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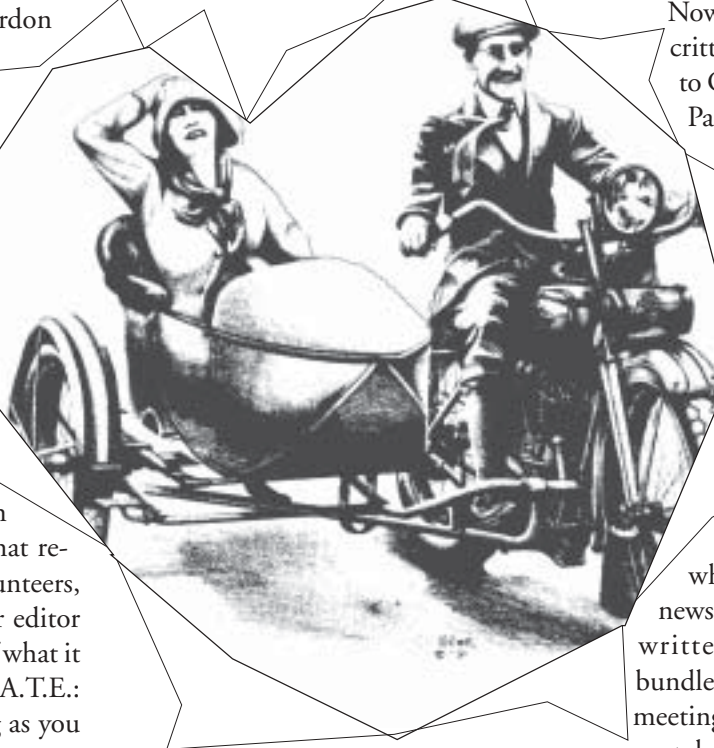
GORDON HIERONIMUS STEPS DOWN AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Portland, Oregon -- After nine [Editor note--or is it eight?] years of cranking out the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon newsletter month after month, Gordon Hieronimus has succeeded in fobbing off the job onto some other poor unsuspecting prat. [Editor note -- remove that last phrase] turned over the newsletter duties to long-time columnist, Rot Path.

We would like to thank Gordon for the effort and consistency he put into getting our newsletter published each month. As an organization that relies solely on the work of volunteers, Gordon's tenure as newsletter editor stands as a sterling example of what it means to be a member of A.B.A.T.E.: give what you can for as long as you can so that the entire group prospers and moves forward.

Gordon admits that when he origi-

nally took over the job from Donna, he didn't know much about computers. For the first sev-



Gordon and MaryBeth ride off into the post-editorship sunset.
(Note cap hiding Gordon's latest hair style.)

eral months, he was constantly on the phone as she patiently told him which keys to press.

Now he is very at home with the critters. During a December visit to Gordon's newsletter office, Rot Path had an opportunity to observe how professional Gordon was at gathering and organizing material for each edition, entering data into templates he'd created, then printing out master pages for the printer.

Now one can truly appreciate the depth of Gordon's contribution to A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon until they understand what it takes to put together the newsletter, from deciphering handwritten postcards to delivering bundles of newsletters to State Board meetings. (And helping his successor swap batteries after leaving the parking lights on.)


Thank you Gordon.

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S.T.E.A.M. Is Here!
16 February 2002
(See pages 43-44 for details.)



Welcome to A.B.A.T.E.

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.

- We are not a motorcycle club or gang.

Instead, A.B.A.T.E. is a not-for-profit 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 on.

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 on are important to their community.

So scan through our newsletter. 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."

MISSION STATEMENT

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

What Is "A.B.A.T.E."?

by Rot Path

What came first, the A.B.A.T.E. acronym or the definition?

Given the wide range of A.B.A.T.E. definitions that vary from state-to-state, yer editor suspects that the term "abate" was adapted first, then justification was attempted by trying to make the letters stand for something.

After doing a web search on New Year's Day, Rot Path found that there is considerable inconsistency state-to-state and providence-to-providence in defining what the letters in "A.B.A.T.E." stand for. Here's a partial list:

- A Brotherhood Active Towards Education - (Colorado)
- A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments -(*Easyrider*, Florida, Maryland, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin)
- A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education -(Illinois, Iowa, Nevada)
- A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education -(Oklahoma)
- A Brotherhood for Awareness, Training and Education - (South Dakota)
- Alaska Bikers Advocating Training and Education - (Alaska -- duh!)
- Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education - (Delaware, Pennsylvania)
- American Bikers Active Towards Education - (Georgia, Louisiana)
- American Bikers Advocating Training and Education - (Virginia)
- American Bikers Aim Toward Education - (Wyoming)
- American Bikers Aimed Toward Education - (Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Washington)
- American Bikers Aiming Towards Education - (North Dakota, Ohio, Utah)
- American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education -(Minnesota)

American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education - (California)

Arkansas Bikers Aiming Towards Education - (any guesses?)

[*Editor's note:* Notice how Florida and Washington can't seem to make up their minds -- they each got two definitions.]

Now as interestin' as all this might be, it wasn't until a Canadian A.B.A.T.E. web site was visited that some of the background story began to emerge. Seems that the folks at *Easyrider* magazine decided in the 1960's that bikers, the public, and legislators needed education about motorcyclin'. *Easyrider* were the ones who came up with the term "abate" and if you were paying attention as ya eyeballed the definitions you'll have noticed they defined it as "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments", same as we use here in Oregon. (Which sure beats the one Rot Path won't use when we're at the Capitol.)

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Coordinator's Comments

by Ted Tracy



Hello all,

I hope the New Year has started out well for everyone.

Your new State Officers and your new State Board (your Chapter Representative) are hard at work on this year's agenda. There are a number of issues to work on from the last planning session, plus this being an election year, we are all going to be busy!

We still need to fill two important positions. First, we need a State Products Director. This could be an exciting adventure for the right person. Call me! We also need someone to take the newly created position, "State Quartermaster". This person would be in charge of state property inventory and purchasing of supplies. This could also be a fun job for someone.

S.T.E.A.M.!!!

BE THERE!!!!

Simon Milward's slide show will be unforgettable, and it's FREE!!!! This will be a great event, Geoff has some excellent seminars lined up, so get Educated, get Motivated.

BE AT S.T.E.A.M.- 2002!!

Our two Run Coordinators, Roger and Kurt need your help. They are looking for people to join the Run Committee. Please think about it and give them a call. There are a lot of you that have many great ideas. Let us in on them!

ELECTIONS!!

I love them! To use a famous BikePAC quote: "The Candidates never forget the people that helped them get elected." It's true, working on a campaign can be a very rewarding experience. I like pounding in lawn signs the best. There are other jobs that you might enjoy more than delivering lawn signs: telephone banking, stuffing envelopes, or going out and telling your neighbors about a candidate. Pick a candidate that you can support, then jump in!

I hope to see many of you this year at all the events. Please come on over and let's shoot the breeze. Or give me a call on the toll-free line! Everyone is invited to attend any of the State Board Meetings. They are held on the second Saturday of each month, at 7th and Kalmia street in Junction City at Noon.

Ride Safe, Ride Free,

Ted

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Some of Yer Officers:



Can you match these faces with names and offices? Come to S.T.E.A.M. for the answers.

Our Officers at Work

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

12 January 2002



by Charlie Hill
State Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ted at 12:12 with 12 of the 14 chapters represented. All chapters present were eligible to vote.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of the minutes from the November 10, 2001. Reading to be waived, motion by Jill, seconded by Mel.

Coordinators Comments:

Ted discussed the responsibilities of State Board of Directors. Chapter Coordinators need to give State Rep's time for reports at their meetings as the State Reps need to give a full report. All meetings are conducted using Roberts Rules of Order as a guide. Let Officers give full report during our meeting, then ask questions.

Correspondence:

Sent life membership to QCSN. Letter written by Ted to Team Oregon Dept of Transportation. Email from Rot Path. Christmas card from Gayle Knapp. M.M.A.-Beast of the East. Paul Cote Email from Gordon regarding Hillsboro Honda Ride for Officer Guzman to be held Jan 27. Rolling Thunder Inc. - Vet Ride to the Wall.

**** OFFICERS REPORTS ******Legislative Director:**

Rick Maish reports Superior court voted on term limits and struck it down. Officer list to be updated.

BikePAC Representative:

Brian Stovall - Attended the Central Committee meeting and turned in the by-laws for the [Democratic] Motorcycle Caucus.

There were several different caucuses such as *Black Caucus*, and *Senior Caucus*. Definition of a caucus is any group with an opinion. Brian said there was positive response to the Motorcycle Caucus. Brian requests if you are a registered Democrat and interested in motorcycle issues, please send your name to add to the Motorcycle Caucus, no fee, no obligation. They have 4 officers and if you want to do anything you can but it's not necessary. BikePac ran into a conflict with the May Awareness Rally with the Latinos but it was straightened out and our date is set as originally planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A.M.O. put out a challenge to have the largest group at the May Awareness Rally, if your group can beat them then they will donate \$75 to BikePac. Sign up at the BikePac table at the Capitol. Mike suggested flyers to be put in all bike shops etc. Jill will make a flyer. Ted said he can't go to the Platform Convention 09 February at Greenwood Inn. If you would like to go, the State will pay for it.

Confederation of Clubs Representative:

Ed Vaughn reports no meeting since November. Our \$100 dues need to be paid and Ed requests an additional \$100 to help Andy of the Outsiders.

Education Director:

Geoff White - S.T.E.A.M. is 16 February, take brochures back to the chapters. The guest speakers

will include Simon Milward. Shirley said if schools don't have Driver's Ed classes, go through the Health Class. Group Riding video available for chapter use, Geoff has 2 copies.

Education Director II:

Nora Rohde appreciated the article by Geoff. Nora read an article regarding Motorcycle Safety and how education has saved lives that was published in the *Grants Pass Daily Courier*.

Membership Secretary:

Jill Tracy reports membership is up and increasing. There have been a few problems with the mail. If you haven't received things within 4-6 weeks, call her. Jill also wants e-mails and chapter lists.

Newsletter Editor:

Rot Path's e-mail is: rotnews@open.org. Newsletter will be delivered around the 1st of each month. We will have 600 overs per Ted.

Products:

Michelle Hobbs has accepted this position.

Public Relations:

Melinda was not here.

State Run Coordinator:

Roger said the T-shirt design for Fossil is needed by March 9th. If you win you get 2 tickets and 2 shirts. Need membership secretaries to help at Fossil. Swap meet site has been lost, working on O.M.R.R.A.. Roger will check on it or if you know a site in the Portland area, let him know about it. *[Editor's note -- A site and date*

for the Swap Meet have been set. See flier.] Also need an axle from an old Honda for the Cushman.

State Run Coordinator II:

Kurt had nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Wendy Vaughn reports Bulk Mail \$3,244.85, checking \$4,873.79, insurance \$1,157.00 and savings \$55,765.97. Also found financial binders for Treasurers. If your chapter needs one, let her know. She needs physical addresses for the overnight runs ASAP. Wendy's email address is:

wacoabate@earthlink.net

Chapter Auditor:

Carla. Nothing to report.

Historian:

Iris thanked all for helping her with pictures.

Webpage Editor:

Maddog was not in attendance. Rick to send list of runs to Maddog.

Vice-Coordinator North:

Jim Niece putting everything in PDF format that will be given to Charlie to make copies of for anyone. She will have all the forms.

Vice-Coordinator South:

Joe Laurance thanked all for electing him into the position and when the weather gets better, he plans to visit all chapter meetings in the South.

Vice-Coordinator East:

Bob Hadley will try to meet with all chapters in his area too.

Sergeant at Arms North:

Bob Earl wants all to prepare for Fossil, it's coming up soon.

Sergeant at Arms South:

Cole Hembree - No Report

Sergeant at Arms East:

Open. [Any volunteers?]

Sanctioning Officer:

Ron was not present.

Quartermaster:

Chris was not present.

Committee Reports:

1. Run Committee: Rick, Ron & Michelle, nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Fossil Museum Display: Deb and Jim have nothing new to report.

2. Planning Session Meeting: Working on Insurance.

3. Cost for Sign-Joe Laurence has nothing new to report.

4. Term of Office - Wendy will report at next meeting.

5. Mentoring - Wendy will report at next meeting.

6. Annual Meeting - Jim, Brian and Melinda had nothing to report.

7. Strategic Planning Session - Brian had nothing to report.

8. Officer Descriptions were adopted as changed per this meeting.

New Business:

1. BikePac mailing list - to be included on the list send email to: ilmostro@gorge.net

2. Mel read articles on assisted fuel bill. Also Senate Bill 1766 Scrappage regarding vehicles 15 years and older be crushed. Mel also spoke on the Red Light Ticket cameras.

3. Officer Guzman donation - Mel motioned, seconded by Deb to give \$100 to Guzman family, 6 were for and 6 were against, Ted cast the deciding vote for a failed

motion. \$100 received through personal donations.

4. Brian asked for air fair to Detroit for an M.R.F. Board Meeting, which Ted called the Executive Board prior to our regular scheduled meeting and it was approved.

Meeting Schedule:

June - Best of the West 2nd weekend, all chapters can go for \$100.

No State Board of Directors meeting to be held in June.

August - Lincoln County will host State Board of Directors meeting in Newport.

Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Minutes taken & submitted by Charlie Hill

Yer Officers Getting Their Hands Dirty



The Question:

How many A.B.A.T.E. members does it take to change our Fearless Leader's flat tire?

(Including the one allegedly behind Rotten Roger.)

submitted by Mel Yeager

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

Happy New Year and Valentine's Day from C.O.C.

(That's the Central Oregon Chapter, not the Confederation Of Clubs!)

"COC" is also the year and model serial number prefix on my motorcycle's engine. Imagine that — a '74 COC motor.

The December meeting came and went. I was ready for Indian Creek but I couldn't find my paddle.

Randy Potter stood up to the plate of Chapter Coordinator as a temporary officer to keep Central Oregon Chapter alive.

- The election results were:
Coordinator Randy Potter
Treasurer Totsy S.
State Rep Bob H.
Recording Secretary Michael C.
Membership Jay S.
Public Relations Jamie D.

All other officer positions were put off until future participation.

Tha January meeting produced our new Central Oregon Chapter Coordinator and others as follows:

- Coordinator John Baumann
Vice Coordinator Michael C.
Treasurer Totsy S.
State Rep Bob H.
Recording Secretary Michael C.
Membership Jay S.
Public Relations Jamie D.
Sgt at Arms #1 Mike K.
Sgt at Arms #2 Bob H.
Way-Mean-Lady Jackie B.

We still have openings for:

- Legislative Director
BikePAC Representative
Education Director
Historian (Loren, where are you?)
Chaplin (Keith, where are you?)
Products
Road Captain (Cleanup=12May)
Quartermaster
Web Master
Bait Master
Etc.

As always, if you're interested in any position, come to a meeting or dial the phone. We are having grief with our post office box again. Please bear with us while it is handled.

There are a few loose ends to take care of, but I believe our chapter can look forward to a more prosperous and efficient New Year.

I want to thank Randy Potter for his effort and commitment. I want to thank John Baumann and all his new officers for the same and wish them all the success waiting for them.

See ya at S.T.E.A.M.!

Call Salem Chapter. They may have overnight accomadations for us Eastsiders.

[Editor's note As this issue of the newsletter goes to press, the accomadations for folks from further away is being worked out between Salem, Portland, and other valley chapters within an hour's ride/drive of the S.T.E.A.M. site in Salem]

Last but not least, I want to thank the State Board for standing with us and putting up with our times of adversity.

P.S. Welcome the Duncans. They had to move to Arizona to join

Central Oregon Chapter — another long story, but noteworthy!

P.P.S. I want to introduce you to the new Coordinator of Central Oregon Chapter, John Baumann. John and Jackie have lived in central Oregon for 25-30 years. They lived in a tipi while they built their home. They love to ride and participate in many events, A.B.A.T.E. and others.

Traditionally John is our main spokesman for live interviews with local radio stations for our annual Teddy Bear Run benifitting emergency rooms at our local hospitals plus Warm Springs Emergency Medical Technitions.

Jackie usually gathers up 200-400+ teddy bears and assorted critters through community involvement in Sisters and throughout central Oregon.

I can't think of a nicer family to hand the reins over to.

Thanks guys.

P.P.P.S. Send photos to Rot Path, Newsletter Editor [and all around wonderful person] for chapter submissions.

ADIOS & DEL TACO, JAY

CENTRAL OREGON MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE
2nd Sunday at 1400 (2pm)
Wild Wind Motorcycle & Diner
N. Hwy 97 -- Bend
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Bend, OR 97701

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Columbia River Chapter

Our chapter elected new officers in our January meeting. The results will be posted in the next newsletter.

On February 9th our chapter [will host] its Sweet Heart Dance at the Stagecoach Saloon. Again, I'll report on it in the next newsletter.

Make sure that you make it to S.T.E.A.M. this month especially if you have not been to one before. There will be a lot of great information available there that you need in order to be an effective member of A.B.A.T.E.

Finally, you should know that I have left private practice to become the litigation director of the Oregon Law Center's State Support Unit. I will be advising and counseling legal aid lawyers across the state on litigation and advocacy issues that affect poor people. As a result, I can no longer represent or provide legal advice to others. If you have legal questions, please contact Sam Hochberg or Pat Birmingham.

SPIKE

COLUMBIA RIVER MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

1230 (12:30 pm)
Pizza Perfect
6815 NE Killingsworth -- Portland

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Portland, OR 97211

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Douglas County Chapter

Two toy runs here in Douglas County were the highlights of December. The first one was Dec. 9th in Myrtle Creek. It was organized by the Burton and Pruitt families that live in Myrtle Creek. Lots of help came from many others who I don't know to name. Number estimates were from 137 to 160 motorcycles. All brands and affiliations were represented. I wish we had these folks in ABATE since they are such good organizers. Besides all the toys that ended up at the Myrtle Creek fire station there was hot food and refreshments for the riders. Lots of winners also walked away with nice prizes.

The second toy run was December 15th in Roseburg. It was put on by Brook Communications and the stops along the way were at businesses that collected toys through radio promotions. Although the local chapter of HOG was given credit as the bike connection it was really supposed to be for all bikes and so a fair group of Goldwing and other riders helped make it an all around event. About 55 bikes rode in the run.

We decided to change our meeting date back to the first Sunday in the month at 12:30 pm at Round Table Pizza in Roseburg. Too many people found it hard to make the evening meetings during the week.

We nominated officers at the December meeting and will vote on them in January.

That's all for this month and this year. It was our first year back in business and I hope most of everyone's experiences were as good as mine.

Joe Brumbach,
Chapter Secretary.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE

1st Sunday at 1230 (12:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
Roseburg

POINT of CONTACT

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Roseburg, OR 97470

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Hub City Chapter

Hello Everybody,

First I want to thank all of the new officers for stepping up to help out. I would like to remind everyone to be patient with our new volunteers. Mistakes will be made but if you rant and rave instead of working through it they certainly won't step up again. Then would it be your turn to step up or will you just sit back and bitch even more?

We have charted out a route for our poker run. We think we plotted out a fun route through Harrisburg, Sweet Home and yes mid-valley faithful it will involve Crabtree Tavern. So mark your calendars for June 1st because at 10:00 A.M. the Pizza Hut in Albany will be the place to be!

And just because I know you've been wanting to know, our officers for 2002.

- Coordinator : Cole Hembree
- Vice Coordinator : Rob Bible
- Recording Secretary : Debbie
McCalley
- Membership Secretary : Mark
Fowler
- Run Coordinator : Mark
Fowler
- State Board Rep : Marvelous
Melvin
- Sergeant At Arms : Jim Engel
- Public Relations : Mary
Burnett
- Historian : Cherie Hembree
- Quartermaster : Kathy Guirke
- Treasurer : Cliff McCalley

On our local political front one of our members Kenny Davidson has applied for a vacancy

on our city council. The vacancy was created by the death of a great community leader, Jim Linhart. He is mourned and missed by many. The bright spot is that we have another great community minded volunteer and leader willing to step up and fill those big shoes.

We had 22 bikes show up for the A.M.O. polar bear run on new years day. A safe and fun time was had by all. We didn't waste any time testing the assisted serve gas bill.

Good luck to our buddy Rot Path.



Cole and Krista at Albany Veteran's Day Parade

HUB CITY MEETING
TIME(S) and PLACE
 3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
 Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall
 Albany

POINT of CONTACT
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 Albany, OR 97321

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Lincoln County Chapter

Hi!

Happy Valentines Day to all you sweathearts!

Sorry I'm a month late on reporting our Officers, but here they are:

- Coordinator Ralph Janes
- Vice Coordinator Joe Huff
- Membership Secretary Meg Harwood
- Secretary Shirley Huff
- Treasurer Ruth Trombetta
- State Rep Shirley Huff
- Products Director Joe Huff
- Public Relations Director Ruth Trombetta
- Education Directors Bob Howe & Patty Flowers
- Historian Dan Aldrich
- Srgt.at Arms Keith Harwood

THANK YOU to the Dirty Dozen or so [who] keep this Chapter alive!

It seems that with the new State Law about smoking, our meeting place is going to over 21 only. After 18 years of having our meetings at Moby Dick's, we must bid them farewell! As soon as we've found a place I will let everyone know.

With any luck I will talk to you next month.

Ride Safe,
Shirley



Photos on this page were derived from video tape by Rot Path. (Just thought you'd wanna know.)



LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING TIME(S) and PLACE
 1st & 3rd Fridays at 1900 (7pm)
 (Location To Be Arranged)
 Newport
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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North-East Portland Chapter

Our first meeting of the year was just absolutely great. For a cold Wednesday night I did not expect to see so many people at our meeting. It was a joy to have 17 great people show up and be part of this thing we call A.B.A.T.E. The old saying goes, "the more, the merrier", and it was no exception for the start of the new year.

We voted to post-pone our officer elections to the second meeting in June which is more in line with the chapters original start date. We thought June would be a better time to elect officers when people are out riding and getting excited about issues as opposed to the dead of winter when everyone is concerned about staying dry and getting through the holidays. Anyway, it makes sense and we hope to attract top-notch people such as yourself to take an officer position or to regularly come out to the chapter meetings.

There is much that our chapter can do in the North East area to attract riders to A.B.A.T.E. We are sorely lacking in networking with other bike groups in getting the news out that there are serious issues facing all of us and it doesn't matter if you are riding a Vespa or a Harley. We are all in the same boat and some of us are paddling upstream and some of us do not even know there is a boat and are supposed to have a paddle! We need to be very organized and active this year attracting new membership from all

motorcycling cross-sections. To finish off the metaphor, let's forget the paddles and put a huge V8 in our boat!!!

At any rate, we have bought ourselves some time to sort out ideas and recruit people to be active in the chapter. Rusty will most likely be away for a good quarter of 2002 and so we will need to cover for him or find someone to take the Coordinator position. We will need officers for the Historian, Membership Secretary, Ways & Means, and Secretary positions.

Lastly, a big thank you to Gordon and his family for taking on the newsletter all these years. I have seen other A.B.A.T.E. newsletters and I believe ours has always been one of the best in the country. The newsletter isn't something that can be put together in an hour. I know Gordon has spent many an hour each month getting it ready for print for our enjoyment. It's a huge job and we appreciate all the time and effort that went into its monthly publishing.

THANK YOU GORDON!!

2002 promises to be a great revival year for the Northeast Chapter. Stay tuned.

With the Lord's blessing,
Mike

N.E. PORTLAND MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Round Table Pizza
4141 NE 122nd -- Portland

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Portland, OR 97228

A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

North Coast Chapter

January's meeting was very productive. We spent a lot of time discussing ways of increasing the social aspects of Chapter and ways of increasing involvement within the chapter. Ideas including a change in meeting dates, the number of meeting dates each month, and incorporating other activities with the meetings, such as rides and barbeque's.

We really need to get people involved. We are still looking for folks [who] are willing to step up and take on leadership roles.

Thank you letters were sent out to all of the contributors to the Spaghetti Feed and Toy Run, letting them know how we did, over 120 kids supported by North Coast through the giving tree, and an addition \$400 sent to the Pacific County Eagles Toy Program.

WOW!

We've also incorporated a \$50 member raffle at the meetings in an effort to increase meeting attendance. Hope to see you all at February's meeting.

I'll send out any changes prior to the meeting.

Ya never know, you may leave the meeting \$50 richer.

Ride Safe and beware of sparkling roads!

Ron

NORTH COAST MEETINGTIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1900
(7pm)

Astoria Eagle
894 Commercial -- Astoria
Children are welcome

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

River City Chapter

We held elections and the results are as follows:

- Coordinator Lee Eikanas
- Vice Coordinator Dan Turn
- Recording Secretary Brian Stovall
- Membership Secretary Delbert Nicholson
- Treasurer Lynne Kadlec
- BOD Rep Brian Stovall
- Alt BOD Rep Teresa Hepker
- Legislative Officer Brian Stovall
- Ways & Means Joy Nicholson
- Public Relations Teresa Hepker

Regular Meeting
December 18, 2001

Called to order by Lee at 7:30 pm. 8 people present. Pledge of allegiance: none. Guests: none

Minutes: Brian read the minutes of the 04 December meeting. Minutes accepted as read. Correspondence included two bank statements, a renewal notice from the M.R.F., State Board minutes for Lee and an advertisement.

Treasury Report is \$379.61, again. Bills submitted: none. Membership Report: 64.

Board Report: Brian went as alternate and reported on elections, etc. Legislative Report: E.P.A. report is supposed to be out in January.

Ways and Means Report: none. Public Relations Report: none. Historian Report: none.

Old Business:

Group Riding Protocols: none.
The Run Committee: No changes. Some details were talked about.

Nominations and election of officers for 2002: Teresa moved to elect all by acclamation except Historian, until membership status for Cindy and Johnna is resolved. Passed

New Business

Brian moved to cancel the first meeting of 2002 as it falls on a holiday, January 1. Passed.

Teresa moved to pay the \$100 M.R.F. Sustaining Membership. Passed.

Coordinator's Comments: Lee talked about several TV shows coming up on interesting motorcycle topics.

Announcements:

Membership Drawing for \$65 would have been won by Christine Potts if she had been present. It will be \$70 next meeting.

50/50 won by Joy Nicholson at \$5/\$5 and donated back to the Chapter. Thanks, Joy.

Adjourned 8:21 pm

Upcoming meeting: February 5.

Joy.

RIVER CITY MEETING
TIME(S) and PLACE
1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1900 (7pm)
Lone Pine Restaurant
335 Lone Pine Dr. -- The Dalles
(I-84 & US-97)

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Salem Chapter

Salem Officers for 2002

- Coordinator Jeff
- Vice Coordinator
- Marlene
- Secretary
- Murge
- Membership Sheryl
- Forrest
- Treasurer
- Wanda
- Sgt at Arms
- Jeff
- State Rep
- Michelle
- Ways & Means Ted
- Public Relations Sheryl,
Marlene, Murge, Rot Path

This is the first of many Newsletter reports for the year 2002. I have taken the job of Secretary from Rot Path for the Salem Chapter. This will free him up to do the work on the State Newsletter and he will be filling Gordon's shoes. Those are some mighty shoes to fill but we'll give it all we have.

I will try to let you all know what is happening with our chapter throughout the year. I was secretary for the South East Chapter back in '82-'83 so this is like a full circle for me. Rot Path is helping me out with this one because he has the new officer list.

The Chapter meetings are now on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Come and visit with us if you can.

Ice Breaker is coming up in March and the Chapter is making plans for that. We will also be seeing many of you at S.T.E.A.M. this year.

Congrats to all you new officers out there and may this year of volunteerism be the best ever. Ride free and safe all of you and take care.

MURGE



(photos by Marlene Schroeder)

SALEM MEETING TIME(S)
and PLACE
 4th Tuesday at 1900 (7pm)
 Pietro's Pizza
 637 Hawthorne Ave NE--Salem

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South Coast Chapter

Well, here I am back at it. I guess I can't be just an onlooker. It is December when I'm writing this but it is February when it is printed. What could be more confusing!!

Winter is moving into spring and riding weather is fast approaching. I hope many of you were able to squeeze some riding in during the cold, wet winter months and did so safely.

Our new Coordinator, Gordon Dunn, has been pretty "gung ho" since elected. He is organizing committees for our chapter's many activities, hoping to get a jump on everything. He is looking forward to S.T.E.A.M. on the 16th. He hopes to meet a lot of new people at that time and also learn something new and exciting.

Our chapter's first event is a potluck/scavenger hunt at Bud's house on March 9th. we always look forward to a gathering at Bud's with good food, friends and fun.

May brings out our next event: "The Many Faces of Motorcycling", a motorcycle show held at Pony Village Mall in North Bend. Our members always enjoy this show. It is their chance to share A.B.A.T.E. and motorcycling with the public. It is always a fun weekend!

We have many more events in this New Year, all of which I will share with you later.

Until then, ride safe!

Karen Bauder, Secretary

SOUTH COAST MEETING

TIME(S) and PLACE

3rd Sunday at 1100 (11am)
Gino's Pizza
1324 Virginia Street -- North Bend

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

South-East Portland Chapter

Hi Folks,

I hope that this finds everyone doing well after the New Years celebrations.

I hope to see a lot of you at S.T.E.A.M. this month. I know that Geoff will do a good job coordinating the seminars. I myself am really looking forward to attending.

Our first committee meeting for Summer Run went really well and was rather productive. South East thanks all the members from the other Portland Chapters [who] showed up to volunteer and give their input. We will have these meetings the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am until the run. The meetings are one hour before our Chapter meeting at the M&M. Come on out and spend some time with us and get involved.

To our chapter members: those of you [who] would like to get involved with the planning of Run 21, the meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Lee's house.

(503) 760-9015

Well it,s coming up on St. Patrick's Day and that means it's also time for South East Chapter's Anniversary Party and Canned Food Delivery. If anyone out there has a T-shirt design for the Anniversary Party, submit it to: Wayno

(503) 408-9039,

before the Chapter meeting February 3rd.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brent and Baby Dawn for bringing us our newest Chapter Member, Wyatt Gene Plaster. Born 27 december 2001 (7lbs. — 19 “).

See you at Columbia River's Sweet Heart Dance.

Happy Valentines Day,

Mammy Tami.

S.E. Portland MEETINGTIME(S) and PLACE

1st & 3rd Sundays at 1200 (noon)
M/M restaurant & Lounge
137 N. Main -- Gresham

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Southern Oregon Chapter

(No report received, apparently.)

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Washington County Chapter

Officer elections are done and new officers are encouraged to attend S.T.E.A.M. on February 16. Even if you are not an officer, the program is informational and helpful. Please make plans to attend.

We had our Third Annual Ice Cycle run on January 5th, and had 41 paid admissions. That raised \$200 for the Hillsboro Domestic Violence Resource Center, along with a box of food that was dropped off at the starting point. This year we did not do the traditional Papa Bear, Mama Bear, and Baby Bear routes. Just one route there. The Copperstone Restaurant served up all you can eat spaghetti and some incredible sourdough bread with the most awesome garlic butter I have had in a long time. Beaverton Honda donated a whole bunch of door prizes, none of which I won. Everyone seemed to have a good time, so be sure to stop in and thank both the Copperstone and Beaverton Honda. The rain did not stop until after the get-together was long over.

January's First Sunday Ride included four for breakfast, one for coffee and just Miles heading out for a ride. He declined a trip to the beach because of stormy weather, and after drawing the Stonehenge ride, decided to make his own route. Don't know where he went, but at least he was dry thanks to his rain gear. If you can, please join us at the Prime Time

Sports Bar in Forest Grove. If nothing else than for coffee or breakfast. As the weather improves, more people will show up and we can all have a fun ride.

If I don't see you at an upcoming event, I'll see you on the road.

Be safe and watch out for the other guy!

Linda Wells
WaCo Secretary

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MEETING TIME(S) and

PLACE

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1930
(7:30pm)
Prime Time Sports Bar
4202 Pacific Ave -- Forest Grove

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A.B.A.T.E. Chapter Reports

Willamette Valley Chapter

Happy 2002!

It's still wintertime and I find that I'm already counting the days until spring. It's funny how I'm appalled when the dentist wants me to schedule six months in advance for my next cleaning, but my calendar is already becoming full with "must do" A.B.A.T.E. events that will last through the [year].

The Willamette Valley Chapter left the old year working to form a coalition with other local motorcycle groups and enthusiasts. We are finding not only do we all share a love for riding, but we also have many other things in common. These commonalties include a mutual respect for one another, and a willingness to support one another and work toward common goals.

In January, I'm proud to say that many Willamette Valley members came together to commit to a blood drive, making a seemingly long term idea a reality. We are scheduled to have another drive in June and I suspect it will be even easier to organize and a greater success. Thanks to everyone who participated in making this event happen. I doubt we will ever realize how important our commitment was until the unfortunate time comes when we need it.

February will be an equally full month. Many of our members will be attending S.T.E.A.M. on the 16th. I understand this is always a fun and informative time we all can benefit from. Don't be shy! Take the plunge and challenge yourself

to attend. Of course our regular meeting night is the 21st, and you'll want to be sure to remember to mark your calendar for February 23rd when we'll be having our first "Veneta Style" casino night at Yukon Jack's. It is sure to be our best casino night yet. After a Saturday afternoon of playing poker, socializing and auctioning your donated items, music will be provided by Yukon Jack's for an evening of dancing and a rip roarin' good time. As we all know, this is when we will transform into "The WV Dance Team". I'm sure pictures on our web site will document what many may deny.

As I sit here and write this I can't help but be excited for not only the upcoming events, but for the accomplishments our chapter has made. We have overcome many hurdles and have developed a strong fellowship full of good friends, good times, great rides and amazing feats.

YAHOO!

Let's continue the tradition and make 2002 our best year yet.

Live, love, laugh and RIDE!
Dawn

Keep the Rubberside Down, the Leatherside Up & Ride Free!

WILAMETTE VALLEY
MEETING TIME(S) and
PLACE

3rd Thursday at 1900 (7pm)
Foxfire Restaurant
4740 Main Street -- Springfield

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Education Director

by Geoff White



Greetings from Nora Rohde and Geoff White,

It's been a rather peculiar start of the school year for our Motorcycle Awareness Program. For some reason not known to us, a number of the schools that normally call upon us for regular visits have failed to contact us. The classes that we have given our presentations to seem to be very supportive and quite satisfied with our offerings. I am attempting to make contact with the schools that have not requested our presentations to find out why we have been overlooked. I will take whatever action that I can to ensure that we are among their lists of possible Driver's Education classroom visitors.

Shirley Speas of Lincoln County A.B.A.T.E. has reminded me of the possibility of branching out to other types of class subjects that would be interested in our Motorcycle Awareness message. If you are an instructor that would like to check out these other class ideas in your local areas, you might try with school Health classes. Physical Education might be another possibility when the weather is not as pleasant outdoors. Other age range classes could be a start to a slightly different approach to our format. If some schools have classes on public safety or street safety, this could be an area that would benefit from our sessions. I suppose that we must "be creative" in finding ways

to get our message across in the school systems. Private industry type Driver's Education programs are still a very good outlet, and I would be more than happy to work with them to bring some more activity for our program. I will be putting in some extra time to get our Awareness Instructors back into the schools, so keep up the good work. Thank you to all the people who have given me the opportunity to spread the message of motorcycle awareness so proudly.

Nora Rohde has proven to be a very capable and enthusiastic new leader in the effort to provide a well-rounded form of motorcycle education and enhancement. She has researched and offered information to our organization that will illustrate the importance of our people's efforts to bring motorcyclist's issues to the foreground. Nora is also seeking information on becoming a motorcycle rider training instructor to enable her to work in helping introduce new riders to the world of cycling that we have become so fond of. This is her personal commitment to helping inexperienced riders safely enter the motorcycling community. We wish you very well in this valuable pursuit, Nora. Nora works out of the Southern Oregon Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. alongside her husband Tim, who is also a certified instructor in our Motorcycle Awareness Program.

Together, I believe, we will be able to adequately support and coordinate for the growing needs of A.B.A.T.E. in the many topics of motorcycling education and awareness.

Remember that S.T.E.A.M. is almost here. If you haven't made up your mind yet, now would be a great time to plan on attending. There is a valuable wealth of information that will be provided at an excellent price. All we are asking for is a little of your time here. It can't get much less expensive than that, people. If you are a new director, coordinator, representative, or administrative services contributor, these classes are designed to help make your job all that much easier.

Just think how impressed your chapter will be when you can dazzle them with your brilliance, or in my case befuddle 'em with all that other stuff. Hopefully you have seen our fliers, but just in case you haven't, here's the low down: The S.T.E.A.M. conference is held at Chemeketa Community College [Building 3] in Salem Oregon on February 16th. (Saturday). Registration and sign up is at 8:00AM. There will be two groups of guest speakers to get the conference warmed up. We'll break for lunch, and follow with three sessions of classes or seminars.

Please see the S.T.E.A.M. fliers for details or contact me at (503)-774-7558 if you cannot locate a flier. I can be reached via e-mail on gwhite5528@worldnet.att.net

Nora Rohde can be reached at (541)-821-1487.

Conferences like this are what make A.B.A.T.E. a great organization. Please note that this conference is open to anyone and any organization.

I would like to finish with a special personal thank you to Melinda McCrossen for all the work that she has done to ensure that this year's S.T.E.A.M. conference is successful. I would have been lost without ya Melinda. There is not enough room in my report to list all the services that she has performed to coordinate and ensure a quality event. I'm in your debt on this one. Thank you!

We hope that your winter is pleasant, and there is still a chance now and then to get out and enjoy some two [or three] wheeled paradise. Ride safely and always be alert for those who might not be giving their driving or riding the proper attention that it deserves. Everyday on every ride we bring motorcycle awareness to the world out there. Bring that awareness in the form that we are all so proud of. Enjoy the breeze, and spread the awareness ya'll!

Take care.

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Public Relations Director

by Melinda McCrossen



(from the *Oregonian*, Monday, November 19, 2001, in *About Town*):

Biker's Toy Run Leader Gives Award Money To Shriners

"Each year, a troop of bikers roars up to the Shriner's Hospital in Southwest Portland, escorting a bus load of toys for sick and disabled children.

Ford Motor Company on Friday honored one of the club's founders, Portland resident James "Jimbo" Hibbard, with a \$500 Commitment to Children award.

But Hibbard 'immediately turned around and gave his check to Shriners,' said Sherry West, customer service manager of Courtesy Ford, where the ceremony took place.

A Courtesy Ford Body shop employee nominated Hibbard for the award. The toy ride ranked seventh in the company's contest, West said.

Hibbard 'is one of those guys, every Sunday he's serving meals to homeless,' West said. 'He's got a big beard...and a jacket covered with (motorcycling) patches. You'd never picture this type of commitment. It just doesn't match.'

Hibbard and his friends started the project, called A Brotherhood

Against Totalitarian Enactment (sic), about 25 years ago, West said. They had been collecting toys for children, but because of their 'biker' appearance they say they had trouble persuading organizations to accept their donations.

Last year, more than 2,5000 bikers participated in the 15-mile toy run through Portland.

In addition to leading the ride, Hibbard raffles off a new Harley Davidson each year. In the past 10 years, the raffle has raised \$460,000 for children at Shriners Hospital. This year's raffle is expected to raise \$30,000 to buy at least two customized wheelchairs."

Now you would think that I would be hearing from folks about what a wonderful write up we got in the *Oregonian*. Instead, I was contacted by two members who asked me to please write a response in the newsletter in order to set the story straight. Both members wanted the "truth" to be published along side of this article with all of it's errors. So, I interviewed one of the people who *did* start the Shriner's Toy Run and here's what she had to say...

"The first Shriner's Toy happened in December 1980. There were five bikes and a pickup full of toys for that first time.

Diesel Dave, Smoky Borner from South East Portland (now diseased), his brother, Paul Borner, Steve Damiico (now diseased), Don Meerzo, and me (Mother). Roger was sick so we loaded up at his house and went without him. Since it was so small, we were invited to visit on the ward with the kids and Don got his butt kicked playing poker with one of them."

"We went to the old Shiner's hospital on 82nd and Sandy Blvd. I think that we went to that hospital three times and then the new one opened on pill hill. That might be a reference for the year. We also parked our bikes in the front of the hospital. The kids couldn't see them so we were asked to park them in the back the next year."

"The next year (1981) we left from the parking lot of the North East Portland Chapter's meeting place. The turnout was a bit larger that year and then the third year we left from Eastport Plaza's parking lot and traveled across 82nd to the hospital. At the third one we were informed by the police that if we blocked traffic we would be stopped. [It] didn't happen. Who wants to stop Santa, a Harley Chopper flying the American Flag, and an ambulance full of toys for the Shriners' kids. There was a very prominent sign on the ambulance so everyone would know what was happening. I remember the towel kids at the car wash throwing their towels down and running to the curb when we went by applauding like mad. We got a lot of honks,

waves, and thumbs up from passing motorists.”

Thanks for the story, Mother. I know that the members of South East Portland were just wondering how it all got started and were asking questions at the January meeting. As for the misinformation about who started A.B.A.T.E., all you need to do is take a read in your A.B.A.T.E. handbook to find out that Luke Metcalfe (Screaming Eagles & Brothers Speed) was the founding father of A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, and not Jimbo. Jimbo didn't come into the organization until much later, but what you have to take into consideration is that it wasn't Jimbo doing the talking to the *Oregonian*. It was Sherry West.

The other factual error is that Jimbo is not raffling off a new Harley-Davidson. The Shriners' Toy Run is run by committee. There are many people who work year 'round to make it the success it has grown to be. Many more members sell tickets to raise the \$30,000, but wasn't it cool that Jimbo turned over his \$500 reward to the Shriners? Many committee members have come and many have gone. Some do more than others, but the work is always done by committee. No single person leads the effort.

As Public Relations Director, I am thankful for a positive article about A.B.A.T.E. and an A.B.A.T.E. member. However, it does make me realize that any chapter which is doing any public event, should have a fact sheet on hand to give to the media when

they they are being interviewed.

So, my final advice is to show up to S.T.E.A.M. and find out how you can promote your chapter in a positive and factual way.

By the way, I attended the second annual Shriners' Toy Run! Those of us who had started the Washington County Chapter wanted to start our own Toy Run and we wanted to see how it was done, so we attended the Portland Chapter's Toy Run for inspiration. Those were the days, but then that's another story...

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Historian

by Iris Yeager



I remember telling you all that I will not be doing the history collection, do to other interests and all. Well, we did not find someone else to do it so—please remember to save a few pictures of events appropriate for the State history. Thanks for the help in the past and future help will also be appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you each at meetings and fun events.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for ways to help stop the community “leaders” from controlling our lives in areas that are our own business. At least should be considered our own business.

Let us be sure to give all our brothers and sisters in this life the same kind of respect we are working for.

Hope to see you each, some time during this year.

Iris E. Yeager

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Fiction:

A Grim Fable For Modern Times

-- Pat Henderson

There once existed a happy family living in a snug house within a smug community. The father and mother worked very hard to provide a secure home for themselves and their twin children, a girl and a boy. They often sat around the kitchen table together doing chores, enjoying each other's company. On cold wintery evenings, when the fierce north winds battered in vain against the sides of their warm little home, they would sit together by the fire place singing happily.

Finally there came a time when the children came of age. They had each learned how to create a happy home and fill it with love. It was time for them to leave their parents and found their own lives.

One bright spring morning, as the sun smiled warmly on the landscape, they set out to make their way in the world. They embraced their parents for the last time as children, then shouldered their belongings. They firmed their chins bravely and marched down the path from the front door. They turned at the fence and waved goodbye, then set off down the road. At a curve of the roadway that would take them out of sight of their home, they stopped and turned once again to wave to their parents. The distant parents waved back, feeling both happy and sad.

The children resumed their march, over hills and through valleys. Bright green meadows filled

with wildflowers greeted them on every hand. Their eyes filled with wonder at sights they had never seen before.

In the afternoon, their road entered a dark gloomy forest full of tall trees that blocked out most of the warm sunlight. They clung to each other for reassurance, knowing that they had to keep moving forward.

Finally they came upon a clearing in the middle of the forest. A spring laughed and splashed from a knoll in the center of the glade. The young people were relieved to be back in the warmth of the sun and they rejoiced. They skipped and ran up the knoll, laughing along with water.

But their mirth and their feet were stopped short when they saw a furry animal laying next to the brook. It had been a hard winter for the animals of the forest and a starving wolf had crept up to the spring for a last drink before dying. It lay now next to the water, too weak to do more than pant out its life.

The young people had heard their parents tell stories of wolves, but they had never actually seen one before. It looked to them like a large dog that wasn't feeling well.

They approached it warily. It wagged its tail weakly, just like their beloved family dog when it was sleepy. Encouraged by the sign of friendliness, they spoke to it in soothing tones. They could see that it was suffering and felt sorry for

it. They knelt by its head and allowed it to smell their hands, just as their parents had taught them to do with unfamiliar dogs. The wolf gently licked them.

The young people stroked the wolf's head and scratched it behind its ears. The wolf raised its head weakly, grateful for their gentle caring touch. Then it ate them.

Moral: If you are not familiar with the ways of the world, you'll get eaten alive.

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A New Generation

by Maggot Mike Williams

Registered Lobbyist, BikePAC of Colorado

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It's been quite a while since I last tried to assemble my random thoughts, and various acquired information into a concise conversation on paper. The events of September 11th provoked a myriad of emotions in every free-thinking individual I know, myself included. In some ways, I'm glad I wasn't in a position where I was expected to expound on the terrorist attacks right away, because some of what I felt, and still feel could easily be taken out of context. The following is simply my calmed down perspective on the current state of affairs.

You can't look outside it seems without seeing an American flag hanging from a house, or attached to a car, or emblazoned on an article of clothing. I recently saw a guy with a brand new tattoo of Old Glory right there on his forearm. There are billboards, and signs, and bumper stickers on every street proclaiming how "United We Stand", and how proud we all are to be Americans. Inspired by the heroic deeds of the firemen and rescue workers who gave it all at the World Trade Center, and Pentagon, and those who continue to risk their health (both mental and physical) at ground zero, Americans have dug deep into their pockets, and their hearts to try to do their share to ease the burden. In the wake of the events that occurred in September, this seems

like a positive thing, but I'd like to throw something out there for you to chew on for a minute.

This sudden onslaught of patriotism and generosity is getting to me in a way that worries me a little bit. Yes I'll agree that no amount of money nor caring words can ever replace a loved one, especially when they were taken so violently and senselessly away from us. And yes, I'll agree we owe it to our brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, to sacrifice and pay homage to their passing by coming together as a nation to fight this enemy. I guess I just disagree on how we should go about it. Many comparisons have been made to the terrorist attacks of September 11th, and the attack on Pearl Harbor. To me, the two have very little in common.

As cowardly as the attack on Pearl Harbor was, it pales in comparison to the attack on innocent civilians that occurred on September 11th. We aren't about to start locking up all Muslims in this country the way we did the Japanese because of a heightened awareness of racial and ethnic diversity which I support as part of the Bill of Rights, but it means that we must be even more vigilant than the generation before us. They rallied together and sacrificed through rationing of everything from rubber to gasoline for the war effort, while we all realize (or at

least we should) that the American military has all the bombs and weapons it needs to eliminate life as we know it on this planet without rationing squat. Suddenly we see American flags flying from every possible location, but are we doing that flag justice, or simply paying lip service while we carry on with business as usual?

Over the past few decades, it has been widely reported that less than half of the population eligible to vote are registered to do so, and only about a third of them actually do so. Having worked as an election judge in the past, I can tell you first hand that if you check the numbers of registered voters that were alive when Pearl Harbor was attacked, you will find out that damn near 100% of that group is not only registered to vote, but they go to the polls religiously on election day. This can only mean one of two things. Either being registered and voting makes you live longer, or that generation understood the very real duty they owed to their country to participate in the election process. While I have long advocated not trusting anyone over forty, now that I am (over 40) I'm inclined to go along with the position that in order to deliver the best candidate to lead us through these trying times, we all need to participate in the process. I see it as not only our

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right, but more as our responsibility, and duty, to find the best leadership we can, at all levels of Government to maintain that freedom that frightens these terrorists so badly that they will give their lives to cut it down.

If you are reading this article, it means that you are a member of BikePAC, A.B.A.T.E., or both, so I'm hopefully preaching to the choir, but just in case... The way I see it, if you aren't registered to vote, and you are eligible to do so, you are not only a fool, but a slacker and a sheep. If you are displaying the flag, yet you aren't registered and participating in the process, (remember that even most felons can get their right to vote re-instated if they have paid their debt to society and petition the judge [who] convicted them) then you are not only a slacker, and a sheep, but an un-grateful disgrace to the term citizen, and to the memory of those (both military and civilian) [who] have given their lives to protect your freedom.

If you want to be a hero, and do your part to keep this great nation

strong in the face of diversity, if you want to honor the memory of those [who] lost their lives on September 11th, or if you care at all what kind of world we leave behind for future generations, the most important thing I think you can do is register to vote. If you are registered, and do vote, get someone you know who is not registered to get registered and vote. We as a nation need all freedom minded individuals to stand up and be counted, else we will watch our rights and freedoms vanish into thin air for the sake of security for the sheep.

You have until February 19th to be registered, and declare a party so you can participate in the precinct caucuses here in Colorado. I suggest you affiliate with a party before this deadline regardless of how you feel about the Democratic and Republican parties, as this is where you can have the absolute most power with your vote in deciding what candidates will be on the ballot in November. Being affiliated with one party or the other means nothing to me in the voting booth,

except that I had some major input on who got on the ballot in the first place from at least one party, and likewise had at least some influence on what that party's platform looks like. It may not seem like much at first, but if you consider the alternatives it truly is something serious.

As a lobbyist for BikePAC, I am establishing a fairly credible dossier on our current Legislators, and anticipate helping to put out the most accurate, and informed voter's guide that has ever been produced for motorcyclists in this state. That guide will only be a useful tool if we get our butts in gear, get our brothers and sisters registered, and out to the polls on election day. I see a chance to "awaken a sleeping giant", but its going to take some work and sacrifice. Another generation rose to the occasion, lets not be the ones to drop the ball now.

Submitted by: Karen Bolin

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"Mike Williams is the lobbyist for BIKEPAC of Colorado. This is outstanding, or at least I think so...so I decided to share it with all of you."



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From yer crusty ol' editor . . .

Greetin's y'all,

This is Rot Path and he'll be yer crusty ol' newsletter editor fer the foreseeable future.

Unlike a lot of folks reading this rag, Rot Path came to motorcycling kinda late in life, despite having back-seated on a Trail-90 when about ten or so and having parents who both rode when they was younger. Regretfully, Rot Path's father never lived to see Rot Path ride, though he knew his son had a bike that was being restored to running order.

After riding the Rot Cycle solo fer a couple of years, Rot Path began feeling the need to associate with other riders. As it happened, there was a motorcycle event happening a couple miles from where Rot Path was livin', the still notorious "A.B.A.T.E. Steppenwolf Fox Creek". Despite the local's near hysterical police response, Rot Path putted on over and parked, then wandered over to take in what was happening. Well, the first thing that happened was that some sweet tall blondish female biker squeezed Rot Path's lower cheek as she was walking past and remarked, "Nice butt".

Admittedly that was about forty pounds ago and Rot Path happened to be clothed at the time. Still, it was a great introduction to A.B.A.T.E.

Rot Path got more info about the host organization and signed up in an old surplus Army tent (similar to the one used on the deer hunting trip when he'd had his first Honda ride) where Jim Russell Jr was manning the A.B.A.T.E. table.

Rot Path hooked up with the Salem Chapter, which was in a bit of a turmoil over the handling of Fox Creek. That December, with the encouragement from the State Coordinator, Larry, Rot Path volunteered to be Chapter Secretary, a position held from 1995 to 2001, inflicting considerable distress on the newsletter editor's grammer an' spell checkers.

(That would have been Gordon, by the way.)

Rot Path thanks Gordon fer sticking with the job for eight or nine years, consistantly providing the members of Oregon A.B.A.T.E. with news and information no matter where they are in the state. The newsletter helps unify us all.

Rot Path usually reaches job burn-out in about two to two-and-a-half years, so we'll see how the attitude holds up over time.

So that's been a bit of background about the person who's hanging their green plastic visor on the typewriter.

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Welcome to our newsletter.

The publication that you're holding in your hands belongs to all of us, not the person planting their mitts on the grips, not your elected officers.



This newsletter is for you and (hopefully) by you, the members of A.B.A.T.E.

The editor, crusty or not, assembles reports and articles to help keep you informed about what is happening in our towns, counties, state, nation and the world concerning motorcycles. The principles that the founders of the United States wrote into the nation's Constitution concerning a free press and citizen involvement in government apply to this newsletter as well. It is only when our members know what is going on that they can make informed decisions and direct their energies productively.

To that end, yer crusty ol' editor will not publish rumors. Every story submitted must be verifiable. Rumor chasing just disipates our resources.

This publication will not be "owned" by any group. A.B.A.T.E. is for *all* its members no matter what they ride or believe. You may not personally agree with how someone else lives their life, but in this country people can live as they like as long as they are not harming others.

Just remember, we're against totalitarion enactments.

— Rot Path

"If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing."
-- Kingsley Amis

2002 RUN/ EVENT CALENDAR

February 16 th	S.T.E.A.M. Conference (Chemeketa)	(503)-774-7558
February 16 th	Sweetheart Dance	(503)-282-4604 (Portland)
February 23 rd	Casino Night Willamette Valley	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
March 9 th	Scavenger Hunt So. Coast	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
March 16 th	SE Anniversary Party	(503)-760-9015 (Portland)
March 23 rd	Lincoln Co. Long John Poker/Anversy	(541)-563-3711 (Newport)
April 6 th	Oregon 250 poker run	(503)-641-4734
April 21 st	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329 (Portland)
April 27 th	Cherry Festival/Poker Run	(541)-298-5746 The Dalles
April 28 th	True Apostle Swap Meet	
May 4 th	Motorcycle Awareness Rally STATE CAPITOL	
May 4 th - 5 th	China Hat Desert Run	LOBOS
May 11 th	Oregon 500	(503)-641-4734
May 10 th - 12 th	Pony Mall Show	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
May 17 th	Open HOG Brown Bag	(503)-335-3686
May 18 th	Rhody Fest Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
May 19 th	Simple Simon Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
May 24 th -27 th	FOSSIL Campout	(503)-285-4329
June 1 st - 2 nd	Western States 1000	(503)-641-4734
June 8 th	SE Portland Poker Run	(503)-760-9015
June 8 th	TeePee Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
June 8 th	Starlight Tour	(503)-774-5149
June 9 th	Gay 90's Parade	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast
June 16 th	BikePAC PLANNING SESSION	(503)-351-8193
June 17 th - 16 th	Washington Spring Opener	(253)-473-2276
June 22 nd	Angie's Run Columbia River	(503)-282-4604
June 29 th	N. Coast Around Saddle Mt Poker Run	(Astoria)
July 4 th	Willamette Valley Chap Independence Day Run	(541)-746-7837 Rick (Eugene)
July 13 th - 14 th	Black Dog Poker Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C
July 14 th	Salem HOG Poker Run	(503)-390-1589
July 19 th -21 st	Coos River Run	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast



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July 19 th -21 st	Cow Chip Boogie	(360)-577-7905	
July 21 st	Rose City HOG Poker Run		
July 26 th - 28 th	Run 21 SE Portland Chapter	(503)-760-9015	
July 26 th - 28 th	Ocean Shores Rally		
August 9 th - 11 th	Beaver Creek Lincoln Co	(541)-563-6526	
August 11 th	Applegate Poker Run	(503)-393-2834	
August 11 th	Mt. Scott Road Run	(503)-670-9060 Mt. Scott M/C	
August 16 th - 18 th	Summer Run Portland Chapters	(503)-760-9015	
August 16 th - 18 th	Oregon State HOG Rally		
August 18 th	Dual Sport	(503)-670-9060	
August 23 rd - 25 th	SOS Run So. Oregon Chapters	(541)-821-1487	
August 31 st	Rotary Air and Bike Show N. Bend	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast	
September 1 st	Sunset HOG Poker Run		
September 14 th - 15 th		AHDRA ALL HARLEY DRAGS Woodburn	
September 20 th -22 nd	End of Summer Run Wa Co/ N. Coast	(503)-861-1703	
???????	A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Fall Swap Meet	(503)-285-4329	
September 28 th	All Portland Chapter Picnic	(503)-760-9015	
October 6 th	Grand Prix Washugal	(503)-254-9928	
October 13 th	Casino Night Willamette Valley Chapter	(541)-746-7837 Rick	
November 3 rd	AMA run sanctioning meeting	(503)-538-0979	
November 10 th	Millican Desert Run		
November 16 th	Wash. County Chapter Toy Run	(503)-357-1727	
November 17 th	South Coast Food Drive	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast	
November 29 th - 30 th	International Motorcycle Show		
December 1 st	International Motorcycle Show		
December 7 th	Shriner's Toy Run	(503)-771-0188	
December 14 th	N. Coast Toy Run	(503)-861-1703	
December 15 th	S. Coast Toy Run	(541)-759-2388 S. Coast	
December 15 th	Eugene Mission Benefit	(541)-746-7837 Rick	
December 20 th	Shore Acres	(541)-888-8081	
December 21 st	Toy Run Lincoln Co. Chapter	(541)-365-6850	
January 1, 2003	Trinity Road Riders Polar Bear Run	(503)-774-5149	
February 2003	S.T.E.A.M. 2003		

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From The

GUNNY'S SACK

Wow! Here it is gettin' near Valentine's Day already, and the year just now seems to have started. Haven't even gotten over the year-end holidays yet, and away we go again.

Guess I'd better get with it and get ready for our upcoming National Coalition of Motorcyclists Annual Convention in *New Orleans*, over Mother's Day weekend in May.

We all know how important this gathering is to the motorcyclists' struggle for Freedom of the Road, among other things. The seminars you will attend all are geared to help each of us to return home with tools that help us in this all-important task.

It's not just the helmet thing anymore, folks. It's also what's coming at us, like "End of Life" requirements to recycle older cars and bikes, unrealistic emissions controls, anti-tampering laws to prevent performance modifications, and a myriad of other restrictions that our lawmakers, and their compadres from across the oceans, are foisting upon us with the notion that these laws are for the good of everybody, and bikers aren't very smart anyway so we shouldn't mind if we can't ride anymore.

A dear friend of mine once said, "If this keeps up we will go to museums to look at the machines we once rode with pride on our nation's highways."

If that thought makes you ill at

ease, don't miss this year's N.C.O.M. Convention in New Orleans, May 9-11. It promises to be a real doozy. Check with N.C.O.M. to get you the information. Call 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE, or 1-(800)-531-2424, or e-mail N.C.O.M.'s Bill Bish: ncombish@aol.com, and somebody will happily send you the info. Check the website, too: www.ON-A-BIKE.com. *Don't miss it this year!* Hey, and they've got a great Radisson Hotel booked for the conference at \$79 a night, near the French Quarter. *Those* rooms are gonna go fast, so call N.C.O.M., or the Radisson Hotel right away. Don't forget to mention N.C.O.M. for the special Convention rate.

NEWS BITS 'N PIECES:

CHINA: Can ya believe it? *Another* banner year of motorcycle production in China. We'll *never* catch up in this race, that's for sure. In a story from AsiaPort and Alestron, we hear that the Chinese manufacturing output of putts went *up* by almost 9%. That brings them to a whopping 11 *million* bikes built in China — just last year. *Wow!*

We could use some of that Chinese entrepreneurial spirit over here. If we could build even ten percent of that, man oh man... I guess then you're faced with getting them out of the showrooms and onto the street. Hey, maybe it would give our economy a shot in the arm.

TORONTO: Police in Canada's largest city said they've asked businesses to enforce a strict dress code barring members of the Hells Angels from wearing any of the motorcycle club's colors when they roll into town.

Boys and girls, I was in the motel business about ten years ago when the Angels came to town and some stayed at my establishment. They were the best customers I had, and they left their rooms the neatest. And they didn't use motel towels to wipe their scooters off, either. They have their own dress code, and their own code of behavior, and don't need to be told how to dress or act in public. At least not here in the good old US of A.

MORE CHINA NEWS: You'd kinda expect *some* motorcycle news here 'n there from China, lookin' at our last story of 11 million built in 2001! Seems the Chinese government's plans to limit bike use in the centers of their *big* cities has helped create a different result — more Chinese are buying bikes who live *outside* those big cities. Hell, if I lived there, you wouldn't catch *me* in a bike-banned city! I guess just because they're having more *economic* freedom over there doesn't mean they have *all* their freedoms. Maybe they need some of our biker Freedom-Fighters to go over there and teach those Chinese bikers a thing or three.

WASHINGTON: Sam Hochberg caught a wire story about some poor 19 year-old kid up in Renton, Washington, who was racing at 70mph on a city street, and he decided to pull a

wheelie at 70! The expected happened — somebody pulled out, and the boy died.

Sam says his own first serious bike accident was when *he* was 21 — and that's quite a number of moons back, folks — when *he* was popping wheelies on his little 2-stroke — inside a big *garage!* Smearing him and that little Yamaha right into a Cadillac bumper. Good thing he survived, so he can be on the job for us. Hey, maybe *that's* why he likes to represent us injured bikers? All the same, if this kid had taken some training, maybe he would still be with us. Wheelies are for the dirt where there is some room to fall down, not on city streets and certainly *not* at 70 mph.

LOS ANGELES and YOUR town: Comin' around the corner, I hear there's gonna be a new and improved Independent Shop Program (I.S.P.) for bikers in the USA. It's sponsored by A.I.M., the lawyers who actually *do ride*, sponsored by Richard M. Lester. Just show your A.I.M. card to any participating I.S.P. shop, and you'll get a discount or a deal. Lots of states have shops already signed up now.

If y'wanna know more, look in your local A.B.A.T.E. or M.R.O. [Motorcycle Rights Organization] newsletter, and chances are, you'll see an A.I.M. Independent Shop Program ad, showing who's a member in *your* area. If ya don't see it, call A.I.M.'s national headquarters in California, toll-free, at 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE, or e-mail 'em at

aimncom@aimncom.com, and ask about it!

These A.I.M. lawyers are the same folks, as regular Sack readers know, who handle our big and little mishaps on the road. If you get in a wreck, don't forget to go *straight* to a lawyer, whether it's A.I.M. or not. Sam Hochberg here in Oregon reminds us *never* to call those insurance adjusters until you've talked to a competent attorney! A.I.M. is there too, "24-7," at 1-(800)-ON-A-BIKE. Sam hangs around at (800)-347-1106, or in Portland, Oregon at (503)-224-1106, or email **SamBikeLaw@aol.com**. The Gunny gets his fan mail at **AIMGunny@aol.com**.

Keep the round side on the bottom,

GUNNY

A.I.M. Chief of Staff for Oregon

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A bill (S. 1766), authored by Senators Daschle (D-SD) and Bingaman (D-NM), has been introduced in the U.S. Senate containing a provision (Section 803) that would federally fund state scrappage programs for vehicles over 15 years old. Owners who turn in vehicles for crushing would receive a "minimal" payment and a future credit toward purchasing a newer vehicle, all in a misguided attempt to improve the overall fuel economy of the country's vehicle fleet. This bill represents the most formidable Federal legislative threat to the vehicle hobby in many years.

Oppose the Use of U.S. Taxpayer Dollars for Scrappage

- Section 803 of S. 1766 would give states that don't currently operate scrappage programs an extra incentive to create a program due to generous federal funding.

- Section 803 of S. 1766 requires that federally funded state scrappage programs crush

every car. It threatens enthusiasts nationwide with the loss of valuable parts and parts-cars for repair, restoration, and customization projects.

- Section 803 of S. 1766 does not require states to determine the fuel efficiency of vehicles being scrapped or that scrapped vehicles are being replaced by more fuel-efficient vehicles.

- Section 803 of S. 1766 ignores the fact that cars turned in for scrappage often barely run or are rarely driven second or third vehicles that have a minimal impact on overall fuel economy.

- Section 803 of S. 1766 will diminish the availability of affordable transportation and repair parts to low-income drivers as more and more older cars are crushed.

- Section 803 of S. 1766 does not guarantee that low-income individuals will be able to afford to purchase new vehicles - let alone more fuel efficient vehicles - with the money provided by scrappage programs.

- Section 803 of S. 1766 ignores more socially responsible and cost-effective policy options

like voluntary vehicle repair and upgrade programs that maximize the fuel efficiency of existing vehicles.

Thanks go to SEMA for getting this information to the NMA.

Contact Your U.S. Senators to Oppose Section 803 of S. 1766.

Visit:

http://www.senate.gov/senators/senator_by_state.cfm

to find their contact information. You may also phone the United States Capitol switchboard at:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation recently subscribed with US Newswire. Last night, this breaking story was sent out by the MRF and ABATE of California to all media outlets in the state of California regarding this breaking story. We will provide more details as this situation develops.

MOTORCYCLISTS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY'S FATALITIES "STUDY"

Washington, DC - With adult choice in motorcycle helmet use nearing a vote in California, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Tom Wyld spoke at the January 7 ABATE of California/MMA of California

motorcycle rally in Sacramento. "Highway safety depends on controlling how motorists drive, not what motorcyclists wear."

On the eve of a purported "study" of motorcyclist fatalities by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), MRF urged the press to "contrast our position with that of the IIHS, which condemns rider/driver education as "risky" (www.highwaysafety.org/srpdfs/sr3605.pdf). While motorcyclists lobby Congress and state legislatures to promote education and safer riding, the IIHS condemns education and preaches safer crashing. It's time for the IIHS to yield to safer, more sensible ways to achieve highway safety."

As Wyld pointed out in the MRF's comments regarding the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Proposed Motorcycle Safety Improvement Plan (www.mrf.org/pp_arc8-8-01.php), according to NHTSA's

own studies, motorcyclist fatality rates decreased in both Arkansas and Texas after those states liberalized their helmet laws. In Arkansas, fatalities per 10,000 motorcycle registrations were 17.7 before the repeal, and 11.3 after liberalizing helmet laws. In Texas, fatalities dropped from 5.12 to 4.18 per 10,000 motorcycle registrations after helmet law liberalization.

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The MRF hosts three annual conferences, designed to educate and motivate those in the motorcyclists' rights community. Over 6,000 motorcyclists' rights activists have attended MRF-sponsored regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user-friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building and strengthening their grass roots organizations. We encourage you to visit INB Radio (<http://www.inbradio.com/mrf/>)

where you can listen to live broadcasts recorded from some of the 2000 and 2001 MRF-sponsored workshops that will give you a better idea about the types of issues that are discussed and presented.

The first MRF-sponsored event of the year is *Beast of the East 2002*, which is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association. This event will be held April 26-28, 2002 at

the Sheraton Lexington Hotel in Lexington, Massachusetts. In addition to being a fantastic learning opportunity, this event is a great chance to meet other people who are as passionate about motorcyclists' rights as you are. To register on-line, please visit the Events and Conferences pages on the MRF website:

(<http://www.mrf.org/events.php>).

You can also find a printable poster and registration form at that location, as well as hotel reservation information.

The MRF has made one significant change this year with regard to registration for *Beast of the East 2002*. In addition to individual registrations, we have added an option for chapter registration. If you choose this alternative, a chapter/district/local pays a \$100 registration fee for an unlimited number of attendees from that chapter/district/local. The dinner is not included in this fee, and must be paid for each attendee separately. If you would like to register your chapter for *Beast of the East 2002*, please contact Pam

Piacenti (pam@mrf.org), Director of Events and Conferences. Chapter registrations must be received and all attendees' names must be submitted before March 26, 2002.

BEST OF THE WEST and MEETING OF THE MINDS

Best of the West, the MRF's second regional conference of the year, will be held in Spokane,

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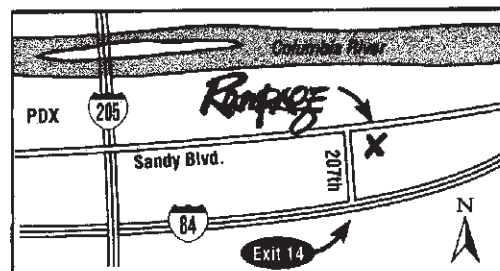
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FEDS TO TIGHTEN MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS

Even as the federal Environmental Protection Agency finalizes their first ever emissions standards for off-road motorcycles and A.T.V.'s, a draft proposal indicates that the E.P.A.'s next step will be to adopt California's tough new emissions standards for all new street motorcycles sold nationwide beginning in 2006.

Under recently enacted emissions regulations in California, beginning in 2004 new motorcycles must emit no more than 1.4 grams per kilometer of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, and 12 grams per kilometer of carbon monoxide. The proposed federal standard would be the same, but would go into effect in 2006.

California's two-tiered standard gets tougher in 2008, with a limit of 0.8 grams per kilometer of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides and 12 grams per kilometer of carbon monoxide. Again, the proposed federal standard would be the same, but would not go into effect until 2010.

The current federal emissions standard for on-road motorcycles is 5.0 grams per kilometer of hydrocarbons and 12 grams per kilometer of carbon monoxide.

Motorcycle manufacturers are expected to utilize fuel injection and catalytic converters in order to meet the strict new regulations.

A Public Comment period must take place before the new E.P.A. regulations can be adopted, and the A.M.A., M.R.F. and N.C.O.M. encourages all concerned motorcyclists to make their voices heard!

FREE AT LAST!

In what hopefully will be the last chapter in the sentencing saga of Richard Aikman, the Kansas biker who received a prison sentence for wearing a belt buckle, Aikman appeared on July 18, 2001 at the Osborne County, Kansas Courthouse for his third sentencing in a possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia case which originated in 1998.

As readers may recall, Aikman was twice sentenced to jail and prison time for wearing a belt buckle displaying the words, "Sons of Silence." The first two sentences were successfully appealed by Kansas Confederation of Clubs and A.I.M. Attorney, Keith Renner.

Both appeals centered around the sentencing court's illegal use of Aikman's apparel to justify enhancing Aikman's sentence. The sentencing court maintained that Aikman's belt buckle was indicative of gang affiliation. Even though there were no issues relating to gang affiliation, the sentencing court also found that the crimes were gang related. In the first sentencing, Aikman received one year in county jail on his misdemeanor conviction and probation on his felony conviction.

After Renner appealed and succeeded in having the case remanded for resentencing, the sentencing court gave Aikman not only the year in county jail on the misdemeanor, but also gave him one year in prison on the felony, still for wearing the belt buckle.

The Kansas Court of Appeals indicated in no uncertain terms in their second decision that Aikman's rights had been violated by the sentencing court.

The second remand made it clear that Aikman should be sentenced according to the Kansas Sentencing Guidelines, which mandate probation.

In a very short hearing in the stifling heat of a rural Kansas courtroom, Chief Judge William B. Elliott placed Richard Aikman on twelve months of probation on both counts. Upon motion by attorney Renner, Judge Elliott then released Aikman from probation based upon his supervision by court services personnel for over two and one half years while he was on bond awaiting the outcome of his appeals.

Judge Elliott indicated that Aikman had more than served his sentence. Aikman was visibly relieved after living an almost three year nightmare under the threat of prison time for such minor offenses. Renner said, "I am very glad to finally see this matter put to rest. Rick Aikman has sacrificed a great deal in his fight for justice. It takes a lot of guts to stand up for

what is right when your foe is the state, but Rick stood up and won this victory for all freedom loving people.”

**NEWS OF THE WEIRD:
BIKER FINED \$103,000
FOR SPEEDING**

The bursting of the tech bubble has been felt in many corners of the globe, but has it ever been an issue in traffic court? Today it was — in Helsinki, Finland — where Mr. Ansii Vanjoki appealed a fine that he received for speeding last October when he was caught on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle doing 47 miles per hour in a 31-mph zone.

What does the tech bubble have to do with this?

In Finland, speeding fines are calculated according to income. And Vanjoki, who is an executive vice president of the telecom giant, Nokia, is near the top of the income pyramid. But he argued in court that incomes at Nokia aren't necessarily what they used to be. He claims that his fine was based on his income in 1999 when the bubble was at its height, and he cashed in on stock options for Nokia shares that were selling at about \$50 a share. Today the stock closed at \$21.46 a share, down 5%.

Why all the fuss? If Vanjoki doesn't get his fine reduced, he'll have to pay \$103,000.

That's not a typo.

That's his fine: \$103,000.

Be forewarned: If you speed on a Harley in Helsinki, you're doing the town "high on the Hog."

PETER NULTY, Editor

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**“OZ” ACTOR
ARRESTED FOR
WEARING COLORS**

Chuck Zito, actor and bodyguard to the stars, was arrested and ejected from a Connecticut casino after refusing to remove his Hells Angels colors, reported the Boston Globe.

Zito, who plays prison inmate Chucky Pancamo on the critically acclaimed H.B.O. series "Oz", was charged with first-degree criminal trespass by state police after he refused to take off his Hells Angels jacket or to leave the Foxwoods Resort Casino.

A former bodyguard whose clients included Sylvester Stallone, Sean Penn and Charlie Sheen, Zito was at the casino at the invitation of H.B.O. to attend the Evander Holyfield-John Ruiz WBA heavyweight fight on December 15, 2001.

Security guards immediately told Zito that no colors or gang jackets were allowed in the hall.

Casino officials asked Zito to remove his jacket, but he refused, police said. When told he would have to either remove the jacket or leave, Zito refused to do either, prompting troopers to arrest him.

Casino spokesman Bruce McDonald said Foxwoods has a rule barring patrons from wearing gang colors in the casino for fear it will incite violence. Zito was given every opportunity to remove the jacket, but refused, McDonald said

"He was very cooperative and the arrest was made without incident," said state police Sgt. Ken Kelly. Zito posted a \$500 cash bond and

will return for a court appearance on the charges.

The 48-year-old actor and stunt man, whose movie credits include "Amistad", and "Die Hard 3", said the casino's rule is not posted and that he believes it is discriminatory.

"We're going to sue Foxwoods, the state police and anyone else who arrested me," Zito told the Day of New London. "It was discrimination. They violated my civil rights and they humiliated me."

"This is an absolute violation of my civil liberties," said an unrelenting Zito. "I'm calling my lawyer and we're going to get this straightened out right away. That is discrimination to say motorcycle people can't go into a fight."

A member of the Hells Angels for more than 22 years, Zito said he refused to take off his jacket because he was defending his beliefs.

"If a guy walks in here with a Yankees jacket, are you going to make him take it off?" he asked. "This is America, this isn't Russia."

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it."

John Hay, Lincoln's journalist

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American Motorcyclist Association



AMA CHALLENGES RECENT IIHS REPORT

PICKERINGTON, Ohio — The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reported today that a recent opinion paper published by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is a hopelessly flawed analysis of motorcycling fatalities.

The IIHS "Status Report," released yesterday and entitled "Special Issue: Motorcycle Deaths," states that "motorcycles are a dim spot in the overall highway safety picture," despite the fact that motorcycling fatalities have declined by nearly 52% since 1980 — a far better track record than any other form of highway transportation.

"This opinion paper simply recycles old news and misuses statistics to support preconceived conclusions, and yet the IIHS wants the American public to believe that it's done serious research," said Edward Moreland, Vice President of Government Relations for the AMA. "Even though we debunked these theories months ago, the IIHS seems to believe that if it repeats half-truths often enough, its statements will be accepted as fact."

The IIHS report opens with statistics released last year by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), showing an increase in fatalities among motorcyclists age 40 and older, and yet it fails to note that these statistics reflect a natural and

predictable demographic trend. The report then uses a three-year increase in motorcycling fatalities — ignoring the preceding 17-year trend of steadily decreasing fatalities — to support its call for mandatory helmet-use laws.

Elsewhere in the report, in a graph comparing states with and without helmet laws, data for a state with a mandatory helmet-use law is erroneously combined with that for a state without such a law to represent "universal coverage," the report's term for a mandatory helmet-use law.

"It's no secret that the IIHS is bankrolled entirely by insurance companies, and that its real agenda here is to justify increasing rates," said the AMA's Moreland. "Motorcyclists have battled the IIHS many times in the past, and we've won. We'll win again, and the first step is to expose this opinion paper for what it is.

"We're concerned, of course, about any increase in motorcycle-related fatalities," Moreland continued, "but what we have here are questions, not answers. The AMA encourages anyone who's truly interested in reducing motorcycling fatalities, and not simply promoting a political agenda, to join us in calling for a comprehensive nationwide study of motorcycle accident data."

In 2000, the AMA — along with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and other industry groups — succeeded in incorporating a motorcycle-accident study into the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety. As a result, NHTSA

officials have said they hope to begin such a study in the near future. The most recent comprehensive federal study of motorcycle accident data was published in 1980, and sampled accident data only in Southern California.

The AMA believes there is a clear distinction between the use of helmets and mandatory helmet-use laws. Although the AMA strongly encourages helmet use by all motorcyclists, as part of a comprehensive approach to motorcycle safety, it maintains a long-standing fundamental belief that adults should continue to have the right to voluntarily decide

The American Motorcyclist Association is a 270,000-member nonprofit organization.

Established in 1924, the Association's purpose is to pursue, protect and promote the interests of motorcyclists, while serving the needs of its members.

For more information, visit the AMA website at:

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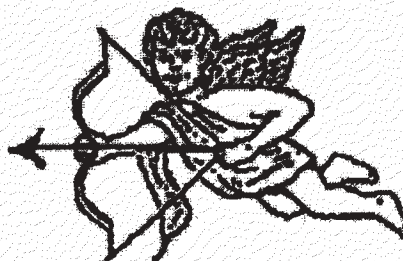
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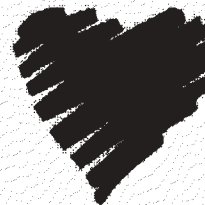
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Proposed Worksnops and Topics:

- **Political Involvement** -- PCP members of the Democratic and Republican parties.
- **How to Sanction, Organize and Promote You Events**
- **Promote Motorcycle Awareness and Your Chapter**
- **Recruiting Non-Harley Riders**
- **Getting Organized**
- **Legal Issues**
- **Team Oregon**
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Registration 8:00 AM / Start 9:00 AM

Schedule:

8:00 - 9:00 Registration and Coffee

9:00 - 9:45 Welcome , 1st. Guest Speakers

Brian Stovall and Teresa Hepker on a history of the motorcycle rights movement

9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 11:30 2nd. Guest Speaker Simon Milward on Milward's Millennium Motorcycle Ride (See below)

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch Break

12:30 - 1:30 Session I (Classes)

1:30 - 1:45 Break

1:45 - 2:45 Session II (Classes)

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 4:00 Session III (Classes)

4:15 - 5:00 Closing Ceremony

Speakers:

Brian Stovall and Teresa Hepker have been instrumental in a multitude of motorcyclist's issues over the years. True champions in the arena of motorcyclist's rights as well as motorcycle safety, they have travelled many a mile to ensure that the voice of the motorcycling community is heard.

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Session Topics: Session I

1. Leadership Skills Workshop (Skills to coordinate and lead an organization)
2. Membership Secretary Workshop (Skills for building and maintaining a healthy membership and membership administration skills)
3. Precinct Committee Person In Action (Information on how to become and work as a Republican or Democrat P.C.P. to support motorcyclist's issues in local, state, and federal government)
4. Treasurer's Workshop - Part 1 (Financial administrative skills in your organization)

Session II

1. Leadership Skills Workshop (Skills to coordinate and lead an organization)
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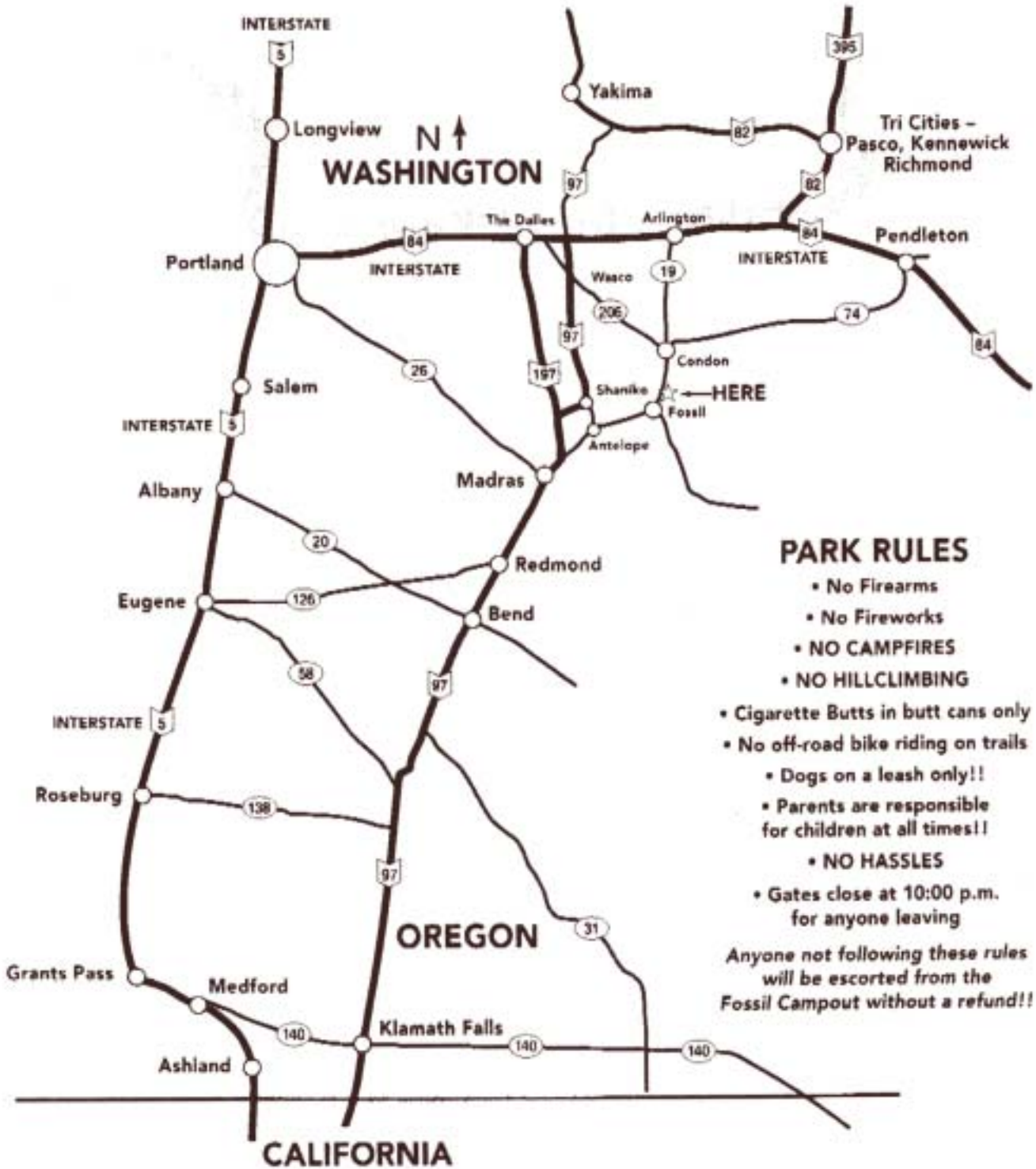
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_____	A#1P	ABATE #1 Pin - small, 3 color	2.25	_____
_____	AFP	Fossil Pin	3.75	_____
_____	ACWP	ABATE Uplifted Wing- 5 color on white	4.00	_____
_____	ATM	Thermal mug hot/cold	5.50	_____
_____	A#1ER	Earrings (post or hoops)	4.00	_____
_____		Bandanas	6.00	_____
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_____	AFRB	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Belt Buckle 15.00 - pewter		_____
_____	ALH	ABATE Logo Hats - white on black	5.00	_____
_____	CW	Screw The Helmet pin	3.25	_____
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_____	AFRTS	ABATE T-Shirts	10.00	_____

YEAR PIN

ABATE PINS

MISCELLANEOUS

Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ (**XL and Larger add \$2.00**) _____

ABATE T-SHIRTS

Chapter Logo setup fee with each order = \$9.50
(One time charge)

_____ AFRTL ABATE Sweatshirts 17.00-20.00 _____

Sm____ Med____ Lg____ X-Lg____ (**XL and Larger add \$2.00**) _____

NOTE: Assorted Colors.

(In order to be able to obtain shirts at this price, orders must be a minimum of **12** shirts or more.)

QTY.	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL		
_____	AWS-L	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (left side)	1.75	_____		
_____	AWS-R	ABATE Wing Sticker - black/red (right side)	1.75	_____		
_____	AFRS	ABATE Freedom Of The Road Sticker - large, inside, 5 color	2.50	_____		
_____	AMS	ABATE #1 Membership Sticker - large, 5 color	2.25	_____		
_____	HLS	HELMET LAWS SUCK Sticker - small50	_____	STICKERS	
_____	HLSS	HELMET LAWS STILL SUCK Sticker - small50	_____		
_____	LTWRD	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Sticker - small50	_____		
_____	ACWS	Warning Sticker: "This Bike Belongs To A Member of ABATE, Don't Mess With It"	1.00	_____		
_____	HLSB	HELMET LAWS SUCK Bumper Stickers	1.00	_____		
_____	LTWRB	LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE Bumper Stickers	1.00	_____		
_____	MIM	UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL Patch	4.50	_____		
_____	MMOL	"LEGALIZE FREEDOM" Bumper Sticker	1.00	_____		
_____	ANG	Year Bars (indicate year _____ - 1982 thru 1993 available	1.25	_____		
_____	CHPT	Chapter Rockers (indicate Chapter _____)	3.75	_____		
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Small _____ 1984-1993 avail. ..	1.75	_____		
_____	CLOTH	Year Bars (indicate year _____) Large _____ 1984-1992 avail. ..	2.25	_____		
_____		Courtesy Cards	50 for 1.00	_____		
_____		License Plate Frames — Cars with	5.00	_____	SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS	
		"Let Those Who Ride Decide				
_____		License Plate Frames — Motorcycles with	5.00	_____		
		"Let Those Who Ride Decide"				
_____	LPSL	Loud Pipes Saves Lives	1.50	_____		
_____	AEP-L	Straight Wing Eagle pin	5.50	_____		
_____	FAP	Free America Patch	4.50	_____		
_____	FAB	Free America Pin	3.50	_____		
_____	EAP	Eagle Pin	4.00	_____		
_____		Chapter Coordinator	4.50	_____	OFFICER ROCKERS	
_____		Chapter Vice-Coordinator	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Secretary	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Membership Secretary	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Treasurer	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Historian	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Legislator	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Educational Director	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Ways & Means Director	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Sergeant-At-Arms	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter Public Relations Director	4.50	_____		
_____		Chapter State Representative	4.50	_____		

Sub Total

Shipping & Handling Charges

Under \$25.00 = **\$5.00**

\$25.01-\$100.00 = **\$7.00**

T-shirts (over 1 Doz.) shipping **\$8.00**

mail order to: **A.B.A.T.E. PRODUCTS** **TOTAL** _____

att. Products Director

PHONE: (503)-232-4686

P.O. Box 4504

Portland, OR 97208

FAX: (503)-235-565

Date _____

Prepaid _____

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) - _____

Street Address (for UPS shipping) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

**Thank you
for your order
;-)**

HELMET / INFRACTION / STOP REPORT FORM

This information may be presented to state and federal legislators as well as police or DOT administrators. The purpose is to ensure appropriate lawmaking and reasonable enforcement. Please provide as much detail as possible. Attach extra pages if necessary. Phone 1-800-347-1106 or (503)-224-1106 in Portland if you have questions, and ask for Gunny. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLEASE SEND TO:

Sam Hochberg, A.I.M. Attorney, 750 Morgan Bldg., 720 SW Washington, Portland, OR 97205
ATTN: Gunny Hutch.

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

Member's Classified Advertisements

For Sale	For Sale	For Sale	Wanted
<p>Blue 1998 Heritage Classic. Luggage rack, lots of extra goodies. 31,000 miles \$12,500 or trade 2002 Eultra Classic. Jim Scarborough (503)-458-6453 (Feb 2002)</p>	<p>For sale or trade. 1971 Herley-Davidson Sprint. May run, may not. Good parts bike. Missing tank and kicker cover. Make offer. (503)-287-6727 or oopy@prodigy.net (Mar 2002)</p>	<p>Big Twin 3-speed with reverse Trans used with sidecar. Complete, but partially disassembled. Many new parts with kicker unit. \$650 1972 Sportster heads. Complete, ready to run. New stainless valves, bronze guides. \$200 set. Good 32E 6 volt generator system. Generator, regulator, coil, plug wires. \$150 Harley-Davidson mufflers (2) by Kerker. Like new. \$60 set. (541)-548-5151 (Feb 2002)</p>	<p>Panhead motor or motor parts, heads, rocker arm assemblies, stock fly wheels or stroker to 41/2, cases (stock or after-market). Longshot (503)-876-3880 (6pm - 9 pm) (Mar 2002)</p>
<p>Harley seats Fits softtail 1985-1996 1 stock custom \$75 1 Mustang Duke \$75 1 sissy bar & pad \$35 Scott (503)-378-1351 (Feb 2002)</p>	<p>Trailer to go behind your motorcycle. Wired and water tight. Brown. (503)-674-7500 (Feb 2002)</p>	<p>1974 XLCH Sportster Custom Frame, ^74 FX front end, forward controls for taller riders, new battery, needs tires (starting to crack). This old grandpa can't kick it over as well as he used to. 2,000 miles on lower rebuild and half case replacement. Recent tuneup, ready to ride away. \$5,000 or best offer. (503)-640-2252 in Hillsboro. (Feb 2002)</p>	<p>Your personal ad in the Oregon A.B.A.T.E. newsletter will reach nearly 2,000 people.</p>
<p>For the home: Craftsman 20" 4.5 hp lawnmower, rear bagger, electric ignition. Good condition. \$50 or best offer (503)-257-7390 (Mar 2002)</p>	<p>Two sidecar outfits for sale. 1996 Ural sportsman with constant dual wheel drive is ultimate street legal ATV. Books and paperwork included. \$4,950 1983 Honda CX6050 has a custom unit leading link front end and subframe with SCF chassis. Excellent starter rig for novice. \$3,995 Contact Jim; P.O. Box 813; Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201 (304)-472-6146 (Mar 2002)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY CRYPTOGRAM</p> <p>YVVZ AVM TVO QBJHMC</p> <p>AVO FUVVMGABFF VT MGB FZPA,</p> <p>QHM YVVZ TVO MGB GBJOM</p> <p>MGJM PF YVCJY EPMGPA,</p> <p>TVO QBJHMC EPYY TJIB</p> <p>JAI FZPA LOVE VYI,</p> <p>QHM MGB GBJOM MGJM PF YVCJY</p> <p>EPYY ABWBO LOVE KVYI.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">— JAVA</p> <hr/> <p>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 skulldruidery. Now days cryptograms is mostly recreational.</p>	
<p>1950 Chev bus New brakes and tires, V-8, raised 11", Greyhound bus windows, over \$5,000 spent. Make offer. (503)-813-5748 Leave message for Bob.</p>			
<p>1983 FLT. Runs good. \$10,000 (503)-813-5748 Leave message for Bob.</p>			
<p>1980 Datson 210 wagon Parts car. Good motor, tans, tags, front end. \$50 or best offer.</p>			
<p>1979 Ford Pinto Power steering, automatic, special paint, sunroof, good tires, tags, exc shape. \$750 or best offer. (503)-257-7390 (Mar 2002)</p>			

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STATE OFFICERS FOR CALANDER YEAR 2002

Position/Name:	Phone #:	E-mail:	FAX #:
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VICE-COORDINATOR NORTH			
Jim Niece	(503)-775-2203	Najin24@qcsn.com	(503)-775-8664
VICE-COORDINATOR SOUTH			
Bob Avery	(541)-998-8318	bobavery98@excelonline.com	
VICE-COORDINATOR EAST			
Bob Hadley			
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY			
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SECRETARY			
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TREASURER			
Clark Brooker	(503)-232-4686	clarkwing@qcsn.com	(503)-235-5658
CHAPTER AUDITOR			
Carla Richesin (no calls after 1030 please)	(503)-357-0245	SportsHER@hotmail.com	(503)-626-5214
NEWSLETTER EDITOR			
Rot Path	(503)-838-6893	rotnews@open.org	TBA
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR			
Cherie Hembree	(541)-791-1640		
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SGT-AT-ARMS SOUTH			
Cole Hembree	(541)-791-1640		
SGT-AT-ARMS EAST			
Jim Smith			
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Roger Hendricks	(503)-285-4329		(503)-286-5830
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RUN SANCTIONING			
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WEB PAGE EDITOR			
Mad Dog	(503)-252-4842	mad-k-9@ptld.uswest.net	N/A

(Return address on reverse side)

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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: _____

Congressional District: _____ Senator: _____ Representative: _____

Annual Rates:

___ Individual membership \$20
 ___ Couple membership \$25
 ___ Family membership \$30

Total number of members: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Date paid: _____

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

Please send completed application to:

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

97208

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NEXT STATE BOARD MEETING:

Saturday, 09 March 2002 at Noon

Junction City, Oregon

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Chapter:	Date/Time::	Location:
Central Oregon	2 nd Sunday 1400 (2pm)	Wild Wind Motorcycle & Diner; N Hwy 97;, Bend
Columbia River	2 nd Sunday 1230(12:30 ^{pm})	Pizza Perfect; 6815 NE Killingsworth; Portland
Douglas County	1 st Sunday 1230 (12:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; Roseburg
Hub City	3 rd Thursday 1900 (7pm)	Pizza Hut at Heritage Mall; Albany
Lincoln County	1 st & 3 rd Fri 1930 (7pm)	(Location To Be Arranged); Newport
N.E. Portland	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Round Table Pizza; 4141 NE 122 nd ; Portland
North Coast ABATE	1 st & 3 rd Wed 1900 (7pm)	Astoria Eagle; 894 Commercial; Astoria
River City	1 st & 3 rd Tues 1900 (7pm)	Lone Pine Restaurant;335 Lone Pine Dr., The Dalles (I-84 & US-97)
Salem	4 th Tuesday 1900 (7pm)	Pietro's Pizza;1637 Hawthorne Ave NE; Salem
S.E. Portland	1 st & 3 rd Sun 1200 (noon)	M/M restaurant & Lounge; 137 N. Main; Gresham
South Coast	3 rd Sunday 1100 (11am)	Gino's Pizza; 1324 Virginia Street; North Bend
Southern Oregon	3 rd Sunday 1400 (2pm)	Oregano's Pizza; Gold Hill
Washington County	2 nd & 4 th Tues 1930(7:30 ^{pm})	Prime Time Sports Bart; 4202 Pacific Ave; Forest Grove