over safer crashing, and lately the ethanol fuel issue.

The M.R.F. also commends *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* for fostering a model relationship with an elected official. This should be an example to everyone for developing a good working relationship with an elected official.

Congressman Sensenbrenner, upon receiving the award, said, "I want to thank A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin for their tireless work to raise awareness on issues that affect motorcyclists. I am honored to work with them to make their voices heard in Washington D.C., and I look forward to continuing our efforts to reduce unnecessary and burdensome federal government regulations."

John Reblin, who presented the award, pointed out that, "Representative Sensenbrenner was chosen because of the support he has given motorcyclists throughout the years with his common sense approach with such things as HR-748 to prohibit the E.P.A. from authorizing the use of gasoline greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles,

and HR-904 which would prohibit the federal D.O.T. from providing grants or any other funds to another unit of government for motorcycle-only checkpoints."

The M.R.F. joins *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin* in recognizing the leadership and dedication of the honorable F. James Sensenbrenner.

#### M.R.F. -- Who We Are

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

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

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# Congressman Challenges The Science Of E15 Gas

U.S. representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced legislation to require the *Environmental Protection Agency* to “seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of fifteen percent blend ethanol gasoline” (E15), which the *E.P.A.* recently allowed to be sold for use in 2001 or newer vehicles; though motorcycles and A.T.V.s are not approved for its use, nor are most small air-cooled engines. Using the hotter-burning fuel could cause premature wear, engine damage, and void the manufacturer’s warranty.

“The *E.P.A.’s* decision to allow E15 into the marketplace will impact every American who owns a car, lawnmower, or boat,” said Sensenbrenner in announcing his bill, HR-3199. “Automakers insist that using E15 will void warranties, lower fuel efficiency, and cause premature engine failure. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users.”

Motorcyclists should be concerned about the availability of compatible fuel supplies if gas stations primarily provide E15 gasoline that’s *E.P.A.*-approved for the majority of their customers.

But no on-road or off-road motorcycles or A.T.V.s appear on the *E.P.A.’s* list of vehicles approved for use of E15.

“There are serious concerns that the *E.P.A.* used only one Department of Energy test and rushed E15’s introduction into the market place. This test was limited in scope and ignored a plethora of evidence (albeit inconvenient evidence for the *E.P.A.*) that shows E15 gasoline has a negative effect on engines,” according to Sensenbrenner. “I introduced this legislation to ensure a decision of this magnitude will be vetted by independent scientific research, rather than political expediency.”

Earlier this summer, congressman Sensenbrenner, who is the vice chair of the house committee on science, introduced HR-748 to prohibit the *E.P.A.* from authorizing the use

of gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol. (E10)

## Bikers’ Rights To Health Care

Akin to some unions that have negotiated lower health care costs by excluding insurance coverage for so-called “risky” behavior such as horseback riding, skiing, and riding motorcycles, the state of Georgia may soon exclude motorcyclists from their healthcare benefits.

The chairman of a house study committee looking at Georgia’s health benefit plan said the state might require employees to disclose dangerous activities like skydiving and riding motorcycles.

State representative Carl Rogers (R-Gainesville) said that the panel is looking to bring down skyrocketing costs in the state health plan. Earlier this year, lawmakers were forced to scramble to fill a \$300 million budget hole for the health benefits.

Rogers told the *Associated Press* that state employees who take part in risky activities might eventually pay higher premiums.

## True Colors: Cops vs. Bikers

“Nowadays, officers also have to worry about lawsuits when they pull over a ‘one-percenter,’” reported the *Philadelphia Daily News* in response to a civil rights lawsuit claiming profiling and police harassment, adding that “Biker gangs might have a well-deserved reputation, but one local attorney who represents several clubs says that ‘reputation’ isn’t a valid reason for a traffic stop.”

“Some of this tension between the cops and the bikers is because the cops hassle them **all** the time,” said Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (*A.I.M.*) attorney Boyd Spencer, who represents the *Eastern Pennsylvania Confederation of Clubs*.

Spencer is representing three bikers in a civil-rights lawsuit stemming from a July 30, 2009 traffic stop involving six motorcyclists. Two of

the defendants are *Pagans Motorcycle Club* members and a third defendant was a *Tribe Motorcycle Club* member.

According to the complaint, the bikers were ticketed for not having approved helmets and were told to remove their “colors”, the patched jackets members wear. The whole traffic stop, which lasted more than an hour, was captured by mounted cameras in the police cruisers.

“Now you’re all going to take your jackets off, because on this highway, these are the only colors,” one of the state troopers, referring to state police blue and gold, told the group after nearly fifty minutes had passed.

The bikers didn’t budge. None of them took off his colors.

The helmets were later found to be legal and a prosecutor dismissed the charges.

Spencer, who said the demand to take off their colors was out of bounds, chalks up the traffic stop to harassment.

Spencer said he always hears about bikers getting harassed. “I’ve got a guy in Upper Darby who gets pulled over every time he goes out on his bike,” he said.

Upper Darby police superintendent Michael Chitwood Sr. told the newspaper that bikers get pulled over if they break traffic regulations, like anyone else. Police keep tabs on them, though. “These operations have become very sophisticated. They know what their rights are and what the police can do,” he said.

## “No Colors” Rule Rescinded At Kentucky Event

Following failed negotiations with *Beech Bend Park* near Bowling Green, Kentucky upon announcing they would no longer allow club colors of any kind at their all harley drags, the *Kentucky Motorcycle Association/K.B.A.* called for a boycott of their events until this discriminatory policy was changed.

“After the word went out it is my understanding that several hundred phone calls went to the offices of *Beech Bend Park*,” said Jay Huber, president of *K.M.A./K.B.A.* “As a

result of those calls the management at *Beech Bend* has reversed its decision regarding no colors at its events.”

“The *K.M.A./K.B.A.* along with the *Kentucky Confederation of Clubs* is committed to eliminating this type of discrimination as it hurts the entire biker community,” said Huber, adding that his organization will post listings on their web site of businesses that discriminate with regard to no-colors and urge “that **all** bikers please refrain from using the services of any business that participates in this type of action.”

## Suit Charges Discriminatory Enforcement Of Nevada Helmet Regulation

A dozen motorcycle riders recently filed a class action lawsuit charging arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement of Nevada’s helmet regulation.

The suit filed in U.S. district court charges “defendants, through their agents, have an ongoing pattern and practice of issuing helmet tickets to the class members that are not supported by constitutionally sufficient probable cause, thereby violating the civil rights of the class members.”

The action blames Clark county and the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite; and Boulder City, and their police departments for the disparity in enforcement. If certified as a class, the suit could represent more than 40,000 motorcycle riders in the county.

The group is hoping to ultimately win the repeal of Nevada’s helmet regulation, but this lawsuit is not about whether the government has the right to require motorcycle riders to wear helmets, which the Nevada supreme court ruled that it does, but instead the action accuses local police and prosecutors of selectively enforcing the helmet regulation and of using it unconstitutionally to hassle bikers.

“This violates the fourth amendment to the U.S. constitution barring

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unreasonable search and seizure,” commented A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) attorney Sam Hochberg in the *Gunny’s Sack* monthly e-column. “The suit also alleges violations of the 14th amendment protections against arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement. They are saying the fines are all over the map with no balance. The suit essentially says that enforcement folks are using the Nevada helmet [regulation] to harass motorcyclists.”

Dubbed the “Class M” class action, the suit seeks to include some 40,000 Nevadans holding motorcycle endorsements on their driver’s licenses.

### Nationwide Motorcycle Thefts Down

A motorcycle is stolen every 9.5 minutes in America, but according to a report by the *National Insurance Crime Bureau*, motorcycle thefts last year were down 24% from their 2007 total. There were 65,678 motorcycles reported stolen in 2007 compared with 49,791 in 2010, according to data from theft reports contained in the *National Crime Information Center*.

The top five makes stolen last year were:

1. *Honda* = 12,260
2. *Yamaha* = 9,853
3. *Suzuki* = 7,869
4. *Kawasaki* = 5,470
5. *Harley-Davidson* = 3,301

Combined, these five brands accounted for 38,753 thefts in 2010, or 77.8 percent of the total.

The top five states with the most motorcycle thefts in 2010 were:

1. California = 5,662
2. Texas = 4,394
3. Florida = 4,148
4. North Carolina = 2,649
5. Indiana = 1,925

These five states accounted for 18,778 thefts, or 37.7% of the total.

### Fact Or Fiction: Motorcycles Are Eco-friendly

In the popular belief that since motorcycles get better mileage they must be greener than cars, “People are trading in their cars and driving motorcycles instead because they

believe that’s the more environmentally friendly choice,” said *MythBusters* television host Adam Savage in the season opener of the popular *Discovery Channel* show. “The logic is because motorcycles are generally more fuel-efficient than cars, they burn less gas and thus they must be better for the environment.”

As the *MythBusters* have done with each of the show’s previous seven seasons, Savage and his co-host Jamie Hyneman set out to test the theory, and the *Los Angeles Times* recently reported on the show’s findings.

The *MythBusters* duo selected three motorcycles and three cars that were common in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s and put the undisclosed vehicles through a thirty minute, twenty mile real-world course, 75% of it consisting of highway driving and 25% city driving.

Savage drove all three cars while Hyneman trailed him on the bikes, each one equipped with portable emission-measuring systems that tracked exhaust gases from a probe in the tailpipe and collected engine information from the engine control unit to determine each vehicle’s fuel economy and emissions profile.

The upshot of the experiment was that the newer two-wheeler was indeed 28% more fuel efficient than the comparable car and emitted 30% less of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. However the same motorcycle emitted 416% more smog-forming hydrocarbons, 3,220% more oxides of nitrogen, and 8,065% more of the toxic air pollutant carbon monoxide.

The *MythBusters’* conclusion: “At best, it’s a wash. Motorcycles are just as bad for the environment as cars,” Savage said on the show. “At worst, they’re far worse.”

But emissions are only one factor in the equation that measures a vehicle’s true impact on the environment, and as *L.A. Times* columnist Susan Carpenter concludes; “Despite the *MythBusters’* findings, emissions are only part of the story of a vehicle’s true greenness. According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, motorcycle manufacturing requires thousands fewer pounds of raw materials than automobiles. They

require less fossil fuel, so they require less energy to pull that fossil fuel out of the ground. They use fewer chemicals and oils than cars. And motorcycles produced today are 90% cleaner in California than they were thirty years ago. Note to *MythBusters*: How about a cradle-to-grave life cycle assessment for cars and motorcycles for the season 9 opener?”

### Weird News

#### Motorbikers Take Bite Out Of Apple

Just like in the movies, seven motorbike riders carrying passengers wearing full face helmets recently conducted an early-morning “smash-and-grab” robbery by busting a window of an *Apple* store in central London and plundering thousands of dollars in *Mac* laptops, *iPads*, and *iPhones*. “Apple is a big ticket item and a very easy sell,” deputy inspector Gregory Antonsen told the

*International Business Times*, calling this one “primarily an Apple case”.

### Quotable Quote

“Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you!”

-- Pericles  
(c. 495 – 429 BC)  
Greek statesman

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## Membership Report



**Linda Henderson**  
state membership secretary

Brothers and sisters,

Since I will not be present at the state board meeting for November, I am submitting my report electronically. I will also send copies down with an officer for distribution.

First, please accept my apologies for failing to get the report out in a timely manner. My vacation is usually at the end of October and I did not get the reports mailed to the chapter membership secretaries before I left. Upon my return I had two weeks of mail to be processed before I ran the reports. They will be mailed on November 9.

The current membership is 1,550, up four members from last month due to a large group joining *Douglas County Chapter*. There are 85 expired members, including twenty members who represent at family in the *Salem Chapter*.

I have been mailing out renewal notices about two months in advance of the expiration and seem to have a good response. If anyone is in need of tri-folds or new member packets, please call the toll-free number and leave a message so that I can send them out to you.

Regards,

Linda Henderson  
state membership secretary  
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## Education Report



**Geoff White**  
state education coordinator

Hello from Geoff White and your education department of *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*,

Thank you for allowing me to continue as an education director for a little while longer. I hope that I'm able to bring a quality service to our organization. I will try to keep the education agenda of *A.B.A.T.E.* active and productive.

I understand that I have a responsibility to provide tools, guidance, inspiration, and dedication to our important educational processes here.

I'll use all of my resources to ensure that we have opportunities to grow and represent our organization in a positive perspective.

I will work to upgrade my resources to enable me to be a more effective education director.

I can guarantee that I will remain in touch and always in communication with the people who will rely on me to assist or coordinate in our education programs.

The *Seminar To Educate And Motivate (S.T.E.A.M.)* will be held again in 2012.

This conference is an annual event to help our members and members of other organizations perform the important functions to run the groups and achieve our goals. Individuals who have done the work are on hand to facilitate seminars that provide the skills necessary for others to perform the operations.

This conference provides an excellent environment for new officers, directors, and members to learn how we do our work and

run our operations. It is highly recommended for new officers, directors, and members who have taken on specific duties within the organization attend the conference to help them understand the positions and perform the functions effectively. This series of sessions will enable us to do our work more efficiently and increase our ability to obtain the results on our various agendas.

The other function of the conference is to help motivate our people in our various operations.

We invite guest speakers who bring inspirational presentations to our conferences. These guests help us to be motivated in our efforts and the various functions that we perform in our work with *A.B.A.T.E.*

Motivating our members is a very important factor in the success of our organization, and attending the *Seminar To Educate And Motivate* can be a great way to become inspired.

The *S.T.E.A.M.* conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th, 2012. Please mark your calendars, and join us for a day of learning, sharing, and motivating.

I like to mention that everyone who attends the *S.T.E.A.M.* conference has a valuable contribution to bring. Bring your experience, knowledge, curiosity, and inspiration to *S.T.E.A.M.*, and help us make this conference a success.

We have begun another school year of *Motorcycle Awareness Program* presentations.

Bill Cameron and I have made a visit to *David Douglas High School* in the Portland metropolitan area. We were able to share our message with forty-six driver's education students. I believe that the students enjoyed the presentation, and we really had a good opportunity to illustrate the importance of being aware of motorcyclists. We used demonstrations and examples of scenarios to help the students understand the difficulties in seeing us and determining what the risks are.

I truly believe that these presentations are beneficial in the prevention of crashes between automobile operators and motorcyclists.

I'm looking forward to another year

of sharing our message of motorcycle awareness with the driving public.

Good luck instructors!

The seasons are changing and our riding practices need to adapt to these different conditions.

I've heard a lot of talk about slippery, wet conditions.

Remember that those leaves can really sneak up on you quickly.

Watch for ice in the shaded areas.

Give a little more distance for maneuvering and stopping.

Make extra time to check out the condition of your machines.

Safe riding to continue riding is a worthwhile trade off.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve *A.B.A.T.E.* for another year as your state education director. I will do as much as I can to make our education projects successful.

Have a terrific holiday season and enjoy all the riding opportunities that come your way.

Remember that we are all messengers in the motorcycle awareness process.

Ride often and spread the awareness.

Take care ya'll,

Geoffrey White  
state education director

[ *crusty ol- editor's note: One statistic we never see in highway safety reports is how many motorcycle crashes, injuries, or fatalities have been avoided because people participated in a Motorcycle Awareness Program class. Geoff White and his team of M.A.P. instructors have saved countless lives, yet because they do their job so well, we don't hear about it. Make sure that you thank M.A.P. instructors for their work every time you meet them. Become one yourself and be a lifeguard in the motorcycle pool. ]*



## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 12 November 2011

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### \* \* \* Unfinished

#### Business \* \* \*

• **Motion** made by Randy (*Southeast Portland Chapter*), seconded by Bob (*Douglas County*):

“That A.B.A.T.E. modify the title of Indian Creek and add ‘member at large’ to the previous designation.”

This issue was discussed and decided that the chapters need to discuss this. Was tabled at the planning session.

**Tabled.** Not enough time to get to chapters.

• **Motion** made by Nic (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Richard (*Salem Chapter*):

“Any chapter that gives up or loses their charter must turn over all assets, debts, bank accounts to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc., due to all chapter assets belong to the state to begin with but are held in toto by the chapter. No funds or other assets are to be ‘given away’ or transferred to another organization or chapter without the A.B.A.T.E. board of directors approval beforehand.”

Discussion at planning session had Nic explain that first of all *in toto* is latin for “altogether” and used in this instance as a legal term meaning “part of the whole”.

This motion closes a loophole that had been used in the past. This also stops any unauthorized “merger” as that term does not work within our organization.

Any charter loss makes the chapter die and assets revert to the state for redistribution as needed.

Nic asked that this motion be tabled to go to the chapters for discussion.

Motion tabled at planning session  
**Motion tabled** again due to not all chapters having had the opportunity to discuss this issue.

### \* \* \* New Business \* \* \*

• **Motion** made by Nic (*Hub City Chapter*), seconded by Randy (*Southeast Portland Chapter*):

“To renew M.R.F. membership in the amount of \$1,600.”

Discussion ensued with \$100 for membership and our usual donation for a total of \$1,600.

Allan will take the \$1,500 donation with him to the *Meeting of the Minds Conference*.

### \* \* \* Announcements \* \* \*

#### Upcoming Events

- **19 Nov 2011** – *Waco Toy Run*

- **19 Nov 2011** – *Spaghetti Dinner and Auction* by *North Coast Chapter* at the *Astoria Moose Lodge*. For more information call Linda (503)–325–4376 or Don (503)–325–3566.

- **26 Nov 2011** – Toy run by the *True Apostles Motorcycle Club*. 9 a.m. at *Columbia Harley-Davidson* at NE highway 99 and NE 102nd in Vancouver, Washington. For more information call Dan Voltz (360)–553–8018, Vic at (360)–254–51181, or Rich evenings at (360)–256–7151.

- **03 Dec. 2011** – *Shriner Toy Run* by *Southeast Portland Chapter* in Portland. For more information call (503)–255–5415.

- **06 Dec. 2011** – Rick Colclasure’s 70th birthday party at the railroad park in Medford.

- **29 Apr. 2012** – Spring swap meet by state *A.B.A.T.E.* at the Portland armory, 10000 NE 33rd drive, Portland.

Next state board of directors meeting: **December 10, 2011** at *Ciddici’s Pizza* in Albany, Oregon.

Adjourned at 2:33 p.m. (1433)

## Runs and the Economy

We gave out surveys at *Beaver Creek Run*, but we didn’t do the best job of it.

We also didn’t get a real good response.

Still the results may be of interest.

Eleven responses came from single riders, three from two up riders (six people) and nineteen from automobiles. This would give us a minimum of thirty-six persons.

#### Questions:

1. Gas purchases coming in equals \$18.28.
2. Meal purchases coming in equals \$13.86.
3. Gas purchases leaving, estimate, \$12.69.
4. Meal purchases leaving, estimate, \$11.67.
5. Miscellaneous purchases, \$25.47.

This gives us a total of \$81.97 per person.

Because we don’t have a count for individuals in cars, I threw in a 15% error. This would bring the average to \$69.67 per person.

If we kick this over to 450 in attendance at *Beaver Creek*, the run would have generated \$31,885.00 in business

Makes me curious what kind of financial impact the summers *A.B.A.T.E.* runs actually have on the economy.

We had one individual from Texas and one from Hawaii not included in the survey.

Bob

*Lincoln County Chapter*

### Ask Our Lawyer by Rod Taylor

## Surviving The Close Encounter

**Question:** My local chapter might have a big problem. We sponsor a charity ride every year, and we insist that all riders and passengers sign a release and waiver.

This year, we had somebody jump the gate and get injured during the ride. He has said he is going to sue us for failing to provide a safe ride.

Since he didn’t sign a release and waiver, are we screwed?

-- A.B.A.T.E. member

**Answer:** As I have long said, the best thing you can do to protect your organization is to have a release and waiver signed by each participant and make sure you have procedures in place to make sure that everyone signs it.

Sometimes, however, someone will slip [past] the gate and get into the ride without signing the release, despite the best efforts of the organizers.

A recent opinion by the California court of appeals may provide you some breathing room.

In that case, a couple injured in a recreational motorcycle ride sued because the ride did not have a police escort. The plaintiff was an experienced rider and had signed waivers for previous rides, but somehow got in the ride without signing a waiver, including previous years of the same ride in which they were injured.

The couple on the ride were injured when a van swerved into their lane causing a collision.

The court of appeals ruled that the injured couple “assumed the risk” of the ride.

The court ruled that the couple had waived any right to sue even though they had not signed a waiver for this ride but had signed such waivers in previous rides.

(As I said earlier, waivers are still needed but this case helps with those that sneak into an event without signing a waiver)

*The court held that the risk of participating in a motorcycle ride with a large number of participants along public highways is self-evident, and that the risk of being injured while in a motorcycle procession is well known as all rides do not have police escorts.*

The rule is that a voluntary participant in a recreational activity cannot recover damages for injury from a coparticipant or organizer if the injury arises from a risk inherent in the activity and defendant does nothing to increase that risk.

The court held that the lack of police escorts did not increase the risk of injury on a public highway.

This case is a victory for all organized motorcycle rides in this country and should result in lowering of insurance premiums for event. Recreational activity organizers can breathe a little easier with this court decision if it becomes the trend in all states.

**Note:** Marc Falsetti was the legal beagle on this one. Marc, thank you for your good eye.

*A.B.A.T.E.* members have access to a 24-hour toll-free telephone number.

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If you have any questions you would like to ask the lawyer, please submit them to *Ask Our Lawyer* at: [rodtaylor@abatelegal.com](mailto:rodtaylor@abatelegal.com)

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[ *crusty ol’ editor’s note:* The *Ask Our Lawyer* folks have been e-mailing their articles to the *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* state newspaper for some time, but this particular one touched on a subject near and dear to chapters who hold group rides, especially as we enter the toy run season. ]

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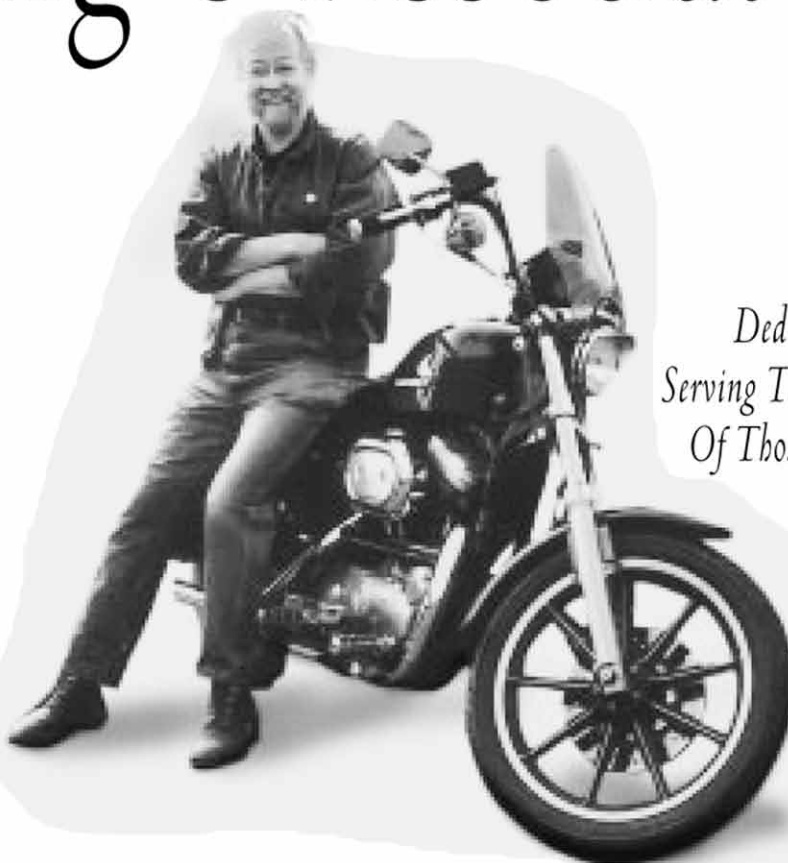
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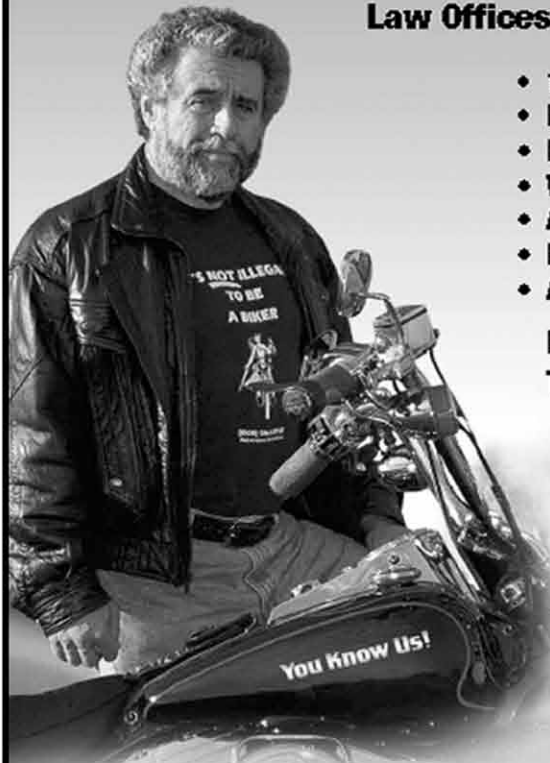
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### HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. Membership Application**

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

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

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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**  
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Membership Rates:					
number of members	type	one year	two years	three years	five years
_____	Single	\$ 30	\$ 55	\$ 80	\$125
_____	Couple	\$ 35	\$ 65	\$ 95	\$150
_____	Family	\$ 40	\$ 75	\$110	\$175
_____	Sustaining	\$100			
	Lifetime	\$300			

(please circle desired duration of membership.)

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

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

Comments:

# December 2011

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

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**STATE BOARD MEETING**  
Saturday, 10 Dec 2011  
1200 (noon)

*Ciddici's Pizza*  
133 SW Fifth Street  
Albany, Oregon

## 2011 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

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Date:	Event - Chapter / Sponsor:	Location:	Contact number:
03 Dec 2011	<b>Shriner Toy Run / SE-PDX</b>	Portland	(503)-255-5415
10 Dec 2011	<b>ABATE membership committee</b>	Albany	(1100-Ciddici's)
10 Dec 2011	<b>23rd Toy Run / North Coast</b>	Seaside	(503)-325-3566

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(It's never too early to get your chapter's upcoming events listed here.)

14 Jan 2012			
01 Feb 2012	<i>Black Wednesday at Capitol / BikePAC</i>	Salem	(541)-223-3827
10 Mar 2012	<b>Anniversary Party / SE-PDX</b>	<b>Gresham</b>	
29 Apr 2012	<b>Spring Swap Meet / ABATE</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>(503)-285-6523</b>
05 May 2012	<i>Motorcycle Awareness Rally / BikePAC</i>	Salem	(541)-223-3827
25-28(?) May 2012	<b>35th Fossil Campout / ABATE</b>	<b>Bear Hollow</b>	

The season of eggnog she held dear,  
With some cognac for holiday cheer,  
'Til she got too boozy,  
And was thought a floozy,  
So sober she started the new year.

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

>> Location <<  
Phone:

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	<i>Northside Bar &amp; Grill</i> ; 62860 Boyd Acres road; Bend	(541)-383-0889
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Rae Ray's</i> ; 4550 old highway 99 south; Roseburg	(541)-672-1522
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Ciddici's Pizza</i> ; 133 SW Fifth Street; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC)			(entire state)	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	<i>D &amp; S Harley-Davidson</i> ; 3846 S. Pacific highway; Medford	(541)-635-5515
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	<i>Fruitdale Grange</i> ; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>American Legion Hall</i> ; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1800 (6 p.m.)	<i>Colvin's Pub &amp; Grill</i> ; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	<i>Moose Lodge</i> ; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Shiloh Inn</i> ; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	<i>Almost Home Restaurant</i> ; 3310 Market Street, Salem	(503)-378-0100
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	<i>M&amp;M Restaurant &amp; Lounge</i> ; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	<i>Prime Time Restaurant</i> ; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove	(503)-357-3684