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Himself**

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chief of staff retires  
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The folks pictured here have steadfastly given their unpaid time and talent to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon over the course of several years. But they are stepping down now.

Having people stay in office for more than a year or two means that they know their jobs thoroughly while providing organizational memory that prevents us from repeating mistakes or reinventing the gonkulator. (Which should be dark grey.)

Be sure to sincerely thank them for their service whenever you see them.

-- Rot Path



**Matt Price**  
state sanctioning



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state auditor



**Trace Ceccacci**  
state web site editor

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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

December always brings a smile to my face.

It's a time of sharing, a time of reflecting, and a time of belonging. I look forward to this time of year, not only because I am twisted and enjoy the cold weather and snow, but also because I get to sit down with family and friends and enjoy catching up on what happened during the year, then start to make plans for next year.

As members of A.B.A.T.E. we do the same thing. We relax with friends and reminisce about what happened and what we did as riders.

As many of you may know, the elections were not very good to us. We lost some friends who fought on our behalf in the capitol while a lot of the people who are against us got reelected.

Does this mean we are out of luck for the next four years?

No!

It means we will have to work harder and plan accordingly.

We need to look at it as a challenge, but also as a wake up call.

We need to remember that in the long run it is in our hands what happens, and contrary to popular belief, we *are* in control as to what happens in Salem. It is up to each and every one of us to become involved and do our part to make sure our message gets heard.

We are not party specific. As A.B.A.T.E., we just want what is best for us as riders. It is our responsibility to convey that to our representatives in office so that they understand that we are not looking for special privileges. We only want to be treated fairly and have the same respect and rights as any other motorist, or any other American for that matter.

Signs that say bikers are not allowed are unacceptable! People who kill motorcyclists because they weren't paying attention or "didn't see them" should not be tolerated. Losing 50 some riders in one year because of not enough training or a careless attitude is definitely unacceptable.

It should be at the forefront of all of our minds how we can make the highways in this state safer for all motorcyclists no matter what they ride or who they ride with.

As a brotherhood we should take it as not only our mission statement, but as our responsibility to make sure every one of our brothers and sisters gets home safe and sound.

How do we do this?

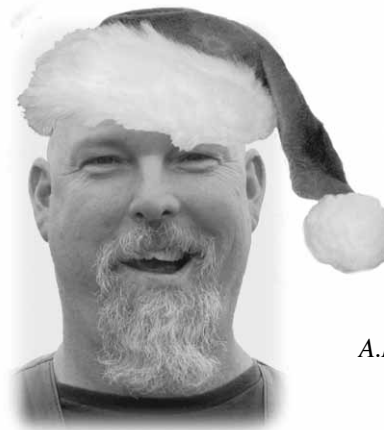
We get involved. We get involved at the chapter level, at the state level, or even with *BikePAC*. We need to get involved now.

The people in Salem are already

making plans for next year, so we need to stay in step with them and even one step ahead. We need to become proactive and not reactive. We need to put them back in the role that being a representative was originally thought of. To represent us, not dictate to us. It is not up to them to dictate to us what we wear or who is on our bikes, but rather listen to us and our concerns and represent us when the regulations are not working or are not being enforced.

It's not about making the loudest voices happy, but about what is right. But unfortunately they don't see it that way which is why we need to become loud again.

We need to be in their e-mails. We need to be on their messages when they come into the office. We need to be in their office talking about our concerns. We need to be in their eyes and on their minds when they go into session. This is the only way we can get back the respect and the rights that as Americans are ours



**Allan Nichols**

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

to begin with. But it is up to us.

Next month our state board meeting will be after the *BikePAC* meeting, I encourage everyone to attend both meetings so that we can all get on the same page, and make our voices one united voice.

2013 will be a difficult year for us, but I fully believe that as a united brotherhood we can be effective and maybe, just maybe, be an effective tool for the rights and safety of all motorcyclists.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful new year.

Ride safe, ride free, ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

- state coordinator  
A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon
- Oregon representative  
Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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

## Central Oregon

Greetings from *Central Oregon*,

We have already had our first snow here.

There is still a toy run or two that I am going to try to make, but for the most part my bike is parked for the winter. I will be counting the days until the warmer weather returns.

We have had a bad year with motorcycle crashes and fatalities. We lost another member of the motorcycle community towards the end of October. Please keep the families of those we have lost in your prayers. Lets all stay safe out there so we do not loose any others.

The elections are over, and now we know who the players are in Salem for the next year. We all need to get involved to help accomplish our goals. If you don't know what to do, talk to your chapter legislative

director.

All the motorcycle rights organizations are hurting for members with the slow economy. If you can join them, that will help them to protect our rights. At the state level *BikePAC of Oregon* does a lot for us as motorcyclists and works with A.B.A.T.E. to help us accomplish our legislative goals.

I hope everybody has a great and safe holiday season,

Bob Terrill  
coordinator  
Central Oregon Chapter



### **CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME and PLACE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1400 (2 p.m.)  
Izzy's Pizza  
810 SW 11th street  
Redmond, Oregon

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

# Douglas County



Meeting date: 18 October 2012  
 Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance: Pat, Bob Nichols held flag.

**Reports**

Secretary: Work related absence, minutes from last month meeting will need to be approved during November meeting as there were none to present. October minutes recorded by Bonnie Fender. Chris showed up around 8:45 p.m. and provided copy of the minutes from last meeting to coordinator Jim Waggoner, vice-coordinator and membership secretary. Chris sent copy of minutes to membership secretary next day for e-mail distribution to members. Do not know if this was done.

Treasurer: \$3,624.16

Membership secretary: 216 members, two expired memberships.

Public relations: Nothing to

report.

Ways and means: Unable to get prices on turkeys for Thanksgiving yet. 50/50 and raffle available.

Education: Joe Laurence said to expect the unexpected. Be ready to leave your lane of traffic if necessary to escape injury. Watch the weather and keep good tires on your bike.

State report : (Get minutes from Bob Nichols, I couldn't keep up)

State legislative: Twelve of twelve chapters were present. Nick Oliver is stepping down from [state secretary]. Linda Henderson (state membership) will also be stepping down.

Historian: Tonya had nothing new.

**Old Business**

Nominations updates: Russell Dodge is serious about the position of coordinator. He was not in attendance due to a family

emergency. (Jim Waggoner has the rest of the nominations.)

Christmas party updates: *Mile Post 8* will be the band. \$10 per person in advance if you plan on attending. No gift exchange. Pat will be the sergeant-at-arms for the buffet. If the people don't have tickets, they don't eat or stay for the band. If someone will create invitations, Dan Rice will get them distributed.

**New Business**

New nominations for positions will *not* take place at the Christmas party, but will be done on the normal meeting in December. Voted, passed.

The state wanted to have us vote on whether we would give them money for *BikePAC*. They need to have \$10,000.00 for it. Voted to let the state pay for it. We don't have the money.

Voter guide needs to be e-mailed to everyone. Dan Rice was voted to

do that.

Mack spoke and closed in prayer  
 Adjourned : 8:00 p.m.

**Douglas County**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 ( 7 pm )  
*The Zen*  
 1969 SE Stephens  
 Roseburg  
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**A.B.A.T.E. group report -- Indian Creek**  
 ( members at large )



**Anyone in Indian Creek is invited to write and send in reports.**

**Indian Creek**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
 ( when and wherever )

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 ( state newspaper )

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 (and beyond )

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

Even though Veterans' Day is past, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the veterans past and present who have helped make this country what it is, where it's been, and where it's going.

Albany's Veterans' Day parade was blessed with a dry day and a wondrous turnout of biker brothers and sisters to thank our armed forces for their contributions. We believe it was the largest turnout yet.

Hub City was charged with helping organize the motorcycle riders for the second year. *Patriot Guard Riders* led us off. What an event to participate in.

October/November activities for *Hub City* were our mall show and another biker night. Both were met with enthusiasm by members and attendees.

I would like to thank the *Road Maggots, Raiders, Mongols, and Weasels* for venturing out to *Pine Way* golf course club house for biker night. The band rocked with a song list including blues, rock, good

dance music, and a contagious spirit. Jimmy the club manager provided great service, with adequate forces to handle our crowd.

Nominations for chapter offices were taken at the November meeting and elections are this month. Looking forward to some new faces sharing the leadership reins.

2013 can be a formative year for motorcycle political activities if we band together, give sincere involvement, and raise a little hell. Git 'er done!

Hoping everyone's Christmas season is blessed, healthy, and amongst great family and friends.

May you enter the new year with joyful anticipation, no trepidation, and blessings galore,

Mo Sims



### **Hub City**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1900 (7 p.m.)

*Ciddici's Pizza*

133 SE Fifth avenue — Albany

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

Winter is fast approaching,

Motorcycle groups of our valley are gearing up for the Christmas toy run, to be held on December 1st. This is a wonderful cause and great fun, so let's all participate.

A special thank-you to the *Medford Eagles Club* for sharing their aerie for this event.

Our chapter has also been helping *Old Guard Riders* to raise money for *Wreaths Across America*. The goal is to place a wreath on each veterans grave for Christmas. The *O.G.R.*, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts will place the wreaths. There will be a ceremony at the *Eagle Point Cemetery* on December 15th. The public is welcome to attend.

Members of all valley motorcycle groups were invited to a Thanksgiving "social potluck" to renew old friendships and to make new ones. This was held at *Josephine County's A.B.A.T.E.* meeting on November 21 in Grants Pass. The chapter furnished turkey and ham, with side dishes from friends attending.

In this time of the holidays and the cold weather, let's remember the less fortunate. Offer help if you can.

When you ride, be safe, watch for others on the road,

Judi



### **Jackson County**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 1830 ( 6:30 pm )

*American Legion* (downtown)

Jackson & Front streets

Medford, Oregon

(541)-

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( earth )

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

# Josephine County

By the time you read this, November and Thanksgiving will be gone. I hope everyone had a Thanksgiving to the thankful for.

December is here and Christmas right around the corner. Winter weather has been with us for a few days. Down here in Grants Pass we've seen some rain, a little snow in the foothills, but nothing on the valley floor yet. (As of November 10th.) We know the snow is there, and the streets are slick, so be careful when riding. (Or even driving for that matter.)

The October planning session was very educational. It was held in an open forum format rather than in break-out groups. It gave me the opportunity to see more of the dynamics of *A.B.A.T.E.*, the diversity among the chapters. I heard some of the history of why we do some things and we shared many new ideas. New is not always the answer, but it pays to open our minds to new ideas from time to time.

Please read through the notes from the planning session that were in the November state newspaper to get an idea of how much was discussed. Out of all that only a couple motions were made. Just because we discussed all those ideas, only few changes were proposed.

After much discussion at the planning session, there is now a motion in this month's minutes of the board meeting that was presented by *Josephine County Chapter*. (The motion must be printed for two months before a vote can take place.) We are asking every member of *A.B.A.T.E.* to

read over the motion.

Earlier this year the chapters voted to not allow any event to be held on *May Motorcycle Awareness Day*. (Traditionally the first Saturday in May.) We conceded to the majority and agree not to have our swap meet on that day. But we have spoken to several chapters who have agreed that having multiple *May Motorcycle Awareness* rallies around the state might be beneficial, as long as they were held in conjunction with the *BikePAC* event in Salem. We do not feel that this will take away from Salem at all, but will increase participation and hopefully awareness around the state by having multiple events. Many groups here in southern Oregon (who would not go up to Salem) have expressed an interest in participating at an event down here.

Maybe eventually there would be three or four *May Motorcycle Awareness* events around the state. We could increase our exposure to other bike groups who may not even be aware of the event in Salem.

We are asking all the chapters to consider this motion carefully and give us the opportunity to hold a *May Motorcycle Awareness Rally* down here in Josephine county.

*S.T.E.A.M.* is a very important event for *A.B.A.T.E.* But Geoff White needs your help in planning it. He needs ideas of what would make it fun for you. He needs help in planning and organizing. If you have any time at all, please consider volunteering for this very important committee. Starting



in December, the *S.T.E.A.M.* committee will meet one hour prior to each board of directors meeting.

If you cannot get up to Albany for the meeting, you could contact Geoff and offer your services. Maybe you can help from home by making phone calls or sending out e-mails. Since March is right around the corner, the committee needs to get going right away.

The state elections are over and there are new legislators both in the senate and in the house. The legislative process begins again.

*BikePAC* needs help with something they call data mining. There is lots and lots of internet research that is done in order to gather information, statistics, and valuable data that is used when they approach the legislators. *A.B.A.T.E.* and *BikePAC* must present new numbers, new information each year in order for our issues to be heard and considered. If you have a computer and a few hours to spare, please contact *BikePAC* and offer your services. (Or call me and I'll get you touch with the right people.)

We are all in this together. They are fighting for your rights to ride, your freedoms to ride your way.

The third Wednesday (December 19th) is the regular meeting of *Josephine*

*County A.B.A.T.E.* In December we have a Christmas potluck where the chapter buys the meat (probably turkey and ham or maybe roast beef) and you bring the side dishes. Everyone is invited. Bring your friends. And remember that every meeting is family friendly.

To all the members who have not been to a meeting lately, please come by. We miss you.

Ride safe, keep the rubber down.  
Be careful out there,

Karen Tolle (541)-660-8730

### **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

Things are moving along down on the Lower Columbia. We have a few irons in the fire. This is the time of year we are most busy, I think.

We are again adopting families in need for the holiday season.

We are also gearing up for our annual crab dinner on January 26th. (Hope to see you here.) At the crab dinner we will be drawing the winning ticket for the *Big Horn* gun safe that we have been selling tickets for. Anyone needing tickets either

for the gun safe or for the crab dinner can call Eva at (503)-308-2061.


We will be electing officers at our regular meeting on the 2nd of December. That meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at *Colvin's Pub and Grill* in Clatskanie.

That's it for now.  
You all have a great holiday season,

Dave Bridges  
coordinator  
*Lower Columbia*




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



**Annual Crab Dinner**  
Fund Raiser

January 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 1:00 – 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall  
\$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door  
Call Eva at 503-308-2061 for tickets, sales end Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
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.

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### **Lower Columbia MEETING TIMES and PLACE**

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays at 1900 ( 7 pm)  
*Colvin's Pub & Grill*  
123 N. Nehalem  
Clatskanie, Oregon  
(near where highway 47 joins 30)

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

It has been fun on the Oregon coast.

We've had wind, rain, sun, hail, and some really cool temperatures for us. A definite reminder to get your bike ready for the winter. It's looking like our riding days are numbered.

We are doing our last minute rush getting things together for our senior thanksgiving dinner. The scouts are getting the place mats ready and will be with us on the 17th to get the tables as preset as we can the night before. On Sunday our Girl Scouts help to serve and join our musician in entertaining our guests.

It is such a wonderful time for all of us. When our senior dinner is done, a lot of us who are *American Legion* members start Monday getting ready for a Thanksgiving day dinner that is open to the public. Then we rest for awhile.

This is such a great time of the year, seeing others helping those who are less fortunate.

Having chemo in the middle of

our busy time is a pain. It has to be done but it is not enjoyed at all.

I will have to say that it was wonderful watching the news and seeing the positive press for motorcycle riders wanting to do a toy ride for the love of the children. People here are still talking about it.

Bob is home from his elk hunting trip and really knows why it is called hunting.

Not much going on here for now and I'm sure all of you don't want a lot of personal information, like Bob and I celebrating our 49th wedding anniversary on 09 November 2012.

So have a wonderful holiday season and for those of you who are willing to say so, "Have a very merry christmas and a joyous new year.

Keep the garage warm for the bike,

Millie



### **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 *23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Auction*, and *Care Bear Drive* will be history.

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

Our *24th Annual Toy Run* will be held on December 8th, starting at *Dundee's Bar & Grill* in Seaside and finishing at the *Moose Lodge* in Astoria with yet another great chili feed. Look for the flyer in this month's state newspaper. We all hope to see you there.

Elections for our 2013 chapter officers were held at our November regular meeting. Look for the outcome of the elections in our January 2013 chapter report. Many thanks to everyone for stepping up to support the chapter in 2013 as well as supporting the chapter in 2012. I

predict we will have yet another great year ahead.

In closing, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to all of our chapter members, their families, and all our supporters wide and far who have dedicated their time, energy, and support all year long. Many thanks to you all.

All the best from the *North Coast Chapter*.

Happy holidays to all.

And above all, please be safe out there.

Al Jaques  
chapter coordinator



### **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 16, 2012**

We had a very serious discussion generated from the board of directors report about national and international politics and how these influence our regulations.

Due to the long discussions, we held no games tonight.

**November 6, 2012**

We had eleven people tonight and it was a very rowdy group.

Brian left some of his important papers at home and so the planning session report was pretty loose. We will recap next meeting.

Bob won the 50/50 and donated his share back to the chapter. Thanks, Bob.

Jeri Middleton would have won the membership game if she had been at the meeting. It will be \$20 next time.



### Upcoming meetings

**December 04, 2012**

**December 18, 2012**

#### *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*

"Hey!" all you good looking, smart rich folks. I just want you all to know how wonderfully positive you always make me feel.

I feeling a little better these days. Our chapter (Mike and Mike) jumped a huge pile of steaming political B.S. and made the Shriner toy run magic happen.

It's funny that these soft spoken, quiet types do so much. I personally was a little worried there for a minute. I even tried calling a couple of big guns

I know. But got the same lame excuses to why they could not help out or they were not willing to give their time or energy. Blah, blah, blah.(Walk softly, carry big stick.)

It is for the children and families of special unreplaceable children. I don't know what was said or pictures exchanged to make this happen, but really I do not care. Thanks, mayor Adams for doing us a serious solid.

By the way, if you have not bought your tickets for the 2012 bike, we will be walking around selling tickets in the crowd.

Our state representative me (Bridget Hamrick), Randy Phipps, and Geoff White attended the planning session in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

I would like to say I had a blast and learned a lot and grew stronger as a person. I was excited on the way down to finally see how this big machine works.

The following are my personal feelings and not those of the *Southeast Portland Chapter*.



It was my very first planning session. Planning and budgeting, sharing ideas, exploring creative ways to build our membership to grow and learn as one. That's not what happened.

Honestly I was disappointed.

I thought this was very important to the coming year for *A.B.A.T.E.*

I was surprised to see the lack of bodies. A lot of people did not show up. Some of the people who were there were playing on computers or cell phones and not engaged in the group at all.

Everyone keeps saying we got so much done. I don't feel that way at all. I feel like a lot of people had their time wasted.

It is really hard to do the work without the right tools Meaning *you*, folks.

I expect to see you all there next year. No excuses.

We can complain all we want, but if you are not there to help make the changes, shut up.

We cannot grow and change if only part of our collective is there. I feel very fortunate

to have been a part of it.

At least I can say with a straight face I was a part of the solution.

Can you?

We have so much work to do. We need you all there.

Don't be afraid to stand up make your point, stay on point, then sit down.

I ask lots of stupid questions. Sometimes I get pretty cool answers, some times some laughter.

But honestly, you need take part to make a difference.

Enough said.

I cannot wait to see your smiling faces at the Shriner toy run. (If I just won the gift card, I would be a happy camper.)

-- Bridget Hamrick

#### *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**

Considering our chapter meeting was held on election night, we still had a good turn out.

No discussion of old minutes. Passed and accepted them as written.

Discussed the question from the state board meeting as to group membership allowed under family membership. Discussed the reasons of costs of sending our newspaper to all members of a group, not being covered under the family membership dues.

Several recommendations were received:

1. One paper to the head of household. (secretary of group.)
2. Limit group membership under family to ten, with a limit of \$100 per group membership.
3. Create an "all corporate, or club membership" for \$100, and limit the newspaper to a certain amount per group.

We discussed the upcoming Veteran's Day parade in Albany and those who can will be there We will pass on the information to others.

Also talked about our December raffle for \$65 worth of oil filters and gaskets. Must be present to win.

Beginning in December, our membership drive will begin and end on our May meeting, with several prizes to be awarded. Tickets will be given for each new member brought in, and tickets can also be purchased. All tickets will be in a can and in May, the tickets will be drawn with prizes being won in order of drawing.

We are planning on a swap meet in February We will have more information later on the subject.

We discussed the need to accept the helmet choice proposal as written, including the additional medical insurance. We feel it will not take long before the fools in our congress require us to have it anyway **and** wear the helmets.

Lynn. B. DeSpain  
coordinator  
*Salem Chapter*  
*Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*



**Salem**  
**MEETING TIME and PLACE**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 1900 ( 7 p.m. )  
*Hitching Post*  
8046 River road NE, Salem

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

Even though the riding season is winding down, there is still plenty to do to keep the chapter moving forward.

We will be electing our chapter officers for 2013 at our chapter meeting on December 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the *Grapevine Restaurant*. Please come out and vote. And consider volunteering, since there are several positions that will be open this next year. Also, this will be our only meeting for December.

One of the openings is for chapter coordinator. I've had a great time the last seven years, but I feel like it's time to give others an opportunity to lead and bring fresh ideas to the table. I will still be part of the chapter, and will do my best to help the new officers get up to speed on the job, if asked.

At our October run committee meeting we chose following the dates for our events for next year:

**2013 Event Dates**

- Saturday, April 6 – Biker night
- Sunday, June 9 – *Roll 'N Ride*
- Saturday, July 20 – *Mid-Summer Run*
- Friday-Sunday, September 6-8 – *End of Summer Run*
- Saturday, October 12 – Biker night
- Saturday, November 16 – Toy run

Remember, the run committee is open to all chapter members. Your input and participation is valuable to the chapter.

By the time you read this, most of the toy runs for the year will be over, and once again we will have done our part to prove that bikers are one of the most caring and generous bunch of folks in our communities. I hope that many are blessed by the gifts that we share.

I hope you all have a blessed Christmas, and a safe and happy new years!

Ride safe,  
Roger Yarnell  
chapter coordinator



**33rd Annual Toy Run**  
A benefit for the  
**Shriners Hospital for Children**  
by A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Southeast Portland Chapter  
10:00AM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st  
Fred Meyer 3800 SE 22nd, Portland

12:00 Drawing for new Harley	Bring at least 1 new unwrapped toy and \$10 to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a brand new Harley Davidson Street Bob.
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1:00 Santa Party with the kids	
2:00 Equipment Presentation	

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**Washington County**  
**MEETING TIMES and PLACE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1930  
( 7:30 p.m. )  
*Grape Vine Restaurant*  
11525 SW Barnes – Portland

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

10 November 2012

*Pop's Branding Iron—Albany, Oregon*

[EB] = member of executive board.

**Call to order, welcome:** The meeting was called to order by Allan Nichols (state coordinator) at 12:15 pm with nine of twelve chapters represented at the beginning of the meeting. One chapter representative arrived a little late, making a total of ten of twelve chapters present at time of voting. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Absent: *Jackson County, Lower Columbia* chapters.

**Pledge of allegiance.**

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

**Guests and first time attendees:**

None.

**Reading, approval of minutes:** State board of directors meeting minutes from 13, 21 October 2012. Motion made by Kay Sipple to adopt as printed in the state newspaper, seconded by Randy Phelps.

**Coordinator's comments** [EB]: Allan Nichols thanked everyone for coming today and for putting up with the parking and traffic issues due to the Albany Veterans' Day parade. The start of the parade (that they were able to watch) was awesome. Watching the military vehicles from the museum brought back memories.

The planning session went very well. Everyone Allen has spoken with said they liked the open format rather than the break-out groups.

**Secretary report and correspondence** [EB]: Nic Oliver had to leave due to illness, but he dropped off all forms and information that were needed for the meeting. Karen Tolle volunteered to take notes.

Once again, everyone was reminded that this will be Nic's last year serving as secretary for *A.B.A.T.E.* He is retiring due to health and family needs. Anyone interested should step up for training as soon as possible.

**\*\*\* Officer's Reports \*\*\*****Vice-Coordinator (north)** [EB]:

Al Simms also reminded everyone to go back to their chapters and ask their memberships to step up and fill needed positions at the state level. With all the new members we have, we should be able to fill all the vacant positions before the new year starts in January.

**Vice-coordinator (south)** [EB]: Pat "Spanky" Allen was excused for medical reasons. (Strep throat)

**Vice-coordinator (east)** [EB]: Robert Terrill said that snow is already flying. Plan accordingly when you ride. Be prepared and be careful.

**Treasurer** [EB]: Kay Sipple had hand outs in the chapter packets showing profit and loss report for October 12 through November 9, 2012. But she forgot to bring account totals.

We have approximately \$5,000 in the checking account.

Only expense that is expected to come in before the end of the year is the annual insurance bill that runs about \$3,000. This amount is in the budget.

**Membership secretary** [EB]: Linda Henderson (Excused.) Membership totals report by chapter for October are in the chapter packets.

**Sanctioning officer** [EB]: Matt Price – Allan received an e-mail from Matt Price resigning his position, effective immediately.

**State auditor:** Connie Ceccacci state that this month's report is very green with almost every chapter up-to-date.

Randy reported that *Quicken 13* (accounting software) is out and available.

At this time Connie and Kay will keep using *Quicken 12*. *Quicken* should be good for three years and some chapters are still using *Quicken 11*. It is recommended that all chapters continue to use what they currently have and in 2014 discuss all chapters upgrading at that time.

There was a discussion about thumb

drives and it was recommended that since the state purchased one drive for each chapter, that each chapter concerned about getting their drives back in a timely manner should purchase a second drive that could then be rotated. There was no resolution or decisions made on this topic

**Newspaper editor:** Rot Path stated that today is the deadline for getting reports in to the state newspaper. *Josephine County, Hub City, Lower Columbia, Lincoln County, Southeast Portland, Washington County,* and *Indian Creek* are not in yet. Hopefully by 2359 tonight all will be in his in-box.

Rot Path apologized for not including reports from the *Meeting of Minds* in the November newspaper. They will be in the December issue.

Rot Path discussed the history and significance of wearing the red poppy at this time of year. The tradition has all but died here in the United States, but it is still well displayed in Canada as well as in Europe. He suggested that *A.B.A.T.E.* chapters work with their local *V.F.W.* chapters to bring back this tradition. Rot will head up a committee to further look into this. Anyone wanting to be on that committee should contact him.

There was a discussion of vehicle regulations in Europe and how they affect us. Brian Stovall pointed out that many of these regulations come over to us through trade agreements rather than through transportation channels. The U.S. is definitely affected by trends that start in Europe and we should all be aware and not be surprised when they happen here.

The *M.R.F.* and *A.M.A.* are both very active at the international level and they keep us informed.

Today is the 237th birthday of the Marines Corps.

**Legislative director:** Don Mason wished happy birthday to Allan this week and to Lance on Wednesday and to anyone else out there having a birthday.

Planning meeting was a good format. Everyone got to hear all the issues and have input.

*A.B.A.T.E.* is not party specific. Do not alienate others because of the elections. New seats in both senate and house have been won. Now our job is to reach out to all the new legislators and work a little harder. Estimate of how representatives might vote on "our issues". 2/3 are republicans and 1/3 are democrats. The voting guide is on the *BikePAC* web site.

**Sergeant at arms (north):** Randy Phipps will be asking for help from all chapter sergeant at arms at all state sponsored events next year.

**Sergeant at arms (south):** Robert "One-Eyed-Bob" Nichols had nothing

**Nic Oliver**

acting state recording secretary

to report.

**Sergeant at arms (east):** < V A C A N T >

**Products director:** Dave Meeker said that he is going to work on a printed price list to make it easier for everyone. Beginning at the next state board meeting he will be looking for t-shirt designs for 2013 *Fossil*.

**Education director:** Geoff White (Excused.) Don Mason gave report about S.T.E.A.M. Don asked if we need a committee and was reminded that several people signed up as a committee at the planning meeting. Don will check with Geoff. If a committee cannot be formed to help with all the work of S.T.E.A.M, then S.T.E.A.M. cannot happen. Geoff organized S.T.E.A.M. last year almost by himself. He cannot do that again this year. Starting in December there will be a S.T.E.A.M. committee meeting at 11 a.m. prior to each board of directors meeting.

**Public relations director:** Robert "One-Eyed-Bob" Nichols showed a tri-fold holder that he designed. There was discussion about the holder, including cost and shipping. This will be further researched and brought back for discussion.

Bob now has the public relations materials including media contacts. He will be able to use these in the coming year to improve media coverage.

**State run coordinator (Fossil):** Howie Long had nothing to report.

**State swap meet coordinator:** John "Wheels" Betts was absent. Randy gave report. The calendar at the Portland armory does not open until January. We already have a deposit for two dates next year, April and September. Dates have been penciled in, and will be confirmed as soon as armory is ready to confirm. There was a discussion of other locations. Both places mentioned were too expensive.

**Historian:** Jennifer Bachman (Absent, no report.)

**Web page editor:** < VACANT >

Allan brought up the subject of paying for the web site. He and Kay had a sidebar discussion and worked out the details.

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## A.B.A.T.E. State Board Meeting – 10 November 2012 (continued)

**Quartermaster:** Dwayne Sterba (Absent.) All executive board members were reminded to give Dwayne a list of all electronic equipment (*i.e.* computer, laptops, radios, etc.) that they have belonging to A.B.A.T.E.

**A.B.A.T.E.'s BikePAC representative:** In Nic Oliver's absence, Don Mason gave a report.

BikePAC has two bank accounts. One is legislative and one is general fund.

The legislative fund has all been used for the election, but that is why it was built up during the last two years.

BikePAC owes A.B.A.T.E. an accounting of how much each chapter has donated towards the \$10,000 being proposed. That report will be presented in December.

Helmet repeal efforts need data mining to be able to argue our issues. Data needs to be redone for 2013.

BikePAC needs help from A.B.A.T.E. chapters. This will be discussed further at the December meeting. They are looking for anyone who can use a computer and willing to donate a little time to research motorcycle data. Please contact Don, Nic, or Allan.

Paula, who is the BikePAC lobbyist also says thank you. She did not realize how much time would be involved in data mining and she can really use the help.

**M.R.F. representative:** Allan Nichols has been really busy and did not have time to prepare a report. But Randy printed out some hand outs for everyone.

**Confederation of Clubs representative:** Dave Hickerson is doing better and was able to attend today's meeting.

At N.C.O.M. everyone was talking about profiling. Everyone, please talk to all your friends and everyone you know who ride. We all need to document all stops by police authorities, even if they don't result in a ticket.

Remember that the *Freedom of Information Act* allows everyone to request a copy of the officer's report as well as any video taken at the time. You have 48 hours to request the video. After that they get deleted.

### \*\*\* Unfinished Business \*\*\*

• **Motion 1** made by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*):

*"Prohibit groups/organizations from joining A.B.A.T.E. under a family membership. Current member groups under family memberships would remain valid until their renewal. They will not be allowed to renew as a family membership."*

Discussion ensued and the motion



was tabled to be taken to chapters for input. Also refer to the issue in the planning session minutes.

Moved by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*) to table this motion until the December meeting as some of the chapters have not had a meeting since the planning session.

Yes = 10; No = 0.

#### Motion tabled.

• **Motion 2** made by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

*"Establish new higher rates for groups or organizations commensurate with our cost of twelve newspapers per month. To create a new group membership that allows a discounted membership rate to said group's members."*

Discussion showed that this motion was in conjunction with motion #1. Tabled, to be taken to chapters for discussion.

It was moved by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*), seconded by Bridget Hamrick (*Southeast Portland Chapter*) to table this motion until the December meeting as some of the chapters have not had a meeting since the planning session.

Yes = 10; No = 0

#### Motion tabled.

• **Motion 3** made by Don Mason (*Hub City Chapter*); seconded by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*):

*"A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon provide a check to BikePAC in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the 2013 legislative session. Check to be provided on or before the December state board meeting."*

It was discussed as to the needs for this money to do the job that A.B.A.T.E. wants done. These funds go directly to work to provide for a lobbyist and for candidate support.

Nic Oliver (*BikePAC* executive director) previously reported that they have already given support checks to candidates in the amount of \$600 and there will be another \$600 going out very soon.

Motion was tabled with the possibility of chapter involvement and the moneys to be deducted from the original amount asked for.

Motion dealt with at the planning

session board meeting.

December board of directors will be final accounting of donated funds for remainder of first \$5,000 to be paid at this time and second \$5,000 to be paid at March board of directors after donated funds accounting from January to March board of directors.

Moved by Brian Stovall (*River City Chapter*), seconded by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*) to table this motion until the December meeting as some of the chapters have not had a meeting since the planning session.

Yes = 10; No = 0

#### Motion tabled.

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

Special report on I.R.S. issues.

Kay Sipple (state treasurer) has been contacted by I.R.S. She was requested to complete a questionnaire since we are a not-for-profit organization. She spent an hour with our C.P.A. They are both worried that this might lead up to an audit of all our records. Several items stand out on the questionnaire:

Any prizes (*i.e.* poker run or raffle) of \$600 or more should have tax information reported for the winner on a form-1099. If there are any any questions, chapters should research the I.R.S. web site at: <http://www.IRS.gov>

Look under forms and look for "W2-G". She thinks this is a "gaming" form.

Each chapter should have signed a receipt that they have received a copy of A.B.A.T.E.'s guidelines and by-laws. Someone at the state level should keep a copy of those receipts to prove that each chapter has received their copies. Kay will come up with the form and get each chapter to sign.

Kay stressed again the importance of every chapter turning their reports in on time every month. A.B.A.T.E. could lose their not-for-profit status if this is not done.

• **Motion 4** made by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

*"To amend sanctioning guidelines to allow chapters to hold Motorcycle Awareness Day events on the first Saturday in May to coincide with BikePAC's event in Salem, in an effort to show unity in the motorcycle*

*community at the county level as well as at the state level. Such events are to be held at a county courthouse or any other appropriate venue. Such events are to be coordinated with and in the spirit of the Salem BikePAC event."*

Karen Tolle spoke on her motion.

*"Not to beat a dead horse, but a motion was passed in May or June to add something in the sanctioning guidelines that no chapter could hold an event on the same day as May Motorcycle Awareness Day. Following that decision, much discussion has taken place that seems to indicate that there may be enough interest by the chapters to allow local May Motorcycle Awareness events. Also, another organization indicated that they were interested in planning an awareness event in southern Oregon and if Josephine County Chapter is allowed to sanction such an event, we could plan it to be in conjunction with BikePAC's event and conform to the spirit of BikePAC's May Motorcycle Awareness Day."*

Bob Terrill reminded everyone that any motions made to change sanctioning guidelines must be published for two months prior to a vote.

Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*) moved and Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*), seconded to table this motion until January so it can be published in December and again in January.

Yes = 8; No = 1

#### Motion tabled.

• **Motion 5** Amendment to the motion made at the October board of directors meeting. Motion to amend made by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Terrill (*Central Oregon Chapter*):

*"To amend the motion to read: A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon donate to BikePac the amount of \$10,000 to fund the 2013 and the 2014 legislative sessions. The amount paid from the state account is to be reduced by the amount donated from chapters and designated for such purpose. Payment is to be made in installments of not more than \$5,000 each. First payment is to be made by December 31, 2012 and the balance is to be paid by March 31, 2013. BikePAC is to provide A.B.A.T.E. an accounting of the moneys spent at the end of each year."*

Karen spoke on her reasons for the amendment. The original motion mentions the 2013 legislative session. It was pointed out by that the money is to be used for both 2013 and 2014 sessions. The amount of \$10,000 is to be reduced by moneys donated by chapters. And A.B.A.T.E. should receive an accounting

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## last time from the

## Gunny's Sack

Well brothers and sisters, we are at the end of the run for the Gunny.

As I have said in the past, I will retire after this issue of the sack.

I want to thank all those folks who supported me all these years.

Along the way we accomplished a great many things and covered several thousand miles, a good many of those miles riding my motorcycle and pulling a trailer.

Needless to say there are memories that will live with me forever. A huge group of friends from all over the world and around this wonderful country we live in are part of my life because of the times we had together. All through my involvement as the *A.I.M.* (*Aid to Injured Motorcyclists*) chief of staff for Oregon, and my involvement with *N.C.O.M.* (*National Coalition of Motorcyclists*)

I think one of my proudest moments is when we finally formed the *Oregon Confederation of Clubs*. I have been honored by being part of the *C.o.C.* officers meetings, alongside Sam Hochberg, our *Oregon A.I.M.* attorney.

The many *N.C.O.M.* conventions that Sam saw fit to send me to is a highlight to be treasured.

This whole adventure started for me several days after I interviewed with Sam for the *A.I.M.* chief of staff position in his office.

Late in the evening Sam called me at home and needed some information from me concerning the job. I figured that I would come into his office the next day and have the information on paper for him. His response was "I need it now, so I can get your airline tickets." At that, he really got my attention. This was to be the first of many *N.C.O.M.* conventions that I would attend, and the beginning of our twenty year association.

I got to that convention without a clue as to what I was getting into. One of the highlights was the appearance of Sonny Barger of the red and white walking into the lobby of the hotel full of patch-holders from other clubs. I was stunned when these folks started hugging and taking pictures of each other.

Having lived in southern California years before and familiar with the club scene at that time, I was not expecting this scenario. One of the highlights of that convention for me was the speech Sonny gave during one of the seminars.

This was part of the national movement toward patch unity in this

country with the early formations of the *Confederations of Clubs*. What an honor to be a part of that momentous movement for all of us. Don't miss an *N.C.O.M.* conference!

There are also great memories of fantastic *A.B.A.T.E.* motorcycle camp outs and swap meets. Good people spending their precious time volunteering to preserve our right to ride and make our own decisions about our safety.

I have been honored when there are others who should have had those honors. Needless to say I treasure every one of those recognitions whether or not they were deserved. Thank you all, for the privilege of being a small part of all that has transpired over the last almost twenty years of advances in our motorcycle world.

Please stay safe out there on our highways and think of me now and then for a laugh.

With this issue, the *Gunny's Sack* will go into retirement with me. I hope and pray that Sam gets a terrific *A.I.M.* chief of staff. The job deserves a person with more talent than I have. It's been a real hoot and I've loved every moment.

### Oregon Regulation On Vertical License Plates

There have been questions lately about vertical license plates on bikes, so here are the relevant parts of Oregon regulatory statute. (Seems pretty simple to me as I read it.)

**O.R.S.–803.540** is the main statute defining the offense, a minor, class D traffic infraction. That's still enough to get you pulled over if you're running a vertical plate on your scooter. The statute doesn't exactly say you can't have one, but judges and police will usually conclude that if your bike's license plate is mounted vertically (or "sideways,") it isn't "*easily read by the public.*" And, if the plate is off to one side of the back wheel, as often is on vertical mounts, the court might make a finding that it's not on the rear of the bike, just near it. Here's the relevant statutory language, all excerpts of O.R.S.–803.540:

- (a) *The plate must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, if only one plate is required.*
- (b) *Plates must be displayed on the front and rear of the vehicle if two plates are required.*
- (c) *The plates must be in plain view and so as to be read*

*easily by the public.*

- (3) *The offense described in this section, failure to display registration plates, is a class D traffic violation.*

So, barring any change in the regulation, you may be inviting a police stop if you're rolling with a vertically-mounted license plate on your bike.

### Teaching Lawyers

My boss, Sam Hochberg, is giving a talk to other personal injury lawyers about biker cases. A *lot* of lawyers don't even want biker injury claims, but by the *Sack's* press time, Sam will have given his talk on motorcycle crash claims to the *Oregon Trial Lawyers Association* at their annual *Motor Vehicles All-Stars* seminar.

I hope they listen to what he says.

### N.H.T.S.A. Recalls

Again *N.H.T.S.A.* (a federal agency, the *National Highway Transportation Safety Administration*) is doing something positive for a change, by issuing safety recalls. Anyone can sign up to get these e-mailed to you as they come out. Here are some recent ones:

- *Harley-Davidson* has a problem with the licence plate mounting bracket on the 2012-2013 models. Get them to *H-D* and they will fix it for free.
- *N.H.T.S.A.* says to bring your 2007 – 2008 B.M.W. into your dealer to check for brake malfunctions. Your dealer will give you a free fix on that.

### Gunny Again

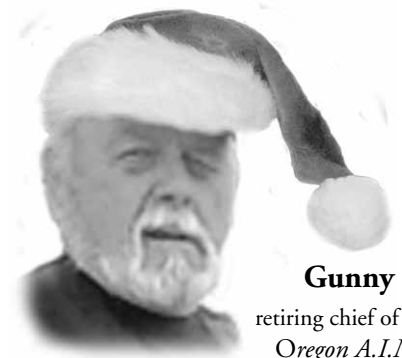
The election is done with and I want to thank you all who took advantage to try and improve our government. Voting in this country is a privilege not seen in some countries on this planet. We are fortunate to have a say in what happens here and should respect that. Many people have given their very lives to preserve those freedoms for us. We need to be aware of that sacrifice and honor it.

As is my practice, I remind you all that our *A.I.M.* attorneys are there for us daily, and many of those days we aren't charged for.

"*Pro bono*", it's called.

A prime example is how the *A.I.M.* lawyers around the country are there for us at the *C.o.C.* meetings. They not only advise, but they're witness to the legal business carried on there for motorcyclists' rights. Saves us all manner of grief.

If ya find yourself in a bind, call the nearest *A.I.M.* attorney and they will at



**Gunny**

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

least talk to you for free and give you good advice.

The *A.I.M.* national office is reached by phone at **1-(800)-531-2424** (1-800-On-A-Bike)

Or, go on-line at: <http://www.aimncom.com>

Sam Hochberg here in Oregon is at **(503)-224-1106**

E-mail him at: [sambikelaw@aol.com](mailto:sambikelaw@aol.com)

Now I won't be in print to keep telling you this, so for the last time:

Keep the round side on the bottom!

Gunny  
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### Please note:

Our office has moved. We are now at the former home of the *Portland Rose Festival*, with free parking in the *John's Landing* area:

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# The Year Winds Down

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

December can be an odd beast. Midst all the immediate activities of charity runs, family or group get togethers, and holiday shopping, we *A.B.A.T.E.* members have to begin planning for next year.

Case-in-point is the need for each chapter to send in a list of any runs that they plan on holding in 2013. The lists need to be sent in or taken to the 08 December state board meeting and open pizza feast in Albany. (All members are invited. Santa caps optional.)

The great news is that at this time the runs do *not* need to have dates assigned to them.

Our incoming state sanctioning officer, Robert Terrill, just needs the names of the runs in order to set up our group insurance for the new year.

By combining all our chapter insurance needs under state sanctioning, chapters are saving a bundle of money and avoiding paperwork headaches. A few minutes of work now may save your chapter a lotta grief later on.

Robert may be contacted at: (503)–887–3032

Ensuring that chapter interests are equally represented in a state-wide organization such as *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* can be a daunting task.

One complaint infrequently given voice is that the Portland

area chapters run everything and have too much influence over how *A.B.A.T.E.* conducts its business. (In psychological terms, this would be labeled endowment envy. The last thing we need is in-fighting within our organization.)

But if there were such an imbalance of power, then an opportunity exists for outlying chapters to gain a greater say in how things are done at the state level.

Five state board positions remain unfilled for 2013.

Just think how much more influence remote chapters could have at the state level if they had five more voices speaking for them. And one of the positions is state recording secretary, one of the more influential state officers.

Also needed are a web page editor to maintain the state web site (a few hours each month to update information), an education director to coordinate that leg of our mission statement (with the on-going help of Geoff White), a sergeant-at-arms representing the interests of the east side of the state (can't get much more macha or macho than that), and a state auditor to check that our numbers add up. (Fun with math.)

If your chapter is feeling left out, then now is a great time to get in and get included.

You *can* do it.

You ride motorcycles.

Before the end of October this year, holiday merchandise was already being preplaced on upper store shelves, ready to swoop down into selling position as soon as halloween got out of the way.

Yer crusty ol' editor had a waking thought early in November: What if some well-to-do person was to go into a store and offer to buy all their holiday merchandise so long as the store didn't restock the holiday materials? Would the store sell it all to that person?

Tricky question.

Should the store refuse the offer in order to provide other customers with holiday merchandise?

There would clearly be maximum profit for the store by selling everything at once because they wouldn't have to bother running sales, paying for advertising, or returning unsold stock.

Trouble is, they would have several aisles of empty shelves, a situation that makes merchants very nervous.

What to do, what to do?

How about stocking those empty shelves with red poppies, autumn, and thanksgiving merchandise?

It might be refreshing if they did.

Be sure to carve out several little times during the upcoming holidays



Rot Path

crusty ol' editor

(big enough to be seen from space)

to just sit down quietly. Take a deep, slow breath as you let go of what you feel that you *should* be doing. Just appreciate what is.

Give yourself and others a gift of peaceful minds.

*This month we turn the corner on winter as daylight slowly begins to lengthen.*

## Crusty Ol' Editor Flashed

It happened at a quiet Oregon beach in mid-November.

One of those bright, clear, warm days we sometimes experience towards the end of the year as autumn reluctantly slides into winter.

A young couple, obviously and joyously loved up, couldn't stop hugging each other in the surf as the sun was setting.

Then it happened.

As he raised her up into the air, the last bit of sun to slip below the horizon suddenly turned neon green for half a second, then the sun was gone.

After three decades of staring at sunsets, yer crusty ol' editor had finally seen a green flash.

What did you think this article was about?

Really?

Get yer minds out of the gutter.

What would yer mothers think?

Or Santa?

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## DECEMBER Cryptogram

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LOY QJJX AMZ'C OYMXL LOXJETO OMIG LOY FYMX.

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

( Cryptogram answer is elsewhere ... like sideways on page 25 )

" 842 " the number of items about Gunny sitting on yer crusty ol' editor's hard drive.

# 33rd Annual Toy Run

A benefit for the  
**Shriners Hospital for Children**  
 by A.B.A.T.E. of OREGON, Southeast Portland Chapter  
**10:00AM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st**  
**Fred Meyer 3800 SE 22nd, Portland**

12:00 Drawing for new Harley  
 12:15 Parade leaves Fred Meyer  
 1:00 Santa Party with the kids  
 2:00 Equipment Presentation

Bring at least 1 new unwrapped toy and \$10 to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a brand new Harley Davidson Street Bob.

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



## Annual Crab Dinner

Fund Raiser

**January 26<sup>th</sup> 2013 1:00 – 6:00 pm Clatskanie American Legion Hall**

**\$20.00 or \$25.00 at the door**

Call Eva @ 503-308-2061 for tickets, sales end Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**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.

Sanctioned by ABATE of Oregon Inc. Proceeds go to Lower Columbia Chapter of ABATE & College Scholarship fund  
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#### Motorcycle Awareness



A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. promotes motorcycle awareness, education, safety, and liberty through community involvement and legislative action. <http://www.abateoforegon.net/>

<b>Central Oregon</b>	2nd Sunday – 2 p.m.	<b>Izzy's Pizza</b>	Redmond
<b>Douglas County</b>	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	<b>The Zen</b>	Roseburg
<b>Hub City</b>	3rd Thursday – 7 p.m.	<b>Ciddici's Pizza I</b>	Albany
<b>Jackson County</b>	3rd Tuesday – 6:30 p.m.	<b>American Legion</b>	Medford
<b>Josephine County</b>	3rd Wednesday– 6:30 p.m.	<b>Fruitdale grange</b>	Grant's Pass
<b>Lincoln County</b>	1st and 3rd Tuesdays – 7 p.m.	<b>American Legion</b>	Newport
<b>Lower Columbia</b>	1st Sunday – 7 p.m.	<b>Colvin's Pub</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>Hitching Post</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>Grape Vine</b>	Portland

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Gunny proudly displaying his well deserved Silver Spoke award that he received in 2002. He went on to earn a Golden Spoke award as well.



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## WELCOME TO FOSSIL 2012

BIKER FRIENDLY

### • What's Going On •

- Kinzua Reunion – Father's Day, June 17th
- River City Chapter Meeting – July 7th
- Fossil Cruz-In Car Show – July 7th
- Bluegrass Fest – July 7th & 8th
- Wheeler Co. Fair & Rodeo – Aug 7th
- Betty's Quilt Show – Sept 22nd to Oct 13th
- Knight's Tip-Off Tournament – Dec 1st & 2nd

### • Kinzua Golf Schedule •

- Fund Raiser 2011 June 9th
- Father's Day Scramble June 17th
- Ladies Tourney June 23rd & 24th
- Couples Tourney June 30th & July 1st
- High Ideals July 14th
- Redmond Door/Mlwrk Tourney July 21st
- Robert Misener Tourney Aug 4th
- Men's Tourney Aug 25th & 26th
- Over-The-Hill Tourney Sept 8th

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News & Notes

American Motorcyclist Association

## C.A.R.B.: E15 Won't Appear In California For Years

The *California Air Resources Board* (C.A.R.B.) has told the *American Motorcyclist Association* that even if it approves the sale of the new E15 ethanol-gasoline blend in California, the blend wouldn't appear in the market for several years.

C.A.R.B. made the comment in response to a letter from A.M.A. vice president for government relations, Wayne Allard, who expressed concern about potential misfueling of E15 into motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. E15 is a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol. The federal *Environmental Protection Agency* hasn't approved its use in motorcycles or A.T.V.s.

To avoid misfueling, the *E.P.A.* is requiring warning labels on gas pumps and requiring all consumers buy at least four gallons of gas when they buy from blender pumps. (A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose.)

Michael Waugh, chief of the C.A.R.B. transportation fuels branch, responded to Allard's letter on behalf of C.A.R.B. chairwoman Mary Nichols. In his November 6 letter, Waugh said: "Please be advised that E15 is not approved for sale in

California, and if C.A.R.B. chooses to allow E15 as a transportation fuel, it would take several years to complete the vehicle testing and rule development necessary to introduce a new transportation fuel into California's market.

Meanwhile, U.S. E.P.A. has committed to 'closely follow the results of their E15 compliance survey to determine whether additional misfueling mitigation measures are necessary.' We will follow U.S. E.P.A.'s continued assessment of E15 misfueling and will keep in mind these concerns should we move forward with allowing E15 in California," Waugh wrote.

The *California Air Resources Board* is a part of the *California Environmental Protection Agency*. Its mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through the effective and efficient reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering the effects on the economy of the state.

The *A.M.A.* has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal legislators about possible damage to motorcycle and A.T.V. engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the

new fuel becomes widely available, and has asked that motorcycles and A.T.V.s be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15 on engines.

Ethanol is essentially grain alcohol produced from crops that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel.

In October 2010, the *E.P.A.* approved the use of E15 in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles). Then, in January 2011, the *E.P.A.* added model year 2001–2006 light-duty vehicles to the approved list.

### Ben Nighthorse Campbell Trucking 2012 Capitol Christmas Tree To D.C.

Former Colorado U.S. senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell is behind the wheel of a *Mack* truck hauling the nation's 2012 capitol christmas tree from Colorado to Washington, D.C.

"It is a privilege to drive the tree for the U.S. capitol from Colorado this year," said Campbell, who was inducted into the *A.M.A.* motorcycle hall of fame in 2001. Campbell, an avid motorcyclist, represented Colorado in congress from 1993 to

2005.

*Choose Outdoors*, a national nonprofit coalition for outdoor recreation, is coordinating the 2012 capitol christmas tree tour.

The almost-four-week-long trip began in Meeker, Colorado where the tree was harvested from the *White River National Forest* in the heart of the Rocky mountains. On the way to Washington, D.C., the tree is scheduled to stop in cities and towns in Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The custom-decorated *Mack* truck used to haul the tree was fitted with a special cradle to support the tree's branches.

The *A.M.A.* and its motorcycle hall of fame are urging motorcyclists along the route to greet Campbell and the tree during its journey.

The *A.M.A.* will post route updates on its *Facebook* page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/AmericanMotorcyclist>

To learn more about the 2012 capitol christmas tree tour, go to:

<http://www.capitolchristmastree2012.org>

## Some Notes On Sanctioning

Due to the resignation of the current sanctioning officer, I will be taking over the duties a little early. I am writing this column to make things as easy as possible for both you and I.

The sanctioning policy and forms are located on the state web page. Click on "Information", then click on "Forms", then "Downloads".

The sanctioning form and a copy of the event flyer (in ".jpg" or ".pdf" format) must be submitted ninety (90) days prior to an event. Please make sure the form is filled out completely and accurately.

The best way to submit your sanctioning form and flyer is to do so by e-mail via the link to the sanctioning officer on the state web

page.

Please put sanctioning and the run name in the subject line. I will send an e-mail confirming I received them within a couple of days.

If you want to have your flyer in the next month's newspaper, it must be submitted early enough for me to review it and then submit it to the newspaper editor before the tenth of the month. (The deadline for inclusion in the next newspaper.)

If you have any questions feel free to contact me by e-mail or phone.

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Robert Terrill

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## Attention Chapters

In order to obtain group insurance discounts for 2013 *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.* – sanctioned events, chapters need to turn in a list of their planned event names by the 08 December state board meeting.

**Run dates are *not* needed at this time, just the list of run names.**

The information may be e-mailed to santa Robert Terrill or taken to the December state board meeting in Albany. (Where there will be boundless holiday pizza supplied by *A.B.A.T.E.*)



## Motorcycle Riders Foundation

# M.R.F. 2012-2013 Legislative Strategy Agenda



At the 2012 *Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (M.R.F.) Meeting of the Minds* conference held during September in Durham, North Carolina, 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 2012 *Meeting of the Minds* to the 2013 *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 an increased participation over last year. The *M.R.F.* legislative committee remains extremely pleased at the aligned and clear direction we experienced again this year from our S.S.M.R.O. partners. This level of agreement continues to allow for solid action plans to be effectively employed by our government relations department and our S.S.M.R.O. partners while in Washington D.C. and in working on federal issues in their home states.

Additionally, we continue to see productive gains in state legislative activities that support our federal efforts when it comes to protecting on-road motorcyclists, motorcycling, and its associated lifestyle.

The *M.R.F.* legislative committee continued the practice instituted two years ago of recording one vote per organization in attendance. A full breakdown of each vote can be seen in an upcoming issue of the *M.R.F. Reports*.

The session this year was moderated by *M.R.F.* vice president Jay Jackson with support from *M.R.F.* vice president of government relations and public affairs Jeff Hennie and *M.R.F.* president Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

- Topics covered:
- *Transportation Equity Act (T.E.A.)* upcoming reauthorization (the highway bill). Closely monitor for any action that would positively or negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, or motorcyclists. Oppose any motorcycling-related federal blackmails or federal sanctions contained in the bill. Seek to include house resolution 904 language to ban motorcycle specific roadblock federal grant funding.
  - Pursue continuation of the *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (N.H.T.S.A.)* lobbying ban within individual states
  - Pursue reinstatement of the *Motorcycle Advisory Council (M.A.C.)* to advise the *Federal Highway Administration*.
  - Oppose the adoption of the *S.A.E.* roadside sound test as a national enforcement standard. This is considered by our S.S.M.R.O.'s to be a state-by-state issue at this time.
  - Closely monitor the developing health care act for motorcycling specific discrimination. Monitor *H.I.P.A.A. (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)* for motorcycling specific discrimination.
  - *N.H.T.S.A.* motorcycle-specific checkpoint grant program. *M.R.F.* to carry out a full effort to cut off specified use of funding for this motorcycle-based discriminatory practice, while encouraging states to pass their own anti-checkpoint regulations.
  - Continue monitoring the federal crash causation study and the *M.S.F.* naturalistic study.
  - Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.
  - Continue to oppose federal agency activity regarding *E.P.A.* sound emission user studies. Encourage state activity

- with federal resources. (Again deemed to be a state-by-state issue.)
- Work to discourage *all* forms of distracted driving. Oppose any related funding blackmails. Watch this issue closely for motorcycle-specific discriminatory language.
- Continue promotion of the *Right to Repair Act*. Continue right to repair coalition activities.
- Continue participation at the federal level where the definition of a motorcycle is under review.
- *M.R.F.* will oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. congress or by a federal agency.
- *M.R.F.* to oppose any motorcyclist profiling legislation or rules this upcoming congressional session.
- Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada.
- *M.R.F.* to fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet or apparel standards.
- *M.R.F.* to encourage additional federal research of E15 fuel related to use in a motorcycle prior to any recommendations. Continue to seek recommendations on its use from motorcycle original equipment manufacturers.
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- Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level. Include safer cable barrier research similar to European improvements in discussion.
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing using the principles of house resolution 1498 urging *N.H.T.S.A.* to focus on crash prevention and rider education.
- *M.R.F.* to pursue limiting funding of

the *Center for Disease Control (C.D.C.)* for their increasing involvement in motorcycling safety issues.

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With the recent election and changes upcoming in the U.S. congress combined with our comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda, the *M.R.F.* legislative committee strongly encourages as an immediate priority that our S.S.M.R.O. partners and our members to actively engage in a lively motorcycling dialogue with the incoming members, as well as renewing relationships with incumbents.

If your S.S.M.R.O. needs any assistance in planning a trip to Washington D.C. to begin or strengthen the dialogue with your members of congress, contact Jeff Hennie in the *M.R.F.* office at (202)–546–0983 or [Jeff@mrf.org](mailto:Jeff@mrf.org)

We would also like to encourage you to finalize your plans to attend our national biker day event in Washington D.C., *Bikers Inside the Beltway*, on Thursday, May 16th, 2013. See our web site at <http://www.mrf.org> for more details.

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

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

Compiled and Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition Of Motorcyclists

# Michigan Fatalities After Helmet Repeal

*“The numbers speak for themselves,”* said Vince Consiglio, president of A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan, in announcing a decrease in motorcycle deaths since the state repealed their mandatory helmet requirement. Despite dire predictions to the contrary, motorcycle fatalities actually have dropped by 7% based on statistics obtained from the Michigan state police and the Michigan secretary of state.

On April 12, 2012, the requirement for motorcycle helmets was amended to allow adult choice for bikers 21 and older, providing they completed an accredited motorcycle-safety course or had a minimum of two years riding experience.

According to an A.B.A.T.E. press release from 2011 (pre-amendment) to 2012 (post amendment) motorcycle fatalities dropped from 89 to 85 in Michigan, a 4.5% reduction. During the same time period, the number of motorcycle registrations increased from 261,658 to 266,589, so A.B.A.T.E. concludes, *“If the fatality rate is adjusted to the total of motorcycle registrations it shows that the fatality rate has decreased from 0.034% to 0.031% since the helmet [regulation] amendment, a seven percent reduction.”*

*“This data proves conclusively that the helmet [regulation] amendment had no adverse effect on motorcycle safety,”* Consiglio told the *Detroit News*.

### Deer Take Deadly Toll On Motorcyclists

*“When a deer collides with a vehicle that weighs a couple of tons, the fragile animal almost always gets the worst of it. When a deer meets a motorcycle on the roadway, both the rider and the deer may suffer the same fate,”* stated the *Washington Post* in reporting on research by A.A.A. that found that seven of the eight people who died in crashes involving deer over a three-year period in Maryland and Virginia were motorcyclists. Nationwide, the auto club said,

about 70% of deer-crash fatalities involve motorcycles.

*“Because they are riding on two wheels, motorcycle riders and their passengers are especially vulnerable when they smash into a deer,”* said John B. Townsend II, an A.A.A. spokesman.

The deer mortality rate becomes most evident this time of year, as the mating season has more deer on the move. Their carcasses by the roadside attest to the danger that the lure of romance poses for them and for drivers.

In 2010, the latest year for which there are national statistics, 403 people were killed in crashes involving deer.

### Motorcycle Thefts Decline

A total of 46,667 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2011 with 17,199 of them being recovered, according to a report released today by the *National Insurance Crime Bureau*. That compares to 49,791 stolen bikes in 2010, a decrease of 6%.

California (the most populous U.S. state and the one with the most stolen motorcycles since the N.I.C.B. began collecting data in 1996) retained its top spot with 5,927 thefts last year. It was followed by Texas, Florida, North Carolina, and Indiana. The state reporting the lowest number of thefts was North Dakota (21) followed by Wyoming, South Dakota, Vermont, Alaska, and Montana.

Recoveries of stolen motorcycles were largely proportional to thefts, with California the leader in recoveries (2,085) followed by Florida (1,334), Texas (965), Indiana (769), and North Carolina (725). The overall average time of recoveries was 31 days.

July and August were the biggest months for thefts in the U.S. last year, with more than 5,000 each, compared with 2,147 in February, the report shows.

Whereas the number of thefts increases dramatically in the warmer



months, the day of the week seems to be of no significance. On Mondays, the day of the largest number, there were 6,962 bikes stolen. The number on Sundays, the day of the lowest number, there were 6,422.

More than 500 motorcycle makes were among those stolen last year, but the highest percentage of bikes stolen were of the *Honda* brand at 24%. *Yamaha* was next (19%), followed by *Suzuki* (16%), *Kawasaki* (11%), then *Harley-Davidson* (7%).

### New York City Free Motorcycle Parking Proposed After “Unfair” Tickets

City councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria), an avid *Harley-Davidson* rider, is pushing for legislation that would make motorcycle parking free throughout the five boroughs. *“We get tickets a lot,”* Vallone said of motorcyclists in the Big Apple. *“That is unfair.”*

At issue are muni-meters. *“There is no way for a motorcycle rider to affix a muni-meter (receipt) to their bike in a way that it won’t blow away and it won’t be stolen,”* Vallone said.

State assemblyman Michael DenDekker (D-Jackson Heights), a fellow motorcyclist who recently received a \$65 parking fine, has joined with councilman Vallone in supporting a regulation to give motorcyclists a free ride. Due to what he calls “a faulty system,” DenDekker said making parking free for some 38,000 motorcyclists in New York city would put the brakes on the problem while being an environmentally sound move because motorcycles generate less pollution, need little space, and use minimal gas.

*“It would be a great idea to encourage other alternate forms of transportation like we’re doing right now with bicycles,”* DenDekker said. *“We also need to do that with motorcycles.”*

Joe Sessa, director of *New York City Harley Owners Group*, said the parking situation in the city is only getting worse. *American Brotherhood Motorcycle Club* president John

Cartier said bicyclists get help from the city, while motorcyclists don’t. *“We pay \$42.50 in registration fees and pay our taxes, too. We make our contribution and we’re not getting anything back. We just want a level of equality.”*

### Rhode Island Sales Taxes Higher For Motorcycles Than Cars

Normally, if you’re buying a new car and you have a trade-in, you will only be charged sales tax on what you pay. But Rhode Island riders are roaring mad about an old regulation that forces motorcycle buyers to pay taxes on the full price of the bike regardless of the value of your trade-in.

Richard Unsworth of North Scituate, Rhode Island complained to a local news station that he was burned by \$600 in excess sales tax when he traded in his old bike on a new *Harley-Davidson*. *“When I went to the registry I expected to pay about \$1,100 in taxes,”* he said. *“When I got done, it was like \$1,700!”*

That’s because Unsworth was charged sales tax on the full price of the motorcycle, even though he had a trade-in valued at \$7,500. *“My trade-in was taxed back in 1999,”* he added. *“I’m paying again for the same \$7,500. I don’t believe it’s fair.”*

An investigation by *WPRI-TV Call 12 For Action* uncovered a regulation in Rhode Island that only allows passenger vehicles to get a reduction in sales tax for the trade-in. Passenger vehicles, according to the regulation, do not include motorcycles or pickup trucks.

*“This was a [regulation] that was actually passed in the 1940s when pickup trucks were mainly used by farmers and motorcycles weren’t that popular,”* said Rhode Island tax administrator David Sullivan. *“Now that it’s 2012, things have changed, but clearly the [regulation] hasn’t.”*

According to Sullivan, the revenue hit would be about \$5-10 million a year if the general assembly were to change the regulation to include all vehicles. That’s not expected to happen in the near future. Although there have been several attempts by legislators to make the change, but it’s been shot down every time.

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**N.C.O.M. NEWS** (continued)

**Legal Battles Continue Over Mongols Club Colors**

An unprecedented federal government effort to seize the *Mongols Motorcycle Club's* trademark has quietly become a quarter-of-a-million-dollar headache for the justice department, reports McClatchy newspapers. Four years after prosecutors grabbed national headlines by seizing the *Mongols'* logo, an appellate court must now sort out what the federal government might owe the club's attorneys.

It could be a lot, in a free-speech case that's also a cautionary tale about aggressive federal use of forfeiture to seize private property.

"What they did was an outrageous violation of the first amendment, and an absolute abuse of forfeiture and trademark [regulations]," *American Civil Liberties Union* attorney David Loy told the paper. Rebuking prosecutorial overreach, a federal judge in Los Angeles ordered the justice department to pay \$253,206 to Loy and Alan Mansfield, attorneys with *Consumer Law Group* of California, who successfully challenged the prosecutors' attempt to seize the *Mongols'* trademark.

Forfeitures are big business for the federal government. Last year, the justice department seized some \$1.8 billion worth of forfeited assets. Typically, these are ill-gotten gains from drug trafficking, financial fraud, and other criminal activity.

Los Angeles-based prosecutors claimed a huge haul in October 2008 when they announced mass indictments of *Mongols Motorcycle Club* members, and in addition to physical assets such as motorcycles, firearms, and other property, prosecutors sought to claim the *Mongols'* trademarked name and logo.

"If any law enforcement officer sees a Mongol wearing his patch, he will be authorized to stop that gang member and literally take the jacket right off his back," then-U.S. attorney Thomas P. O'Brien declared at the time.

But a judge in Los Angeles ruled last year that prosecutors had gone too far. The judge reasoned that the trademark belonged to the organization, not to individuals, and therefore unindicted club members

should still enjoy the right to use it.

Last February, another federal judge added that the justice department had to pay for the trademark fight because the government "violated settled first amendment and trademark [regulation]."

"The novelty of the government's position did not make it substantially justified," U.S. district judge David O. Carter ruled. "Rather, it took unlawful action based on an ungrounded and unsubstantiated legal theory, and without sufficient factual support."

Because the complex case "arose at the intersection of forfeiture, trademark, and first amendment [regulation]," Carter added, attorneys deserved the fair-market rates of between \$525 and \$650 an hour for the 461 hours spent challenging the government.

The justice department is appealing the judge's order to pay, however, with the 9th U.S. circuit court of appeals likely to hear the case next year.

**Palestinians Crack Down On Motorcycles**

Regulators in Gaza have continued their draconian campaign against motorcycle usage, taking the bold step of banning the import of spare parts for motorcycles into the ancient Palestinian city.

Interior ministry official Hassan Akashed has admitted that the move aims to directly reduce the number of motorcycles, which he claims are a main cause of car crashes.

According to **visordown.com**, motorcyclists in the city have been subject to an on-going crack down, banning them from riding after midnight, and restricting women from riding. The interior ministry recently announced that it was banning women from riding bikes or being pillion passengers, to limit crashes and "protect community values."

Israel's blockade of Gaza has meant that parts for cars have been impossible to get hold of and the cost of maintaining them has become unsustainable for most. As a result, motorcycles have seen a huge surge in popularity. Just five years ago there were only about a dozen or so motorcycles in the city, but the

number of motorcycles in Gaza had grown to around 15,000 by 2010.

**European Bikers Protest Vehicle-Inspection Plan**

Thousands of motorcyclists rolled into Belgium to protest an *European Union (E.U.)* proposal for regular mandatory bike inspections.

The requirement would be "expensive and useless," said representatives from the *Federation of European Motorcyclists' Association (F.E.M.A.)* who met with *European Union* officials *E.U.* headquarters in Brussels as more than 4,500 motorcycles roared through the city's streets, protesting the proposed regulation that would introduce mandatory *E.U.-wide* road-worthiness tests for motorcycles.

The new *E.U.-wide* regulations would supersede national safety inspection rules for four-wheel and two-wheel vehicles, and *F.E.M.A.* said the requirement would offer "no benefits expected in terms of safety, as proven by several independent studies."

Members of Belgium's *Federation of Angry Bikers (F.B.M.C.)* turned out in large numbers for the protest. "Only 0.3 percent of motorcycle [crashes] in Belgium and 0.6 percent in Europe are due to technical problems," *F.B.M.C.* head Joe Verrecke told the Belgian news agency *Belga*.

**Quotable Quote**

"We keep having to choose among candidates who are so stupid they want the job, and so egocentric they think they can do it."

Orson Scott Card  
(1951- )  
American author,  
political activist

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There was a brief discussion and then it was moved by Karen Tolle (*Josephine County Chapter*), seconded by Bob Nichols (*Douglas County Chapter*) to table this motion until the December meeting as some of the chapters have not had a meeting since the planning session.

Yes =8; No =1

**Motion tabled.**

**\*\*\* Announcements \*\*\***

• S.T.E.A.M. committee meeting will start at 11 a.m. on 08 December, prior to state board meeting.

• Next state board of directors meeting: 12 p.m. on December 8, 2012 at *Cidicci's Pizza* in Albany, Oregon. Since this is the last meeting of the year, pizza is on *A.B.A.T.E.*

**\*\*\* Upcoming Events \*\*\***

**17 November 2012** – Toy run by *Washington County*.

**01 December 2012** – Toy run by *Southeast Portland Chapter*. Noon at the *Fred Meyer*; 3800 Southeast 22nd; Portland Oregon.

**02 December 2012** – *A.M.O.* toy run in Albany, Oregon.

**Adjourn:** Al Sims moved and Bob Terrill seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



**Clip This Corner, Avoid A Helmet Ticket**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. and LARRY SCHALK, Plaintiffs,	Civil No. 96-957 JE
vs. LERON R. HOWLAND, Superintendent of the Oregon State Police, and John Doe 1 through 100. Defendants	DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT

# M.R.F. Meeting of the Minds Conference Reports

(the ones that some tool left out of the November issue)



Allan Nichols  
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IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED AND DECLARED that Oregon House Bill 3422 means that as long as a motorcycle rider is wearing a protective covering on his head that has a hard outer shell, padding adjacent to and inside the outer shell and a chin-strap retention system with a sticker indicating that the motorcycle helmet meets standards established by the United States Department of Transportation the rider is in compliance with state law with respect to his helmet and a police officer may not inquire further to determine if the helmet worn meets United States Department of Transportation testing standards.

Dated this 9th day of May, 1997

/s/ JOHN JELDERKS  
John Jelderks  
United States Magistrate Judge

Submitted by  
Spencer M. Neal  
of Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Think about it. Were you ready to get politically active at twenty? I know I wasn’t, but after I settled down and had actually seen and felt how the bills and regulations being passed affected my life, I was looking for a way to change things.

We need to get out and get to know these people in the 20 to 30 age range, get involved in the things they like to do. Then maybe when they see for themselves that we aren’t a bunch of “helmet-hating *Harley* guys”, they might be more interested in joining our cause.

A second breakout was on how to keep your organization strong.

Let’s face it, we are at a crossroads right now and we as an organization have become confused as to what we are doing.

The first step is to get back to our mission statement. If an activity doesn’t comply or satisfy our mission, then we shouldn’t be doing it.

Our organization relies on four legs: motorcycle rights, safety, awareness, and education.

We need to concentrate on these and stick to our mission statement, then we may find that we can attract more members. They will be more apt to join if we are passionate about what it is we represent and not confuse the issues with things that are not motorcycle related.

I am not saying not to be involved in the community because that is also in our mission, but remember that we are above all else a motorcycle rights and safety organization.

Another item that was discussed was the ongoing development of intelligent transportation systems. (I.T.S.) These systems are in their seventh version and cover everything from voice activated controls to driverless cars.

Why is this important to us?

Because nowhere are motorcycles mentioned or even considered. These systems are capable of gathering information about your vehicle and the traffic around you, then remotely controlling your speed accordingly.

These systems are able to perceive and react to other vehicles, but can they detect a motorcycle?

Do you want to be beside a car that is passing you when its computer tells the car its okay to come into your lane before it clears you?

Do we really want to trust that the sensors in the car coming up behind you sees you waiting to make a left turn?

There are so many questions, but no one seems to be answering them. It is

our safety at stake.

But the truly disturbing part about this whole thing is that all these systems are already in place for the most part, just waiting for the switch to be turned on.

A couple of bills that need our attention were also talked about. All the motorcycle-only checkpoint language was removed from the transportation bill so HR-904 is a bill that will make motorcycle-only checkpoints illegal at the national level.

Another bill is HR-1449, the “right-to-repair” bill which would allow smaller businesses to have access to the information needed to fix our motorcycles.

One more that needs our attention is HR-3199 which would tell the *E.P.A.* to do more research on the effects of E-15 on smaller and/or air cooled engines. We need to ask our representatives to sign on to these bills as quickly as possible.

There were dozens of seminars and tons of information at this conference. Unfortunately this newspaper is not big enough to go into the detail I would like to\*, so for now I will leave you with a parting thought:

We as riders are a minority and until we become focused and united, we remain a divided minority. These conferences give us the tools to become united, focused, and part of a larger force. It is up to us to keep this movement alive.

Ride safe, ride free, ride with respect.

Respectfully,

Allan Nichols

- State coordinator *Oregon A.B.A.T.E.*
- Oregon *M.R.F.* representative

\* [ *c.o.e. note*: Apparently Allan hasn’t seen 4-point fonts at work. Here is part of his report in such a font: ]

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Ted Tracy (cub reporter)

**Durham, North Carolina** – I would like to thank *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* for the opportunity to attend this year's *Meeting Of The Minds* conference presented by the *Motorcycle Riders Foundation*. ( 20–23 September 2012 ) This year the conference was hosted by *Concerned Bikers Association* and *A.B.A.T.E. of North Carolina*. It was a fantastic conference.

The conference started Thursday night with S.M.R.O. activity reports. Here is what is going on around the nation:

**Alaska** – *A.B.A.T.E.* defeated a mandatory daylight headlight bill for cars.

**Arkansas** – The state has stopped funding for rider education. *A.B.A.T.E.* is fighting this.

**Georgia** – *A.B.A.T.E.* is now distributing motorcycle intersection kits. I have a contact person to find out more about these kits.

**Idaho** – The *I.D.O.T.* governor's motorcycle safety board must now include an *A.B.A.T.E.* member.

**Iowa** – Moped rider must now take training.

**Louisiana** – There is an effort there to get all the S.M.R.O.'s to work together. Membership is up over 400.

**Maryland** – Motorcycle-only checkpoints are now illegal and all motorcycle regulations apply to moped drivers.

**Michigan** – Motorcyclists fatalities have dropped 7%.

**Minnesota** – They have passed eight bills in ten years. They stopped a no-passengers-under-16 bill. They have stopped red light cameras. They have a new "When in town, throttle down" program. They have also established a certified road guard program to cut down on police assistance for parades. Membership is up 600 this year.

**Missouri** – They have established uniform yellow light interval. They have also passed a regulation that exempts military personnel from having to take the D.M.V. test if they have passed the military test.

**Oklahoma** – They are working on lowering fare for motorcyclists on the turnpikes. They have also made it illegal to interrupt a *Patriot Guard* ceremony.

**Pennsylvania** – Motorcyclists fatalities have dropped 11%. They have no helmet requirement and free training.

**Rhode Island** – Every public building must have one motorcycle parking space per 30 car spaces. Three motorcycles allowed per space.

**South Carolina** – The governor is a member of *A.B.A.T.E.*

**Virginia** – Motorcycle-only checkpoints are now illegal.

**Wisconsin** – All drivers accused of injuring another driver will have their license suspended until their court date. I feel this is a great idea. They also now have 100% reimbursement for motorcyclists training.

As you can see a lot of good things are happening in other states. We need to keep up on the progress that is being made and plan for our future. We also need to follow up on these states to see how new regulations have worked for them. This is why we must continue to attend these conferences.

Friday was the start of a whirlwind of activity throughout the weekend.

Kirk "Hardtail" Willard (*M.R.F.* president) took the podium. He mentioned that we are all at a crossroads. We need to ask ourselves, "Have I done all I can do? Have I left my mark?" It is easy to say "I have done my part".

*M.R.F.* membership is down 25%. I know times are tough, but please consider joining the *M.R.F.* If you can, please become a sustaining member as this provides 60% of the total funding. I thank all the chapters and S.M.R.O.s that are sustaining members. Funding is down 35% from a year ago. We need our voices to be heard in our nation's capitol.

Hardtail then presented the president's awards:

Still Ray (*Confederation of Clubs M.R.F.* representative), *Heartland Steam, A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota, A.B.A.T.E. of Colorado,* and *A.B.A.T.E. of New Hampshire.*

*M.R.F.P.A.C.* awards went to *A.B.A.T.E. of Wisconsin, Nebraska,* and *Illinois* for their contributions to this important program.

Hardtail then presented the state and federal legislative awards. The first went to *A.B.A.T.E. of Michigan* for passing an adult freedom of choice regulation. After thirty years of trying, Michigan

riders now have a choice to wear a helmet or not.

The following states received an award for their vigilance in fighting federal issues: Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

Allan Nichols (state coordinator, *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon*) was then called to the podium. He then proudly accepted two awards: one to *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* and one to *BikePAC of Oregon* for their ongoing relationship with representative Peter DeFazio, a true champion of motorcyclists' rights. These awards belong to all of us and should make us all very proud.

Jeff Hennie (*M.R.F.* legislative officer) then talked about some issues in the halls of congress.

The first issue was motorcyclists' fatalities. Nationally, they are up. We have a target on our backs. The safetycrats are committed to a national helmet requirement. The *M.R.F.* is supporting HB-904 which would stop *N.H.T.S.A.* from providing funding for motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints. They have 54 co-sponsors.

The *M.R.F.* is working on HR-1449 as well ("right to repair" bill) which would make diagnostic software available to small repair shops.

They are also working on wording in the 2012 highway bill that says "*States are prohibited from using helmet [regulations] as a method for reducing motorcycle fatalities*".

The *M.R.F.* are working on many other issues too including banning E-15 fuel, banning the *Center for Disease Control* from spending any money on motorcycle safety, and getting the *N.T.S.B.* to drop a mandatory national helmet requirement from their "ten most wanted" list.

Again, we cannot afford to *not* have a motorcyclist presence in Washington, D.C.

*I.T.S. (Intelligent Transportation System)* – Very scary stuff. Motorcycles are not included in the thought process.

Have you seen those ads for blind spot sensors? They do not sense motorcycles.

Rear-end collision avoidance? They do not include motorcycles.

Vehicle navigation system?

Vehicle control capability?

Vehicle to vehicle communications?

They do not include motorcycles.

A priority of homeland security involves surveillance of the roadways, a part of *I.T.S.*

The *M.R.F.* is doing all they can do to include motorcycles in the thought

process. The last thing we need is less attentive drivers. We need to educate ourselves in this issue!

Distracted driving is also on the *M.R.F.* R.A.D.A.R. Drivers calling and texting on their phones is a very real problem for motorcyclists.

An extremely good break-out session I attended was *M.R.F. Awareness and the Three "R"s* presented by Wayne Weirson of the *Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety*.

The three "R"s are:

1. **Be responsible** – know your limits. Set yourself guidelines and stick to them. Don't get caught in the trap of "just one more".

2. **Ride responsible** – You are in charge. Riding responsible means not riding impaired. If you're going to party, go ahead and have a good time, just don't make a bad choice and ride. Find someone to take you home. Call a friend with a pickup, trailer, or stay put.

3. **Take responsibility** – Be the person who says,

"Let's get someone to lock up your bike and you can come back tomorrow and get it."

"I'll call home and let them know you're with me and we'll get a room and sleep it off."

How you do this is up to you but just be responsible and don't let this be the last time you see your friend alive. Have a pact with your friends that:

A. Your bike will get back safely.

B. You will get back safely.

C. Do as you say and never mention it again.

**Impaired riding** – Anything that impairs your ability to safely operate your motorcycle. This includes alcohol, prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, age, cold, heat, exhaustion, bee stings, and a variety of other things.

I also had some great conversations with many people about their *Share The Road* programs. I feel there is much we can learn to help keep motorcyclists safe in Oregon.

I very much enjoyed my time in North Carolina. I learned what southern hospitality is all about.

I learned a lot.

I laughed a lot. (Ask Allan how he likes root beer schnapps.)

Again, I thank you all for the opportunity to represent *A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon* at this conference.

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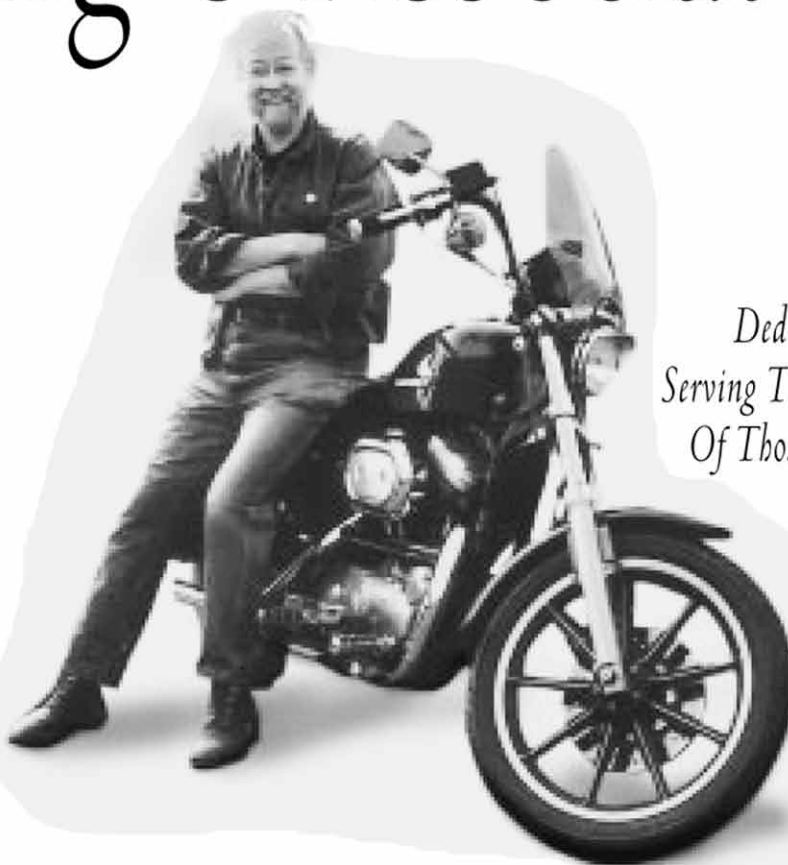
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<b>North Coast area</b>										
Kirt Hagart	(503)-325-6383	Astoria		X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Central Coast area</b>										
Rod Hatter	(541) 997-969	Florence	X				X	X		X
Ralph, Wanda Janes	(541)-265-6850	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bob & Millie	(541)-265-7586	central coast	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jack	(541)-336-3844	central coast	X						X	
Randy, Deb Becker	(541)-5635501	central coast	X		X	X	X	X	X	
<b>South Coast area</b>										
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Rich (Snake) Kaestner	(541)-929-4589	Philomath/ Corvallis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rick & Lyn Maish	(541)-746-7837	Springfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nic Oliver	(541)-487-5570	Alsea	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fred Reyes	(541)-896-3348	Eugene	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michael, Peggy Schneider	(541)-349-9864	Eugene	X	X	X			X	X	X
Roy Smith	(541)-689-2407	Eugene	X					X		X
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### HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or D.O.T. administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone **1-800-347-1106** or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation. Please send to: Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 5603 SW Hood avenue; Portland, OR 97239 ATTN: Gunny

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

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

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

**WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU WERE STOPPED?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WHAT HAPPENED IN COURT?**

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

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

YES : What was the verdict ? GUILTY NOT GUILTY

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

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

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

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

**DESCRIBE THE HELMET YOU WERE WEARING**

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

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

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

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

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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

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

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

Additional Members in Same Household:

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

How would you like to receive your state newspaper?  
 Print version mailed to your address.  
 Download PDF version from state web site at:  
<http://www.abateoforegon.net>

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

New member ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Patch Received ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal ?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed application to:

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

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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.)

( revised Jan 2011 — Rot Path )

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

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

Comments:

# December 2012

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

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## STATE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, 08 Dec 2012

1200 ( noon )

Ciddici's Pizza

133 SE Fifth avenue

Albany, Oregon

### A Veteran's Holiday

Home comes the veteran from her war,  
Drinking to forget, wanting some more,  
Setting the bottle down,  
She's now standing her ground,  
These are the folks she was fighting for.

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### Have A Smart Phone?

QR code for Oregon  
A.B.A.T.E.'s web site:



( If your cell phone  
can't handle things like  
QR codes,  
reassure it that it's  
just as good as other  
phones in its own  
special way.)

## 2012 EVENTS and RUN LISTINGS

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

PR = Poker Run  
BN = Biker Night

date:	event / chapter or sponsor:	location:	contact number:
<b>01 Dec 2012</b>	<b>Shriner Toy Run / SE-PDX</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>(503)-255-5415</b>
<b>08 Dec 2012</b>	<b>ABATE Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Albany</b>	
<b>08 Dec 2012</b>	<b>Toy Run / North Coast</b>	<b>Seaside</b>	
— 2013 —			
19 Jan 2013	Swap meet / GWRRA-ch X	Vancouver, WA	
<b>26 Jan 2013</b>	<b>Crab Dinner / Lower Columbia</b>	<b>Clatskanie</b>	
<b>06 Apr 2013</b>	<b>Biker night / WaCo</b>		
	<b>S.T.E.A.M. / Oregon ABATE</b>	<b>Salem</b>	
	<b>Spring Swap Meet / Oregon ABATE</b>	<b>Portland</b>	
	<b>May Motorcycle Awareness Rallies</b>	<b>Salem, statewide</b>	
09-12 May 2013	N.C.O.M. convention	Reno, Nevada	
	<b>Fossil Campout / Oregon ABATE</b>	<b>Fossil, Oregon</b>	
<b>09 Jun 2013</b>	<b>Roll-N-Ride / WaCo</b>		

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

Chapter:	Day:	Time:	Location:	Phone:
Central Oregon (CentOr)	2nd Sunday	1400 (2 p.m.)	Izzy's Pizza; 810 SW 11th; Redmond	(541)-504-1678
Douglas County (DC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	The Zen; 1969 SE Stephens; Roseburg	(541)-637-5552
Hub City (HC)	3rd Thursday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Ciddici's Pizza; 133 SE Fifth avenue; Albany	(541)-928-2536
Indian Creek (IC)	6th Friday	2359 (11:59 pm)	( anywhere we feel like it )	
Jackson County (JackCo)	3rd Tuesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	American Legion; Jackson & Front streets; Medford	(541)-
Josephine County (JoCo)	3rd Wednesday	1830 (6:30 p.m.)	Fruitdale Grange; 1440 Parkdale drive; Grant's Pass	(541)-474-3553
Lincoln County (LinCo)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	American Legion Hall; 424 W. Olive Street; Newport	(541)-265-9017
Lower Columbia (LoCo)	1st Sunday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Colvin's Pub & Grill; 123 N. Nehalem; Clatskanie, Oregon	(503)-728-4122
North Coast (NC)	3rd Tuesday	1730 (5:30 p.m.)	Moose Lodge; 420 17th Street; Astoria	(503)-325-0881
River City (RC)	1st & 3rd Tues	1900 (7 p.m.)	Shiloh Inn; 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way; The Dalles	(541)-298-5502
Salem	1st Tuesday	1900 (7 p.m.)	Hitching Post; 8046 River road NE; Salem	(503)-393-1404
Southeast Portland (SE-PDX)	1st & 3rd Sun	1200 (noon)	M&M Restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham	(503)-665-2626
Washington County (WaCo)	2nd & 4th Mon	1930 (7:30 p.m.)	Grape Vine Restaurant; 11525 SW Barnes; Portland	(503)-597-0300